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With faculty experts like Distinguished Professor Stephen McCaffrey, our water law program is second to none.

The Pacific McGeorge Alumni Mentor Network fosters connections
Professor Brian Slocum offers an incisive new take on legalese
The debate for same-sex marriage rights takes center stage
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My first year as dean of Pacific McGeorge School of Law has been rewarding and challenging. We are addressing the rapid and substantial structural change in legal practice by reducing enrollment and rethinking our curriculum to ensure that we provide a distinctive education to our students that will enable them to succeed. Additionally, we are emphasizing the need for our students to attend to their career plans from the beginning of their studies, and to take advantage of new curricular offerings that emphasize practical and real-world experiences. My enthusiasm and confidence are bolstered by the repeated expressions of support from our alumni.

During the coming academic year, we will need your financial support more than ever to ensure that the Pacific McGeorge student experience is unparalleled. Please consider directing your gift to one of three areas of particular need:

- Scholarships to recruit and retain highly qualified students in this competitive environment;
- Curricular innovations, which require more teaching resources to provide our students with focused attention in simulation and live-client settings; and
- Distinctive academic programs such as our legal writing and advocacy program, our programs in the Capital Center, and our clinical programs.

These areas of critical need receive my financial support each year, and I invite you to join me in our effort to strengthen the law school so that it can continue to thrive.

Thank you for your dedication to Pacific McGeorge and your continuing support.

Francis J. Mootz III
Dean and Professor of Law

PS I hope you enjoy the new design of Pacific Law magazine as much as I do!
HEART OF THE CAMPUS

Pacific McGeorge’s beautiful campus centers around the lush green grass and trees on the Quad, surrounded by the McGeorge House and the Student Center. Our law-only campus continues to be distinctive, and changes are soon to come...
Congressman Ami Bera Gives Commencement Address

Congressman Ami Bera of the U.S. House of Representatives was the commencement speaker at the graduation ceremony of the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law on May 18.

Congressman Bera represents California’s Seventh Congressional District, located east of Sacramento. During Bera’s 20-year medical career, he worked to improve the availability, quality and affordability of health care. Bera helped to connect UC Davis medical students with Pacific McGeorge community legal clinic students five years ago in a joint interdisciplinary class. Our graduates were inspired by Bera’s comments about a hopeful future.

Justice Kennedy Speaks to McGeorge Community

On March 7, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy engaged a lecture hall packed with Pacific McGeorge students and community members in a discussion about his love of the law. Kennedy came to Sacramento to be honored by the dedication of the new Justice Anthony M. Kennedy Library and Learning Center in the downtown federal courthouse.

One of the many memorable statements Justice Kennedy made while addressing the Pacific McGeorge community was that the most important purpose of a legal education is “teaching you to think about the ordinary in a formal way.”

Some Pacific McGeorge students will see Justice Kennedy again in July when he returns to teach in Pacific McGeorge’s Salzburg, Austria, Summer Program for his 24th year. U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Elena Kagan will join Kennedy for the first time this summer to teach in Salzburg. She previously served as dean of Harvard Law School and solicitor general of the United States.
Who are Pacific McGeorge students? Highly intelligent and hardworking people like you!

**Fall 2012 Entering Full-Time Class**
- Applications: 2,244
- Class size: 191
- Median age: 24
- Minorities: 31.9%
- Women: 49.7%

**Fall 2012 Entering Part-Time Class**
- Applications: 260
- Class size: 57
- Median age: 28
- Minorities: 38.6%
- Women: 50.9%

Our student body is increasingly diverse and engaged, bringing to the Pacific McGeorge community a host of perspectives and talents from their experience in a variety of undergraduate programs and careers from across the nation and around the globe.

Note: The following numbers reflect statistics reported to the ABA as of Oct. 5, 2012.

