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Message from The Dean

I am proud and humbled to be serving as the ninth Dean of the McGeorge School of Law. In my initial months I have tried to focus on a few priorities, to avoid being spread too thin too quickly. My effort to think through my priorities was aided by one friend of McGeorge who asked me, “are you going to be focused on the faculty or the alumni?” It was at that moment that the guiding focus of my Deanship became crystal clear. I was beginning to wonder if I could simultaneously lead the faculty in the academic enterprise and engage alumni, but this was a false choice. My focus was clear. I am focused on the students at McGeorge.

We are at a crossroads in legal education and legal practice. Change is rapid and unrelenting. Although lawyers form the cornerstone of modern civil society, in these harsh economic times there is a concern that new lawyers will not be able to make a living sufficient to repay their student loans. I take these concerns very seriously, and for this reason conclude that my efforts as Dean should be directed to both the faculty and the alumni on behalf of our students.

The faculty has primary responsibility for the academic program of the law school, and I will seek to provide the leadership necessary to shape the law school curriculum to prepare students for the contemporary world of practice. As I visit law firms and meet with alumni, my question is always: “what can we do better to prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities of the current environment?”

My efforts cannot be limited to the three years of classes that our students will take. With 13,000 alumni, and a particular strength in Northern California, our students have a great resource on which to draw as they enter legal practice. But even during their education our students gain a great deal from our alumni. Alumni serve as Adjunct Professors of Law, providing essential contributions to our curriculum. Additionally, they supervise field placement externships and mentor our students about their career choices.

I would answer the question about my focus very directly now: I am devoted to our faculty and alumni because they come together to provide our students with a rich educational experience and an invaluable employment resource. This doesn’t make my job any easier, but with this focus in mind I am energized to bring the great accomplishments of our alumni together with our dedicated faculty to provide an educational experience that defines the McGeorge experience.

Please join me in this effort.
All my best,

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Whether on a faculty retreat or traveling around the country to meet with alumni, McGeorge School of Law’s new dean has kept a key objective in focus during his first six months on the job: Ensuring that Pacific McGeorge students are better prepared than ever for a rapidly evolving world and workplace.

“There’s a structural change in the way legal services will be delivered and are being delivered today,” says Dean Francis “Jay” Mootz, who took the reins from Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker in June. “The future of legal education has got to be very responsive to what’s going on in the real world.”

Much of what’s going on these days has been shaped by the recession. The largest American law firms once hired 30 percent of the graduates from the nation’s top law schools, Mootz noted. Since the economy faltered, however, many of those same firms have shrunk in size. Law firms are also increasingly outsourcing many of their functions, such as billing and document review.

Where some observers find the employment outlook gloomy, Mootz finds this situation to be a challenge. The changes require retooling in the educational approach, he says. In addition to schooling students in the law, they should also be exposed to a broader liberal arts education, as well as entrepreneurial and other business skills. It’s all about interdisciplinary study, he says, and Pacific McGeorge has quality resources at hand — through the University of the Pacific.

“I’m really committed to working with my fellow deans to see how we can make our programs stronger,” Mootz says. “I don’t think this is anything scary and new. We’re just rediscovering the breadth of a legal education and how it can be put to use.”

“Intercultural competence” is another critical attribute that should continue to be instilled in law school, even more so in the years ahead, Mootz says. He is proud of Pacific McGeorge’s diversity of international programs and believes they will stand graduates in good stead. “We are a global village,” he said. “Lawyers — and not just those with the big, sophisticated firms — will find that they need to understand how the world’s business, political and legal systems work.”
At the same time, there is much to be said for Pacific McGeorge’s location, not only as the capital of one of the country’s key states, but as a vital economic engine in its own right. “McGeorge is in a terrific place,” Mootz says. “But it also places a demand on us to make sure that our graduates can move easily from their first job, which may be in private practice with a law firm, to a state government office; from there to a public policy research firm; and from there to a lobbying firm.”

Mootz is eager to redouble efforts to keep McGeorge at the center of California’s capital. He formed an advisory board of Sacramento-based alums from both the public and private sector, aimed at addressing how best to position Pacific McGeorge students for government jobs and other opportunities. The first meeting was a productive one, Mootz says, and the message was clear: Students benefit immeasurably from externships, clinic work and other real-world experiences.

What does that mean for Pacific McGeorge’s Capital Center for Public Law & Policy, already one of the campus’ strongest certificate programs? Possible changes include the addition of a second experiential learning requirement for students and a greater use of alumni as adjunct professors to further help students connect what they learn in the classroom with the world at large. “We’ve got a network of alumni in all kinds of positions who can mentor our students, assist our students to figure out their career goals and to make connections,” Mootz says. “It’s a natural strength we already have and it should be developed.”

Other academic programs at Pacific McGeorge are on the new dean’s radar. He is pleased with the school’s top-ranked legal writing program, and has heard time and again in his ongoing meetings with law school alumni that the two-year legal writing requirement for students is a well-placed emphasis. “What I hear time and time again is the ability to speak well and to write well is key no matter what you’re doing, whether you’re working in state government, writing a business deal or trying a case,” he explains. “I am committed to having the best and most comprehensive program in the country.”

Similarly, Mootz is enthusiastic about capitalizing on the school’s expertise in areas such as water law, led by international water expert and Distinguished Professor of Law Stephen McCaffrey and his domestic water law counterpart Gregory Weber. Both men oversee the Water Resources Law graduate program at Pacific McGeorge.

Mootz has clearly enjoyed meeting with many of the law school’s 13,000 graduates, making the rounds among Sacramento-based jurists and traveling to Reno, the Bay Area, Southern California and Washington D.C. “I’m on tour now,” he jokes. Part of his mission is to share how Pacific McGeorge is geared toward preparing graduates for a changing legal world. He also looks to alumni to be part of the mission. “I want to go out and engage the alumni and say, ‘You’ve enjoyed the advantages of being affiliated with McGeorge. Help us help our students get as much as possible from the McGeorge experience,’” Mootz says.

There is no shortage of assistance for students already on campus, especially with tools like the Office of Student Affairs’ recently developed the MAP or McGeorge Academic Plan, which allows students to become more intentional about their academic and experiential learning activities. Students meet individually with academic advisers and have access to step-by-step “road maps” detailing requirements and options along the law school path. Before classes got under way for the fall semester, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Mary McGuire and her staff met with each section of students. “Literally from the day our students step on campus, they’re thinking about an academic plan to follow and a plan to position themselves to be successful,” says Mootz.

Like his predecessor, Mootz has opted to live on campus in the dean’s cottage, a fraction of the size of his four-bedroom house in Las Vegas, he notes with a laugh. He enjoys the heightened visibility—and the frequent encounters with students as he steps out the door each morning. Mootz acknowledges the learning curve of the past six months, but is buoyed by the community at large. “What I find are incredibly dedicated alumni, faculty and staff who are all proud of McGeorge and are all ready to work hard to move forward,” he says. “It’s extremely gratifying. Everyone is really focused on how we can reposition McGeorge in this new environment. It’s hard work and I’ve enjoyed it immensely.”
Mootz Resumé Highlights

LEGAL EDUCATION APPOINTMENTS

University of the Pacific,
McGeorge School of Law
Dean and Professor of Law, 2012

William S. Boyd School of Law,
University of Nevada Las Vegas
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and
Faculty Development, 2011-12
Associate Dean for Faculty Development and
Research, 2010-11
William S. Boyd Professor of Law (with tenure),
2008-12

Dickinson School of Law,
Penn State University
Samuel Weiss Distinguished Faculty Scholar,
2007-08
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 2004-06
Professor of Law (with tenure), 2000-08
Visiting Professor of Law, 2000

Marshall-Wythe School of Law,
College of William and Mary
Visiting Professor of Law, 2002

Western New England College School of Law
Professor of Law (with tenure), 1995-2000
Associate Professor, 1993-95
Assistant Professor, 1990-93

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law
J.D. with high honors, 1986

Duke University Graduate School
A.M., Philosophy (with thesis), 1986

University of Notre Dame
B.A., History with high honors, 1983

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Law Institute
Elected Member (January 2012)

Commissioner, Uniform Law Commission
(formerly NCCUSL) (Nevada, 2008-12;
appointed by Legislative Commission)
(Pennsylvania, 2006-08; appointed by Governor
Edward G. Rendell)

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP

Books
LAW, HERMENEUTICS AND RHETORIC (Ashgate
Publishing, 2010) (Part of the Series:
Collected Essays in Law)
COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING: AN INTEGRATION OF SALES,
LEASES AND COMPUTER INFORMATION TRANSACTIONS
(with Peter Alces and David Frisch)
(LexisNexis, 2nd ed. 2008)

Articles
Vico, Llewellyn and the Task of Legal Education,
57 LOYOLA L. REV. 135-56 (2011)
Over the past decade, blogging has emerged as a timely and creative medium for personal expression, making business connections, providing helpful information, and influencing the way people think. Among those joining the conversation: The legal profession, including Pacific McGeorge’s alumni community.

Alumni Bloggers Inform, Enlighten and Entertain Their Readers

Across cyberspace, McGeorge alums can be found sharing their thoughts and expertise about everything from workers compensation strategies to cooking for a busy lifestyle, from the legacy of Supreme Court decisions to the best software for effective trial exhibits. These nimble thinkers and writers are dedicating their time, their experience, and their unique voices to a global reading room where the written word gets catalogued on the virtual bookshelves of the Internet. In the process, they are serving their clients, building their reputations, developing their businesses, shaping the thoughts of others, and having a lot of fun.

“Lawyers who blog will be seen and heard,” says Kevin O’Keefe, ’82, who is the founder, CEO and publisher of LexBlog, Inc., a Seattle-based company that consults with attorneys and law firms to help them develop a strong Internet presence. “It’s a great way for lawyers to build their reputations, to practice in the areas they love, and to make sure they have the work they need.”

“For me, it’s just the joy of writing,” says Edward Telfeyan, ’75, Professor of Lawyering Skills and Moot Court Competition Director at McGeorge. His blog, “Meals From
The Marketplace,” focuses on politics, legal matters and current events, with pleasant forays into such areas as baseball, life’s ups and downs, and television shows that catch his fancy.

“I can’t not write,” Telfeyan says. “It fills this need to be creative. I’ll be taking a shower, composing lines, and I’ll find myself rushing to dry off to put those thoughts down.”

Thomas A. Richard, ’92, has found blogging a good way to serve clients in a highly specialized field. Richard is a senior partner at Richard, Thorson, Graves & Royer LLP in Oakland, and is a certified workers’ compensation specialist through the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. He represents public agencies, nonprofits and self-insured employers “in that scary interstice between worker’s compensation and disability law,” a niche area of the law where a case involving an injury on the job may involve the multiple worlds of worker’s compensation, disability accommodations, union grievances and retirement benefits.

Three years ago, after a decade of sending legal updates to clients in paper format, Richard started the “California Comp Blog,” where he publishes summaries on recent studies, updates on cases and appeals, and thought pieces on current issues. Last December, for example, he asked in a blog headline, “Are Pools and Gardeners’ Medical Treatment?” In this short provocative piece, Richard described the rescission of a workers’ compensation award granted in “a kind of case that boggles the mind and fires up some state legislatures to reform their Workers’ Compensation laws.” The case involved an applicant who was granted — as part of his medical treatment award — the services of a housekeeper, gardener and pool serviceman.

“I wanted to do more than simply advertise my firm as a workers’ compensation firm,” said Richard. “I wanted to be able to talk about my firm’s subject matter. Most people would probably find it uninteresting but it is aimed at the narrow group who is interested and would be helped by this information.”

Scott Hervey, ’95, a member of McGeorge’s Alumni Board, is the editor-in-chief and frequent contributor to “The IP Law Blog,” one of several blogs produced by his firm, Weintraub Tobin Chediak Coleman Grodin Law Corp. Hervey is a corporate and intellectual property attorney who represents entertainment Digital media and gaming companies, restaurants and wineries. “The IP Law Blog,” he says, grew out of a decade of the firm’s publishing articles regularly in legal newspapers in California.

“The blog was just a natural way to repurpose that work,” Hervey says. “We’ve been able to use it as proof of our knowledge in certain areas.”

The blog’s posts, written by several Weintraub Tobin lawyers, cover a wide range of intellectual property issues. In August, for example, Hervey explained to his readers about the strong federal legislation that prevented a wine company client from using the U.S. Olympic Committee’s signature interlocking ring logo in a marketing campaign. Such writings, he says, can help strengthen client relationships: “When a client asks a question about something, it is nice to be able to say, ‘Oh, I wrote an article about that.’ ”

Morgan Smith, ’93, began his blog, “Cogent Legal Blog,” to promote the business he founded in 2011, Cogent Legal. Smith was a plaintiffs’ civil litigator in San Francisco prior to starting his Oakland-based litigation graphics and trial strategy firm. Before opening the business, he and his wife, Sarah Lavender Smith, took a trip around the world and she wrote a blog about their travels. A writer by profession, she helped Smith launch Cogent Legal Blog.

On the blog, Smith shares tips about building websites, creating demonstrative exhibits, managing data, using storyboards, choosing software, and more. In its early days, the blog received about 175 views in a month, and now receives about 4,000 views a month.
“I am constantly putting up new content. If the content is good, it really does help a new business to become known,” he said.

Smith’s strategy is to share useful information that will help other lawyers, such as how to embed photos in legal briefs, knowing that some may use the information without contacting him, while others will see and remember the blog and wind up hiring his firm to create technical presentations that exceed their own capacities. Recently, for example, he blogged about using animation to show what happens when the brain is injured. Afterward, he received a call from an attorney who saw the injury animation piece and hired him to help with a case.

“If I give something of value to someone, they’ll remember me nicely and when they have a need for me, they’ll call,” he said. “I think of it as a ‘virtuous circle.’ If I can get lawyers to think visually, it increases their understanding of what they should be doing, and it ultimately can help increase my business.”

Not all of McGeorge’s alumni bloggers are focused exclusively on business matters. Hervey, for example, also writes a personal blog called “Thirsty Lawyer,” where the self-described “amateur mixologist” shares his interests and skills in the art of cocktail-making.

Madeline Miller, ’02, created her blog, “Everything Rachel Ray,” eight years ago to review recipes by the television cooking personality and author. Miller practices public agency law on a limited basis for the Sacramento firm, Miller & Owen, spending most of her time at home raising two young children. For many years, she says, she did not know how to cook and lived on fast food and packaged goods. (“It was really exciting if I ate a salad,” she recalls wryly.) Then she discovered Ray on the Food Network, gave one of her recipes a try, and was hooked. She has found writing her blog to be a fun vehicle for her newfound passion for cooking and her longstanding fondness for writing.

“It’s my hobby,” Miller says. “You can’t use a contraction in legal writing. I love writing the way I speak. It’s a creative outlet. I think so many lawyers like to write. I know I loved writing and research and that was why I got into law in the first place.”

Miller has enjoyed mastering the technical side of blogging, including photography and signing up for advertising content, as well as the good-spirited conversation and camaraderie that comes with putting herself out there on the Internet.

“It’s a neat little community. I love the reader responses,” she says.

Telfeyan’s blog, “Meals From the Marketplace,” grew out of a political newsletter he started in the late 1990s that used the same name and went out by email. The title is a play on the two themes, “food for thought” and the “marketplace of ideas.” Writing the newsletter proved a good fit, as did the blog that ultimately evolved.

“I found that process of putting my thoughts together to be very enjoyable, so I just kept at it,” he said. Telfeyan has had a rich and varied career working in Democratic politics, lobbying, practicing law, teaching at McGeorge and coaching nationally recognized moot court teams. Early on, his blog was largely political, but eventually became more wide-ranging. “It has morphed into Ed’s views on life,” Telfeyan says, smiling. His archive of writings over the past summer, for example, included an unabashed ode to the game of golf, a catchy review of HBO’s “The Newsroom” television series, and the warm piece “On the Everlasting and Ever-Growing Joys of Marriage.”

Today, “Meals” has about 2,000 subscribers, many from other countries, and receives $10,000 hits per post. Among Telfeyan’s fans is Associate Justice Ronald B. Robie, ’67, an adjunct professor who sits on the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District.

“I enjoy Ed’s blog,” Robie says. “He dedicates a lot of time to developing a really interesting commentary. Robie says he also enjoys “The Kelso Report, Your Daily Cup of the
Law,” a newsletter and video delivered via email by Professor Clark Kelso.

For O’Keefe, creating LexBlog, Inc. in 2004 was a natural outgrowth of his experiences in using the Internet to build his law firm, and later in creating an online law community for consumers and small business people that was acquired by LexisNexis and incorporated into Martindale-Hubbell’s Lawyers.com website. Currently, more than 7,000 lawyers are blogging and networking on O’Keefe’s LexBlog Network.

“We’ve built a ton of blogs,” O’Keefe said. “The Internet is a very powerful way to get clients the old-fashioned way — through word of mouth.” Through well-written blogs that offer commentary on current trends, attorneys can build their reputations, which can lead to being called for speaking engagements and as sources in the media. The idea is to become part of a wider legal “conversation.” Such exposure builds credibility and trust, he said.

“People don’t trust lawyers generally, so if they are willing to share information and insights in a conversational tone on the Internet, it builds trust and good will, and can lead people to see a lawyer as reliable, competent and trustworthy,” he says.

Across the legal landscape, O’Keefe estimates one percent to two percent of lawyers are currently blogging. It is a relatively new trend that he expects to become more common.

In fact, Tori Sundheim, ’13, is working with faculty to launch a water resources law blog next year.

For those already in the loop, it has been a rewarding experience. And, as Richard noted, it is also a reminder of how the world does not stand still. “Seems like just yesterday,” he says, remembering the days when law exams were written by hand, cases were “shepardized” using real books on hard shelves, and the Internet was but a novelty rather than a source of daily sustenance.

