Nationally ranked. A global leader in legal education. Expanded academic programs and increased diversity. A state-of-the-art Legal Studies Center. These accomplishments, among so many others, represent the vision and dedication of Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. Since becoming the eighth - and first woman - dean of Pacific McGeorge in 2002, her leadership has directed the Law School to new heights in teaching, scholarship and national stature. As she now bids a fond farewell, please join us in a special tribute to honor her indelible legacy.

“The opportunity to introduce others to Pacific McGeorge School of Law’s vision of excellent legal education for a globalizing world has been a gift.”

- Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker

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- Orange County
  February 10
- Sacramento, CA
  March 3
- New York, NY
  March 14
- Washington, D.C
  March 15
- San Diego, CA
  March 31
- Fresno, CA
  April 17
- Reno, NV
  April 21
- Los Angeles, CA
  April 25
- Rome, Italy
  May 25
Message from The Dean

These are challenging times for us all. The economic downturn has impacted the entire nation; no part of higher education has been spared. Across the country, applications for law school too have dropped significantly.

Pacific McGeorge is not immune from these pressures. While our applications have continued to be strong (even increasing by 16 percent in 2011), we have noted a reluctance among applicants to take on the significant debt that three or four years of legal education inevitably entails. Applicants are reacting to the downturn in jobs and the problems widely reported about a weak legal employment market.

At Pacific McGeorge, however, we see these challenges as an important opportunity. And so, last spring, with University and faculty support, we decided that 2011 was the year to move the Law School to a smaller size, one more consistent with the Northern California employment market we principally serve. We did so to retain — or increase — the quality of our student body. This decision is long overdue. We know that to be the very best school we can, we must be smaller. The demands of teaching and our employment market require this result.

Of course, smaller classes also mean less tuition revenue and the need to draw on other sources of income. In the short term, we will meet the revenue needs which result from a smaller school by relying on available surplus funds and reducing expenses. Eventually, however, we must restore lost revenues by creating new programs.

What will those programs be and how will they meet our students’ future needs? This is the focus of a new University-wide strategic planning effort in which the Law School faculty, too, have become deeply involved. Our University leadership has challenged all schools to look ahead and determine what their educational offerings must be to ensure that our students, those attending the Law School and others, derive real comparative benefit from their education which provides value and a “return on investment.”

At McGeorge we have long been proud of our “practice ready” graduates. Repeatedly I hear employers sing their praises as hardworking, well prepared and ethical. Yet increasingly we also hear that the way in which law is practiced will change radically in the next decade due to the dual pressures of computer technology and cost considerations. If these reports prove true — and I believe they will — then the preparation our Law School provides today’s students must adjust to ensure that current Pacific McGeorge graduates continue to be the best prepared lawyers of tomorrow.

Understanding the future of legal practice is a daunting task—one which can only be accomplished with the participation of all parts of our community: faculty, students, staff and, most importantly, alumni. Look for us to be in touch with many of you in the weeks and months to come. We will need your views and suggestions about how best to prepare today’s students for success in the “brave new world” of legal practice.

Personally, I welcome the challenges we face. They offer the Law School a chance to excel and to distinguish itself still further under the leadership of the next dean. And, without doubt, the Law School has never been in a better position to meet the challenges that face higher education today. Our faculty teaching and scholarship continues to advance, our student quality has never been better, and our staff daily set a standard for service, caring and commitment second to none. Finally, our University Law School and law school leadership has never been stronger.

In short, Pacific McGeorge is an exemplary institution, and now we have a physical proof of its quality in the Legal Studies Center that just opened. I hope you will visit this remarkable building — almost ten years in the making. When you do, keep in mind Winston Churchill’s words, quoted by Justice Kennedy at the Legal Studies Center September 17 opening: “We shape our buildings and afterwards they shape us.” Without doubt, the Legal Studies Center has heralded in an even more successful decade of teaching, scholarship and practice than that just concluded.

With warm regards,

Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker
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Legal Studies Center Puts A Bright New Face On The Campus

There's been a law library at McGeorge School of Law since the late Dean Gordon Schaber drove a small pickup truck with the formerly one-room night school’s books over to a well-baby clinic at the corner of 33rd Street and Fifth Avenue back in 1957.

The library was first a closet, then a small room, then a series of larger rooms connected by a maze of twists and turns as the law school itself evolved into one of the finest ABA-accredited schools in the country with a growing international reputation. If you have ever wondered why there is no Classroom F on campus today, that’s because it was gobbled up as the library expanded haphazardly in the 1980’s.

All through Pacific McGeorge’s 55-year history on Fifth Avenue, the library was functional and well-used by every law student who came through its doors. But no one ever employed the words “magnificent” or “beautiful” to describe it.

That all changed this fall with the grand opening of the $10 million Legal Studies Center that houses the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library. And it took a familiar face, Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States, to put into perspective what the new face of Pacific McGeorge means to the law school.
Justice Kennedy, a faculty member since 1965, was the keynote speaker on September 17, 2011, at a gala reception marking the official opening of the building. The now completely refurbished and rebuilt 46,000-square foot facility, which houses the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library, was completed in early August in time for the start of fall semester classes. He was joined by University of the Pacific President Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck, Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker and Student Bar Association President Colin Hendricks, ’12, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Quoting Winston Churchill, Justice Kennedy said, “We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.” That’s true of buildings in the great law schools like this one. The law deals in abstractions, intangibles and ideas so it’s exciting for us to see something that has physical existence — that’s spatial, that’s tangible, that’s real. This is a magnificent building.”

Designed by Pfau Long Architecture, a leading designer of educational buildings in the West, it features expanded study space for students, a new computer lab, meeting rooms, and offices for faculty and support staff. A two-story glass atrium and cantilevered foyer operates as the hub of the facility, and several outdoor venues are incorporated into the interior study space of the library.

“The new design unites the campus libraries into one, allows quiet space conducive to serious research and scholarship undertaken by students and also provides a space for social interaction,” Assistant Dean for Library Research Services and Program Support Matthew Downs says. “It’s a beautiful and functional space that will enhance campus life for the future generations of law students.”
The crown jewel of the new library is The Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation Grand Salon, named for the foundation that made the largest gift to the major capital campaign that enabled the Legal Studies Center's construction. The grand salon sits where the former California Room stood. It features an abundance of natural lighting thanks to large windows that look out on the well-manicured redwood grove at the east end of the campus quad.

“One of the reasons I’m a little uncomfortable being here is I remember when those giant trees outside were planted,” Justice Kennedy quipped as he spoke at the opening ceremony.

“The dynamics of the law are reflected in this building,” Kennedy said, returning to his main remarks. “This room [the grand salon] will be for quiet study. Every law student must spend time in solitary study. That’s the beginning, then the student comes out, goes to the study group and refines the idea. Then you go back to the library by yourself, and then you go to the classroom. Finally comes the day when you go out into the community and the world around you.”

“You are ready to help establish this idea, this principle of the democratic faith that we call the rule of law,” he continued. “Being in a democracy has a responsibility, and your first responsibility is to make sure that the next generation has a stronger freedom that you do. You are the trustees of freedom. Trustees do not grab all the assets for themselves. They leave it for the next generation.”

“So this occasion gives us the opportunity to dedicate this building and to rededicate ourselves to the purposes of the law that have been served so well here over the years at McGeorge, especially under your leadership, Dean Parker.”

The new library remains open 360 days a year and available to all alumni. It’s really worth a trip back to campus just to see it. It’s not your father’s law library.
School News

Innovative Clinics
Win Awards, Praise
Under the leadership of Legal Clinics Director Dorothy Landsberg, ’87, Community Legal Services has developed an array of new cutting-edge clinical programs that have won awards for innovation and excellence.

The Prisoners Civil Rights Mediation Clinic figured prominently in a recent U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals award to Sujean Park, the director of ADR and Pro Bono Programs for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. The award cited the clinic, which she helps to coordinate, with making a positive impact in the reduction of federal court caseloads. In the clinic, students learn to conduct mediations involving prisoners proceeding pro se in 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 prisoner civil rights cases in the U.S. District Court. The vast majority of cases result in plea bargains or dismissals, but some go to trial in front of United States magistrate judges. Although decided underdogs in most cases, clients represented by vigorous student advocates won acquittals in several cases over the last two and a half years.