**Top Feeder Schools**
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- CSU Sacramento
- UC Berkeley
- CSU Chico
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- University of the Pacific

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¹ Canada, Germany, India, South Korea and Vietnam.
Faculty Focus

PROFESSORS EXPLORE ETHICS
The Pacific McGeorge Ethics Across the Professions Initiative, sponsored by Sierra Health Foundation, featured two guest lectures during spring semester. On Jan. 7, Professor Laurel Terry, from Penn State Dickinson School of Law, discussed the September 2012 London conference of more than 100 lawyer regulators, which sowed the seeds for a new global regulatory network. On Feb. 20, Professor David Vladeck, who served as the director of the Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Consumer Protection for four years, lectured on “Completely Clueless or Completely Venal?: Regulators, Wrongdoing and Corporate Responses to the Federal Trade Commission.”

HONORS FOR MICHAEL MALLOY
Professor Michael Malloy was honored by publisher Wolters Kluwer with a plaque marking the 25th anniversary of his publication, The Corporate Law of Banks, now a three-volume treatise in its second edition titled Banking Law and Regulation.

At the Intersection of Law and Medicine
Each semester for the past five years, a group of Pacific McGeorge students has attended classes at the UC Davis School of Medicine with medical students and study the interrelated health and legal issues of a growing senior population. On Jan. 17, Elder and Health Law Clinic students joined UC Davis medical students for a three-hour class of simulations in which “clients” confronted the participants with issues of alleged medical error.

Amanda Iler, ’14, Wins ABOTA Award
Amanda Iler, ’14, became the inaugural winner of the American Board of Trial Advocates’ Joe Ramsey Award. Named Trial Advocacy Student of the Year, she was honored at the Sacramento Valley ABOTA Chapter’s annual dinner at the Del Paso Country Club.
Iler, a star on the Pacific McGeorge Mock Trial Team, turned in a noteworthy performance in the Fordham Law School’s Kelly Invitational in October 2012. She and her partner, Denize Kia, ’13, tried both sides of a case in the event, winning all five judges in one round and losing by a single point in the second round.
Sacramento may not seem like a foreign city, but to an individual who spent years in Afghanistan, Kuwait and Honduras, it can seem like a different world. Fluent in Russian and Spanish and knowledgeable in Arabic, and with training in goju-ryu and jujitsu, Jamal Malik, ‘16, has a vast background in supporting military and Department of Defense efforts worldwide.

Malik, who grew up in Elk Grove, decided to join the U.S. Army in his junior year of high school and shipped out on assignment upon graduation. Because of Malik’s exceptional score on his ASVAB, his recruiting sergeant offered him a position in military intelligence. Once he arrived in Kuwait, Malik attended classes on base and completed his associate degree from Georgia Military College. After leaving the Army in 2003, he was sent to Kyrgyzstan to work for the Department of Defense. During this 15-month commitment, he was able to get halfway through his bachelor’s degree with the University of Phoenix.

With a final commitment in Kuwait, Malik received a phone call from his fiancée telling him they were expecting a baby. After promising to be home in time for the birth, he ended up being sent to Afghanistan. “It was the toughest three months of my life,” he says. While living in a tent, dodging rockets and running to bomb shelters, he tried to distract himself by studying for the LSAT. Soon, though, he decided to resign from his position to return home for his daughter’s birth.

Throughout all these experiences, Malik never lost sight of his original career goals. Ever since the age of 7, he wanted to go into law. After speaking with Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs Timothy Naccarato, Malik felt that Pacific McGeorge could be a good fit for him. “Pacific McGeorge values veterans, and Dean Naccarato called to tell me so,” Malik notes. “And I can feel the camaraderie among the veterans on campus.”

However, it was the outstanding faculty that ultimately convinced Malik to submit his application. “The faculty understands that many students like me are working professionals with families,” says Malik. “They understand our interest in pursuing a legal education to make a career change.” Malik, who works in IT operations for the General Dynamics Information Technology Group in Fairfield, attends Pacific McGeorge’s evening program.

The appreciation and warm welcome that he received at Pacific McGeorge reinforced his decision that law is the right career path. “It feels great to be part of a close-knit community where practicing lawyers give students so much attention,” Malik says.