The Kelso Report Covers Important Judicial Decisions

“The Kelso Report,” McGeorge Professor of Law Clark Kelso’s every-morning video and written summary of key judicial decisions, may not be a blog that resides on the Internet — at least not yet. But his “Daily Cup of the Law” is a must-read for hundreds of email subscribers.

Every weekday, Kelso combs the most recent published decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the California Supreme Court and the California Courts of Appeal and delivers to his readers’ email baskets summaries of significant rulings where the law is changing. He writes about all facets of the law — criminal, civil, procedural, and all substantive areas — with the belief that an ongoing and general understanding of the law is of great value to students and practitioners.

“It is easy as practitioners to become so siloed and specialized that you lose track of other broad trends and changes in the law,” said Kelso, who earned his J.D. from Columbia University in 1983 and clerked for Anthony M. Kennedy when the Supreme Court justice was on the Ninth Circuit. “Most people who come into the law are natural generalists. My hope is that this daily exposure will help students and lawyers to stay interested and informed in general about the law and legal reasoning.”

To subscribe, email kelso.report@gmail.com.
**Surprise Visit Thrills ‘Con Law’ Students**

Second-year students in two Constitutional Law classes knew something was up when they were asked to meet as one unit in a bigger classroom on September 4. But it was still a major surprise when Justice Anthony Kennedy walked in to teach the class.

Dean Jay Mootz introduced the Supreme Court justice, a longtime member of Pacific McGeorge’s faculty, and Kennedy engaged the students in an hour-long discussion of the Constitution’s origins, structure and rights.

His hypotheticals, some involving recent high court cases, provoked a lively give-and-take between the students and the Sacramento native. Kennedy taught Constitutional Law to Evening Division classes at Pacific McGeorge from 1965-1988 when he joined the Supreme Court. He also co-taught Fundamental Rights in Europe and the United States at the law school’s summer program in Salzburg, Austria, from 1988-2011. He will return to Salzburg in July 2013.

Kennedy thanked Professors Leslie Jacobs and Brian Landsberg for turning over their lecture time to him. After class, he stayed on to talk to students for a half hour then met with members of the faculty later in the day.

“I know that Justice Kennedy pays at least one visit to our campus every year, but it’s always a thrill for the students to see and interact with him,” Dean Mootz says.

**Asylum Win a First For Immigration Clinic**

May graduate Raissa Morris received thrilling news in June when she found out she had won the Pacific McGeorge Immigration Law Clinic’s first asylum approval for a client who was in the midst of removal proceedings.

Morris, a clinic participant during the 2011-12 academic year, had argued the hearing in April at the San Francisco Immigration Court. The case dealt with whether battered women constitute a social group for asylum, an unsettled area of the law.

“Raissa worked countless hours with her client and on the case,” clinic supervising attorney Blake Nordahl says. “She put together an amazing brief, obtained expert witnesses, and prepared her client, barely an adult, for direct and cross-examination. Raissa conducted direct exam during the four-hour hearing and presented closing arguments. The judge and the government counsel complimented her high level of preparation and professionalism.”

Morris’ case was the subject of a presentation to the University of the Pacific Board of Regents at its April meeting in Sacramento.

“We had just completed the hearing the week before the regents’ meeting and we were sure they would be proud of the work being done in our clinic,” Nordahl says. “Several members expressed interest in learning the outcome. The government has 30 days to appeal. Hopefully, there will be no appeal and the decision will be final.”

Morris served as a volunteer interpreter for the clinic in her second year at Pacific McGeorge. She also worked at each of the law school’s three highly successful citizenship fairs. She hopes to practice immigration law in northern California after passing the bar exam.
Dean Francis J. Mootz III and Dan Richard, '80, kicked off the new Capital Center Lecture series this fall with speaking appearances in September and October, respectively.

As a part of the reinvigoration of the Pacific McGeorge’s Capital Center for Public Law & Policy, the series will host four notable, keynote speakers each year and will take place near the state Capitol.

“The goal for the Series is to bring timely and thoughtful commentary to current state and federal issues relating to government and public law and policy,” said Professor Leslie Jacobs, the Capital Center director. “We have hundreds of alumni who work in governmental positions, and our Capital Certificate program is one of the best in the nation for producing attorneys ready to make a public service impact.”


“There is deep economic unrest and structural changes in the delivery of legal services are unfolding,” Mootz said. “My response as dean is to ensure that we have a ‘right-sized’ McGeorge for the Northern California market, and to ensure that our students receive a superb education that provides them with the tools to compete for scarce legal positions and other positions for which their legal education prepares them.”

Mootz said he is dedicated to ensuring the value of a Pacific McGeorge degree and building not only skillful attorneys, but civic leaders who can operate effectively in and out of government.

A few weeks later, Richard, the chair of the California High Speed Rail Authority, gave an inside view of the largest proposed public works project in American history in the Witkin Schaber segment of the lecture series to a large audience at the Sutter Club.

“Governor Brown made a deliberate, considered decision to move forward with this project,” Richard said. “It might be politically expedient for him to take the off-ramp, as some have suggested, but we cannot stand still if we are to have the infrastructure that a growing California population will need in the middle of this century.”

Brown chose Richard to be the point man for the $55 billion project because of the Pacific McGeorge graduate’s impressive resume working on transportation and energy issues. In the first Brown administration, Richard served as a deputy legal affairs secretary and deputy assistant for science and technology. He later was advisor to the chairman of the California Energy Commission.

As an elected member of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District from 1992 to 2004, he served twice as president of the board and led efforts to secure $4 billion in capital for the transit system’s expansion to the San Francisco Airport and seismic retrofit programs. He also previously served as a senior vice president of public policy and governmental relations for PG&E.

Using an electrified, grade-separated track, high speed rail will allow speeds up to 220 mph in rural areas and be competitive with air travel timetables in the California corridor. The initial 130-mile segment of the line from Madera to Bakersfield was chosen so that it could test those speeds, Richard said.

Initial funding for the project was approved by California voters in November 2008 with the passage of the Proposition 1A bond issue. Richard said there are other designated funds in the 2009 federal stimulus, and he feels strongly that a pay-as-you-build plan will succeed, even attracting private funds. The first phase of the megaproject is scheduled for completion in the year 2022.
Pacific McGeorge Celebrates Completion of USAID Program

Word of a federal grant to fund legal education reforms in China reached campus a fortnight before the application was due, and just as summer vacation was starting. Brian Landsberg, Pacific McGeorge School of Law distinguished professor, and international programs director Clémence Kucera hustled nearly round-the-clock to put a proposal together.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded the grant to Pacific McGeorge in September 2006, launching a collaborative endeavor that would span six years, shape experiential learning curriculum for nearly 150 Chinese law professors and thousands of students, and prove among the most rewarding efforts undertaken in the history of the law school.

“It was quite exciting because it worked,” says Professor Cary Bricker, Pacific McGeorge, one of several faculty members to take part in the overseas initiative. “It totally bore fruit.”

All told, the USAID awarded $2.3 million to the effort, with the overarching mission of enhancing rule of law in China by building professional legal skills programs. Pacific McGeorge brought in American University’s Washington College of Law, which is strong in clinical education, to balance its expertise in advocacy. The Americans initially partnered with three Chinese institutions — China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, South China University of Technology in Guangzhou and Zhejiang Gongshang University in Hangzhou. Five additional campuses were brought in later.

When Landsberg addressed his Chinese counterparts at the first conference in August 2007, he expressed concern about being perceived as “the ugly Americans.” The dean of the host school reassured him otherwise. “You are the experts. We want you to tell us what to do,” he told Landsberg.

For starters, participants had to dispense with traditional Chinese teaching methods that have long relied on professorial lectures, students’ rigorous note-taking and “regurgitation” at the final exam, Landsberg explained. In their place, the Americans trained Chinese professors how to teach their students by using hands-on methods through clinic and advocacy work. Since “advocacy” doesn’t translate directly into Chinese, the focus was broadened to “persuasive lawyering,” which included mastering negotiation and mediation skills as well as trying cases and arguing appeals. “Training the trainers,” as the approach was called, involved instruction in everything from how to teach client interviewing and supervise student clinicians to the value of client-centered lawyering.

Learning the skills was just part of the equation, but the Chinese participants soon made the connection that the skills were also a bridge to a deeper understanding of the substance of the legal issues themselves. “What was wonderful about it was that the Chinese professors caught onto it so fast in one sense. They needed a lot, but they very quickly saw the utility of it,” Landsberg says.

The USAID initiative also included yearlong exchange programs for several Chinese law professors who came to the United States to complete LLM programs in Experiential Legal Education at Pacific McGeorge and American University, as well as the publication of three new books of curricular materials and effective practices in Chinese legal education —
written collaboratively by the Chinese and American professors and to be distributed to 140 law schools throughout China.

“It was a lot of work,” says Landsberg, who traveled to China some 20 times over the six years. The training sessions would customarily start at 9 a.m. and break up at dinnertime. Landsberg and the other American trainers would meet late into the evening to review the day’s work and to adjust the next day’s program. Most free time was given over to organized excursions. “The Chinese law professors all wanted us to see their cities. They all wanted to show us around. They all treated us royally,” Landsberg says.

Bricker was one of several Pacific McGeorge professors to help lead the trainings. She taught trial advocacy, international arbitration and other types of alternative dispute resolution. The Chinese professors were quick studies, she says. At the conclusion of the second series she oversaw, they pretended to be law students engaged in arbitration. They called witnesses, gave opening statements and delivered closing arguments. “It was really quite amazing that they did it so well, that they really mastered the skills,” Bricker says. “The more they use cross-examination, witnesses, trials, the more they move toward rule of law.”

The USAID grant marked Pacific McGeorge’s most recent involvement with Chinese legal education, but not its first, former Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker pointed out in a congratulatory note to Landsberg and the rest of the team when the project ended this past July. Former LL.M. student Zhu Suli, ’87, returned to China and became dean of Beijing University law school. There are more than 50 other Chinese or Chinese-American graduates of the law school practicing or teaching in China. Also, during the 2004-2005 school year, Pacific McGeorge developed a summer program at Soochow University for American and Chinese law students that was later taken over by Cornell Law School.

Still, the teacher training initiative — the first law school program to be competitively selected by the USAID, Parker noted — took the school’s contributions to a new level. “The benefit of what you have accomplished is difficult to overstate,” she wrote. “Certainly the Law School’s reputation for creative international programming has benefitted, as have all those faculty, whether American or Chinese, who have participated in the US AID program.”

Bricker credits Landsberg for much of the success of the undertaking. “Brian is like the unsung hero. He came up with this rule of law concept, of teaching a whole new method of educating law students, and it seems they’re doing it,” she said. “He was the life’s blood and he was indefatigable.”

The six-year program wound down last summer with a two-week evaluation of the participating schools and three conferences, designed in large part to roll out the newly published materials. The series includes three books: Effective Practices of Experiential Legal Education,” modeled after Best Practices for Legal Education; Handbook for Teaching Experiential Legal Education; and Skills Training Handbook for Experiential Teaching in Doctrinal Law Courses.

Evaluations of the program were roundly favorable, and Landsberg is pleased that the endeavor achieved its dual goals of sustainability and scalability. Several of the Chinese law professors they trained have already, in turn, gone on to train their peers in China and — in one case — in Vietnam. Distribution of the printed materials will also have a lasting effect, he hopes. “We don’t know what the future holds in China because it’s a very complex society and a one-party system,” Landsberg says. “But we believe we have helped provide people with those skills and now it’s up to them to do something with them.”

Editor’s note: Many other faculty members participated in the USAID program, including several who took one or more trips to teach in China: Michael Colatrella, Matthew Downs, Fred Galves, Leslie Jacobs, Dorothy Landsberg, Jay Leach, Mary-Beth Moylan, Maureen Watkins, Jarrod Wong.
Kelso Teaches Last ‘Con Law’ Class

Professor Charles Kelso ended his reign as the country’s oldest full-time law professor on April 19, 2012, when he taught his final Constitutional Law class at age 83.

In 1951, Kelso was the youngest law professor in the country — by four years — when he began his teaching career at Indiana University School of Law at age 22. He has taught Constitutional Law at Indiana, Pacific McGeorge, and several other law schools as a visiting professor for nearly 60 years.

The popular and spry octogenarian has cut his work schedule in half for the 2012-13 academic year, teaching only an American Legal History Seminar and the First amendment elective course.

A native of Indiana, Kelso earned an undergraduate degree and J.D. at the University of Chicago and clerked for Supreme Court Justice Sherman Minton before beginning his career in legal academia. In the 1960s, he added an LL.M. and a J.S.D. from Columbia University School of Law to his resume.

“Charles is an institution around here,” says Professor John Sims, one of Kelso’s ‘Con Law’ colleagues. “He still writes first-rate law review articles on the Supreme Court and is widely recognized for his expertise on that subject. McGeorge has been fortunate to have him on our faculty all these years, and I’m sure thousands of alumni remember him fondly.”

Faculty, Students Train Chile Public Defenders

A contingent of Pacific McGeorge faculty members and students from the law school’s Federal Defender Clinic conducted a two-week training program in August for Chilean public defenders in Santiago, Chile.

Charlie Young, ’13, Meghan Clair, ’13, and Matt Fleming, ’11, each of whom is fluent in Spanish, joined Professors Emily Garcia Uhrig, Raquel Aldana, Cary Bricker and Luis Mogollon in a program that focused on interviewing, counseling and engaging in plea-bargaining.

Bricker, who directs the on-campus defender clinic now in its fourth year, collaborated with Garcia Uhrig and Aldana to construct a skills-based syllabus and develop materials in the early summer that included different kinds of simulations and exercises used in the law school’s clinical courses.

“The students, who often played the role of clients, were incredible,” Bricker says. “We had the good fortune to have former student Matt Fleming, a superstar in the Federal Defender clinic two years ago, participate. Charlie and Megan were awesome.”

The National Public Defender of Chile spoke to the visiting instructors and their 20-plus students on the first day of the training sessions. Later in the first week, the Regional Defender of Chile audited the course and expressed enthusiastic support for his participant-colleagues.

“I left after the first week, but our crew stayed on to teach plea-bargaining with a second group of defenders,” Bricker says. “Professor Michael Colatrella’s terrific materials on negotiation really came in handy.”

In the past decade, Chile completely overhauled its criminal justice system with the implementation of a new adversarial system as opposed to its former inquisitional judicial-tribunal system. The government of Chile first called on Pacific McGeorge for its training assistance in early 2004 when eight prosecutors and 11 public defenders came to Sacramento for a four-week program directed by Professor Jay Leach.
McCaffrey On Call
Often in The Hague

Professor Steve McCaffrey, one of the world’s foremost experts on laws governing international watercourses, is highly sought for his expertise by nations of the world involved in water law disputes with neighboring countries.

This fall, he made two trips to The Netherlands to consult and testify on cases before the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. McCaffrey went to The Hague for a meeting of Nicaragua’s legal team in a case that grew out of his previous legal work for that Central American country in a international court case involving navigation on the San Juan River.

After returning to campus for a week, he was off New Delhi, India, for a meeting of India’s legal team on the Kishenganga River dam arbitration between India and Pakistan. Construction on the dam in India was halted in October 2011. Pakistan maintains that the planned diversion of the waters of the Kishenganga/Neelum River by the major hydro-electric project is prohibited by the Indus Waters Treaty. In late August, McCaffrey argued on behalf of India at the Court of Arbitration’s two-week hearing at The Hague.

Despite racking up plenty of frequent flier miles on his travels, McCaffrey actually doesn’t get much sleep on planes. On one recent flight, he finished an expert opinion on the jurisdiction of the arbitral tribunal for Ecuador in its dispute with the United States. It is one of many cases that have grown out of activities of Texaco, now part of Chevron, in Ecuador related to the extraction of petroleum and related harm to indigenous peoples and the environment.

Slocum, Gevurtz Share 2012 Sprankling Award
Professors Brian Slocum and Frank Gevurtz received the John G. Sprankling Faculty Scholarship Award for their contributions to legal scholarship during the 2011-12 year at the annual Pacific McGeorge Faculty Dinner in August at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento.

Slocum was honored for his article, “Linguistics and ‘Ordinary Meaning’ Determinations,” 33 Statute L. Rev. 39 (2012), which appeared in the Statute Law Review, a publication of the Oxford University Press in the United Kingdom. A fifth-year member of the faculty, Slocum is pursuing a PhD. in Linguistics at the UC Davis while teaching full-time at Pacific McGeorge.

Gevurtz, whose legal scholarship is widely cited in other academic journals and appellate court cases, was honored for his article, “The Role of Corporate Law in Preventing a Financial Crisis: Reflections on re Citigroup Inc., Shareholder Derivative Litigation,” a chapter in a book, Corporate Governance After the Financial Crisis, (P.M. Vasudev and S. Watson, eds., Edward Elgar Publishing 2012).

Gevurtz, the co-director of Pacific McGeorge’s Global Center for Business & Development, was recently elected a member of the prestigious and exclusive International Academy of Comparative Law.

Also at the faculty dinner, Professor Larry Levine received the Manolakas Extraordinary Contribution Award for his numerous contributions to the law school and received high praise from Assistant Dean Matt Downs, last year’s co-winner. “We honor our esteemed colleague Larry this year specifically for his extraordinary leadership and dedicated service as vice chair of the Dean Search Committee and chair of the Search Committee for the Assistant Dean of Admissions,” Downs said. “That service was in addition to the
notable contributions Larry makes routinely to the law school — his volunteerism in student recruitment and Legal Scholars Day model classes, his development of the Poilé LGBT Civil Rights Scholarship, his engagement with alumni throughout California, to give just a few examples.”

Former Dean Jerry Caplan, Joe Taylor and John Sprankling each were recognized for 20 years of service on the faculty. Gevurtz, who celebrates 30 years of service this year, was also honored. Teacher of the Year Awards, which are voted on by the student body, went to Professor Cary Bricker (Evening Division) and Sprankling (Day Division).

Nixon Library Adds Landsberg Interview
An hour-long interview with Dorothy Landsberg, ’87, has been added to the oral history holdings of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, which feature individuals who played a significant role in the rise and fall of the impeached 37th President of the United States.