Another Pacific McGeorge clinic has won praise from the Sacramento legal community. In July, the Elder and Health Law Clinic won an impressive victory when an administrative law judge ruled that their client was entitled to an expensive medical procedure previously denied him under his coverage. It was the third successful Medicare Part C coverage case handled by the students under supervising attorney Melissa Brown. As a result of its overall work, that clinic was selected to receive $121,000 in a cy pres distribution of funds. In addition, the clinic was a nominee for the 31st Annual Mental Health and Aging Conference Award.

In its third year of operation, the Federal Defender Clinic has also made great strides, representing clients in hundreds of cases in U.S. District Court since its inception. Professor Cary Bricker, who oversees the clinic, modeled the program after one of the only other Federal Defender clinics in the country at New York University.

In the spring semester, students handled nine mediations, three of which ended in successful outcomes resulting in a savings of court time and money.

New Day Division Class
Smallest in Many Years
Faced with the most difficult legal employment landscape in decades and a declining national applicant pool, Pacific McGeorge downsized its incoming Day Division (full-time) class dramatically this fall.

The entering class size of
181 represents a 39 percent dropoff from last year's class of 292. It is the smallest full-time entering class since the fall of 1969, the third year of the nascent Day Division. The entering Evening (part-time) class numbers 52 students, a slight increase from the 49 of a year ago.

“We actually received more applications (3,283) for the Day class than a year ago, but the difficult job market for young attorneys, particularly in California and Nevada, is making more people question the leap into law school at this time,” said Adam Barrett, Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management.

The academic credentials of the incoming class remain at an all-time high. The median LSAT score of the new students is 158 (74th percentile) and the average GPA is 3.41. Diversity statistics are also at an all-time high. One out of every three students in the first-year program is a minority student.

**Pacific McGeorge Hosts Historic Redistricting**

The historic redrawing of California’s Congressional, state Senate, and state Assembly district lines unfolded this summer on the Pacific McGeorge campus. The 14-member independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission used Classroom C as its headquarters, thanks to the civic mindedness of the law school administration, which made the facility available free of charge.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Ronald Sargis, ’82, whose wife Janeecé Sargis was the commission liaison, told Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker that the commission was looking for a large, high-tech amphitheater room in Sacramento to conduct its important work.

“Given our strong connections to state government through our Capital Center for Public Law & Policy, I knew our law school would be the perfect venue for the commission’s activities. It was a memorable sight to watch the members re-drawing huge maps as their work was broadcast live — a modern version of the Continental Congress and certainly history in the making,” Dean Parker said.

Commission members took a break in July to criss-cross the state for a series of 11 public hearings getting feedback to the initial redistricting draft maps. It was the first time California’s congressional and legislative lines have been drawn by an independent commission. Previously, the California Legislature was responsible for setting political districts. A public backlash against gerrymandering that protected incumbents of both parties propelled the passage of Proposition 11 in 2008, creating the new commission.

In October, the California Supreme Court unanimously struck down two lawsuits that challenged the validity of two of the maps that were certified by the commission in August.

**Supremes Heard Three More Alumni**

In the last Pacific Law magazine, 15 Pacific McGeorge alumni were cited for having presented oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States. But thanks to alert readers, three more alums with that distinction have been revealed.

Philip McDowell, ’74, argued the case of Brower v. Inyo County (1989) on behalf of the respondent as the Inyo County District Attorney. The petitioner won a 9-0 decision in the Fourth Amendment ruling that involved determining if being chased into a police roadblock constituted a seizure. McDowell retired from office several years ago and lives in Bishop, California.


Pacific McGeorge Hosts Comparative Law Event

Pacific McGeorge played host to the annual meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law in late October. Professor Frank Gevurtz, the director of the law school’s Global Center for Business & Development, organized the event that brought together more than 70 faculty members from ABA law schools and abroad.

The central component of the conference was a workshop on identifying and achieving the objectives of a comparative law curriculum. It consisted of two-day sessions on the core comparative law course, comparative law in subject specific and country specific contexts, and comparative law in cultural and interdisciplinary context.

“The ASCL conference was an exceptionally successful event,” Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker says. “Our guests praised the organization and planning of the conference. Professor Gevurtz did a remarkable job. A number of people came up to me and raved about our law school and its contributions to international legal education, both at this conference and at our annual AALS meeting breakfasts.”

Professor Raquel Aldana was a panelist on the topic of “Comparative Law in Cultural and Interdisciplinary Context.” Professors Linda Carter, Thom Main and Steve McCaffrey were moderators for other panel sessions. Judge Fausto Pocar, who was Pacific McGeorge’s Distinguished Jurist-in-Residence earlier in the week, was also on a panel.

Founded in 1951, the American Society of Comparative Law is the leading organization in the United States promoting the comparative study of law.

Myers Takes His Cause To Tiny Colusa County

Professor John Myers is nationally recognized for his expertise in child abuse and neglect, and his prolific scholarship in the area has had a profound impact on a heightened awareness of the problem in American society. His vast body of work in the field, both in articles, books, and in hundreds of presentations throughout the country, has been an important resource to countless judges, attorneys, social workers and policemen.

Myers’ passion for the difficult and complex subject knows no boundaries. He quietly added another chapter to his singular resume in December 2010, signing a three-year contract to represent every abused and neglected child in the Colusa County dependency system as a minors’ counsel.

Every Monday, he takes a 45-minute drive north from his Davis home to the rural county seat to represent young clients in court proceedings. On weekends, he often calls on his young clients to discuss their cases — visits that have not only taken him to foster homes throughout the tiny county [population 22,000], but also to faraway places such as a San Diego Native-American reservation and Washington state.

“I’m enjoying practicing law in the field on which I write about very much,” says Myers. “The judges, there are only two of them,
are very nice people as well as the other attorneys with whom I have come into contact. I like the small-town environment where you feel every case is getting the attention it deserves.”

There are three attorneys involved in each court proceeding — one for the county, one for the parent or guardian, and me,” he says. “I had never done this kind of work even though I have been teaching it [in Juvenile Law] for years. It’s very rewarding to play a small, direct role in trying to secure a safe, permanent, and nurturing environment for a child.”

**Main Wins Award For Second Time**

Professor Thomas Main became the first two-time winner of the Sprankling Faculty Scholarship Award in August at the annual Pacific McGeorge Faculty Dinner.

Main was recognized for writing “The Procedural Foundation of Substantive Law,” 87 Wash. U. L. Rev. 801 (2010), an insightful article on the tenuous distinction between procedure and substance. The article argues that the substance-procedure dichotomy is problematic not simply because procedural law is inherently substantive, but also because substantive law is inherently procedural.

“The award committee found the article exceptional in both ‘substance’ and ‘procedure’, says Professor Jarrod Wong, in making the presentation to Main. “Not only does the article shed new light on a fundamental problem, it does so in a literate fashion that impresses for its craftsmanship, clarity of execution, deft use of legal history, and effective deployment of examples.”

Main first won the award back in 2006. A video interview with Professor Main is online at youtube.com/pacificmcgeorge. Other recipients of the honor include John Sprankling, Brian Landsberg, Julie Davies, Emily Garcia Uhrig and Wong.

Also at the faculty dinner, Assistant Dean for Library Services and Programs Matt Downs and Executive Director of Administrative Resources David Lambertson shared the Manolakas Award for their tireless efforts in overseeing construction of the new Legal Studies Center.

Professor Linda Carter was recognized as the law school’s winner of the University’s 2011 Podesto Award, first given to her in May. The award goes to “an outstanding educator who has directly touched and enriched the lives of Pacific students.

**Tahoe II Conference Has International Focus**

The Pacific McGeorge Center for Global Business & Development sponsored an August workshop for professors from law schools in the United States and abroad to discuss how to develop intercultural legal competence for attorneys engaged in transnational practice.

The workshop was held at Squaw Valley, California near Lake Tahoe. This is the second “Tahoe” workshop organized by the Global Center designed to improve internationally-oriented legal education throughout the U.S. Globalization, as well as growing cultural diversity in the United States, makes it necessary for attorneys to be able to interact with clients, parties, witnesses, lawyers and officials from different national and ethnic backgrounds. Such national and cultural differences impact communication, the way people understand law, and the practical operation of different legal systems.