Pacific McGeorge is a proud participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program. If you have previous or prospective military service, please call 916.739.7141 or email alumnimcgeorge@pacific.edu to let us know!
SEPC Awards Five Scholarships

Five students were honored as scholarship recipients at the Sacramento Estate Planning Council’s (SEPC) 19th annual Technical Forum on Jan. 24. Keith Banks, ’13; Brandt Burko, ’13; Michael Ghanadian, ’13; Sean Mick, ’13; and Sarah Olson, ’13, joined Adjunct Professor Gina Lera, ’95, for the presentation. Since its endowment was established in 1991, SEPC has awarded 80 scholarships totaling $238,012.

MCGEORGE LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

On April 5, the McGeorge Law Review hosted its annual symposium, which examined “The State and Future of Legal Education.” Currently, legal education is under the spotlight in terms of the services and value it provides to students. Changing conditions in higher education and the economy have resulted in fewer law school applications each year.

The symposium provided an assessment of how legal pedagogy can best prepare students for the changing legal services market. In addition, the symposium addressed what law schools must do to provide real value to their students, who face an uncertain future in today’s legal market and economy.

Several Pacific McGeorge professors participated in the discussion. Professor Ruth Jones and Dean Francis J. Mootz III presented. Distinguished Professor Michael Vitiello and the McGeorge Law Review Symposium editor Jeff Dodd, ’13, organized the symposium, and Professors Raquel Aldana, Clark Kelso and Lawrence Levine moderated discussions.

Many prestigious law school professors were invited to present, including Professor Katherine Kruse, Hamline University School of Law; Dean Kent Syverud, Washington University School of Law; Professor John Osborn Jr., University of San Francisco School of Law; Professor Gerry Hess, Gonzaga University School of Law; Professor Michael Olivas, University of Houston School of Law; Dean Richard Matasar, New York School of Law; and Professor Carrie Menkel-Meadow, UC Irvine School of Law.

Participants in the McGeorge Law Review Symposium, from left: Jeff Dodd, ’13; Lawrence Levine; Gerry Hess; John Osborn Jr.; Richard Matasar; Michael Vitiello; Carrie Menkel-Meadow; Kent Syverud; Katherine Kruse; and Francis J. Mootz III
The second annual Pacific McGeorge International Jurist Series brought leading judges and lawyers from around the globe in 2012 and 2013.

On Aug. 30, 2012, Professor Barbara Pozzo, who teaches comparative law at the University of Insubria in Como and directs the Ph.D. program in the same subject at the University of Milan, opened the series with her presentation, “The Changing Scope, Range and Methodology of Comparative Law.” On Sept. 4, 2012, Professor Gunter Herzig, an official at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg and law professor at the University of Salzburg, presented “Crisis and Democracy: Europe’s Constitutional Response to the Financial and Economic Crisis.” On Nov. 5, 2012, Sylvie Cimamonti, professor of law, L’Université Paul-Cézanne, presented “The Place and Role of Victims in Criminal Trials: From Differences Across the Atlantic to the Challenge of Different Legal Systems in Europe.”

The new year opened on Jan. 15 with a presentation by Judge Ricardo Ramírez-Hernández, a member of the WTO Appellate Body and chair of international trade law at the Mexican National University (UNAM) in Mexico City. Ramírez-Hernández discussed “Resolving Global Trade Disputes from Gasoline to Clove Cigarettes: A View from an Appellate Body Member.”

One of the world’s most prominent jurists, retired Justice Richard Goldstone of South Africa, closed out Pacific McGeorge’s second annual International Jurist Series with “Recent Developments at the International Criminal Court” on Feb. 19.
Academic McGeorge’s Annual Global Symposium, held on March 1, 2013, featured leading experts delving into transnational securities and regulatory litigation issues that arose in the aftermath of *Morrison v. National Australia Bank*. Franklin Gevurtz, distinguished professor of law and co-director of the Academic McGeorge Global Center for Business & Development, organized and directed the symposium.