The Pacific McGeorge director of Clinical Studies at Pacific McGeorge is one of only 150 individuals whose testimony has contributed to the historical collection. Others interviewed include Carl Bernstein, Robert Bork, Bob Dole, Daniel Ellsberg, David Frost, Alexander Haig, John Kerry, G. Gordon Liddy, George McGovern and William Safire.

In 1974, Landsberg was a researcher for the House Judiciary Committee Impeachment Inquiry investigation into the Watergate Scandal. Her former boss at the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division, John Doar, had been selected special counsel to the committee. He chose Landsberg to be among a staff of young lawyers and researchers who embarked on a world-shaking inquiry.

The facts unearthed by Landsberg and her colleagues led to the August 1974 resignation of President Nixon.

Landsberg, the wife of Professor Brian Landsberg, later decided to attend law school and pursue a legal career herself.

Vitiello Books Launch West Simulation Series
Professor Michael Vitiello’s books, Criminal Procedure Simulations and Civil Procedure Simulations, are the first to be published in West’s new Bridge to Practice Series.

The books will supplement traditional casebooks in courses across the curriculum and are designed to let students see how abstract legal rules work in practice. Vitiello, who proposed the series concept to the publishing house in early 2011, is at work on another book on Criminal Law with Professor Cary Bricker.

Distinguished Professor and Scholar John Sprankling is writing a series book about Property Law. Professors Fred Galves and Jay Leach have signed a contract to deliver a book on Evidence, as have Professor Larry Levine for Torts and Professor Michael Malloy for Contracts.

“The series is responsive to the call to action by the Carnegie Report for more attention to the second apprenticeship and the demands that young lawyers have greater practical skills,” Vitiello said. “The books contain sets of simulations, covering a wide array of issues, that give students the opportunity to learn essential lawyering skills.

These simulations put students in roles of counselor, oral advocate, and legal writer.”

Vitiello, a member of the Pacific McGeorge faculty since 1990, is one of the law school’s most prolific scholars. He is particularly well-known for his work on sentencing reform and his scholarship on the conflict between state and federal marijuana laws.

Yelpaala Teaches Course in China
Professor Kojo Yelpaala spent a month in China this fall as a distinguished visiting professor at a prestigious Chinese university where he taught a two-week course this fall on Public International Law.
Yelpaala’s visit came at the recommendation of a Chinese law professor whom he had never met, but who had read the Pacific McGeorge professor’s scholarship on international business trade and transactions. Yelpaala stayed on after finishing his classroom duties and visited several other Chinese law schools in the Shanghai area.

Fifty second-year law students were enrolled in Yelpaala’s class at Southeast University in Nanjing, which with a population of over seven million is the second-largest city in East China. The university, well-known for its science and research facilities, is building up its law school with an emphasis on international business.

“They law school is trying to go global,” Yelpaala said. “Chinese universities are very serious about international business and they are looking outward. We see many excellent Chinese students in our classrooms here at McGeorge and at other top American law schools. Over there, I saw African and Middle Eastern students in their classrooms.”

Yelpaala also gave a talk, “Foreign Direct Investment in Africa,” to more than 90 attorneys and businessman at a meeting of the provincial Jiangsu Bar Association. “Most Americans would be surprised to know how much investment the Chinese are pouring into Africa.”

For the past 30 years, Yelpaala has taught numerous courses in Pacific McGeorge’s highly regarded LL.M. in Transnational Program, many of them open to J.D. students.

**DACA Day helps Young Immigrants**

Pacific McGeorge students, faculty and alumni helped 135 young men and women with no lawful immigration status, most of them students, apply for limited immigration relief on a Saturday in mid-October.

Under an executive directive from the Obama administration, the campus visitors were able to apply for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that allows eligible people who meet certain requirements to receive temporary two-year deportation deferrals and work permits.

The fair was a culmination of four prior events in the community (Sacramento Public library; Mexican Consulate; Food Bank; McGeorge campus) where applicants came to be educated on DACA and to receive one-on-one prior consultations to decide issues of eligibility, bars to filing, and preparation for filing if an affirmative recommendation was given. Nearly 200 DACA applicants showed up at these preliminary events, some of whom were advised not to apply.

This was a fourth annual successful immigration event organized by Clinics Director Dorothy Landsberg, Professor Raquel Aldana and Professor Blake Nordahl.

**Malloy Speaks Twice At UN Policy Events**

Professor Michael Malloy spoke on a panel focusing on the “Sustainable Real Estate Markets” during a UN Symposium this fall. He was invited to that New York City event after an appearance at a UN conference in Geneva, Switzerland, where he spoke on the potential for more effective risk-management tools in housing financing.
Promoting Faculty Scholarship and Promoting the Law

THE PACIFIC McGEORGE PROFILE

By Joanna Corman

Professor Anne Bloom

Professor of Law
Associate Dean of Faculty Scholarship
B.A., Mount Saint Mary’s University
J.D., University of Maryland
Ph.D., University of Washington

Courses
Torts, Civil Procedure, Jurisprudence,
Law and Politics, Complex Litigation,
Transnational Tort Litigation

Public Sector
Attorney, Public Justice
Attorney, Bernabei & Katz
Attorney, Public Citizen
Washington, D.C.
While supporting fish farmers and teaching women to read serving in the Peace Corps in Nepal in the 1980s, Anne Bloom learned to do a lot with little.

The lesson has carried over into her law career. “As a Peace Corps volunteer, you have to be really creative about working with whatever resources you have,” says Bloom, who is associate dean for faculty scholarship and professor of law at Pacific McGeorge. “I sometimes feel the same way about the law. I walk into a legal situation and sometimes at first glance I think, ‘There’s no way I can figure this out; there’s no way my client can win.’ But if you sit with it long enough, you can usually find a creative solution.”

Bloom joined McGeorge in 2004. She teaches classes about civil procedure, torts, jurisprudence, law and politics, complex litigation and transnational tort litigation.

In July, she was appointed associate dean for faculty scholarship, a role that allows her to support and promote her colleagues’ writing. In the position, Bloom helps faculty obtain feedback on their work, both from McGeorge professors and from off-campus and out-of-town practitioners and professors. She also works to obtain greater support for faculty scholarship, including funding for scholarly research and marketing of faculty activities.

“I enjoy all the exposure I get to my colleagues’ work,” Bloom says of her new role. “Many of our faculty members write about issues that are very important for public policy debates. It’s great to see how they are making a difference in the world through their scholarship.”

Bloom entered the University of Maryland Law School wanting to “change the world for the better. I thought I could use the law as a way of empowering people. It turned out to be true, so that was great.”

She knew in law school that she wanted to be a public interest lawyer and eventually chose impact litigation. She started her career as a staff attorney at Public Citizen in Washington, D. C., where she testified before Congress and drafted legislation, representing consumers, on topics such as pesticide regulation and other environmental issues.

After leaving Public Citizen, Bloom worked at the firms of Bernabei & Katz and Public Justice. Her practice included trial work, assembling teams of lawyers to litigate complex cases, and litigating precedent-setting and appellate cases. Some of her clients included female athletes in Title IX cases.

In 2001, Bloom received a PhD in political science from the University of Washington. Pursuing the degree evolved from her practice. She wanted to explore the best ways to use the law for social change and to study “to what extent were courts really making a difference and under what conditions were lawyers and courts most likely to make a difference.”

In 2002, Bloom made the leap to academia, teaching politics at Occidental College, although she still handles pro bono work. She became a professor to delve into questions in an open-ended way without being ethically constrained to represent a client’s particular interests. She also has held several visiting professorships in law across the country and at the University of Salzburg, and was a senior fellow at Columbia University’s Center for Gender & Sexuality Law in Fall 2011.

Bloom enjoys sharing her enthusiasm for the legal system with students and hearing their thoughts about how it could change for the better.

“Law is one of the greatest professions a person can enter, and I like introducing students to what an honorable and intellectually stimulating and important profession it is,” Bloom says.

One of the lessons Bloom shares with her students is that “the law changes as it’s applied.” While practicing law, Bloom says she had cases in which the law seemed unfavorable toward her client at the case’s start. But in working through the legal issues, she found a way to find relief for her client. “It was just a question of taking the time to think the case through carefully and being creative about approaching it,” she says.

She has a poster in her office that represents what she learned as a practicing lawyer and what she tries to teach her students: “Making law is art, and working in law is art, and good law is the best art,” she says, quoting the poster. “The law may seemingly not be with you, (but) sometimes the law can be reinterpreted in ways that may be more favorable to your client than you initially contemplate could be possible.”

Recent Scholarship


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

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends,

It has been a busy six months for the McGeorge Alumni Association. We have held many successful reunion and regional events, as you can see from reading the following pages.

I hope you get a chance to meet our new dean, Francis J. Mootz, or “Jay” as he likes to be called among friends and colleagues. A very personable man, he is hitting the road to meet alumni at many upcoming regional events (see Calendar, inside back cover). Dean Mootz attended one of the first of these receptions in early September in Reno and was impressed with the enthusiasm and vitality of the Northern Nevada Alumni Chapter. The Nevadans were impressed with his knowledge of the law school and his aspirations for its future.

Also, if you get a chance, please pay a visit to the Pacific McGeorge campus. It is gorgeous. The Legal Studies Center that opened last fall is beautiful and functional. The remodeled McGeorge House has a large deck, with a giant redwood in the middle of it, which overlooks the well-groomed quad. Student study groups flock there on weekends. In addition, the “Courtroom of the Future,” circa 1973, which we used to chuckle about has been given a $1 million facelift making it a modern, airy, well-lit place all should see.

Please do your best to attend a McGeorge regional chapter event. If your schedule does not permit that—and I realize we are often so busy—please help McGeorge by getting involved in another way. Opportunities include being a donor, mentoring a current student, and calling the Career Development Office with a job opportunity or internship.

The law school’s enrollment is smaller than when most of us were there. The last two entering Day Division classes have been the smallest since the entering classes of 1969 and 1970, respectively. This action was deliberately taken last year in response to the difficult job market in the legal profession nationwide.

Pacific McGeorge is doing its part to produce well-educated graduates who will have promising legal careers. Please consider being part of that process and getting involved.

Best regards,

Erin M. Dunston ’99


Sacramento attorney Bruce Timm, ’98, is serving his second four-year term on the McGeorge Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Timm has served on the board’s executive committee as Vice President of Alumni Programs and been particularly active in bringing Pacific McGeorge students and alumni mentors together. A former adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge, he has participated in numerous Career Development Office panel discussions, judged oral arguments for the moot court team, and been a regular attendee at Dine with Alumni programs.

While a student at Pacific McGeorge, Timm won the Final Four Top Oral Advocate Award, was elected to membership in the Roger J Traynor Honor Society, was a member of the National Moot Court Competition Team, and served as a teaching assistant in Appellate Advocacy.

The incoming president of the Sacramento County Bar Association, Timm is a shareholder at Boutin Jones Inc., and a member of the firm’s Employment Law and Litigations Practice groups. He is one of many alumni at the full-service business, real estate and litigation firm, which absorbed several former McDonough Holland & Allen attorneys when that firm dissolved in 2010.

Boutin Jones was named one of the “Best Law Firms” in a recent U.S. News & World Report survey. Bob Swanson, ’92, is the managing shareholder of 36-attorney firm and heads a board of directors that includes Jeff Jones, ’79, Kent Silvester, ’86, and Julia Jenness, a non-alum who has been a speaker at past Pacific McGeorge Career Development events.

Class of 1972’s 40th Reunion
A Grand Affair in Granite Bay

By Michael Curran

Thanks to the generosity of their classmate, Roseville attorney John Britton, the Class of 1972’s 40th anniversary reunion was a spectacular success with more than 30 members of the class celebrating on September 15, 2012, at his Granite Bay home.

“After so many years, it was really great to see all those people and talk about the old days,” says Professor Emeritus Claude Rohwer, a special guest at the reception. “It was a real treat for everyone, and John Britton deserves special thanks for opening his lovely home to us.”

Class Evening Division Representative Gordon Adelman and Day Division rep Jeff Marschner put together a reunion committee that included retired Judge Darrel Lewis, John DeRonde and Ross deLipkau. Adelman, Lewis and others put in hundreds of phone calls and emails to their classmates, and their hard work paid off.

“Who are all those geezers?” Marschner recalls thinking when some of his classmates arrived.

“Maybe some of them invited their parents and didn’t tell us — just to get them out of ‘the home’ for the day — I don’t know, man,” he joked.

His classmates presented Britton with a framed honorary degree for “Human Kindness and Concern for Others” in thanks for bringing them together.

“The Alumni Office did a great job in supporting our efforts,” Lewis says. “They were there anytime we needed assistance, and I would urge any other class to engage them in their reunion plans.”

There were 101 graduates in the combined Day and Evening Class of 1972. Eighty-six are still alive.

Photography: Megan Laurie

Memories of blue books, Blackacre, smaller trees on the quad, Luther’s Torts, Curtis/Kolb’s Property, Lejo’s and The Pub brought back the Class of 1977 for our 35th reunion Sept. 21-22, 2012 in Sacramento.

The party started early Friday with an alumna lunch for the women at Lucca’s. Friday night, it was drinks on the Hyatt Regency patio. On Saturday, we were treated to a tour of the campus led by our good friends at the Alumni Office. We quickly transitioned into a wine law MCLE, complete with wine and cheese. The Saturday night dinner at Spataro’s flew by quickly with more laughs and better wine than we drank in the 1970’s. And then there were the goodbyes on Sunday.

More than 40 alums, brave spouses and significant others attended, including Bill Gasbarro who came all the way from New Jersey. Others who hit the road to see old pals including Bonny McDonald and Dave Brown (Walnut Creek), Dorothy Nash Holmes (Reno), Bert Levy (Fresno), John Donegan (Menlo Park), Jim Hastings (San Rafael), Paul Burns (Newcastle), and yours truly (Los Angeles).

Of course, there was a big contingent from Sacramento, including Dave Anderson, Ray Cadei, Rex-Ann Gualco, Charlotte Hemker-Smith, George Henderson, Sharon...
European Chapter Hosts Rome Reunion Conference


A welcoming reception sponsored by Giovanni Peluso, LL.M. ’91, and his firm, Studio Legale Sammarco, opened the festivities. Adjunct professor and Dutch attorney Winfried van den Mujisenbergh, the president of the International Board of Advisors, was the keynote speaker at the conference kickoff dinner.

A second-day CLE program featured Peluso speaking on “Lawyers Liability in the EU: A Comparison with the United States,” Meril Markley, LL.M. ’84, talking about “Innovations from 14th Century France — How the World’s First Energy Companies Sparked Modern Corporate Governance and Survived for 600 Years,” and Professor Frank Gervurtz, the director of Pacific McGeorge’s Global Center for Business & Development, discussing the “Globalization of Corporate Law.”

Katharine Baragona, ’90, Lloyd De Vos, Maurizio Miano, LL.M. ’89, Keith Pershall, LL.M. ’95, Sidney Picker, Judge Fausto Pocar, Hans Schnur, LL.M. ’91, and adjunct professor Joe Smallhoover were among board of advisors members in attendance.


New Supreme Court Bar Members Party In Washington, D.C.

Fifteen Pacific McGeorge graduates were admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar at a swearing-in ceremony sponsored by the Pacific McGeorge Alumni Association on June 4, 2012, in Washington, D.C.


The new admittees met later with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, Professor John Sims and previous inductee John DeRonde, ’72, for a private reception. Kate Baragona, ’90, a senior infrastructure finance specialist at The World Bank, hosted an evening cocktail party at her agency that was attended by the out-of-town visitors, Washington D.C. alumni chapter members, and Pacific McGeorge students serving as interns this summer in the nation’s capital.