Pacific McGeorge is leading an initiative to prepare lawyers to possess the intercultural legal competence necessary to deal with such national and cultural differences.

“Intercultural legal competence is an important subject in legal education today,” says Frank Wang, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law at the Kenneth Wang School of Law, Soochow University, Suzhou, China. “It is time to define what a lawyer needs to reliably achieve competence in the global legal world.”

The day began with presentations by Laura Nadar of the UC Berkeley and Susan Sample of Pacific’s School of International Studies and Director of Pacific’s Institute for Cross Cultural Training. Rachel Moran, dean of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, framed the afternoon session with insightful remarks about the challenges and issues around developing intercultural legal competency in students.

Following a series of presentations, the participants brought their backgrounds as leaders in internationally oriented legal education to bear upon delineating the parameters of intercultural legal competence and developing curricular vehicles for law schools to achieve this competence in their graduates.
Assistant Professor of Law
B.A., Rutgers University
J.D., Seton Hall University
LL.M., New York University

Courses Taught
Negotiation & Settlements
Mediation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Professional Responsibility

Private Sector
Associate, Reed Smith Shaw & McClay
Princeton, New Jersey

Former Director
Center for Dispute Resolution & Conflict Management,
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Recent Scholarship
“Cutting the Cost of Conflict by Creating a Dispute-Wise Organization,” 11 Nev. L.J. (forthcoming 2011)
After graduating from Rutgers, Michael Colatrella faced a decision about what lay ahead: graduate studies in psychology, his undergraduate major and a field he found fascinating; or law school and a career that seemed equally appealing.

While it’s clear from his résumé which path he chose, it’s also clear that Colatrella found a way to make the two paths converge into one. Today, the Pacific McGeorge professor sits at the forefront of a growing trend that recognizes just how much psychology is involved in the effective practice of law.

“So much of the practice of law is about the interaction between people,” Colatrella said. “…Most cases don’t go to trial, but get resolved in collaborative processes like negotiation or mediation. To be effective in those processes, you have to have a good sense of psychology and persuasion techniques.”

From building an initial rapport with a client to negotiating with other lawyers or advocating in court, the effective lawyer engages more or less continually in the science of persuasion. Understanding and advancing that science lies at the heart of a career that has made Colatrella a nationally recognized figure in alternative dispute resolution and the more collaborative aspects of law.

In private practice for much of the 1990s, Colatrella found continual evidence of the importance of negotiation, mediation and other alternative methods to resolve disputes. Investigating these areas further was not only practical but also personally intriguing to the one-time psychology student.

In 1998, Colatrella gained his LL.M. from New York University and in 1999 joined the faculty at Southern Methodist University, where he taught ADR in addition to other topics. He became the director of SMU’s Center for Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management, a 400-student program offering a master’s degree in ADR.

Despite this quick rise to directorship, Colatrella was pleased to come to Pacific McGeorge in 2009.

Here, Colatrella is back in a role that allows him to teach topics he finds exciting as well as to advance the scholarship of what is still a relatively young science. And McGeorge’s commitment to ADR was an appealing draw.

“Traditionally, law schools emphasized the traditional skills we associate with lawyers — courtroom advocacy and analytical writing. Now, at McGeorge and at some other schools, there is a growing awareness that oral advocacy is as important as these other skills. It’s not just about advocacy in court, but also the kind of advocacy one has in a mediation or negotiation session—which is where much of the time the problems get solved.”

As common as alternative dispute resolution is in daily practice, law schools have been slow to reflect this in course offerings or faculty commitments. This lag, Colatrella said, stems from the now-debunked notion that persuasion skills were instinctual and couldn’t effectively be taught. Today, a growing body of research shows these skills can be taught and absolutely belong at the center of a legal education.

“Being on the crest of this kind of realization of the importance of persuasive and collaborative skills is very exciting,” Colatrella said. “These things that happen outside of a courtroom are really how most of the problems are solved, but they’ve been ignored until the last couple of decades—and this last decade is where some of the most fascinating research has been done.”

In addition to a traditional class load, Colatrella is at the center of two other projects that highlight McGeorge’s leadership in ADR.

Working with Director of Legal Clinics Dorothy Landsberg, Colatrella teaches students who participate in a prisoner civil rights mediation clinic under Judge Craig Kellison, magistrate judge in Redding, Calif. Students meet with prisoners who have filed civil rights claims and exhausted their remedies under prison procedures. Working closely with the Eastern District’s ADR coordinator, Sujean Park, the students gather vital information from the claimants and then, with Kellison, co-mediate the claims. The clinic provides critical relief to the Eastern District, home to the lion’s share of California’s prisons and a potentially crippling number of cases.

Finally, Colatrella’s teaching forms the backbone of McGeorge’s executive training seminars, the school’s primary academic interaction with the wider community. Teaming with colleagues Gregory Weber and Maureen Watkins, Colatrella teaches popular seminars in negotiation and mediation in three sessions each year. (see page 9)

The seminars draw students from the region’s law firms, eager to refine their vital non-courtroom skills, but also from a wide variety of state offices, private businesses, human resources departments and non-profits. The broad appeal of the courses has been crucial in spreading the word of McGeorge’s excellence not only as a trainer of lawyers, but as a regional center for ongoing education and training.

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

It continues to be a pleasure to serve as your Alumni Board president. My biggest news to share in this update is about alumni mentors for current Pacific McGeorge students. The Alumni Board spearheaded the expansion of an informal alumni mentor network to include more individuals who work in specialty practice areas or locations that students identified as their career goals. By reaching out personally to fellow alumni, the board has expanded the mentor network to over 400 volunteers! The Career Development Office has been dedicated this semester to facilitating alumni volunteer and student matches, and program participants are pleased. You can be a mentor by indicating your interest in the program on the annual blue alumni information update form you recently received in the mail or at an upcoming chapter event.

I want to ask you for help toward my main goal this year as board president, which is to bolster the volunteer core in our alumni regional chapters. A more robust volunteer network in each regional chapter location will generate more event and outreach ideas and opportunities for social and business networking for you and for students who will be graduating in May. Please reach out to volunteer at your regional chapters this year and help increase awareness about Pacific McGeorge throughout the world.

While our regional chapters have been growing, activities on campus haven’t slowed down. The alumni reunion events on October 15th were even more wonderful than I had imagined! I was pleased to be reunited with my classmates after 10 years, and I enjoyed the opportunity to meet alumni who graduated before me, some 40 years ago. I strongly encourage each of you to participate in your reunion in the coming years. Classes ending in a two or seven, look for a save-the-date card to come soon.

The Dean's Search Committee has been busy screening candidates. According to Alumni Board Member, Sacramento attorney and our Alumni Representative on the Dean’s Search Committee, Dustin Johnson, ’04, the committee intends to invite finalists back for interviews before the end of the year. Competition is fierce as at least 30 ABA-accredited law schools are looking for a new dean this year!

Many of you have demonstrated your unwavering commitment to the Pacific McGeorge Alumni community, and I am eager to see our event participation and volunteer growth continue. Be sure to attend a celebratory chapter event honoring Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker in 2012, and consider a trip back to Sacramento for her farewell tribute on March 3, 2012! Please share your ideas about the Alumni Board’s activities with me anytime at 916.739.7141 or McgeorgeAlumniBoard@pacific.edu.

Shanti Halter ’01
Several Pacific McGeorge classes returned to campus on October 15, 2011, to celebrate reunions with classmates.

Professors Rachael Salcido, John Sprankling and Michael Vitiello conducted a wine law MCLE that attracted graduates from 1971, 1986, 2001 and 2006. A hosted wine and cheese reception followed at the Student Center, then the individual groups headed for dinners at various restaurants around town where they were joined by more classmates.

The Class of 1986, which celebrated its 25th anniversary at The Firehouse in Old Sacramento, boasted the biggest turnout with 35 members in attendance. Sixteen members of the Class of 1971 dined on the river at Embassy Suites. Twenty-nine members of the Class of 2001 gathered at 58 Degrees and Holding Co. in midtown.