After opening remarks by Dean Francis J. Mootz III, Gevurtz led off the conference with a presentation titled “The Aftermath of Morrison: Issues Presented.” The first panel took a comparative look at global collective actions in the aftermath of *Morrison*. Presenters were Richard Buxbaum, UC Berkeley School of Law; Marc Steinberg, SMU Dedman School of Law; and Winifred H.A.M. van den Muijsenbergh, senior partner at Loyens & Loeff, Netherlands, and Academic McGeorge International Board of Advisors chair.

Distinguished Professor Brian Landsberg moderated a panel discussion about extraterritoriality of U.S. laws after *Morrison*. Presenters were Vivian Curran, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; William Dodge, UC Hastings College of the Law; and Kenneth Gallant, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law.

Professor Paul Paton introduced and moderated the final panel of the symposium, which examined transnational securities enforcement after *Morrison*. Presenters were Katherine Florey, UC Davis School of Law, and Marco Ventoruzzo, Penn State Dickinson School of Law and Boccini University in Milan, Italy, and director of the Max Planck Institute for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law in Luxembourg.

The Academic McGeorge Global Center for Business & Development organized the symposium as the first of a two-part, two-location examination of these issues from both a U.S. and a European perspective undertaken in cooperation with the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law. The second session, on March 25, organized by and held at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg, focused on European developments dealing with cross-border collective actions.
News and Notes from the Center for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution

Pacific McGeorge Competition Teams

MOOT COURT TEAM
The nationally ranked Pacific McGeorge Moot Court Competition Team worked an ambitious tournament schedule this year under the direction of Professor Ed Telfeyan, ’75. The teams competed in many of the elite appellate advocacy events held throughout the country.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM
Professor Cary Bricker, backed by an all-star coaching cast of trial attorneys, sent the 2012-13 edition of the Pacific McGeorge Mock Trial Team into several intercollegiate competitions.

Pacific McGeorge thanks all of our alumni who have come forward to sponsor specific teams for travel expenses and to serve as coaches.

Pacific McGeorge Hosts Seventh NETC
Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law emerged victorious at the seventh annual National Ethics Trial Competition (NETC) hosted March 14-16, 2013, by Pacific McGeorge at the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse in Sacramento.

Pacific McGeorge Professor Jay Leach directed the competition, and Professor Cary Bricker co-directed.

The NETC is co-sponsored by the Anthony M. Kennedy Inn of Court and the American Bar Association Section of Litigation. The competition is made possible by the generous donations of Sacramento attorneys Robert A. Buccola, ’83; Noël Ferris, ’79; Parker White, ’80; the law firm of Porter Scott; and the Sacramento Chapter of ABOTA.

Lou Ashe Symposium Presents Legal Scholar Curtis Wilkie
The Advocacy Center’s 2013 Lou Ashe Symposium speaker was Curtis Wilkie, a journalism professor from the University of Mississippi and a former journalist. He presented “Lessons from an Ethical and Criminal Quagmire: What Can We Learn from the Scruggs Case?” on March 13, 2013, in the Courtoom.
Areas of Excellence

NEW J.D. FOCUS ON CAPITAL LAWYERING

The Capital Lawyering Program offers a select group of J.D. students access to externships, networking activities and targeted professional development.

The Pacific McGeorge Capital Center for Public Law & Policy gives our students the chance to learn to lead among leaders. Our location in California’s capital city provides opportunities to examine critical government issues while studying the law. Our enhanced Capital Lawyering Program is one of few such programs in the nation, offering exclusive engagement and networking activities to students pursuing the Capital Certificate in Public Law & Policy.

Our unrivaled network of alumni leaders at all levels of government in California provides our Capital Lawyering students with guidance and opportunities through their service on the Capital Center Advisory Board.

A partial list of Capital Center Advisory Board members:

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- Allan Zaremberg - Calif. Chamber of Commerce

The Capital Center Advisory Board guides a series of events that introduce students to the range of capital lawyering careers and the excitement of making policy in California’s capital and elsewhere. The 2012-13 events included career panels, networking at the State Capitol Building, a VIP tour of City Hall and a speed networking event.
McGeorge produces “practical, practice-ready attorneys,” says attorney Kim Delfino, ’93, “people who can start working as a lawyer from day one.”