From left, former Alumni Director Barbara Thomas with Keith Pershall, LL.M.’95, adjunct professor and program advisor Joe Smallhoover and Meril Markley, LL.M.’84
1968

Clarence Walden, 1965
As judge of the “Court of Love,” this year marks my 50th anniversary solemnizing marriages between a man and a woman beginning March 4, 1960. (Woodland, CA)

Ronald Robie, 1967

James Mikacich, 1969
After six grandsons, we have a granddaughter. My practice is down to two or three days a week. I’m trying to get in some golf and travel while also finding more time for church and Notre Dame-related events. I try to attend McGeorge activities and am happy to confer with students. (Sacramento)

1970

Hugh Allen
I started law school in 1966, passed bar in 1970, practiced primarily in family law, and served as a part-time judge. I’ve also retired from the U.S. Navy after 43 years in active, reserve, and retired reserve service. (Wilton, CA)

Michael Dorais
I was general counsel for 27 years for a statewide trade group, did four years as a legislative representative for a state agency and served 13 years as an administrative law judge. So I want to say, thank you Dean Schaber, for making McGeorge’s night school available for us. (Sacramento)

Raul Ramirez
My latest challenge was helping to resolve the “Davis Pepper Spray” incident. I just received information that my dearest daughter is going to have twins!! It looks like grandpa will remain active. (Sacramento)

1971

Anthony Poidmore
Poidmore negotiated an $855,600 settlement in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for a plaintiff in a First Amendment defamation case. He is a principal in the Anthony J. Poidmore Law Offices. (Roseville, CA)

1972

Gordon Adelman
It was a pleasant surprise when I was invited to join a 40th reunion committee of 1972 graduates with John Britton, John DeRonde, Jeff Marschner, Judge Darrel Lewis, Ross Delipkau, and Marvin Murphy. Preparation for the 40th reunion at John Britton’s home included contacting all of the 1972 graduates. As the evening representative, I tracked down and located all by one person. The experience, while very time-consuming, was fun, and it really paid off when I got to see many of them at the reunion on September 15. (Sacramento)

Steve Kosach
Kosach has retired as a judge of Nevada’s Second Judicial District Court after more than 20 years on the bench. (Reno, NV)

Robert McConnell
McConnell was elected to Vallejo City Council in November 2011. He has also served on the Vallejo City Planning Commission and has an acting award from the Mira Theatre. (Vallejo, CA)

1973

Richard Kassis
I retired in 2009 as chief trial attorney for the AC Transit district after 36 years as staff counsel, including two-and-a-half years’ service as acting general. I served 17 years on the Emeryville City Council, including terms as vice mayor and mayor. (Emeryville, CA)

Rudolph Nolen
I’m still practicing with a great staff of three paralegals and office manager. I bought and renovated an historic building in Midtown, of course at precisely the wrong time. I was honored as the Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA’s Trial Lawyer of the Year in 2010. In 2006, I was remarried in 2006 to a fabulous lady. My son is now 30 and enjoying enormous success in S.F. — fortunately I talked him out of the law. (Sacramento)

Robert Ornellas
I am now getting to travel and play golf. Enjoy time with our five grandkids (three girls, two boys) and have vacationed with them in Hawaii. (Fresno, CA)

Frederic Warner
I have been engaged in extensive criminal law practice and have not lost a jury trial in three years. My cases have taken me from Marysville, Truckee, El Centro, Sacramento, Ventura, and Riverside. My oldest daughter graduated from USD School of Law and has job with Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher in Irvine. I play clarinet in two professional orchestras in my free time. (Woodland Hills, CA)

George F. Wolcott
I am practicing only 1-5 p.m., four days a week. I stopped at McGeorge in June and learned that tuition is now in excess of $40,000 per year. In Eastern Washington, I do not believe that a young lawyer can make enough money to justify that amount of expenditure — and our area is swamped with new lawyers. We celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary recently. Our daughter and son-in-law took us fishing on the Mackenzie River near Eugene, Oregon. As usual Sybil caught the most trout. We are healthy and enjoying life and sincerely hope you are, too. (Richland, WA)
1974

**Patrick Beasley**

Beasley won a defense verdict in Shasta Superior Court in an auto accident case in which the plaintiff sought a verdict in excess of $7 million. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Beasley & Mittry. (Redding CA)

**Chris Beecroft**

After a successful, quarter-century private law practice in Las Vegas, I became ADR Commissioner for the 8th Judicial Court in 2000. Recently, I was appointed to a national task force to develop a "best practices" manual on developing and implementing short/summary/expedited trial programs to be utilized by jurisdictions that presently do not have such programs. Christine, my wife of 41 years, and I have two children, Melissa and Jonathan. (Las Vegas, NV)

**William Callaham**

Callaham won a $3 million verdict as a co-counsel for the family of a deceased individual in a four-week jury trial in Butte County Superior Court. He is a principal in the firm of Wilcoxen Callaham LLP. (Sacramento)

**Kim Gilbert**

We still divide our time between Fair Oaks condo and tri-level home at 7000 in the San Bernardino National Forest, and traveling to grandkids’ events – college graduations and weddings. Nephew and niece both had sons last year, so we’ve been celebrating 1-year olds. Herb still testifies as brain injury expert (MOLD, MTBI) while I am again immersed in volunteer lawyering and serving on an H.O.A. Board of Directors. We vacationed in June at Sea Ranch to celebrate 65th birthday with friends and family. (Fair Oaks, CA)

**Richard Hettinger**

I am a shareholder/director/vice president of a firm. Thirty-three years practicing in San Antonio, so I guess I’m a local. (San Antonio, TX)

1975

**Mark Hurst**

I was promoted to Administrative Law Judge II with the Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Health Care Services. (Elk Grove, CA)

**Bruce Lindsay**

Lindsay appeared extensively in a “Dateline NBC” true crime story about the 2001 murder of his childhood friend and law school classmate Larry McNabney, ’74. He is a criminal defense attorney who served as a public defender with McNabney early in his career. (Reno, NV)

**Arthur Scotland**

Scotland, the retired presiding justice of the Third District Court of Appeal, has joined Nielsen Merksamer Parninello Gross & Leoni in an of counsel capacity. (Sacramento)

**Robert Long**

I have immersed myself as managing partner at the Montagna Estate. In October 2012, The Wine Enthusiast magazine is supposed to feature a story of the wineries on Pritchard Hill. The author rated our Tre Vigneti (cabernet blend) and our Syrah 94 points. They gave our La Presa “One South” (100 percent cabernet) 96 points. For those of you who enjoy Napa Valley wines, the article should be interesting. (Napa, CA)

**Lee Salter**

I am involved with a $400 million private foundation that has programs in five northern California counties and the countries of Nepal and Laos. (Redding, CA)

**Timothy Yaryan**

I love representing public safety in the Capitol and am looking forward to a heavy fall campaign season. I occasionally run into classmates like Steve Johanson, Art Scotland and a few others. Retirement seems a long way away. (Gold River, CA)

**Francis Abi-Nader**

After 40 years of practice in the field of workers compensation, I chose inactive status with the State Bar in February 2012. I started as a staff attorney with the State Compensation Insurance Fund and later was in charge of the fund's local office. I also represented the SCIF in Superior Court cases. I retired in December 2000 and formed a partnership, AbiNader & Walker, and purchased a workers’ compensation practice in Nevada City to represent injured workers. We sold the practice in 2007 but continued to resolve a few cases until recently. Through the courtesy of Pacific McGeorge, I was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in May 2005. My wife Judy and I have raised four sons. (Fair Oaks, CA)

**Daniel Alberti**

Alberti has been named managing partner of McDermott Will & Emery’s office. A longtime partner at the firm, he focuses his practice on complex litigation matters, including patent and trade secret cases. (Menlo Park, CA)

**Ron Bath**

Bath and classmate James Hardesty, ’75, were interviewed for a TV station KRNV Channel 4 profile story on their former Constitutional Law professor, Associate Justice Anthony of the Supreme Court of the United States. Bath is a retired Air Force general and attorney while Hardesty is a justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. (Reno, NV)

**Roger Cartozian**

I have a few more years to go before retirement. I will be a grandparent again in December 2012. My son, Andy, is carrying my name. My daughter, Elizabeth, changed careers and is a registered nurse. Otherwise, I’m still pushing paper at the office. (Sacramento)

**Daniel Davis**

Yes, I was captain of Safety Patrol in 6th grade and took first place in the baseball throw and 50 yard dash in Cub Scouts. But there hasn’t been much else since puberty — I’ve been involved in many major cases that my opponent has won. In family news, it’s married, six children and five grandchildren. (Carmichael, CA)

**Bryan Kemnitzer**

Kemnitzer was a member of a plaintiff team that won an unfair business practices victory in San Francisco Superior Court over Wells Fargo bank that saved a large class of borrowers more than $200 million. He is a principal in the firm of Kemnitzer, Barron & Krieg LLP. (San Francisco, CA)

**Bruce Kilday**

I am a partner and a debtor at our firm, which recently celebrated our 15th anniversary. I’m still pleasantly surprised he has a job. Sue is teaching high school. Elisabeth is at Smithsonian and recently gave Justice Kennedy and our family a tour. Patrick is in his second year of residency in L.A. I’m a lucky guy. (Sacramento)

**Douglass MacEllven**

I have changed my bar status to pro bono so that I can continue to help veterans legal non-profit on a volunteer basis. I attended McGeorge while in the Air Force at McClellan Air Force Base. (Hillsboro, OR)

**Hayne Moyer**

We are retired and traveling. So far this year, Susan and I have had five trips within California with other trips to Oregon, Washington, Montana, New York, New England and Ontario, Canada. Early 2013, it’s back to St. Lucia then on to Amsterdam, Belgium and Paris. I was recently re-elected to University of the Pacific’s Board of Regents. (Fair Oaks, CA)

**Michael Schneider**

In June 2012, I took delivery of my rebuilt bush plane from Yakima, Washington, where it has been since November 2010. It is beautiful, and I’ve been able to put some hours on it this fall. We did some caribou hunting in August and September. Our practice goes well. (Anchorage, AK)
Michael Semmens
I have a granddaughter, Jewel, and I have a grandson, Lincoln. (Sacramento)

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Douglas deVries
I concluded 35 years as litigator in 2011, transitioning to a full-time mediator affiliated with Judicate West. (Sacramento)

Robert Johnston
Johnston announced his retirement as a U.S. magistrate judge, effective at the end of this year. He serves on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada bench. (Las Vegas, NV)

Brian O’Grady
O’Grady won a $662,498 verdict in Santa Clara Superior Court in a breach of contract case involving a Ponzi scheme. He is a senior partner in the firm of Gazzera, O’Grady & Stevens. (Mountain View, CA)

Michael Ramsey
Ramsey spoke on “Prosecuting Environmental Crimes” at UC Davis School of Law. He has served as the Butte County District Attorney for 24 years. (Oroville, CA)

Donald Squires
I am an assigned judge for the Administrative Office of the Courts. Although happily retired after 25 years on Alameda County bench, I pick up occasional assignments in San Francisco, Santa Clara and Alameda counties. I enjoy reading fiction again, travel, scuba, woodworking, blacksmithing and all other wonderful pursuits put aside while rearing children and tending to the law. (Fremont, CA)

Bruce Beesley
I completed my first year as a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge. I love the job more than I thought I would, and I thought I would like it a lot. I spend every other week in Las Vegas; I don’t like that part as much. I am spending lots of time doing blacksmithing and have a great forge. Ann Morgan, ’79, and I celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary this August, and we saw our son graduate from college. Both son and daughter are doing well. (Reno, NV)

Michael Hackard
I am the president of Hackard Law PLC. Lisa and I celebrated our 40th anniversary at Tahoe with our children and grandchildren. I am expanding our areas of practice that are appropriate for my age — Estate Planning, Estate and Trust Litigation, Business Succession Planning, and Domestic Asset Protection Law. (Salem, OR)

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John Donegan
Although semiretired, I keep busy by scanning the obituaries for possible probates, flattering wealthy widows, and meeting other geezer lawyers to swap war stories and kvetch about our physical decay. (Woodside, CA)

Dennis Stone
Stone was appointed president of the Charlotte School of Law. As an interim dean, he led the school to full ABA accreditation. He has more than 35 years of experience in legal education, having served as professor of law and director of the law library at the University of Connecticut School of Law, and he played an integral role in the founding of Florida Coastal School of Law. (Charlotte, NC)

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Steve Block
Block spoke on “Effective Advocacy in Mediation” at a Bar Association of San Francisco meeting. He has been a full-time neutral for 11 years, serving as mediator, arbitrator, referee and special master. (Sacramento)

John Brydon
Brydon was the lead attorney for a team that won a defense verdict in a Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas in a mesothelioma case in which a plaintiff sought $4 million in damages for product liability. Known as one of the leading asbestos exposure defense attorneys in the country, he is a principal in the firm of Brydon, Hugo & Parker. (San Francisco, CA)

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Gilbert Feibleman
Our practice remains very successful with co-workers who share my passion for having a life beyond work. I figured out that between my trips and weekends, I am currently only working nine months out of the year although I still enjoy family law. My kids graduated from Columbia University cum laude last year so that was a nice trip to New York City with my wife of 31 years. I also got a chance this past year to visit with three of my old roomies from our law school days. Hope life is for you all, too. (Salem, OR)

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Maureen Higgins, ’78, pursued a law degree from Pacific McGeorge to give her flexibility in her career. She didn’t know what area of the law she wanted to practice until a work-study job at the California Peace Officers’ Association led her to government and politics.

Higgins has spent most of her more than three decades-long career as a lobbyist, both for California state government and for Sloat Higgins Jensen & Associates, where she is managing partner.

“People either are political junkies or they aren’t,” Higgins says. “I was fascinated by the political process, by the ability to effect change, to debate issues that impacted people’s everyday lives.”

After graduation, Higgins worked for then-state Attorney General George Deukmejian as a lobbyist.

She later worked for two governors, starting as deputy legislative secretary for Deukmejian and working her way up to the top lobbyist position, legislative secretary for Gov. Pete Wilson. In that role, Higgins managed how the roughly 2,000 bills made their way to the governor’s desk each year.

Higgins also served in the executive branch as director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development and executive director of the California Housing Finance Agency.

In 1997, she joined Sloat, located in Sacramento, four months after its founding and soon became managing partner. For the last few years, Higgins has focused on affordable housing, health and insurance. She is working to help launch the state health insurance exchange, which is mandated by the federal Affordable Care Act to begin operation statewide in 2014.

She is most proud of her work on affordable housing.

“There is a lot of debate going on now about what the role of government should be and what priorities it should have,” she says. “My personal view is that a safe, decent affordable place to live is a cornerstone for people’s lives, and government has a role in helping that part of the safety net.”

Higgins lobbied for the state to give general fund money for affordable housing in 2000 and lobbied for legislative passage of Proposition 42 in 2002 and Proposition 1C in 2006, which were ultimately approved by the voters. She lobbied the legislature to pass both measures, which required two-thirds approval.

“They were real tests at coalition building, to get a large coalition on board to argue in favor of the bills and get those votes. They were both challenging and rewarding in outcome.”
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**Timothy Cronin**

After retiring from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in 2003, my wife, Melissa, and I moved aboard our cutter-rigged sailboat and sailed the Pacific Northwest, San Francisco Bay and the Caribbean until I was diagnosed with neck cancer. After surgery and radiation therapy, I returned to Cal FIRE as a retired annuitant performing litigation and legislative functions until March 2008 when I accepted a position with the UC Davis School of Medicine's Department of Public Health and Sciences. My wife and I continue to sail the Pacific Coast, and we travel abroad as often as my work at UCD permits. As firm believers that it is better to wear-out than rust-out, we are flirting with a transpacific voyage to Polynesia and Australia. (Sacramento)

**Gary Gale**

Golf remains my No. 1 focus, but when I'm working I am still representing individuals and small businesses in Chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcies. My son just graduated UC Davis and appears to have a job lined up (fingers crossed). He's still at home. Wife calls it a frat house (my 20-year-old son is also at home while in school). I call it fun. (Folsom, CA)

**Samuel Grader**

Grader won a verdict as defense co-counsel in Sacramento Superior Court in a personal injury trial in which an injured plaintiff sought $1 million in damages. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Samuel G. Grader. (Sacramento)

**Allan Hardcastle**

I was elected president of the California Judges Association in June and begin a one-year term in October. I was also appointed to the California Judicial Council as an advisory member, so I expect a very interesting year ahead. (Santa Rosa, CA)

**Brian Kirchoff**

When I retired and gave the obligatory speech at a party, I said “Time is luck.” Five years later, the meaning of this rings even more true. (San Rafael, CA)

**Margaret Lum**

I continue as a self-employed attorney. (Dixon, CA)

**Charles Merrill**

Merrill helped to win a $1.5 million settlement for a homeowners association in a construction defect water damage case in San Francisco Superior Court. He is a principal in the firm of Merrill, Nomura & Molineaux. (Danville, CA)

**Carol Mills**

I’m campaigning for my third term on the Fresno Unified School District Board. I have been getting lots of pressure from groups of folks to run for City Council. We’ll see. (Fresno, CA)

**Ann Morgan**

Twenty-four of us from Jones Vargas joined Fennemore Craig, which now has nearly 200 attorneys in the West. It was a good move for all. I ended 20 years as a Nevada Bar Examiner, and subsequently was elected to the Board of Governors for the State Bar of Nevada. Bruce Beesley, ’78, my husband of 33 years, and I watched our youngest son graduate from Oregon State University. Life is good. (Reno, NV)

**Vincent Nolan**

Nolan won a $575,139 verdict in Riverside Superior Court for a plaintiff in a wrongful termination, breach of implied contract trial. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Vincent P. Nolan. (Riverside, CA)

**Allan Owen**

I hit 60 years old in August. Wish I had known I was going to live this long so I could have used more preservatives. I’m still working, but hope to be in Kona full-time soon. (Sacramento)

**James Rushford**

Rushford won a defense verdict in Sutter Superior Court in an automobile collision case. He is a senior partner in the firm of Rushford & Bonotto. (Sacramento)

**Neal Sanders**

I am still defending criminals in this God-forsaken wilderness. I was also chair of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission for several years, but I am now slowing my practice (only come in four days a week), and limiting my civic involvement. My wife and I moved from the coast inland about 40 miles last year. We are now enjoying warm weather and our gardens. We even have a pool. We’re enjoying great fun and enjoying life. Hope you all are doing the same. (Eureka, CA)

**C. M. Starr**

I know I’m getting old when my youngest son, Hunter, is commencing his final year at McGeorge. Based on his grades and activities, he is obviously smarter than his dad. (Bakersfield, CA)

**John Walovich**

Walovich was the lead attorney for a successful defense team in a defective design personal injury case in Alameda Superior Court. He is a partner with Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith. (San Francisco, CA)

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**LaVar Christensen**

I serve as an elected member of the Utah House of Representatives (third term) and am grateful to serve the people. Thank you, McGeorge, for wonderful memories of law school and the state Capitol. (Draper, UT)

**Christopher Covington**

I continue to provide general counsel and merger and acquisition services from my firm in Lafayette. I also continue as a principal in the investment banking boutique, Martin Wolf, focused on M&A for technology companies. (San Ramon, CA)

**Larry Gaddis**

I retired in August 2012 after 24 years on the bench. I highly recommend it. I will work-part time as an assigned judge, part time as assistant golf coach and teach in the Public Policy Department at William Jessup University. We will spend time on a lake in Washington State. Kathleen is a travel agent so life is good. (Rocklin, CA)

**Christina Janssen**

I retired from corporate international law management position at Chevron to join my husband in practice as well as work on a project from Vietnam. My youngest just graduated from Cal and have five grandchildren. Besides working, we are traveling and volunteering at Berkeley. (Lafayette, CA)

**Stephen Kent**

Our youngest daughter graduated from pharmacy school in May. With all of our children are on their own, Mayla and I are enjoying our freedom though we spend a lot of time with family. I continue my defense trial practice; fortunately, we are busy. We were selected as one of the attorneys to defend the Reno Air Races after the crash in September 2011. (Reno, NV)