Individual members of several other classes were also in attendance. Retired administrative law judge Harry Grafe was recognized for representing the Class of 1961.
**1970**

**Vern Leverty**  
Leverty was elected to the State Bar of Nevada’s Board of Governors. Leverty is a senior partner at Leverty & Associates.  
(Reno, NV)

**1971**

**Michael Cardoza**  
Cardoza was co-counsel for a plaintiff team that won a $130,000 settlement in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for a mother and daughter who suffered minor injuries from bullet fragments when their pit bull was shot by sheriffs’ deputies. He is a partner for The Cardoza Law Offices.  
(Walnut Creek, CA)

**1972**

**Kenneth Yegan**  
Yegan completed his 20th year of service as a justice on the Second District, Division Six of the California Courts of Appeal. His current term expires in January 2015. (Ventura, CA)

**1973**

**Dave Abbott**  
Abbott was named the Judge of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocates. The Sacramento County Superior Court jurist, who is active in community support of public education, donated his $2,500 stipend award to the San Juan Education Foundation.  
(Sacramento)

**1974**

**William Baker**  
Baker won a $1.5 million verdict in an auto ownership conversion dispute in Orange Superior Court. Two weeks earlier, he won a $573,785 bench decision in that same court in a case involving the distribution of real estate sale proceeds. He is a senior partner in the firm of Baker & Baker.  
(Santa Ana, CA)

**1975**

**Ronald Blubaugh**  
Blubaugh was recognized for his pro bono work with the homeless by the State Bar of California at its 2011 convention in Long Beach. He is a retired administrative law judge.  
(Sacramento)

**Bruce Kilday**  
Kilday won a defense summary judgment in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a Second Amendment case involving a county concealed weapon policy. The case is on appeal in the Ninth Circuit. He is a principal in the firm of Angelo, Kilday & Kilduff.  
(Sacramento)

**Robert Noreen**  
Noreen is among seven candidates who have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on the Fairbanks District Court. The council will send two nominees to the governor for his selection. An attorney for more than 35 years, Noreen is currently an assistant public advocate.  
(Fairbanks, AK)

**David Perrault**  
Perrault was a member of a large defense team that won a summary judgment in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, in a case in which a doctor sued a hospital for taking away his privileges to practice. He is a partner in the Sacramento firm of Hardy, Erich, Brown & Wilson.  
(Sacramento)

**1976**

**Laurence Digesti**  
Digesti was reelected to the State Bar of Nevada’s Board of Governors. Digesti is a principal at The Digesti Law Firm.  
(Reno, NV)
### 1977

#### Harley Pinson
Pinson is running for a vacant seat on the Kern County Board of Supervisors in the Fourth District. An oil and gas attorney with Klein DeNatale Goldner LLP in Bakersfield, he has been involved in many community causes as a volunteer. (Bakersfield, CA)

#### Mike Ramsey
Ramsey was inducted into the Oroville Union High School District Hall of Fame. A long-time prosecutor, he has served as the District Attorney of Butte County since 1987. (Oroville, CA)

#### John C. Taylor
Taylor was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a $634,110 net verdict in a Los Angeles Superior Court case involving an electric shock construction site accident. He is a principal in the firm of Taylor & Ring LLP. (Los Angeles, CA)

### 1978

#### Van Longyear
Longyear won a defense verdict in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a Fourth Amendment wrongful-death case involving multiple police agencies. He is a senior partner at Longyear, O'Dea & Lauro. (Sacramento)

#### Robert Zimmerman
Zimmerman won a defense verdict in Placer Superior Court in a medical malpractice delayed diagnosis trial. He is a senior partner in the firm of Schuering, Zimmerman & Doyle. (Sacramento)

### 1979

#### Carol Chesbrough
Chesbrough has retired as chief deputy commissioner of the California Department of Financial Institutions after a state service career of more than 32 years. She started with the California Fifth District Court of Appeal, later moving to the Attorney General’s Office, the Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Complete Count Committee before joining the DFI. (Sacramento)

### 1980

#### Kathleen Calder
Calder won a plaintiff verdict as co-counsel for the state in an eminent domain case in Los Angeles Superior Court. She is a senior legal counsel at Caltrans. (Los Angeles, CA)
1981

**Rocky Copley**
Copley won a $500,000 settlement in San Diego Superior Court for a couple from a bank and trust services company in a breach of fiduciary duty insurance case. He is a principal in the Law Office of Rocky K. Copley. (San Diego, CA)

**David Doyle**
Doyle was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won an $883,000 verdict in Madera County Superior Court in an age discrimination retaliation case. He is a senior partner in the firm of Doyle & Schallert. (Fresno, CA)

**Bruce Leonard**
Leonard won a defense verdict in San Joaquin Superior Court in a sideswipe auto accident trial. He is a partner at the firm of MacMorris & Carbone. (Stockton, CA)

**Lorne Malkiewich**
Malkiewich, the director of the Nevada's Legislative Counsel Bureau for the past 18 years, announced that he will be retiring next year. The bureau advises lawmakers on financial matters and is empowered to function during the interim between biennial sessions of the Nevada Legislature. (Carson City, NV)

1982

**Sharon Duggan**
Duggan won injunctive relief in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, for a coalition of Native American tribes and environmental groups opposed to a U.S. Forest Service logging project in Humboldt County. She is a principal in the Law Offices of Sharon E. Duggan. (Oakland, CA)

**Stefan Manolakas**
Manolakas has joined the CT Realty Investors board of directors. The president and owner of Palisades Properties Inc., a real estate company, he is a longtime developer of commercial, residential and mixed-use projects in California. (Newport Beach, CA)

**Scott Stockdale**
Stockdale was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a design defect case in Sacramento Superior Court involving a motorcycle accident. He is a partner in the firm of Bowman & Brooke LLP. (Gardena, CA)

1983

**Mark Amodei**
Amodei won election to the U.S. House of Representatives with an easy victory in a special election to fill a vacant House seat in Nevada's Congressional District 2. The former GOP state chairman and state senator took 58% percent of the vote against his Democratic opponent and two minor-party candidates in the conservative district that encompasses most of Nevada's counties. He was first elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1996 and two years later to the State Senate where he served until 2010 when term limits prevented him from seeking re-election. (Carson City, NV)

**Lorna Brumfield**
Brumfield was the subject of a feature story on May 31, 2011, in the Los Angeles Daily Journal. She is a judge of the Kern County Superior Court. (Bakersfield, CA)

**Bob Buccola**
Buccola was co-counsel for plaintiffs who won a $14.5 million verdict in addition to a pretrial settlement of $8.3 million in the largest wrongful death compensatory damage suit in the history of San Diego County. The award stemmed from a fatal rollover accident caused by faulty tire repair to a van at a Ford dealership. (Sacramento)

**David Clifton**
Clifton won election as a Justice of the Peace to the Reno Justice Court. He was a prosecutor for the Washoe County District Attorney's Office from 1986 to 2009, serving as chief deputy criminal attorney from 1994 until he left that office. (Reno, NV)

**David R. Hunt**
Hunt won a defense verdict for in a park development case in Orange Superior Court. He is the City Attorney for Newport Beach. (Irvine, CA)

**Daryl Roberts**
Roberts was one of a team of district attorneys from several California counties that won a $2.65 million settlement in Orange County Superior Court. He is a deputy district attorney in Napa County. (Napa, CA)

**Luis P. Sanchez**
Sanchez has been appointed as the associate superintendent and vice president of academic affairs at Allan Hancock College. He previously served as a professor and dean at Sierra College in Rocklin. (Santa Maria, CA)

**Harriet Steiner**
Steiner has moved to Best Best & Krieger after the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen. Steiner, who has been the city attorney of Davis since 1986, represents cities, special districts and joint powers agencies. (Sacramento)

1984

**David A. Brooks**
Brooks published his first book, Foresthill: A Public Defender's Bedtime Reader. It's a collection of stories from his work as a public defender in Placer and El Dorado counties. (Placerville, CA)

**Mary Darling**
Darling was a finalist for the Arizona Small Business Association's Athena Award as the state's outstanding businesswoman. She is the owner of Darling Environmental and Surveying, Ltd., which has grown into a nationally recognized leader in 3D technology. (Tucson, AZ)

**Mark Hofstad**
Hofstad was the subject of a feature story in the Lakeland Ledger. He is a judge of Florida's 10th Judicial Circuit Court. (Barstow, FL)
When Robert Bonsall, ’85, arrived at Pacific McGeorge after a stint as a school teacher, he entertained a vague notion of becoming a criminal defense attorney. His career plans took a sharp turn, however, after he met Don Wollett, a McGeorge professor and nationally known labor arbitrator who is now professor emeritus.