Attending Pacific McGeorge helped Kim Delfino, ’93, solidify her desire to practice nonprofit environmental law. Delfino has been California program director at Defenders of Wildlife since 2000, when she established the organization’s Sacramento office.

She began her law career as an associate attorney at Meyer & Glitzenstein, a public interest law firm in Washington, D.C., litigating cases involving the federal Endangered Species and Clean Water acts. She then became a conservation lobbyist for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group in Washington, where she worked on an effort to protect roadless areas in national forests, including 4.4 million acres in California. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed her to the California Water Commission in 2010. When she moved back to Sacramento more than a decade ago, she made giving back to her alma mater a priority.

Pacific McGeorge, Delfino says, is an asset to the Sacramento region partly because of its strong ties to the community. McGeorge produces “practical, practice-ready attorneys, people who can start working as a lawyer from day one,” she says. She cites the Educational Pipeline program that introduces low-income high school students to legal careers. In addition to giving financial support to the law school, she volunteers extensively. She is a member of the Alumni Association Board, serves on the executive committee, and chairs the Bridge to Practice subcommittee. She speaks at career days and continues to support the Pacific McGeorge Public Legal Student Services annual auction (an event she started as a student 21 years ago).
Legal practice is experiencing fundamental structural change due to a convergence of economic pressures, improved productivity through technology, and the globalization of the trade in legal services. Legal education must change in order to prepare tomorrow’s lawyers to thrive in the new landscape. We should not be too fast to try to predict the future, though. We all remember the disappointment when the individual jet packs promised to us by cartoons when we were children failed to materialize in our adult lives. We need to respond to rapid change without becoming captive to gimmicks.

At Pacific McGeorge we are revising our curriculum fundamentally to address “the new normal” in legal practice. My theme may be surprising: I firmly believe that we need to go “back to the future.” The lawyers of tomorrow will require some specialized training in skills and technology that are relatively new to legal education. For example, law students should understand project management and how to deploy a wide range of developing technology to reduce the cost of legal services to their clients. However, I believe that the main thrust of curricular reform should be to return to the roots of legal education by emphasizing basic competencies in analytical thinking, written and oral expression, persuasion, and conflict resolution. Lawyers and judges tell me that new lawyers could be better trained in these basics. I look forward to leading our faculty to rediscover how to instill core competencies even as we embrace the very new environments in which these skills must be deployed.
Bridging Theory and Practice

A new book series enhances students' understanding of the practice of law.

West’s Bridge to Practice Series, conceived by Professor Michael Vitiello in 2011, has grown quickly into a successful collection of books. The books supplement traditional casebooks in courses across the curriculum and are designed to let students see how abstract legal rules work in practice. Learn more about the series at bridgetopracticeseries.com.

IN PRINT:
Criminal Procedure Simulations (Michael Vitiello)
Civil Procedure Simulations (Michael Vitiello)

IN PRODUCTION:
Evidence Simulations (Thomas Leach, Fred Galves and Edward Imwinkelried)
Property Simulations (John Sprankling)

UNDER CONTRACT:
Antitrust Simulations (Steve Cernak, adjunct, University of Michigan)
Contracts Simulations (Mike Malloy)
Professional Responsibility (Byron Stier, Southwestern)
Criminal Law Simulations (Michael Vitiello and Cary Bricker)

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THE CASE FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE RIGHTS TAKES CENTER STAGE

By Susan Kostal
On March 26 and 27, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in two cases that stand to determine same-sex marriage rights. A large number of Pacific McGeorge students, faculty and alumni are watching closely, in no small part because of their personal and professional connections to the litigation.

The two cases are *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, the case challenging the validity of California’s Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage by popular vote in November 2008, and *U.S. v. Windsor*, which seeks to strike down Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, which confines marriage to unions of a man and a woman, passed by Congress by a wide majority and signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1996.