**Barbara Kronlund**

Kronlund, a San Joaquin County Superior Court judge, was elected a vice president of the California Judicial Association, the largest organization of current and former judges, justices and commissioners in the country. (Stockton, CA)

**Craig Paul**

I am the proud grandfather of two granddaughters. My wife of 37 years, Candy, works with me in continuing to fight the good fight for the injured. (Elk Grove, CA)

**William Robertson**

I still love being the dean of the School of Law at Empire College. Both of my daughters live in Portland, and I have two granddaughters. (Santa Rosa, CA)

**Parker White**

White was selected for membership in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, an organization of limited membership that strives to support worldwide legal reforms. He is a veteran litigator and partner in the Sacramento firm of Poswall, White & Cutler. (Sacramento)
Cynthia Z'Berg
I split my time between Palm Desert and Del Mar although most of my time is spent here since it is near my daughter in San Diego. (Del Mar, CA)

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Rocky Copley
The solo law practice is going great. I should have done this several years ago. I am the new co-editor for the Insurance and Bad Faith Section of the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego. Patty and I celebrate our 33rd wedding anniversary on July 14. Patrick, Erin, and Caitlin are all graduated from college and doing really well in their jobs. (San Diego, CA)

Mark Fudem
In March 2012, I was appointed associate chief judge of the California Workers’ Comp Appeals Board. In September 2011, I married Tracy Warr in Napa. My oldest daughter, Erin, is a McGeorge evening student. My son, Joel, works for a law firm. My daughter, Rachel, just returned from a year in Italy and resumes studies at Sonoma State University. (Santa Rosa, CA)

Jeff Goodwin
My son, David, graduated from McGeorge in 2012 and passed the bar on his first try. We are all very proud of him. (Folsom, CA)

Kenneth Howard
Howard was interviewed in the February edition of Nevada Lawyer magazine. The veteran Reno Municipal Court judge was lauded for his Fresh Start Therapeutic Drug Court, which began six years ago. (Reno, NV)

Alice Jefferson
I am consulting on addiction with families, businesses and lawyers all over the country. It has allowed me the opportunity to positively impact outcomes far beyond the legal realm and takes me to interesting and exciting places I would never see otherwise. (Orangevale, CA)

Philip Kivett
My book, Intelligence Failures and Decent Intervals, received a five-star review on Amazon. I was recently honored for my 21 years of military experience with a plaque at Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Stephen Koonce
I have a new partner, Lisa Wekee, who is taking over my practice. After more than 30 years, I am retiring from the active practice of consumer and small business bankruptcy law to pursue other interests. (Rancho Cordova, CA)

Kurt Kumli
Kumli was profiled in The Recorder. A nationally recognized expert in juvenile law and policy, he is a judge of the Santa Clara County Superior Court. (San Jose, CA)

Lorne Malkiewich
Malkiewich, who recently retired as director of the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau, has been named chief operating officer for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. (Reno, NV)

John McLachlan
McLachlan has been named to the Northern California Super Lawyers 2012 edition. A partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP, he frequently represents management in cases arising before the National Labor Relations Board. (San Francisco, CA)

Victor Miller
Miller has been named presiding judge of the Boulder City Municipal Court, which he has served on since 1984. A practicing attorney in Las Vegas for 25 years, he also serves as a justice of the peace for Boulder Township.(Las Vegas, NV)

Phillip Moorhead
My wife, Toni, and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in April, then went to New Brunswick, New Jersey to watch our firstborn, Sam, graduate summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Rutgers (the kid must be adopted). Our daughter, Connie, begins her sophomore year at UC Santa Barbara in the fall. Neither chose my alma mater, Ohio Northern University, home of the Fighting Polar Bears. Go figure. (Torrance, CA)

Donald Shaver
Shaver, a retired Stanislaus County Superior Court judge, is attending a special postgraduate program in war crimes at the University of Utrecht Law School. (Utrecht, The Netherlands)

Krista Stein
Since retiring from the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office in 2010, my husband, Max, and I have been living full-time up here. I’m quickly becoming an outdoors person, who enjoys skiing, tennis, and hiking. My daughter graduated from UC Santa Barbara, and my son is studying to be an air traffic controller. I enjoy get-togethers with fellow law students. (Truckee, CA)

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I can’t believe it’s been 30 years since graduation! I think it’s safe to assume I’m the only one of my class who is still working at the same place she clerked at as a law student — and still loving it. I would like to hear from classmates or help organize a get-together. Email me at nhotchkiss@rainorfairbrook.com. My three daughters are in college or graduated and working. I’m still enjoying the empty nest. (Sacramento)

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I just began my 14th year as our court’s presiding judge. In 2011, I was appointed by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, to serve on the Strategic Evaluation Committee, which was charged with evaluating the State Administrative Office of the Courts. It was a daunting task, culminating in the issuance of a 300-page report, which can be accessed online. The report is a must-read for those who work in the judicial branch. My fellow committee members are delighted to return to our regular lives and duties. (South Lake Tahoe, CA)

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| 1983 | **Rambir Ahdan**  
Ahdan joined Hanson Bridgett LLP as senior counsel in its real estate practice. (Sacramento) |
| 1983 | **Mary Powers Antoine**  
Antoine was featured in a profile in Sacramento magazine. A former UC Davis Med Center nurse before she went to law school, she is the managing partner of Nossaman LLP's Sacramento office. (Sacramento) |
| 1983 | **Alexander Bannon**  
Bannon has joined Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker in an of counsel capacity. He is a litigator and construction law attorney who focuses on contract disputes, insurance defense, and construction-related matters who was previously with Mcinerney & Dillon. (Oakland, CA) |
| 1983 | **Thomas Birmingham**  
Birmingham wrote an op-ed, "Legislation Would Restore Water, Balance to Westside Valley Farmers, which appeared in the Sacramento Bee. He is the general manager of the Westlands Water District. (Fresno, CA) |
| 1983 | **Robert Buccola**  
Buccola was named the California State 2012 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the California chapter of the American Bar Association. He is a principal in the Sacramento firm of Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood & Campora. (Sacramento) |
| 1983 | **Steve Campora**  
Campora had his name added to the shingle at what is now the Sacramento Wood Campora LLP. Since joining the firm in 2002, he has obtained more than 20 seven-figure verdicts and settlements on behalf of injury victims and their heirs. (Sacramento) |
| 1983 | **Debra Cornez**  
Cornez has been appointed director of the Office of Administrative Law, where she has served as acting director since 2011. Cornez has served in multiple positions at the Office of Administrative Law since 1986, including as assistant chief counsel from 2005 to 2011 and interim director from 2003 to 2004. (Sacramento) |
| 1984 | **Mariel Dennis**  
Heading up the procurement team on a large software implementation project has kept me busy. We visited the Biltmore House over the holidays last year, Washington, D.C., in the early Fall, and got to Seattle twice. I'm holding off on a European vacation until next year now that our big home improvement projects are done. Check out Mariel DEustachio on Facebook to reconnect. (Sacramento) |
| 1984 | **Robin Dworkin**  
It took over 10 years to recover from an industrial injury with no work accommodation ever offered. To get my mind back into shape, I have been pursuing an advanced degree in Buddhist doctrine and will graduate in December 2012. If ever anyone could not say what she would be when she grew up, it would be me, or is it? (Clearlake, CA) |
| 1984 | **Patricia Hartman**  
Hartman joined Hanson Bridge LLP as a partner in its commercial real estate and business laws practice. (Sacramento) |
| 1984 | **Maureen Lenihan**  
Lenihan joined Hanson Bridge LLP in an of counsel capacity in its employment law group and general litigation. (Sacramento) |
| 1984 | **Nancy Sheehan**  
I continue practicing in the area of employment litigation/defense. This year, I also assumed the role of co-managing partner at Porter Scott. It is difficult to believe I am one of the “most senior” people here. I still enjoy being "Granny" to two granddaughters. (Sacramento) |
| 1984 | **Paula Tripp Victor**  
At the ripe old age of 53, I was married for the first time to a wonderful man who teaches computers to middle school students. Professionally, I continue to enjoy litigation at my firm where I’ve practiced for 20 years. My two sons, 14 and 21, are learning to be adults. (Los Angeles, CA) |
| 1984 | **Andrew Wiener**  
Wiener barely missed making a runoff for an open seat on the Alameda County Superior Court with a 31 percent showing. He is a San Francisco attorney and Oakland resident. The winning candidate in a three-way race squeaked out the 50.1 percent majority needed for victory. (San Francisco, CA) |
| 1984 | **Raneene Belisle**  
I had great success in a writ against the Los Angeles Unified School District. My oldest daughter is getting married. I’m looking forward to travel and continuing work raising guide dogs for the blind. (Mt. Aukum, CA) |
| 1984 | **Kathleen Benton**  
Benton was named an administrative law judge for the California Department of Social Services. She previously served as a hearing training officer, adjunct professor and director of the Victims of Crime Resource Center at Pacific McGeorge for more than a decade. (Carmichael, CA) |
| 1984 | **Curtis Child**  
Child, formerly the state judiciary’s chief lobbyist, has been appointed chief operating officer of the restructured Administrative Office of the Courts. (San Francisco, CA) |
| 1984 | **Ken Cooley**  
Cooley was the leading vote-getter in the Assembly District 8, but the Rancho Cordova city councilman and state senior counsel faces a difficult runoff election in November. (Rancho Cordova, CA) |
| 1984 | **John Di Giusto**  
Di Giusto has been hired as the Jelly Belly Candy Company’s first-ever in-house general counsel. Di Giusto previously represented the well-known company as outside counsel while serving as the managing partner of the Sacramento firm of Boutin Jones, where he has practiced since 1995. (Fairfield, CA) |
Anne Elbrecht
Elbrecht delivered a lecture, “Telling the Story: The Armenian Genocide in The New York Times and Missionary Herald,” at the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research Center in Belmont, Massachusetts. The author’s book of the same title is based on her M.A. thesis at California State University, Sacramento. (Davis, CA)

Margaret Fainer-Towne
I am a U.S. District Court capital habeas staff attorney, also serving this year as president of the Fresno County Women Lawyers. I’m involved in several community organizations, one of which assists women with past substance-abuse issues. Robert Towne, ’85, and I have been married for 22 years, and our children are doing well. I also teach advanced legal writing and research in the paralegal program at the community college. (Fresno, CA)

Richard Jacobson
Jacobson won a product liability design defense decision as co-counsel in Sacramento Superior Court in a case involving a broken soda bottle at Raley’s store. He is a senior partner at Jacobson Markham LLP in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Gigi Knudtson
Knudtson won a $4 million verdict in Sacramento Superior Court in a child molestation suit. She is a partner at Knudtson & Nutter. (Roseville, CA)

Eric Lamhofer
I successfully defended reverse mortgage lender in month-long trial in Ventura County wherein plaintiffs alleged borrowers lacked mental competency to enter into the loan and were victims of fraud and elder abuse. I was welcomed in partnership at Wolfe and Wyman LLP. Our daughter, Ashley, is in her junior year at UCLA, and Brianna is a high school senior. Life is good in the O.C. We are truly blessed. (Orange, CA)

While many politicians are running scared this fall, Mark Amodei, ’83, can relax and look forward to winning his first full term in the U.S. House of Representatives in November.

The long-time Carson City attorney and Republican state legislator won a Congressional special election in September 2011 against a formidable Democratic rival. Amodei’s 20-percentage point win was enough to scare off any name opponent from running against him this year. Republicans have controlled his seat, Nevada’s 2nd Congressional District, since its creation in 1980. Prior to the latest redistricting and the addition of a fourth Congressional seat in Nevada, it encompassed 90 percent of the state.

Following law school, Amodei began a four-year stint as an Army JAG Corps officer before returning home to join the Allison MacKenzie law firm. He earned a reputation for leadership that propelled him into the political arena. In 1996, he won election to the Nevada Assembly where he was named the Outstanding Freshman Legislator the following year. After one term in the lower body of the legislature, he upset an incumbent in a 1998 state Senate race. He piled up easy reelection victories and served a term as Senate president pro tem.

Amodei was one of four viable candidates to enter the 2010 Republican U.S. Senate primary for a chance to face Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. But early on in the process, he realized as a moderate Republican, one who had supported state tax increases in the past, it wasn’t going to be his year. Also not especially enthralled with fundraising, he dropped out of the race well before the June primary. A Tea Party-backed candidate won, but was easily defeated by Reid in the general election.

Then in a strange turn of fate, the other U.S. Senator from Nevada, John Ensign, resigned from office and the Republican governor named the 2nd Congressional District representative as his replacement. Having never lost an election going back to his high school days as Carson City High president, Amodei was the obvious choice of his party to keep the seat.

He won easily and he figures to keep on winning in November. Who knows, maybe there’s a U.S. Senate race in his future.

“I continue to be grateful for the work ethic and attention to detail that McGeorge instilled in me during my time in law school,” Amodei says. “I rely upon those traits every day, especially when attempting to determine the best policy solutions.”

Amodei House Seat Looks Comfortable For Two More Years

By Michael Curran

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Valerie Murphy
I am spending a month in France this year and plan to retire as a San Diego Superior Court staff attorney in February 2013. Deciding to retire has been difficult as I love my work, and I still have more energy than anyone else in the courthouse. My two cents on the French: Very gracious, helpful, and friendly, yes, Parisians, and even taxi drivers will correct your pronunciation of their language. (San Diego, CA)

Michael F. Walther
Walther a career federal prosecutor who served most recently as director of the DOJ's National Drug Intelligence Center, has retired from federal service and opened a boutique legal practice, Walther Law P.C., limited to criminal defense, military criminal and administrative law, and internal corporate investigations. (Johnstown, PA)

Leslie Mark Stovall
Stovall was co-counsel for an injured pedestrian who won a $1.4 million verdict against a liimo company in U.S. District Court, District of Nevada. He also was the lead counsel for a plaintiff who reached a $300,000 settlement in Clark County District Court in a failure to diagnose medical malpractice case. She is a principal at Stovall & Associates. (Las Vegas, NV)

1984
Mitchell Ostwald
Ostwald is the chief organizer of the Sacramento Speakers Series, which features former President Bill Clinton on December 4, 2012. He is a principal in the Law Office of Mitchell S. Ostwald. (Sacramento)

Dana Simonds
As a judge of Sonoma County Superior Court, I supervised the criminal judges and preside over a felony criminal court. After 20 years of civil practice, it has been an interesting transition to these serious felony matters. I am totally enjoying it. Life is good. The husband and kids are doing well, and I feel lucky. Regards to all (Santa Rosa, CA)

Andrea Thompson
Thompson won a seat on the Los Angeles Superior Court bench. A deputy district attorney for 27 years in numerous capacities, including as Victim Impact Program coordinator, she captured more than 50 percent of the vote in a multi-person race for a seat left open by retiring jurist. (Los Angeles, CA)

Serge Tomassian
Tomassian was co-counsel for plaintiffs who won $1.19 million settlement in Orange County Superior Court in a landside suit against the City of San Clemente and others. (Irvine, CA)

Robert Towne
After 24 years of service, I will be retiring from the Fresno County District Attorney's Office in February 2013. (Fresno, CA)

1985
Dana Fox
Fox received good news on two Riverside Superior Court cases on the same day, winning defense verdicts for Toyota in a rollover case and for a truck driver in a wrongful death multi-vehicle accident. He is a senior partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith. (Los Angeles, CA)

Barry Mallen
Mallen joined Loeb & Loeb as a partner in its IP and entertainment litigation practice. Previously, he was a partner with Manatt, Phelps & Phillips. (Los Angeles, CA)

Wayne Nippe
Nipper joined Holland & Hart. An expert on healthcare and health insurance law, he has counseled companies on regulatory matters and a variety of product lines including Medicare and Medicaid. (Las Vegas, NV)

1986
Rodney Burr
Burr is the new president of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. He is a justice of the peace for the Clark County Justice Court, Henderson Township and a past recipient of the Nevada Conference of Police & Sheriff's Judge of the Year Award. (Henderson, NV)

Daniel Cederborg
Cederborg was co-counsel for a defense team that won a bench decision in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, when the judge threw out a code violation boxing dogs ordinance. He is a senior counsel for the Office of the Yolo County Counsel. (Woodland, CA)

DeeDee D'Adamo Moosekian
Moosekian was selected as the 2012 Woman of the Year for the 17th Assembly District by Assemblywoman Cathleen Galgiani, who represents the San Joaquin Valley area. A senior policy advisor to Congressman Dennis Cardoza, she is a member of the California Air Resources Board. (Modesto, CA)

1987
Trevor Atkin
Atkin co-authored an article, “Nevada Attorneys and Banks Work Together to Help Those in Need,” which appeared in the May issue of
Nevada Lawyer magazine. A partner at Atkin Winner & Sherrod, he has been a trial attorney for 24 years with an emphasis on personal injury defense. (Las Vegas, NV)

Hagop Bedoyan
Instead of throwing a party for family and friends on the occasion of our 30th wedding anniversary, we decided to take a two-week, seven country whirlwind trip to Europe during the first part of April. We visited Germany, Austria, Northern Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. As for professional accomplishments, I was humbled to achieve the designation of “2012 Northern California Super Lawyer.” (Fresno, CA)

Kevin Dunbar
Dunbar won a defense verdict in Fresno Superior Court in a case involving an injured truck driver. He is a principal in the firm of Dunbar & Associates. (Rolling Hills Estates, CA)

Christine Fitzgerald
Fitzgerald negotiated a $20,000 settlement in San Mateo Superior Court for the Montara Water and Sanitary District in a declaratory relief, writ of mandamus suit. She is a partner in the Hermann H. Fitzgerald APC. (Burlingame, CA)

Christopher R. Foley
We are happy and healthy, having great Fall with daughter Frances (15) and son Martin (13), and teaching them to play golf. (Orinda, CA)