Wollett encouraged Bonsall to enter labor law and become an advocate for private and public sector unions. Today, Bonsall is recognized as one of the country’s leading practitioners of union-side labor law, just as another Pacific McGeorge graduate mentored by Wollett, Scott Boras, ’82, has become baseball’s preeminent sports agent.

With Wollett’s encouragement, Bonsall joined the Sacramento firm of Beeson, Tayer & Bodine after graduating from law school. He’s been there ever since, representing labor in a range of litigation involving such issues as wages, pensions and workplace conditions.

Bonsall was raised in Southern California and began his undergraduate studies at Humboldt State, whose Northern California campus is, he jokes, “behind the Redwood Curtain.” He received a B.A. in political science from San Francisco State University and, after teaching school, entered Pacific McGeorge.

In 2010, Bonsall made an appearance before the U.S. Supreme Court to represent his client, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 287. The case involved a concrete and building materials company in Watsonville, Granite Rock Co., which was in a dispute with the Teamsters over federal laws regulating the formation of a collective bargaining agreement. By a 7-2 vote, the Court’s decision favored Granite Rock’s position.

Asked his impressions of oral argument before the Supreme Court, Bonsall says he was struck by how intimate and compact the courtroom is, and how close counsel’s table is to the bench. Bonsall says he was impressed by the high degree of preparation and familiarity that the judges demonstrated with the nuances of the case. The justices also showed kindness and courtesy. Bonsall recalls Justice Sotomayor gently guiding him back on point when one of his responses wandered a bit. Bonsall recommends that any attorney scheduled to argue before the Court for the first time do what he did: go to Washington, D.C. in advance, sit in the public area while the Court is in session, and adjust to the intimacy, history and ambiance of the nation’s highest court.
1986

Nicholas Forestiere
Forestiere has joined Gurnee & Daniels LLP as a partner. His new firm specializes in business, employment, real estate law and construction litigation. (Roseville, CA)

Thomas Jeffry
Jeffry was co-counsel for a defendant hospital that won a bench decision in a breach of lease case in Los Angeles Superior Court in which the defendant was awarded more than $1.5 million in attorneys’ fees and costs. He is a partner with Arent Fox. (Los Angeles, CA)

Jacques Kirch
Kirch was co-counsel in the successful settlement of a nightclub assault and battery insurance exclusion case in U.S. District Court, Southern District of California. He is a principal in the Law Office of Jacques J. Kirch. (San Diego, CA)

Robert Miller
Miller has been named executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of enXco, a subsidiary of EDF Energies Nouvelles Company. He brings 24 years of legal experience with a special emphasis in construction and project finance for energy project, most recently in similar role with NextLight Renewable Power, LLC. (San Diego, CA)

1987

Paul Bacigalupo
Bacigalupo was profiled in the Los Angeles Daily Journal. He is a judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court. (Los Angeles, CA)

1988

Jeffrey Huron
Huron won a $1.23 million verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court against a bank that had broken a 10-year shopping center lease. He is a principal in the Huron Law Group. (Los Angeles, CA)

Thomas Newton
Newton was appointed as the executive director of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, an 841-member organization. He previously served as the association’s general counsel for 15 years. (Sacramento)

1989

John Vander Feer
Vander Feer was the subject of a feature profile in the Los Angeles Daily Journal. He is a judge of the San Bernardino County Superior Court. (San Bernardino, CA)

Shelley Anne Kester
Kester has been appointed to the Michigan Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board by Governor Rick Snyder. A family law and criminal defense attorney, her past public service includes a stint as mayor and city commissioner of Traverse City. (Traverse City, MI)

1990

John Brownlee
Brownlee was profiled in the Los Angeles Daily Journal. He is a judge of the Kern County Superior Court. He is a Pacific McGeorge Class of 1990 representative. (Bakersfield, CA)

John B. Collins
Collins has joined Peterson, Colantuoni Collins & Davis. He previously served as an administrative law judge with the Workers Compensation Appeals Board. In addition to workers’ comp defense work, he has extensive experience representing professional sports teams. (Ladera Ranch, CA)
**Thomas Fellenz**  
Fellenz was part of a large defense team that prevailed in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a case charging CalTrans with preferential treatment of minority- and women-owned businesses. He is a senior counsel for CalTrans. (Sacramento)

**Bryan Freedman**  
Freedman negotiated a $430,000 settlement in Los Angeles Superior Court for a clothing designer who charged musician Courtney Love with online defamation after the performer failed to pay her bill then blasted the designer with a variety of negative comments including allegations of illegal activity. He is a senior partner in the firm of Freedman & Taitelman. (Los Angeles, CA)

### 1991

**Mark Berry**  
Berry was co-counsel in the successful defense of a wrongful death suit in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California involving a police shooting. Berry is a partner at Mayall, Hurley, Knutsen, Smith & Green. (Stockton, CA)

**Audrey Damonte**  
Damonte was profiled in the July issue of Casino Enterprise Management, a national trade publication, as one of five “Rising Stars” in the gaming industry. She is the director of government relations and legal affairs for IGT, one of the leading manufacturers of electronic gaming machines in the world. (Reno, NV)

### 1992

**John Burnite**  
Burnite was co-counsel for a successful insurance defense team in a breach-of-contract denial of claim case in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. He is a partner with Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker. (San Francisco, CA)

### 1993

**Kim Delfino**  

**Ralph Laird**  
Laird won a $200,000 settlement in Placer County Superior Court for the relatives of a man whose body was “lost” by a cemetery when they attempted to have it exhumed and moved to another site. He is a partner with Mackenroth & Laird. (Auburn, CA)

### 1994

**Michelle Cannon**  
Cannon was co-counsel and won a defense bench decision in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for the Sacramento Unified School District in a case involving alleged violations of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. She is an attorney at Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard. (Sacramento)

**James Cordes**  
Cordes won a $135,190 bench decision for the plaintiff in a Santa Barbara Superior Court in an employment law case. He had won a smaller award six weeks earlier in a case in Los Angeles. He is a principal in the firm of James H. Cordes. (Santa Barbara, CA)
James Walter
Walter was co-counsel in the successful defense of a wrongful death suit in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California involving a police shooting. He is a state assistant attorney general. (Sacramento)

Kevin Rosenberg
Rosenberg was selected as one of 45 California Lawyers of the Year by California Lawyer magazine. An assistant U.S. Attorney in the Central District of California, he played a key role in handling the largest single gang indictment in U.S. history. After the case was broken into multiple trials, he led prosecution of 11 defendants that resulted in life sentences and other terms ranging from 10 to 60 years. (Los Angeles, CA)

Julie Shepard
Shepard was a member of a defense team that won a bench dismissal in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, for several corporations that were charged with aiding and abetting violations of international human right norms in the African country of Mali. She is a partner with Hogan Lovells. (Los Angeles, CA)

1995

Michael Baytosh
Baytosh has been named a partner at Prout LeVangie in Sacramento. He focuses his practice on employment law, healthcare and insurance defense litigation. (Sacramento)

Lynn Ernce
Ernce was co-counsel for the successful defense of an age discrimination employment law case against the Department of Homeland Security in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. She is an assistant U.S. attorney in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Wendy Hillger
Hillger successfully defended the Clayton Valley Bowl against charges of negligent supervision in a Contra Costa Superior Court case involving a security guard who was run over by a pick-up truck driven by a man who had been thrown out of the bowling alley earlier. She is a senior partner in the firm of Fotouhi Epps Hillger Gilroy. (San Francisco, CA)

Stacey McKee Knight
Knight was named a partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman where she concentrates her litigation practice in the areas of labor and employment law. (Los Angeles, CA)

Troy Slome
Slome was a member of a claimant team that won a $2.35 million arbitration award in an exclusive sales agreement dispute involving a Chinese apparel company. He is an associate at Murphy, Rosen, Meylan & Davitt. (Santa Monica, CA)