Neither case is straightforward. Each has multiple layers that the high court must consider before it deals with the core issue of same-sex marriage rights. And with complicated standing issues in each case, it’s not certain the justices will reach the merits of either case, let alone write a broad, sweeping opinion.

That said, the strong possibility remains that these could be the landmark civil rights cases of our era. Court watchers expect the decisions to come in June 2013, before the court closes out its term.

Several Pacific McGeorge professors agree that these cases have the potential to be among the most far-reaching of this term. And with that, interest has reached a fevered pitch, particularly with the school’s ties to the cases.

The lead attorney in the *Hollingsworth v. Perry* case is Ted Olson, who graduated from the University of the Pacific in 1962, before going on to become U.S. solicitor general, serving from 2001 to 2004 under President George W. Bush. He is now a partner with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher in Washington, D.C.

He is half of the odd couple that masterminded the Perry litigation, setting it up for Supreme Court review. His co-counsel in the case is his one-time nemesis, David Boies, who argued for the Democrats, against Olson, in *Bush v. Gore*, which decided the 2000 presidential election.

On the other side of the Perry case is Andrew Pugno, ’99, who serves as general counsel of ProtectMarriage.com. He is defending the case and has been active in the marriage issue since his law school days, when he worked for then-assemblyman Pete Knight on AB 1982, a failed bill that would have prohibited California from recognizing gay marriages from other states. Pugno, an attorney in private practice, ran unsuccessfully as a Republican for the State Assembly in 2012.
A Decisive Role for Justice Kennedy

Many court watchers say the figure at the heart of the brewing drama is Justice Anthony Kennedy. He was the author of the last two gay rights opinions and promises to play a pivotal role in this litigation. Kennedy taught constitutional law as a professor at Pacific McGeorge from 1965 to 1988, when he was appointed to the high court by President Ronald Reagan. Kennedy remains Pacific McGeorge’s longest-serving active faculty member.

The decisions in these two cases will not only affect a central right for millions of Americans, they offer a real-time case study on how the court can fumble an issue occasionally, realize it has missed the mark and then reframe its thinking. “These cases are a terrific example of how the law should advance,” says Professor John Sims, who teaches constitutional law.

The matchup has given constitutional law professors and their students plenty to discuss. In some classes, students have acted out the arguments for classmates. More than 150 students and others attended a forum in February to discuss the cases.

Among the speakers were Professor Lawrence Levine, who teaches sexual orientation law. Levine has studied Kennedy’s decisions in other gay rights cases and analyzed them in a recent law review article.

While political momentum in the country is building toward recognizing gay marriage, especially as the number of states allowing it grows (Maine, Maryland and Washington voters all approved same-sex marriage at the ballot in 2012), it is by no means certain the justices will grant broad rights in this area, Pacific McGeorge scholars say.

Prop. 8 Revisited

“I remain surprised they took the California case,” says Professor Leslie Gielow Jacobs, director of the Capital Center for Public Law & Policy. “The California case is pretty specific to our state, while the DOMA case has national ramifications because it is a federal statute,” she says. “It’s hard to avoid DOMA, but they didn’t have to take the California case.”

By a 2-1 vote in 2012, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Prop. 8 as
unconstitutional, on rather narrow grounds. “I think a lot of people aren’t completely sure where the justices are headed on all this. And I think the justices aren’t sure, either,” Jacobs says.

She and other scholars note that it takes only four justices to vote to hear a case, but it takes five to form a majority. And there is no telling which justices voted to hear the cases and how they might vote on the larger issues.

Levine says it was less of a surprise that the court took the Windsor, or DOMA, case. “Even though every court that has looked at it has ruled it unconstitutional, you are striking down an act of Congress, which some of the court may see as a big deal,” he says.

The cases have brought out powerful sentiments on all sides of the issue. “For me, the question is, When is it permissible for the government to classify and treat one group better than another,” says Sims. “From the beginning, I regarded Bowers v. Hardwick [a 1986 decision upholding Georgia’s law banning sodomy between consenting homosexual adults] as an outrage, one of the worst cases ever. I would put it in the same category as Dred Scott, Plessy v. Ferguson and the Korematsu case.” Bowers was overturned in 2003 in a decision authored by Kennedy, Lawrence v. Texas.