Jill Friedman
Friedman won a defense verdict in Ventura County Superior Court in a wage and hour case against a cleaning supplies company. She also was named to the Top 50 Women in Business for 2012 by the Pacific Coast Business Times. She is partner at Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones & Schneider. (Ventura, CA)

Victoria Kalman
After a decade of practice here in Hawaii, I am pleased to announce my retirement from the law of September 30, 2012. I am looking forward to more time for Rotary International, golf, painting, and travel. (Kailua Kona, HI)

Margaret Masunaga
I was appointed by the ABA President to the Commission on Women in the Profession. My daughter, Colette, is graduating from the University of California at Davis. (Kealakekua, HI)

Cynthia Norris
It’s hard to believe I am beginning my 25th year in Kern County. I can say that crime does pay — my bills. We celebrate 20 years of marriage in April. The kids are in high school and junior high. Hopefully, I’ll survive the teen years; we start driving this year for the oldest. (Bakersfield, CA)

Ren Nosky
Nosky, as city attorney, won a bench decision for the plaintiff Santa Clara Stadium Authority in Santa Clara Superior Court that cleared the way for construction to begin on an $850 million stadium that will house the San Francisco 49ers. (Santa Clara, CA)

Kenneth Ralidis
I was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, California’s premier speaker forum. In the months of July and August, we hosted Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and National Intelligence Director James Clapper. We have also hosted ambassadors to the U.S. from the UK, Germany, France, Russia, and Israel, plus well-known personalities like General Petraeus and the Emir of Qatar. (Los Angeles, CA)

John Sheehan
My wife Donna Lee and I moved to the country — a house with 12 acres, woods and a pond in the hills south of Buffalo in May 2012. We are empty-nesters now. Chelsea is 25 and out on her own. We’ve settled in with our “shelter story” rescue pets, a fun collection of dogs and cats. Life is sweet and everything remains possible. (Buffalo, NY)

Terry Thurbon
Thurbon was one of 13 finalists considered by the Alaska Judicial Council for gubernatorial appointment to the Alaska Supreme Court. An Alaska resident for 21 years, she is currently the state’s chief administrative law judge. (Juneau, AK)

Lisa Specchio
I met the perfect man for me, Gary Wolfe. We got married on July 27, 2012. I hope everyone is doing well. (Crescent City, CA)

Chance Trimm
Trimm was co-counsel for a defense team that scored a victory in a Sacramento Superior Court case involving a 2008 fatal accident between a fire truck and an automobile. He is a deputy city attorney for the City of Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Laurel White
White was appointed to a judgeship on the Sacramento County Superior Court by Governor Jerry Brown. She has served in several positions at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of California for the past 23 years, including most recently as a prosecutor of Internet child pornography and human trafficking cases. (Sacramento)

Dennis Umanzio
I am still presiding over paternity and child support cases in three counties. I have been enjoying life in the sierra foothills. My daughter, Alena, is now eleven years old and she keeps me hopping. Best of luck to the McGeorge Ruggers — go Ducks. (Nevada City, CA)

1988

Tony Amador
Amador finished as the runner-up in the California State Assembly District 9 primary voting. The former U.S. Marshal advanced to the two-person general election in November as an underdog. (Lodi, CA)

Sharon Bitcon
I am still enjoying all that the Pacific Northwest has to offer. My oldest just graduated from UCLA while my youngest just graduated from kindergarten. (Seattle, WA)

Edward Dunn
Dunn has established the Law Office of Edward K. Dunn, which specializes in estate planning and probate. He continues as counsel at the Sacramento firm of Desmond, Nolan, Livaich & Cunningham. (Folsom, CA)

Jeffrey Huron
Huron was featured on the cover of the Los Angeles Lawyer magazine’s June edition. A principal in the Huron Law Group, he wrote an article for the magazine outlining the best practices for dealing with the exclusion of evidence. (Century City, CA)

Edward Pinchiff
Pinchiff is running for a seat on the governing board of the Huntington Beach Union High School District. He is a long-time banking and financial law attorney. (Huntington Beach, CA)

Shannon Pogue Ranasinghe
I spent last year and a half in New Zealand. Visited Australia twice and had a relaxing week in Samoa. New Zealand is a bit like living back in the 1950s — less hectic and not much litigation. It was a great experience in a fantastically beautiful country. (Sacramento)

1989

Paul Echols
It has been five years since I went solo and I have never looked back. It has been the best period of my professional and personal life. (Modesto, CA)

Scott Frizzie
Frizzie was appointed as chief deputy director of the Board of State and Community Corrections by Governor Jerry Brown. He previously served as senior advisor to the California Emergency Management Agency. (Elk Grove, CA)
Pat Lundvall
Lundvall was co-counsel for a victorious defense team in U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, in a copyright infringement case in which the plaintiff sought more than $1 million in damages. She is a partner at McDonald, Carano & Wilson LLP. (Reno, NV)

Andrew McCluskey
I spent the past six years at Sierra Conservation Center, camping and kayaking as much as possible. (Elk Grove, CA)

Francis Minogue
It's been an exciting year. I have changed jobs and now work with Defense Contract Management Agency, where I advise on the management of major defense contracts. I actually worked for the agency when I was on active duty so I feel like I'm returning home. After almost six years away from Department of Defense, it's good to be back. Also, I started work on my LLM in Environmental Law with University of Denver. Thanks to the post 9/11 GI Bill, my lifelong goal will come true. (Sacramento)

Susan Blake
I love my job. Every day, I help business owners wade through the appeals process at the State Board of Equalization. I help them prepare for their oral hearings and try to find adjustments (i.e., tax reductions) for them. Compliance with tax laws can be very frustrating and time-consuming for business owners. We are still happily married after ten years and still have a three-cat family. (Sacramento)

Michael Horowitz
Horowitz was co-counsel for a group of injured plaintiffs who reached a $1.9 million settlement in a Santa Clara Superior Court case involving a trucker who bowled into a family in a crosswalk. He is a partner at Habbas, Nassen & Associates. (San Jose, CA)

Robyn Hosmer
I was honored to become managing attorney for Esurance Insurance Company's first staff counsel office in California, the Law Office of Robyn S. Hosmer, in January 2010. (Long Beach, CA)

Scott Hyman
I was proud to watch Judge Michael Vicinica, '90, preside over the marriage of Bradley Kaplan, '90, to his wonderful new bride. My daughter Jessica starts high school this year and my son lives in Arizona with the MLS Real Salt Lake Youth Academy. (Irvine, CA)

Mary Kandaras
Kandaras wrote an article, “Civil Forfeiture in Nevada: Another Way to Get the Bad Guys,” which appeared in the April issue of Nevada Lawyer magazine. She is a deputy district attorney for Washoe County. (Reno, NV)

Jeff Mitchell
Mitchell continues his service as West Sacramento City Attorney. A shareholder at Kronick Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard, he manages the firm's public agency practice group. (West Sacramento, CA)

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Jonathan Sherry
Sherry was appointed to the board of directors of Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc., a major Midwest title insurance company. Of counsel to Pedersen & Houpt, he also owns and operates Jonathan P. Sherry, PC, a law practice that concentrate on residential and commercial real estate that also represents closely held corporations. (Chicago, IL)

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Waggonman advanced to a November runoff against front-runner Sarah Heckman, '99, for a Sutter County Superior Court judgeship. The private attorney took 14 percent in the nine-person primary. (Marysville, CA)

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Whiting has been called to the First Quorum of the Seventy by the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. An agriculture management consultant and real estate developer, he has served in a number of leadership capacities in the Mormon Church. (Salt Lake City, UT)

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1991

Cynthia Baldwin-Thanos
After retirement in 1999, I served three years (2004-2007) as director of Social Action, Missions and Philanthropy for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of South America, mainly stationed in Buenos Aires. My small condo in Pearl River, New York, N.Y. senior development is now up for sale. I enjoyed a river cruise from Paris to Normandy, visiting medieval towns and fortresses. (Davis, CA)

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Joann Remke
Remke was reappointed as presiding judge of the State Bar of California Court. She was first appointed to the court by the Senate Rules Committee in 2000, reappointed in 2004 to a six-year term, then appointed as presiding judge by the Supreme Court in 2006. (San Francisco, CA)

Glenn Rosen
After 16 years, I left my own firm to join the Merlin Law Group, a nationally recognized firm representing policyholders against their insurers. I am now the senior attorney in their Century City office. (Los Angeles)

Herb Santos
I finished my first year as managing owner of the Reno Bighorns, a NBA D-League affiliated with the Sacramento Kings and two other teams. It has been interesting juggling my law practice with managing a professional basketball team. Kim and the kids are doing well, active in coaching basketball, playing basketball and collegiate boxing. Needless to say, the Santos family is busy. (Reno, NV)

Nicolas Thakar
Thakar wrote a novel, Be Safe Brother, which has been published as a multi-format ebook by Smashwords. A former general counsel for Tower Records, he focuses his law practice on real estate, software licensing, privacy and business operations issue. (Alamo, CA)

Stan Van Vleck
Van Vleck has merged his food and agriculture industry boutique law firm, Stern, Van Vleck & McCarron, with Downey Brand LLP. (Sacramento)

1992
Craig Barbarosh
Barbarosh joined Katten Muchin Rosenman as a partner in its Orange County and New York offices. A financial restructuring, bankruptcy, insolvency and corporate law expert, he was previously with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. (Costa Mesa, CA)

Remke’s Job: Preserve Public Confidence In Legal Profession
By Mike Curran

Joann Remke, ’91, is one Pacific McGeorge alumna that you don’t want to see in court.

That’s because if you are in front of her, you’re probably in big trouble.

Remke is the presiding judge of the State Bar Court, the tribunal that investigates complaints of attorney misconduct and has the power to recommend that the California Supreme Court suspend or disbar attorneys for acts of professional misconduct or convictions of serious crime.

California is the only state in the nation with independent professional judges dedicated to ruling on attorney discipline cases. It can be a thankless business, judging one’s peers, so Remke confronts the responsibility head-on.

“The fundamental goals of the State Bar Court are the protection of the public and the preservation of public confidence in the legal system,” Remke says. “As presiding judge, in addition to my judicial duties on the appellate panel, I have administrative responsibilities focused on the overall success of the court, including implementing new policies and procedures.”

The court consists of eight judges. Five are hearing judges; three are review judges.

The Supreme Court appoints five, and the governor, Senate Rules Committee and Assembly Speaker each appoint one.

Originally from Illinois, Remke came to California to go to Pacific McGeorge. “After going to a large university (University of Illinois, Champaign), a smaller graduate school appealed to me,” she says. “And the fact that it was in California was a definite bonus.”

Out of law school, Remke practiced law for three years with Miller, Starr & Regalia in Walnut Creek, served a VISTA stint in Montana then returned to California. “The friends I made at McGeorge definitely played a role in my decision to move back to Sacramento to take a job with the Senate Judiciary Committee,” she says.

Remke’s work on the committee, particularly involving the legislation that created the Department of Child Support Services, impressed some powerful people. State Senate President John Burton named her to the State Bar Court in 2000. She served as a hearing judge for six years before the Supreme Court elevated her to the position of presiding judge.

“I went to law school to learn skills that would help others within our existing legal system, and where necessary improve that system,” she says.

And that what she tries to accomplish one day at a time on the State Bar Court.
Penelope Changaris
I am now a State Bar of California certified specialist in Estate Planning, Probate, and Trust Law. (Yuba City, CA)

John Demas
Demas was named a 2012 Northern California Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers magazine. A past president of the Capital City Trial Lawyers Association, he is a principal in the Demas Law Group PC. (Sacramento)

Carl Fessenden
Fessenden was co-counsel for a defense team that won a bench decision in Sutter Superior Court in a multi-million dollar dispute between a water company and the Yuba County Water Agency. He is a partner at Porter Scott. (Sacramento)

Gina Genova Hons
I’m pulling down my shingle this December, on the 20th anniversary of my swearing-in to “retire” from practice and focus full-time on raising my two kids and teaching business and legal writing at UC Santa Barbara. I’ve been with UCSB for 12 years and loved every minute of it. I’ve also been active writing for B-Comm text books and have of it. I’ve also been active writing for B-Comm text books and have

Elaine Musser
In conjunction with the Yolo County DA’s office and the UC Davis Media and Computer Lab, we created a consumer fraud and a cyber-fraud DVD. Both are used in fraud workshops throughout Yolo County. You can see a small video clip at youtube.com/xvhb35ierRM.

Also became the chair of the Water Advisory Committee, which will advise the Davis City Council on which surface water project alternative to select — the largest infrastructure project ever undertaken by the city. (Davis, CA)

Frank Pacheco
I have now merged the firm of Rubinger & Rubinger into my legal practice, adding bankruptcy as a major component, following the death of a wonderful, dear friend, Karen Rubinger, on June 12, 2012, to cancer. Karen and I met in 1999 when we both took flight instruction at Lodi Kingston Airport and we remained friends throughout the years. Karen will be missed by all who knew her generosity and wonderful sense of humor. (Stockton, CA)

Mark Redmond
Redmond filed a suit in Los Angeles County Superior Court against the California Secretary of State’s for failure to pay restitution from a state fund established to compensate victims of corporate fraud. His practice specializes in representing the elderly. (Sacramento)

Carra Rhamy
Rhamy won a defense verdict in San Diego Superior Court in an employment law case involving alleged retaliation charges. She is a deputy counsel for the Office of the County Counsel. (San Diego)

David Rosenthal
Rosenthal reached a $1 million settlement for an injured client in a Sacramento Superior Court collision case involving a mismatch between a PT Cruiser and an armored truck. He is a principal in Rosenthal Law. (Roseville, CA)

Steven Schultz
Schultz negotiated a $50,000 settlement in U. S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for a minor injured in a slip and fall at a Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse store. He is a principal at the Law Office of Steven H. Schultz. (Sacramento)

Nora Barlow
Barlow has joined Burr, Pease & Kurtz, where she will continue her workers’ compensation defense practice. A presenter at numerous public education seminars on workers’ comp issue, she is currently a board member on the Alaska Violent Crimes Compensation Board. (Anchorage, AK)

Luke Foster
Foster won a defense verdict in Stanislaus Superior Court in a rear-end collision case. He is a partner with Field & Sanders. (Rancho Cordova, CA)

Shelby Hladon
Another move with the Navy has brought us to Virginia. I’m working at the NATO headquarters for transformation, which should be interesting with lots of travel opportunity. John is still flying for Delta Air Lines and our boys are nearly 5 and 3. It’s busy, but fun times. (Norfolk, VA)

Steve Holden
Holden wrote an advice column, “Avoid Costly Mistake of Misclassifying Exempt, Nonexempt Workers,” which appeared in the Sacramento Business Journal. He is a principal in the Holden Law Group. (Auburn, CA)

Brian Gurwitz
Gurwitz negotiated a $1 million settlement in a high-profile, wrongful death case against the City of Fullerton that has resulted in criminal charges against two police officers. He is a principal in the Law Office of Brian Gurwitz APC (Tustin, CA)

Valli Israels
I am a Superior Court judge enjoying my job at the criminal court in Stanislaus County. (Modesto, CA)

Laurie Erdman
After being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2009, I returned to school and became a certified health coach. I now love what I do, helping professional women double their energy. I’m also happy to report that I’m symptom and relapse free. You can learn more at www.laurieredman.com. (Arlington, VA)

Steven Lawrence
Lawrence joined Milligan Lawless PC as a shareholder and continues to practice corporate transactional law specializing in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and licensing. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America and Chambers USA for expertise in corporate/M&A law. (Phoenix, AZ)

Stephen Morgan
I have completed my transition from private practice into mortgage banking working the Chicago suburbs for a top 10 financial institution, PNC Bank. It’s a challenging environment due to economic, legislative and regulatory pressures that certainly ensures that there is never a dull day. (Naperville, IL)

Steven J. Oshins
Oshins spoke at the 2012 Sacramento Estate Planning Council Technical Forum. He is a nationally known estate planning attorney. (Las Vegas, NV)
| **Jeffrey Reisig** | Boone was named a U.S. magistrate judge for the Eastern District of California. He has served as a federal prosecutor since law school, specializing in white collar crime, terrorism cases, and acting as a bankruptcy fraud coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office. (Fresno, CA) |
| **Eric Graves** | The law firm of Stone and Graves recently celebrated 10 years of practice in Sacramento County. The firm moved to new offices, but continues to practice in the areas of business transactional and litigation services. My wife, Kristen, and our 9-year old son Tyson live in Gold River. I am a member of several civic organizations and still enjoy coaching youth athletics. (Gold River, CA) |
| **MatthewMarca** | Marca, a shareholder with Littler Mendelson, the world's largest employment and labor law firm representing management, has relocated his practice from San Francisco to the East Bay. (Oakland, CA) |
| **Greg Meath** | Meath was featured in an article in the Stockton Record about the local music scene. The IP attorney and Pacific McGeorge adjunct professor is a member of a group, Pushers & Thieves, which has released its third studio album, "Persons of Interest." (Lodi, CA) |
| **William Rainey** | In October, it will be 13 years at InterTrust, where I am a senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary. InterTrust is a joint venture between Sony Corp (Japan) and Philips Global (Netherlands) that licenses intellectual property and has several portfolio companies that I manage. I'm still living in California with my wife, Libbie, and two children, daughter Caitlin, 10, and son Will, 8. (San Jose, CA) |
| **Jeffrey Reisig** | In my fifth year as the district attorney of Yolo County, I helped design and launch a computer case management system for the office. Our office became the first DA's office in California to operate without paper files. The office handles over 8,000 cases annually. (Woodland, CA) |
| **Steven Rettig** | Rettig has been appointed as an assistant county counsel for Contra Costa County, where he will oversee the Juvenile Dependency/Conservatorship Division of the County Counsel's Office. (Martinez, CA) |
| **Stephen Rye** | Rye has rejoined the Lyon County District Attorney's Office after a five-year stint in private practice specializing in civil, administrative and criminal law. (Yerington, NV) |
| **Andrew Sackheim** | Sackheim was elected to the Sacramento Children's Home Board of Directors. He is a partner with the Real Estate Law Group LLP. (Sacramento) |
| **Erik Schimmelbusch** | I was selected for promotion to the rank of captain in the U.S. Navy and am serving at the Naval Postgraduate School as the associate dean of the School of International Graduate Studies. My wife and I are expecting the birth of their second child in October. (Monterey, CA) |
| **Bernard Wang** | I was elected as a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel in 2011. (Lake Oswego, OR) |
| **Randy Scott Wong** | Wong was profiled in the Orange County Register. The Newport Beach attorney and real estate broker has been hired as director of photography for a new Orange County magazine, Exotic Adventure and Travel Fashion. (Tustin, CA) |
| **Kristen Pico** | Pico was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a medical malpractice case in San Francisco Superior. She is a partner with Hassard & Bonnington LLP. (San Francisco, CA) |
| **Amarik Singh** | After five years with the Office of Inspector General, I was appointed by the Yorba Linda City Council to the General Plan Advisory Council. (Los Angeles, CA) |
| **RobertA. Larson** | Larson has been named executive director of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies. A water law expert, she has worked with the association for more than 20 years and most recently served under contract as its director of legal and regulatory affairs. She was formerly with Somach Simmons & Dunn. (Sacramento) |
Robert Rancourt
I was promoted to supervising deputy public defender at the Law Offices of the Public Defender, County of Riverside, in May 2012. (Indio, CA)