1996

Bernard Wang
Wang is the new associate dean of the School of International Graduate Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School. A commander in the U.S. Navy, he recently completed a two-year tour as the officer community manager for the Navy’s Foreign Area Officers. (Monterey, CA)

Lloyd Bryan Adams
Adams has joined the Stratus Media Group in Los Angeles as senior vice president and executive producer for all of its visual media properties. Previously, he was executive producer and senior executive in charge of programming and production for the Outdoor Channel. (Incline Village, NV)

Anthony Enciso
Enciso had the second book of his two-volume work, The Living and the Dead, published by Xlibris. He is a San Bernardino County deputy district attorney. (Victorville, CA)

Laura Fowler
Fowler has moved to Best Best & Krieger after the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen. She is an associate who specializes in employment law and represents employers in court and administrative proceedings. (Sacramento)

Howard Moseley
Moseley was appointed to the California Board of Parole Hearings by Governor Jerry Brown. An adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge, he has held several positions at the Office of the Inspector General from 2004 to 2011, most recently as chief assistant inspector general of the Bureau of Independent Review. (Sacramento)

1997

Devin Donohue
Donohue was a member of a claimant team that won a $296,981 FINRA arbitration award for UBS Financial Services against a former employee in an unjust securities enrichment case. He is a partner in the Los Angeles firm of Palmer Lombardi & Donohue LLP. (Los Angeles, CA)

Vylma Ortiz
Ortiz was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a $620,000 settlement in Fresno Superior Court in a case involving a high school football coach who was fired, allegedly because influential parents pressured a school district to fire him. She is associated with the Siegel & Yee firm. (Oakland, CA)

Anne Rogaski
Rogaski was a member of a plaintiff team that secured a summary judgment in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, for Biogen and Genentech in a patent infringement case involving cancer drugs. She is a partner at Townsend, Townsend & Crew. (Palo Alto, CA)

Spencer Skeen
Skeen has joined Fisher & Phillips LLP as a partner. The employment and business litigation specialist was previously a partner at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP. He has experience handling trials, mediations, arbitrations and administrative hearings before state and federal courts. (San Diego, CA)
**1998**

**Robert Bale**

Bale was second chair for a plaintiff who won a record $30 million verdict against MasterCraft Boat manufacturer in a Butte Superior Court trial for a defective design that led to catastrophic injuries for a woman who fell off a boat on Lake Oroville. He is an associate with Dreyer Babich Buccola & Wood LLP. (Sacramento)

**Guadalupe Valencia**

Valencia won a $300,000 settlement in U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, as co-counsel for a plaintiff family in an excess force and negligent infliction of emotional distress case against U.S. border guards. She is a principal in the Law Offices of Guadalupe Valencia. (San Diego, CA)

**James Fincher**

Fincher was co-counsel for a defense team that won a bench decision in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a case involving charges of inverse condemnation against Merced County. He is a deputy counsel for the county. (Merced, CA)

**Cynthia Clarke Fritz**

Fritz was re-appointed as a deputy commissioner to the California Board of Parole Hearings by Governor Jerry Brown. She served as legal counsel of the California Department of Transportation and was a deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice before joining the board. (Dublin, CA)

**Christopher Hamner**

Hamner was a member of a plaintiff team that negotiated a $4.1 million settlement in Orange Superior Court in a wage-and-hour case against one of the largest hair salon companies in the world. He is a principal in the Hammer Law Offices. (Encino, CA)

**Bryan Lamb**

Lamb was co-counsel for an injured plaintiff who reached a $250,000 settlement in San Francisco Superior Court in a case involving a fall on a Muni bus. He is a partner in the Dolan Law Firm. (San Francisco, CA)

**Amanda Uhrhammer**

Uhrhammer has joined Spinelli, Donald & Nott as senior counsel. Previously, she was senior counsel with Hansen, Kohls Jones Sommers & Jacob in Roseville. (Sacramento)

**1999**

**Jeff Glovan**

Glovan has joined the Montana law firm of Luxan & Murfitt. A native of that state, he previously practiced law in Sacramento after earning a master of laws degree in taxation from New York University School of Law. (Helena, MT)

**Marc Koenigsberg**

Koenigsberg has been elevated to of counsel status at Greenberg Traurig LLP in Sacramento. He is a business litigator. (Sacramento)

**Zac Morazzini**

Morazzini has been named general counsel of the Fair Political Practices Commission. (Sacramento)

**2000**

**Jacob Flesher**

Flesher won a defense verdict as co-counsel in a Placer Superior Court wrongful termination case. Flesher is a principal in the firm of Flesher, Broomand & McKague. (Folsom, CA)

**Rex Frazier**

Frazier was ranked No. 27 on the Capitol Weekly's list of the top 100 unelected powerbrokers in state politics. He is president of the Personal Insurance Federation of California, a select trade group that represents most of the state's major insurance companies. (Sacramento)

**Lisa Kaplan**

Kaplan left her position as assistant executive officer to the State Allocation Board and opened her own civil litigation law firm, Kaplan Law Group. (Sacramento)

**Lisa A. Karczewski**

Karczewski has joined Fox Rothschild following its merger with the Chan Law Group. She has more than a decade of experience representing clients in patent prosecution and intellectual property transactional and litigation matters. (Los Angeles, CA)

**Cindy Re**

Re, running against an incumbent, finished second in the Republican primary race for the office of Lamar County Attorney. A former clerk for the Mississippi Supreme Court, she is a solo practitioner who operates the Law Office of Cindy A. Re. (Hattisburg, MS)

**Anne Sherlock**

Sherlock has been named a partner at Fagen Friedman & Fulroost. Formerly with Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard, she is co-chair of the firm's student services and special education practice group. (Sacramento)

**Debra Stoll**

Stoll has joined Downey Brand LLP as an associate in its employment law and benefits group. (Sacramento)

**Brian Tippens**

Tippens has been named to the advisory board of Multi-Media Enterprises, a global leader in providing energy from renewable origins. He is the head of HP’s global supplier diversity and development programs. (Palo Alto, CA)

**Sean Thompson**

Thompson has joined Hanson Bridgett as a partner where his practice focuses on construction, including the drafting of contracts, mediation, arbitration, and litigation. (Sacramento)
### 2000

**Avi Glikman**

Glikman was named the president of the Leonard M. Friedman Bar Association, California's first Jewish-American bar association. He is a senior associate at Reed & Aliotti PC in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

**Stephanie Quinn**

Quinn has joined Murphy, Campbell, Guthrie & Alliston in Sacramento as an associate. She previously practiced at Randolph Cregger & Chalfant. (Sacramento)

**Lisa Ryan**

Ryan has been named a partner with Cook Brown. She represents employers in litigation involving harassment, discrimination and wrongful termination. Prior to turning to private practice, she worked for the California legislature. (Sacramento)

**Jennifer Marquez**

Marquez won a defense verdict in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a Fourth Amendment wrongful-death case involving multiple police agencies. She is an associate at Longyear, O'Dea & Lavra. (Sacramento)

**Jesus Torres**

Torres has joined Hertel, Alston & Bird in its products liability practice group. He was previously an associate with Hurrell Cantrall. (Los Angeles, CA)

### 2003

**Kimberly Glover**

Glover was appointed to the Martinez Planning Commission by the Martinez City Council. A lifelong city resident and deputy county council for Solano County, she is one of the youngest members of the board. (Martinez, CA)

**Jennifer Gregory**

Gregory was a member of a plaintiff team that reached a $241 million settlement in Sacramento Superior Court with a large group of laboratory companies charged under California’s False Claims Act with overbilling the state’s Medi-Cal program. She is a deputy attorney general. (Sacramento)

**Alana Mathews-Davis**

Mathews-Davis received the 40 Under 40 Nations Best Advocate Award at the National Bar Association’s 86th Annual Convention in Baltimore. The award honors young attorneys who have exemplified leadership, service, innovation, and activism through their practice to make a significant impact within their community and the legal profession. She was also named to the Sacramento Business Journal’s list of “40 Under 40” young professionals. She is a deputy district attorney with Sacramento County. (Sacramento)

**Catia Saraiva**

Saraiva has co-founded Clement & Saraiva, a Sacramento firm that specializes in cases involving elder abuse, neglect and fraud. Previously, she was an associate with Dreyer Babich Buccola & Wood LLP. (Sacramento)