Stephanie Sparks
I am a shareholder and IP Group Chair at Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel. (San Jose, CA)

Adam Weiner
I’ve enjoyed a successful practice for 15 years and my marriage to a fellow graduate for 17 years. We are the proud parents of four children: Shayna, Ethan, Ryan, and Damon. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Davia Weiner
I continue at the Weiner Law Firm and am pleased it has been a successful endeavor with her husband since 1997. I’m also proud of our four children. Since 2008, I have served as El Dorado County pro tem judge on-and-off. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Michelle Goff
Goff appeared in the Sacramento Bee “Ask the Experts” feature twice answering questions about estate debt liability. A State Bar of California certified specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law, she is a principal in the Goff, Conway-Spatola Law Group. (Sacramento)

Mark Goss
I was certified as a legal specialist in Family Law by the California Board of Legal Specialization. (Modesto, CA)

Peter Hirzig
Hirzig successfully defended an automobile driver who accidentally hit a speeding bicyclist in a San Joaquin Superior Court case. He is a partner in the firm of McNamara, Ney, Beatty, Slattery, Borges & Ambarch. (Fairfield, CA)

Joann Rangel
Rangel has joined Lewis Bisbois Bisgaard & Smith KKP as a partner. Previously, she practiced with Greve, Clifford, Wengel & Paras LLP. (Sacramento)

Robert Tucker
Tucker was appointed assistant chief counsel for the state Board of Equalization. He began his career with the state agency as a tax auditor in 1986 before earning his law degree. (Sacramento)

Christina Womack Kelly
Womack has joined Polsinelli Shughart PC as a partner. She previously was a litigator for many years at Jones, Skelton & Hochuli PLC. (Phoenix, AZ)

Sean Coen
Coen won an open seat on the Los Angeles Superior Court bench, capturing more than 50 percent of the vote in a multi-person June election. He has been with the D.A.’s office for 13 years and has been a member of its Hardcore Gang Unit since 2007. (Los Angeles, CA)

Lotte Colbert
Colbert has joined Gianelli & Morris. She represents consumers in all types of disputes against insurance companies and specializes in class actions. (Los Angeles)

Jeffrey Fulton
Fulton negotiated a $1.5 million settlement in San Joaquin Superior Court for three former San Joaquin Regional Transit District employees in a whistleblower, wrongful termination case. He is a principal in the Law Office of Jeffrey D. Fulton. (Sacramento)

Justin Gingery
Justin and Louisa Gingery welcomed the arrival of their son, James Atticus Gingery, on March 25, 2012. (Elk Grove, CA)

Jeff Gorell
Gorell won easy reelection in Assembly District 37. The Republican legislator spent most of his first term in the California Legislature on active duty in Iraq with the United States Naval Reserve. (Ventura, CA)

Samantha Guild
Guild helped to author Senate Bill 748, the state law which bans children under 18 from using indoor tanning beds, which was signed by Governor Jerry Brown. She is the co-founder of AIM at Melanoma, the largest international melanoma foundation focused on melanoma research, patient advocacy, legislation, education and awareness. (Richmond, CA)

Sarah Heckman
Heckman advanced to a November runoff against Jud Waggoman, ’90, in a nine-person race for a for a Sutter County Superior Court judgeship. The county director of family court services, she won 26 percent of the vote in a nine-person field that also included Michael Trezza, ’89, and former Judge Al Carrion, ’70. (Yuba City, CA)

Alex Katofsky
Katofsky helped to negotiate a settlement in a class-action suit against BMW of North America involving charges of consumer privacy law violations. Formerly with Gaines & Gaines LLC, he is now a principal in the Law Offices of Alex P. Katofsky. (Woodland Hills, CA)

Adam Krolowski
Krolowski negotiated a $150,000 settlement in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, in a police negligence false arrest case. He is a principal in the Krolowski Law Firm. (Irvine, CA)

Brian Lafferty
Lafferty opened the Law Offices of Brian E. Lafferty, a criminal defense practice. (Stockton, CA)

Andy Pugno
Pugno took second place in the race for State Assembly District 6 contest. He will face a favored incumbent in the fall. He is a civil attorney. (Folsom, CA)

Lana Shearer
Shearer joined Bartholomew & Wasznicky, Sacramento’s largest family law firm as an associate attorney. She previously practiced in a wider range of fields that included family law, insurance defense, land use, and employment law. (Sacramento)

Erin Sullivan-Pico
On April 27, 2012, we became grandparents to a beautiful baby girl. Her name is Natalie Mackenzie and she weighed 12.67 pounds. (Sacramento)

Lizbeth West
It’s my third year of nomination as a Northern California “Super Lawyer.” Our firm merged with the oldest California firm, Tobin & Tobin of San Francisco, in January 2012 then with Weissman Wolf of Beverly Hills in July 2012 to form Weintraub Tobin Chediak Coleman Grodin, aka Weintraub-Tobin. (Sacramento)
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<td>Ann Alexander</td>
<td>Alexander won a defense verdict in Washoe County District Court as co-counsel with a classmate in a case in which a plaintiff claimed injuries from a slamming door as she tried to board a Tahoe Area Regional Transit bus. She is a shareholder at Erickson, Thorpe &amp; Swainston. (Reno, NV)</td>
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<td>Rebecca Bruch</td>
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<td>Michael Biggs</td>
<td>Biggs negotiated a $500,000 settlement in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, for a firefighter in a wrongful termination, back pay case. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Michael S. Biggs. (Tiburon, CA)</td>
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<td>Tommy Carlos</td>
<td>Carlos ran an unsuccessful but spirited campaign for a seat in the House of Representatives in California Congressional District 3, which is held by a popular incumbent. He is a deputy district attorney in Sutter County. (Yuba City, CA)</td>
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<td>Wendy Emslie</td>
<td>I was co-counsel with Wyman and Isaacs and Law Office of Alan Rader representing 40 ‘Call of Duty’ video game series developers in the highly publicized matter of Alderman, et al v. Activision Publishing, Inc. et al., in which all parties reached settlement in May 2012. (Glendale, CA)</td>
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<td>Doreen Spears Hartwell</td>
<td>Hartwell was interviewed in the May issue of the Nevada Lawyer magazine. A partner at McDonald Carano, she is the president of the Las Vegas chapter of the National Bar Association. (Las Vegas, NV)</td>
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When Sean Coen, ’99, takes his seat on the Los Angeles Superior Court bench later this year, it will mark the first time that court — the largest court of general jurisdiction in the country — has had a father-and-son team on the bench.

Coen’s father, Judge Ronald Coen, has served as a judge since 1985, and he will administer the oath of office to his son, who won election to an open seat on the bench in the June presidential primary election.

“I was fortunate to win more than 50 percent of the vote in a four-person race and avoid a November runoff,” Coen says.

Another McGeorge alum and fellow deputy district attorney, Andrea Thompson, ’84, also won election to an open seat in June. So it was a good day down here for our law school.”

Coen joined the L.A District Attorney’s Office as a volunteer right out of law school, then secured a law clerk position after passing the bar. He has served as prosecutor for 12 years, trying more than 100 felony jury cases. His career path has followed that of his father who as a deputy district attorney prosecuted many high-profile cases, including the Wonderland murder trial.

The younger Coen spent his early years as a deputy D.A. dealing with terrible child-abuse cases, and admits, “I had to get away from that when I began having a family of my own.” He and his wife, Lisa, a fellow prosecutor, now have four young children.

Coen found his niche as a member of a small, elite Hardcore Gang Unit based in Pomona. His victories include a nine-defendant wiretap case involving a three-month investigation by the L.A. Police Department’s Robbery-Homicide Division and more than 12,000 phone calls. The gang leader is doing life in prison now. It was a rewarding result, but not one that didn’t come without death threats.

Coen recalls enjoying taking Trial Advocacy with Professors Joe Taylor and Jay Leach and remembers dealing with a milder form of stress in law school. “Do they still have that ping pong table up there outside the Rec Center? I was in the best shape of my life the first year in Sacramento. I was so stressed by some of my courses that I had to work out every day or play ping pong.”

“But it all was worthwhile, I became a good ping-pong player,” he jokes.

And all would agree, a good prosecutor too.
Brett Jolley
I was named a rising star in the Super Lawyers magazine for the fourth consecutive year. I am a shareholder at Herum Crabtree. (Stockton, CA)

James R. Lewis
Lewis has been named to Northern California Rising Stars as one of the top up-and-coming attorneys in California for 2012 by Super Lawyers magazine. He is an attorney at the Law Offices of Frank D. Penney. (Roseville, CA)

Courtney McAlister
McAlister picked up a respectable 33 percent of the vote, but it wasn’t enough to prevent another candidate from winning the majority of the ballots cast for a Yuba County Superior Court slot. He is a business attorney and real estate broker. (Marysville, CA)

Leon Page
Page is a candidate for the MiraCosta Community College District Board of Trustees. He is a deputy county counsel for Orange County. Leon Page, ’00, successfully defended a wrongful termination case in Orange Superior Court. He is a deputy assistant at the Office of County Counsel. (Santa Ana, CA)

Clinton Parish
Parish lost a bid for a seat Yolo County Superior Court bench to an incumbent judge. He is a deputy district attorney in that county. (Woodland, CA)

Ann Marie Pierce
July marked my 10th year as a San Bernardino County deputy DA. My husband and I are trying to keep up with our 18 month-old daughter. (Rancho Cucamonga, CA)

Kristina Reed
Reed has been named to the Northern California Rising Stars list as one of the Super Lawyers magazine’s top up-and-coming attorneys in for 2012. (Sacramento)

Sandeep Shah
We celebrated our two-year wedding anniversary. The practice is rapidly growing as we have added a new attorney and are looking to possibly add one of two more by the end of the year. (Irvine, CA)

2001

Stephanie Bopp
I am a partner, Murphy, Campbell, Guthrie and Alliston. Earlier this year, I was admitted to practice in the State of Nevada to expand my legal practice. This fall, I tried a case to verdict in San Bernardino Superior Court obtaining a defense verdict on behalf of a railroad company client in a personal injury case. (Sacramento)

Matthew Clark
Clark has been elected as president of Clinica Sierra Vista’s board of directors. A partner with the law firm of Chain/Cohn/Stiles who specializes in personal injury litigation, he has been a member of the private, nonprofit, community-based health care system’s board of directors since 2007. (Bakersfield, CA)

James Nerli
Nerli joined Nevin Wiesner as an insurance defense attorney. He is a former Mendocino County deputy district attorney who worked with the state drug enforcement strike force. (Rancho Cordova, CA)

Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson
My co-counsel and I represented the Nevada Commission on Ethics in Nevada Commission in Ethics v. Carrigan, 131 S. Ct. 2343 (2011). We prevailed in determination that the Nevada Ethics in Government Law, which requires public officials to rescue themselves from voting on a proposal and from advocating its passage or failure, is not unconstitutionally overbroad. Legislatures do not have a personal, First Amendment right to vote on any given matter. (Carson City, NV)

Chad Tapp
Tapp was cocounsel for the defense and won a bench decision in Sutter Superior Court in a multi-million dispute between a water company and the Yuba County Water Agency. He is a partner at Poster Scott. (Sacramento)

Mark Thomas
Thomas won a bench dismissal of charges in a copyright infringement case in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. He is a partner at Brownstein Thomas LLP. (San Francisco, CA)

2002

Katherine Bellotti Porter
In September 2011, I left Porter Scott to start my own practice as a litigation general practitioner and contract attorney. (Sacramento)

Michael DeMicco
I was married to Kristin Brean on May 19, 2012. (Huntington Beach, CA)

Stephen Gizzi
I taught a 40-hour civil mediation course to judges in Chicago, which will be co-sponsored by the NIC and theABA. (Bencia, CA)

2003

Anne Bandle
John Bundle, ’02, and I welcomed our second daughter, Alexa Grace Bandle, to our family on February 13, 2012. (Winston-Salem, NC)

Hector de Avila Gonzalez
I was awarded a diploma on Migration and Governance on April 2012 from Centro de Investigacion y Direccion Economicas (CIDE). I was interviewed and cited in an article, “Immigrants Draw to Small Biz Ownership,” in July in the Sacramento Business Journal. (Sacramento)

Eric De Wames
I was fortunate to be included in Super Lawyers magazine as a rising star. (Los Angeles, CA)
Michael Felsted
Felsted was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a Marin Superior Court case in which a plaintiff claimed serious injuries and PTSD from a slip and fall. He is a partner with Muro & Lampe. (Folsom, CA)

Ryan Marcroft
Marcroft represented the state of California in hearings before a Sacramento Superior Court judge that upheld rulings in the wording of Proposition 34, the death penalty ballot measure. He is a deputy attorney general with the state DOJ. (Sacramento)

Mike Mouradian
I co-authored a couple of articles, one of which, "Beware the Pitfalls of Pre-Litigation Investigation and Reliance on the Attorney-Work Product Doctrine," appeared in the Fall/Fall issue of USLAW Magazine. The other article about e-Discovery was published in the IADC Business Litigation newsletter 2012. I was named a "rising star" for the third consecutive year. (Los Angeles, CA)

Trevor Quirk
Quirk was featured in a Ventura County Star story. He is a principal in the Quirk Law Firm LLP, which represents personal injury plaintiffs. (Ventura, CA)

Frederick Thomas
In April 2012, I co-founded The Craver Law Firm. I also married girlfriend Danyl Wilson (now Thomas). (Phoenix, AZ)

2004
William Bishop
Bishop joined Shaw Valenza LLP as an associate and will represent employers in its labor and employment law practice. (Sacramento)

Susana Cendejas
I got married on July 6, 2012, to Vicente Baca. In attendance were several McGeorge alumni including maids of honor Jennifer Garten and Jocelyn Colbert, and groomsmen/brother of the groom Ronald Pearson. I have also opened a branch of my firm, Angius and Terry, in Manteca and continue to practice construction defect litigation and community association law. (Sacramento)

2005
Jennifer Alves
I am working as contracts analyst for Pro Unlimited, Inc. Barry and I are expecting our second child in late November. We are looking forward to our new addition. (Boca Raton, FL)

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Lori Asuncion
In November 2011, I gave birth to a beautiful, healthy baby girl, Makenzi Marin, our second child. I also won my first summary judgment motion. (Elk Grove, CA)

Jennifer (Wenker) Brooks
I married my husband, Jon Brooks, in Yosemite on October 8, 2011. I continue to practice business, employment and franchise law at Hunt and Jeppson, LLP. (Roseville, CA)

Talia Delanoy
Delanoy has joined Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith in Sacramento where she will focus her practice on representing businesses and individuals in general liability matters. Previously, she was an associate at Prout & LaVengie. (Sacramento)

Venus Johnson
Johnson was named a "Lawyers on the Fast Track" honoree by The Recorder newspaper. She is an Alameda County deputy district attorney who serves on the office's sexual assault unit. She also co-founded the Oakland family child-care center, Betty's Children's Academy, where she remains on the board. (Oakland, CA)

Derek King
After three-and-a-half years, I am proud of my continuing success as a solo practitioner specializing in criminal defense and family law. I practice in the greater Sacramento area, including Placer, Yolo, and El Dorado Counties. (Sacramento)

2006
Ric Asfar
I am an associate at Saxon, Gilmore, Carraway & Gibbons P.A. and was recently selected for inclusion on a magazine list of Florida "Rising Stars." (Tampa, FL)

Scott Cavanaugh
Cavanaugh was co-counsel for a successful defense in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, of an excessive force charge against a Chico policeman. She is an associate with Angelo, Kilday & Kilduff. (Sacramento)

James Picker
Picker won a defense verdict in Napa Superior Court in a premises liability case in which a plaintiff sought $1 million in damages for alleged carbon monoxide poisoning injuries. He is an attorney with Philip M. Andersen & Associates Inc. (Pleasanton, CA)

Jason Smith
I cochaired a 12-day arbitration wherein my client recovered an $8,000,000 award in January 2012. Thereafter, I launched Smith, McDowell, and Powell, ALC with close friends and colleagues Jaclyn L. Powell, ‘09, and Brad A. McDowell. I serve as managing shareholder and Jaclyn serves as the firm’s CEO. (Sacramento)

Colleen Warren
I opened a law firm almost three years ago with a colleague. Our firm, Lewis and Warren APLC, devotes its practice to family law issues. I became a certified family law specialist as designated by the State Bar in June 2012. (San Diego, CA)

Douglas A. Wright
Wright launched EvictionsInc.com, a web-based eviction service covering all 58 counties in California. The client creates an account, submits a case, and logs-in to check the case status. Next business day processing is guaranteed anywhere in California. (Redding, CA)

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Joel Eisenberg
Eisenberg joined Apple Inc. in Cupertino as Counsel, Compensation & Employee Benefits. His wife, Marta Eisenberg, ’06, continues to practice at Bryan Hinshaw, PC, where she specializes in probate matters. (San Francisco, CA)

Matthew Gouaux
Gouaux discussed fiduciary best practices in an interview with EPN Radio. An attorney with Trucker Huss APC, he is the president of the Bay Area chapter of the National Institute of Pension Administrators. (San Francisco, CA)

J. Hunter Murphy
Murphy has opened a law office, Hunter Murphy Law PC, in North Carolina, where he offers representation in civil and criminal matters. (Waynesville, NC)

Erich Shiners
Shiners won a defense bench decision in San Joaquin Superior Court in a wrongful termination case against the City of Stockton. He is an associate with Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai LLP in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Matthew Silver
Silver has been elected as a board member of the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers. Silver, an associate in Best Best & Krieger, where he is a member of the municipal and redevelopment law group. (Irvine, CA)

Scott Sommerdorff
Sommerdorff was co-counsel for the successful defense of a product liability design defects case in Sacramento Superior Court in a case involving a broken soda bottle at Raley’s store. He is an attorney at Jacobson Markham LLP. (Sacramento)

David Keyzer
Melissa, ’07, and I recently moved back to the Sacramento area along with our two sons. I have started my own law practice to advise federal district judges and others on patent law matters. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

2007

Peter Boldin
I am the principle attorney at the Law Offices of Peter J. Boldin. On June 2, 2012, I married Monique Qunh Tram Boldin, a 2010 UC Davis graduate, in Santa Ana. (Sacramento)

Jennifer Chapman
Chapman has joined Ernst & Young as senior tax staff in its Personal Financial Services department. She is married to Ric Asfar, ’06 (Tampa, FL)

Dena Coggins
Coggins was a member of a plaintiff arbitration team that won a $21.5 million award for a Marin County healthcare district and hospital in a lawsuit against another healthcare organization. Former Pacific McGeorge faculty member George Harris was one of her co-counsel. She is an associate with Morrison & Foerster. (San Francisco, CA)

2008

Eric Gassman
I opened Gassman Law in April 2012. We specialize in all aspects of bankruptcy, reorganizations, and judgment enforcement. (Encino, CA)

2009

Cameron Desmond
Desmond has been elected to the board of the Barristers’ Club in Sacramento. She is an associate with the litigation practice group of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. (Sacramento)

Samson Elbernd
Elbernd wrote an article, “Changes on the Way to State Bar Governance Structure,” which appeared in the May/June issue of the Sacramento Lawyer. He is an associate with Wilke, Fleury, Hofleit, Gould & Birney LLP. (Sacramento)

Conor Flynn
Flynn has joined Armstrong Teasdale and will practice as a litigation attorney handling complex commercial disputes in the national firm’s Nevada office. (Las Vegas, NV)

Emily Haden
Haden has been appointed to the 35th District Agricultural Association, Merced County Fair Board by Governor Jerry Brown. She is an associate with Robert T. Haden PC. (Merced, CA)

Joshua Hendrickson
Hendrickson joined Archer Norris and will work in the firm’s litigation practice. (Walnut Creek, CA)
Heidi Holmquist, ’09, a recent member of the Pacific McGeorge Mock Trial Competition Team, played a major role in winning a defense verdict in a Humboldt County murder trial this spring.

Holmquist, who has worked at the Humboldt County Public Defender’s Office since 2010, was co-counsel for Joseph E. Miller, arrested in May 2011 and charged with the 2002 stabbing death of a Eureka woman. The jury took less than three hours in deliberations before acquitting Miller, who had been connected to the crime through DNA evidence.

“I have been a misdemeanor trial attorney,” Holmquist says, “but this year I decided to stick my nose into an interesting murder case that was 10 years old, and the client was adamant he didn’t do it. I was able to not only second chair the murder trial, but was effectively co-counsel — contributing to jury selection, writing the opening, actually questioning prosecution and defense witnesses, and writing motions. We felt confident, but of course the worst kind of client to have as a defense attorney is one who is innocent of murder.”

Young Public Defender Wins Murder Case In Humboldt Trial

By Michael Curran

After six weeks of trial, Holmquist and lead counsel Greg Elvine-Kreis were rewarded for their efforts in turning up conflicting DNA evidence that cast doubt on the prosecutor’s case. The jury gave them a complete acquittal.

Miller, who had previously served hard time in prison for drug-related crimes, realizes Elvine-Kreis and Holmquist were exceptional advocates. “I’ve been through the system,” he says. “I was blessed to have them.”

Holmquist was thrilled with the outcome and also attributes her success to others. “I have to say that there isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t use something I learned from the McGeorge Trial advocacy Program, whether it be a simple motion hearing or a murder trial,” she says. “I feel very lucky to have had such a great practical educational foundation. I can’t imagine having to do this job without it.”

The local newspaper, The Times-Standard, lauded the work of the public defenders. “The Miller case stands as an example of how the American justice system works and how we need public defenders every bit as much as we need prosecutors, judges and police,” its editorial read.

One of Holmquist’s colleagues at the public defender’s office is classmate Casey Russo, ’09. “We both interned at the Yolo County Public Defender’s office during law school,” she says, “and that was another wonderful experience at McGeorge.”
### 2010

#### Mendie Archibong
I won an award for my client in the amount of $1.5M yesterday. Further, I won attorney fees in the amount of $150,000. I also got dismissed a six-figure claim brought against my client for fraud.  
(Silver Fall, MD)

#### Michael Brennan
I recently connected Michael F Brennan Law Offices to a virtual model. It now represents the first known virtual law firm serving clients in the entire tri-state area of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. The practice focuses on estate planning, business planning and business associations and organizations. (Milwaukee, WI)

#### Katherine (Larsen) Cook
Cook accepted a position with Meyers Nave as an associate with the firm’s Public Law Group, specializing in municipal and special district law. (Sacramento)

#### Christopher Cordes
In July 2012, I joined Walsworth Franklin Bevins & McCall in its general litigation department. (Orange, CA)

#### Mariel Covarrubias
Covarrubias joined Murphy, Campbell, Guthrie & Allston in Sacramento as an associate. She will practice in the firm’s business litigation, construction and employment litigation departments. (Sacramento)

#### Cody Drabble
Drabble wrote short story that was one of three entries selected out of 6,000 submitted to be featured on NPR’s Saturday morning “All Things Considered” program in a three-minute fiction contest. (Sacramento)

#### Alec Levine
Levine joined Rediger, McHugh & Owensby LLP as an associate for the Sacramento firm that represents employers in labor and employment law. (Sacramento)

#### Elena Eckert
In October, 2011, we founded a nonprofit, the Association of Professional Women of Eastern Europe. Please visit us at www.apwee.org. I received a “Woman of Outstanding Leadership” award from the International Women’s Leadership Association for my community activities. (Rocklin, CA)

#### Elizabeth Kiessling
I became Elizabeth Kiessling Buff after marrying Jens Buff on August 6, 2011, in Port Hueneme, California. I was promoted from Lieutenant Junior Grade to Lieutenant on February 1, 2012 and am a U.S. Navy JAG prosecutor and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney at Naval Base Ventura County. (Oxnard, CA)

#### Laura Lachman
Lachman is an attorney with the law firm Harbinson Tunn Keisel, which specializes in representing and advising self-insured employers in Workers’ Compensation matters. She has drafted numerous successful Petitions and Answers to Petitions for Writ of Review in the California Court of Appeal. (San Francisco, CA)

#### Jared Laiti
I am an attorney at the Law Offices of Hadley & Fraulob, currently serving as Green Party of California liaison to the Secretary of State — the equivalent of a state party co-chair for purposes of official communications. (Sacramento)

#### David Cameron
Cameron joined Wanger Jones Helsley PC in March 2012, where he practices business litigation and environmental law. (Fresno, CA)

#### Carmen-Nicole Cox
Cox joined Downey Brand as an associate in its litigation practice group. Previously, she served as an extern for U.S. Magistrate Judge Kendall Newman of the Eastern District of California and a post-bar extern for Presiding Justice Vance Raye of the Third District Court of Appeal. (Sacramento)

#### Corrie Erickson
Erickson joined Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard in the Sacramento firm’s labor and employment practice group. (Sacramento)

#### Matt Fleming
Fleming joined the Federal Defenders Office of San Diego and will try cases in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California. He was a member of a Pacific McGeorge contingent that conducted a two-week training program for Chilean public defenders from this summer in Santiago, Chile. (San Diego, CA)

#### Steve Hansen
Hansen took 28.4 percent of the vote against a runner-up who mustered 27.9 percent in a Sacramento City Council District 4 race. Sacramento criminal defense attorney Michael Rehm, ’05, was among the also-rans in a seven-person field. (Sacramento)

#### David Magnan
I am a new associate member of Anthony M. Kennedy Inn of Court. (Sacramento)

#### Trevor Michaels
Classmate Sami Goei, ’11, and I were sworn in to the State Bar of California and the federal bar in November. I am volunteering at the LA City Attorney’s office, working in their Real Property/Environment Section. (Los Angeles)

### 2011

#### Marcus Arneson
Arneson has joined Belzer & Carr LLP, which represents property owners and government agencies in Northern California in land acquisition and litigation involving real property rights. (Sacramento)

#### Kim Bowman
Bowman, ’11, COP, ’08, and I were married at the Morris Chapel on the Stockton Campus on May 18, 2012, by Professor Edward H. Telfeyan’75. (Salt Lake City, UT)

#### Carrie Stafford
I specialize in cases accommodating inmates with disabilities at the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation. (Sacramento)

### 2012

#### Ashley Lynn McCarthy
McCarthy is an adjunct professor and teaches Legal Writing at the Meridian campus of Mississippi State University. (Meridian, MS)

#### Kim Webb
Webb was profiled in a feature story in the Marysville Appeal-Democrat. The former high school teacher is an assistant district attorney with the Sutter County District Attorney’s Office. (Yuba City, CA)

#### Etan Zaitsu
I have joined the California Political Consulting Group, a lobbying firm with two veteran lobbyists on Capitol Avenue in downtown Sacramento. Tatiana Filippova, ’11, and I are having a baby — due in early 2013. We met while serving as certified law students in Pacific McGeorge’s Federal Defender Clinic. (Sacramento)

#### Clinton Parish ’02
Parish lost at the hands of a sitting judge in a Yolo County Superior Court contest. He is a deputy district attorney in that county.  
(Woodland, CA)

#### Mark Hurst ’91
I was promoted to Administrative Law Judge II with the Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Health Care Services. (Elk Grove, CA)
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<td>I have moved my practice from Barcelona, Spain to a small town in northern Switzerland. (Erlinsbach, Switzerland)</td>
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<td><strong>Michelle Kaiser Bray '95</strong></td>
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<td>Bray has earned the Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States credential from the International Association of Privacy Professionals. She is a partner in the intellectual property group at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP. (Indianapolis, IN)</td>
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<td><strong>Christopher Covington '95</strong></td>
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<td>I continue to provide general counsel and merger and acquisition services from my firm in Lafayette. I also continue as a principal in the investment banking boutique, Martin Wolf, focused on M&amp;A for technology companies. (San Ramon, CA)</td>
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<td><strong>Keith Pershall '95</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Greg Meath '96</strong></td>
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<td>Meath was featured in an article in the Stockton Record about the local music scene. The Lodi attorney and Pacific McGeorge adjunct professor is a member of a group, Pushers &amp; Thieves, which has released its third studio album, “Persons of Interest.” (Lodi, CA)</td>
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<td><strong>Reinhard Von Hennigs '98</strong></td>
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<td>After my relocation to North Carolina, I joined the international law firm of Bridgehouse where there are two other McGeorge alumni. We operate worldwide with office locations that include Munich, Berlin and Cologne, Germany, as well as in Atlanta. (Charlotte, NC)</td>
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<td><strong>Stefan Frank '08</strong></td>
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<td>Frank joined Binder Grosswang as an associate and will practice in the large Austrian firm’s banking and investment unit. (Vienna, Austria)</td>
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<td><strong>Lawrence Manzi '11</strong></td>
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<td>Manzi was appointed as the governance policy analyst for the prime minister of Rwanda by the Cabinet Ministry. He will be charged with coordinating, monitoring and ensuring implementation of the office’s justice, reconciliation, Law and Order Sector programs and priorities. (Kigali, Rwanda)</td>
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<td><strong>Clark Gillespy '89</strong></td>
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<td>Gillespy has been named president of the Duke Energy’s South Carolina service region where he will be responsible for advancing the company’s rate and regulatory initiatives and managing state and local regulatory and government relations. Previously, he served as vice president of economic development, business development and territorial strategies for the large utility company in North Carolina and South Carolina. (Columbia, SC)</td>
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<td><strong>Gene Rogers '59</strong></td>
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<td>Rogers died on July 22, 2012, at the age of 92 in Davis. He practiced law for 40 years in downtown Sacramento, many of them with Herman &amp; Rogers, before his retirement in 2000.</td>
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<td><strong>James Carroll '61</strong></td>
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<td>Carroll died on August 13, 2012, at the age of 84 in Fair Oaks. An active member of the State Bar for 48 years, he operated a general practice in East Sacramento until 2010.</td>
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<td><strong>Henry M. Tai '64</strong></td>
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<td>Tai died on May 29, 2012, at the age of 82 at his home in Honolulu, Hawaii. Pacific McGeorge’s first native Hawaiian graduate, he practiced law in Sacramento for 20 years then spent more than two decades serving as an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration’s Office of Hearings and Appeals in Honolulu.</td>
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<td><strong>Donald McCallum '67</strong></td>
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<td>McCallum died on September 2, 2012, at the age of 72 in Sacramento. An RS agent when he attended law school, he formed a general practice law firm with his classmates and wife, Barbara McCallum, ’67, which they operated together in downtown Sacramento for 42 years.</td>
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<td><strong>Robert C. DeVoe '74</strong></td>
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<td>DeVoe died on August 24, 2012, at the age of 94 in Sacramento. He served as an assistant public defender for Sacramento County for several years before practicing private criminal defense and juvenile law. He also served two terms on the Sacramento County Grand Jury.</td>
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<td><strong>Karen Rubinger '76</strong></td>
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<td>Rubinger died of cancer on June 15, 2012, at the age of 60 in Stockton. She and her late husband, Kenneth, practiced bankruptcy and corporate reorganization law together for more than 30 years as Rubinger &amp; Rubinger.</td>
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<td><strong>Clayton Crowell '77</strong></td>
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<td>Crowell died on May 30, 2012, of cancer at the age of 65 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He served for more than 25 years as a deputy attorney general in the civil division of the State of Hawaii’s Department of the Attorney General before his retirement in 2010.</td>
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<td><strong>James Ganzer '81, LL.M. '84</strong></td>
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<td>Ganzer died on June 9, 2012, at the age of 68. A former school teacher and president of the Davis Teachers Association, he practiced law for nearly three decades as a founding partner of Ganzer &amp; Williams in Stockton.</td>
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<td><strong>David Amesbury '88</strong></td>
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<td>Amesbury died suddenly on March 25, 2012, in Grass Valley at the age of 57. He was a prominent criminal defense attorney in Las Vegas who was a longtime partner in the Law Offices of Amesbury &amp; Schutt.</td>
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<td><strong>Jon Nakanishi '95</strong></td>
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<td>Nakanishi died on June 21, 2012, at the age of 42 in Truckee following a Father’s Day rafting accident in which he fell into the icy waters, collapsed, was resuscitated, but failed to fully recover. A Susanville attorney, he served as Lassen Superior Court Family Law facilitator and a judge of Lassen Teen Court.</td>
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<td><strong>Cary Hipps '96</strong></td>
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<td>Hipps died on November 28, 2009, at the age of 47 in Phoenix, Arizona. He served as a deputy county attorney for the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, Division of County Counsel, for more than a decade.</td>
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The New Face of the Law School
In late August, Pacific switched over to a new approach for mcgeorge.edu.

The new, modern look and feel of the design is intended to better attract the site’s primary audience — prospective students. But the colors, fonts and headings are relatively minor changes. The more significant update to the site was in putting processes and procedures in place to keep the content accurate and meaningful. The marketing messages have been researched and refined. The site is able to incorporate modern media, such as video, more easily and more consistently throughout the site and across multiple devices. The navigation has been re-organized using an audience approach to align the sections of the website to the needs of prospective students, current students, alumni, faculty and the wider community. We’ve also worked to make the site search more robust and we’ve added hundreds of images to help tell the Pacific McGeorge story.

The new website is not finished. Feedback from our users has and will lead us to make some additions and changes, and we’re keeping an eye on what site visitors are doing to continue to make improvements to the way audiences navigate and interact with the website. The next major improvement will be a version of the site specifically designed for mobile devices. That advancement should be in place early next year.

Thank you for your continued interest the law school and our website. Please visit mcgeorge.edu often.
Calendar of Events

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

November 12, 2012
New York Alumni Chapter Reception
Loi, New York City

November 14, 2012
Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter Reception
The Mad Hatter, Washington, D.C.

December 3, 2012
State and Federal Bar Swearing-In
Pacific McGeorge

January 12, 2013
Alumni Association’s Southern California MCLE
The Grand, Long Beach

January 12, 2013
Alumni Association’s Bay Area MCLE
Hilton Garden Inn, Emeryville

January 26, 2013
Alumni Association’s Sacramento MCLE and Live Webcast
Pacific McGeorge

March 1-2, 2013
Center for Global Business & Development Symposium
Pacific McGeorge

March 7-8, 2013
Ethics Across the Professions Symposium
Pacific McGeorge

February 19, 2013
Justice Richard Goldstone, South Africa
International Jurist Series
Pacific McGeorge

March 14-16, 2013
Seventh National Ethics Trial Competition
Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse, Sacramento

April 4-5, 2013
“The State and Future of Legal Education”
McGeorge Law Review Symposium
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