### 2004

**Tiffany O’Connor**

O’Connor was co-counsel for a plaintiff team that won a $130,000 settlement in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for a mother and daughter who suffered minor injuries from bullet fragments when their pit bull was shot by sheriffs’ deputies. She is an associate for The Cardoza Law Offices. (Walnut Creek, CA)

**Brian Plummer**

Plummer won a defense verdict as co-counsel in a Placer Superior Court wrongful termination case. Plummer is in-house counsel for Union Pacific Railroad Company. (Roseville, CA)

**Carrie A. Raven**

Raven has joined Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden PC. She joins the firm’s transactional law practice group where she will work in drafting and negotiating various business agreements, including contracts related to intellectual property. Previously, she was with Best Best & Krieger. (San Bernardino, CA)

### 2005

**Naisha Covarrubias**

Covarrubias has joined Murphy, Campbell, Guthrie & Alliston in Sacramento as attorney. She previously practiced at Randolph Cregger & Chalfant. (Sacramento)

**Kimberly Lewellen**

Lewellen was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a Fair Debt Collection Practice Act jury trial in U.S. District Court, District of Northern California. She is an associate at Ellis, LaVoie, Poirier, Steinheimer & McGee LLP in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

**Galen Shimoda**

Shimoda won $15,000 plus attorney fees and costs in a Sacramento County Superior Court employment law case involving wrongful termination. He is a principal in firm of Shimoda Law Corporation. (Elk Grove, CA)

**Joe O’Neil**

O’Neil won a $75,000 net verdict and attorney’s fees in Sacramento Superior Court in a construction defects breach of contract case. He is a principal in the CVM Law Group. (Sacramento)

**Tiffany O’Connor**

O’Connor was co-counsel for a plaintiff team that won a $130,000 settlement in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for a mother and daughter who suffered minor injuries from bullet fragments when their pit bull was shot by sheriffs’ deputies. She is an associate for The Cardoza Law Offices. (Walnut Creek, CA)

**Brian Plummer**

Plummer won a defense verdict as co-counsel in a Placer Superior Court wrongful termination case. Plummer is in-house counsel for Union Pacific Railroad Company. (Roseville, CA)

**Kerri Ann Rich**

Rich was co-counsel for a victorious plaintiff in a one-month trial in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a patent infringement case that involved a $10 million verdict. She is an associate with Thomas Whitelaw, where her practice focuses on intellectual property disputes and complex business litigation. (Irvine, CA)
### 2007

**Dena Bez**  
Bez has been elected to the board of directors at Wellspring Women's Center, a Sacramento drop-in center for low-income women and their children. She operates the Bez Law Firm, PC. (Sacramento)

**Kurt Hendrickson**  
Hendrickson has been named to the Barristers' Club of Sacramento's board of directors. He is an associate at Knox, Lemmon, Anapolsky & Schrimp LLP, whose practice focuses on business litigation and administrative law. (Sacramento)

**Kacie Owen**  
Owen has joined Archer Norris in its Sacramento office where her practice will focus on construction defect litigation, including personal injury cases. Previously, she was an associate with Read & Aliotti. (Sacramento)

**Kirupa Pushparaj**  
Pushparaj was named a "rising star" in the Northern California Super Lawyers magazine. An associate at Perkins Coie, he will teach Patent Prosecutions as an adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge this year. (Palos Verdes, CA)

**Robin Singer**  
Singer was named quality control manager of Sams & Associates, Inc., a large independent insurance adjusting firm. Previously, she was property claims director and managing general adjuster at Fireman's Fund Insurance. (Granite Bay, CA)

### 2008

**Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen**  
Dietzen Olsen was elected to the Women Lawyers of Sacramento board of directors. Dietzen Olsen will serve as the co-chair of the Judicial and Other Appointments Committee. (Sacramento)

**Kimberly Kakavas**  
Kakavas was elected to the Women Lawyers of Sacramento board of directors. Kakavas will serve as the vice chair on the Judicial and Other Appointments Committee. (Sacramento)

**Alena Klimianok**  
Klimianok was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a $260,000 verdict in Los Angeles County Superior Court in an employment law wrongful termination case. She is an associate at Bernard & Bernard. (Los Angeles, CA)

**John Klotsche**  
Klotsche has joined Hanson Bridgett as an associate in the firm's real estate and construction section following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

**Marcell Neri**  
Neri has joined Hassard Bonnington as an associate. The firm specializes in litigation, health care, insurance and employment law. He practices primarily in the area of medical malpractice defense. (San Francisco, CA)

**Ethan Quinn**  
Quinn is an FBI special agent. He was among the group of agents that executed a search warrant at the Fremont headquarters of solar panel maker Solyndra. (Los Angeles, CA)

### 2006

**Liz J. Hall**  
Hall has joined the Neumiller & Beardslee law firm as an associate attorney where her practice will focus on general civil litigation. (Stockton, CA)

**James Maynard**  
Maynard has founded his own firm, Maynard Law. An employment law and local government attorney, he is the city attorney for the City of Lodi and a special counsel to the Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District. Previously, he was with Cota Cole LLP. (Sacramento)

### 2007

**Antonia B. Miceli**  
Miceli has joined the St. Louis University Law School faculty as its director of bar examination preparation. Previously, she practiced at Thompson Coburn LLC and served clerkships with two federal judges in Missouri. (St. Louis, MO)

**Chelsea Olson**  
Olson was co-counsel on a defense bench decision in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for the Sacramento Unified School District in a case involving alleged violations of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. She is an attorney at Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

**Catherine Reichenberg**  
Reichenberg was named to the Northern Nevada's Top 35 Attorneys list published by the Nevada Business magazine. She is an associate at the Gunderson Law Firm. Her father, Mark Gunderson, '78, who is a senior partner at the firm, was also named to the list. (Reno, NV)

**Kristianne Seargeant**  
Seargeant was one of two speakers who delivered a webinar, "Liar, Liar: How to Spot (and Effectively Manage) Dishonest Employees in Your Workplace." She is an associate in Kronick Moskovitz's labor and employment law department. (Sacramento)

**Hanspeter Walter**  
Walter was a member of a large plaintiff team that won a bench decision in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a case against federal agencies involving the effects on the human environment of delta smelt under the Endangered Species Act. (Sacramento)
### 2010

#### Robindeep Basra
Basra joined Porter Scott as an associate. He will focus on public entity defense, employment practices, and premises liability for the Sacramento civil litigation firm. (Sacramento)

#### Nicholas A. Capozzi
Capozzi joined the Law Offices of Anthony P. Capozzi as an associate. (Fresno, CA)

#### Shelby Gatlin
Gatlin joined Downey Brand LLP. She will work in the firm's environmental practice group. (Sacramento)

#### Melissa Sandoval Greenidge
Greenidge wrote a McGeorge Law Review comment, "Getting the Train on the Right Track: A Modern Proposal for Changes to the Federal Employers' Liability Act," while she was a student, that was cited several times in a decision by the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. She is an associate at Randolph, Cregger & Chalfant. (Sacramento)

#### Luke Hendrix
Hendrix joined Desmond, Nolan, Livaich & Cunningham as an associate in its bankruptcy group. (Sacramento)

#### Emily Hirseckorn
Hirseckorn joined Dennis Wolfer Kelly, a full-service education law firm that represents numerous school districts, community college districts and county offices of education in California. (San Diego, CA)

#### Yonit Kovnator
Kovnator has joined Best, Best & Krieger as an associate. (Riverside, CA)

#### Michelle Low
Low has accepted a position on the government affairs team at the California Charter Schools Association as its director of regulatory affairs. (Sacramento)

#### Aubrey Mauritson
Mauritson has joined Perry, Johnson, Anderson, Miller & Moskowitz where her practice will focus on civil litigation and land use law. (Santa Rosa, CA)

#### Kevin McKinley
McKinley has joined Downey Brand LLP. He will be a member of its litigation practice group. (Sacramento)

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#### Anna Buck
Buck has accepted a position as associate staff counsel at the Consumer Attorneys of California, a statewide trade association for California's plaintiff's bar headquartered in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

### LL.M. BUSINESS & TAXATION

#### Luis P. Sanchez '83
Sanchez has been appointed as the associate superintendent and vice president of academic affairs at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. He previously served as a professor and dean at Sierra College. (Santa Maria, CA)

### LL.M. TAXATION

#### David Gianelli '86
Gianelli is the chairman-elect of the Modesto Chamber of Commerce's executive committee. He is the managing attorney at Gianelli & Associates. (Modesto, CA)
It’s unusual for a young law graduate to find his niche immediately in the legal world, but that’s just what Lan Diep, ’10, made happen by following his instincts.

He is already making a difference for an underserved community dealing with the complexities of the American justice system. For efforts first recognized in The New York Times, he was honored by the White House Champions of Change program.

Diep’s tale began a year ago. The Mississippi Center for Justice was looking for help reaching out to the Vietnamese fishing community after the huge 2010 BP oil spill. Despite a “requirement” of five years’ experience, Diep applied for — and got — the job. “I knew I didn’t have the experience, not even close, but I had the interest and the language skill, and I was willing to relocate.”

Diep won an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Fellowship to fund his work. He moved to Biloxi, Mississippi, and began to delve into the legal complexities facing people who had lost their livelihoods because of the spill. The federal government had set up a multi-billion dollar Gulf Coast Claims Facility designed to get money into people’s pockets so they could save their boats and their homes. But not all of the money was getting through a bureaucracy undermined by unscrupulous lawyers who had “signed up” many claimants who could not speak or understand English well.

A native Vietnamese speaker, Diep visited a contractor whose job was to sign up people for a law firm, not letting on that he spoke English. After he listened to the man’s phony pitch, Diep alerted the proper authorities then took it upon himself to educate many of the baffled fishermen who were signing their claim rights away to a third party. “So many didn’t realize they were being tricked into signing binding legal agreements,” he said. “I had to do something to help.”

Diep does his best to assist the fishermen in their written communications with the claims office. His office fields hundreds of calls daily and he’s become the go-to guy for many in the Vietnamese community. He also has started writing a monthly newsletter in Vietnamese explaining new rules and procedures in the federal claims program.

“It’s been involved with the Vietnamese community everywhere I have lived in the past” said Diep, who grew up in Houston and the San Francisco area. “This has been a very rewarding experience, and I’ve been proud to tell clients, reporters and White House staffers that I have a law degree from Pacific McGeorge.”
Alexander Umole '08
Umole joined Dorda Brugger Jordis, Attorneys at Law, in the Austrian firm’s International Arbitration Department. (Vienna, Austria)

Iegor Sierov '09
Sierov joined Astapov Lawyers as a junior associate in its international arbitration and litigation department. (Kiev, Ukraine)

Haykanush Parsamyan '11
Parsamyan has accepted a research assistant position with the codification division in the Office of Legal Affairs at the United Nations headquarters. (New York, NY)

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

Jack Martin ’52
Martin died on July 21, 2011, at the age of 84 in Roseville. A World War II veteran, he attended law school while working as an IRS agent. He opened a Sacramento law office in 1955 and operated a general practice for 35 years highlighted by an oral argument before the California Supreme Court and judge pro tem service.

William McWhinney ’64
McWhinney died on February 28, 2010, at the age of 97 in San Luis Obispo. He was a partner in the law firm of Muller & McWhinney until his retirement.

David Alves ’69
Alves died on September 15, 2011, at the age of 70 in Rescue. After graduation from law school, he joined the Office of Legislative Counsel. He served as an attorney to the California Legislature for 31 years, rising to the level of principal deputy legislative counsel.

Terry Smith ’70
Smith died on June 29, 2011, at the age of 76 in Sacramento after an extended illness. A top-flight amateur boxer and alternate on the 1960 U.S. Olympic team, he went on to a 25-year career with the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office. He was also a well-known boxing referee who officiated at several world title bouts.

Michael Hurt ’73
Hurt died on August 10, 2009, at the age of 66 in Tacoma, Washington. In addition to a career in private practice, he served as a judge of the Municipal Court from 1988-2007 in Menomonee, Wisconsin. He was a past president of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity at Pacific McGeorge.

Ward Moul ’74
Moul died on April 17, 2011, at the age of 84 in Carmichael. A World War II veteran, he served as legal counsel to several Sacramento County agencies for more than 35 years until his retirement.

Clifford Govaerts ’76
Govaerts died on August 14, 2010, at the age of 60 in Cupertino. After earning an LL.M. in Taxation from NYU, he practiced tax, banking and pension law with Tomlinson Zisko LLP in Palo Alto for many years.

Michael Ward ’76
Ward died on May 15, 2011, at the age of 62. A longtime resident of Placerville, he was a founding partner of Cuneo, Black, Ward & Missler in Sacramento, which became one of the largest workers’ comp law firms in Northern California. Active in the Placerville community for many years, he was on the board of directors of Marshall Hospital from 2004 to 2011.

Robert H. Wilson ’76
Wilson died on October 2, 2010, at the age of 82. His legal career included service with the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office, a stint with Stokes, Clayton & McKenzie in San Francisco, and private practice in Los Altos.

Andrew Puccinelli ’78
Puccinelli died August 8, 2011, of pancreatic cancer at the age of 58 in Reno. A former president of the State Bar of Nevada, Puccinelli served as a judge of the 4th District Court in Elko for nine years. Governor Brian Sandoval ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at the Capitol in Carson City.

Jonathan Carter ’82
Carter died March 3, 2011, at the age of 57 in Eugene, Oregon. He worked for the Nevada Attorney General’s Office as a deputy attorney general for the Department of Child and Family Services for 10 years before going into private practice. Illness forced his retirement to Elkton, Oregon.

Lois Thornton Hurst ’83
Hurst died on January 23, 2010, at the age of 68. She maintained a general law practice in San Jose for more than two decades.

Saundra R. Wolk ’83
Wolk died on August 8, 2011, at the age of 56 in Sacramento. A native of Rochester, Minnesota, she practiced law until 2002 with Hannan & Wolk in downtown Sacramento.

Kelley Farrell ’84
Farrell died on May 1, 2011, at the age of 53 in Sacramento. She began her legal career at Hanna Brophy, practiced workers’ comp law on her own for many years, and was most recently staff counsel at the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

Oren Marsh ’84
Marsh died on May 13, 2011, at the age of 52 in Porter Ranch. He was a personal injury lawyer in Glendale and later a medical malpractice attorney in Northridge.

Dan Craddock ’92
Craddock died on April 4, 2006, at the age of 57 in San Francisco. He practiced with Siner Steinbock Hofmann & Pennypacker in San Jose for more than 10 years.

Kristin A. (Sargent) Smith ’93
Smith died on April 8, 2011, at the age of 42 in Sacramento. She began her legal career in private practice in Bakersfield, later working for a company in Sacramento before joining the California State Department of Managed Care. Most recently, she was legal counsel at the State Treasurer’s Office.

William Finnegan LL.M. ’84
Finnegan died on December 21, 2010, at the age of 69 in Walnut Creek after a seven-year battle with a rare bone marrow disease. He practiced law in Contra Costa and Alameda counties from 1975 to 2010 as the proprietor of the Law Office of William J.P. Finnegan in Alamo specializing in taxation and estate planning.
Calendar of Events

For details on these and other events, please see the Alumni and News & Events sections on the Pacific McGeorge web site mcgeorge.edu or call 916.739.7141

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

January 21, 2012
Alumni Association’s Bay Area MCLE
Waterfront Hotel, Oakland

January 28, 2012
Alumni Association’s Sacramento MCLE and Live Webcast
Pacific McGeorge

February 3, 2012
Bay Area Alumni Chapter Reception
San Francisco

February 10, 2012
Orange County Alumni Chapter Dinner
Anaheim

March 3, 2012
Gala Tribute to Dean Parker Benefiting PLSS
Sheraton Grand, Sacramento

March 14, 2012
New York Alumni Chapter Dinner
New York City

March 15, 2012
Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter Reception
Washington, D.C.

March 31, 2012
San Diego Alumni Chapter Reception
San Diego

April 21, 2012
Reno Alumni Chapter Dinner
Louie’s Basque Corner, Reno

April 25, 2012
Los Angeles Alumni Chapter Reception
Los Angeles

May 25, 26, 2012
International Alumni Chapter Reunion-Conference
Rome, Italy

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