**Correction at Court**

The current cases mark a rare event in jurisprudence, Sims and Levine agree. “The Supreme Court has done what it is rarely able to do: see that it made a mistake and go about correcting it,” Sims says. The justices, in effect, said discrimination against gays was permissible and then turned around and “found the rest of the country was going the other way.” The fact that Justice Kennedy was not serving on the Supreme Court when Bowers was decided makes it easier for him to be the justice to lead the correction, Sims notes.

“Even though every court that has looked at [U.S. v. Windsor] has ruled it unconstitutional, you are striking down an act of Congress, which some of the court may see as a big deal.”

—Professor Larry Levine
Jacobs, like Levine, says she would not be surprised to see Kennedy at the center of both cases. Even if he doesn’t author the opinions, as the court’s traditional swing vote, how he frames the issues and persuades his colleagues will be instrumental in shaping both the makeup of the majority and dissent, as well as the content of the opinions.

Pugno agrees. “Justice Kennedy’s role will likely be pivotal,” he says. “The Ninth Circuit’s decision claimed to turn exclusively on a single opinion, written by Kennedy. Justice Kennedy’s view will be extremely important.”

Professor Brian Landsberg notes that Justice Kennedy “has an expansive view of liberty and equality. He would be a very important vote in favor of the plaintiffs in these cases.”

Civil rights cases have elicited some of the more intense fireworks the court has seen between its liberal and conservative wings. Its flash points are often Justice Antonin Scalia and Kennedy. In Lawrence, Kennedy wrote, “Our obligation is to define the liberty of all, not to mandate our own moral code.” In response, Scalia blasted Kennedy as having “signed on to the so-called homosexual agenda.”

**Defining States’ Rights**

It is not clear whether the cases will break down on a traditional liberal/conservative basis. While DOMA is on its face about the rights of gay couples, the case at its heart is about states’ rights. That is, DOMA said that as a federal matter, the government would not recognize or respect the decisions individual states make with respect to gay marriage. And that flies in the face of the very concept of a limited federal government, which defers to states’ rights, a classic tenet of conservative thinking.

“The DOMA case is really anti–states’ rights,” Jacobs says. “I don’t see it as being part of the great civil rights canon.”

These cases are unlike the civil rights cases of the 1960s, in which the federal government was a plaintiff, rather than the defendant, Landsberg observes. He worked on some of those when he served as an attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Because the Obama administration has declined to defend challenges to DOMA, a handful of congressional lawmakers intervened to defend the case in the government’s stead.

This unusual step clearly has troubled the court. To help guide the court, the justices asked Harvard Law Professor Vicki Jackson to file an amicus brief arguing that the lawmakers do not have standing to challenge the case. In October 2012, the Second Circuit ruled that Section 3 of DOMA is unconstitutional, saying that laws that discriminate based on sexual orientation should be subjected to heightened judicial scrutiny.

The California case raises similarly intriguing questions. “I have a hard time seeing them grant the California case for the purposes of upholding it [and upholding same-sex marriage],” Jacobs says. “They would uphold it on very narrow grounds. I don’t see either of these cases framing a Brown v. Board of Education-type decision,” that is, a sweeping, unequivocal statement that reframes civil rights law, giving gays and lesbians their own federally protected class under the U.S. Constitution.

Levine agrees. “If the Prop. 8 case is decided on the merits, I still don’t think it will be as far reaching as concluding the federal Constitution requires all states to give gays and lesbians access to marriage.” A more likely outcome, Levine says, is that we will continue with the patchwork advance of gays and lesbians to marry, state by state.

Unlike other civil rights cases in our history that flew in the face of entrenched public sentiment, these cases will be heard at a time when public opinion is swinging rapidly to allow gays and lesbians to marry, Levine says. “When Boies and Olson first brought the case, some considered it premature. But in a few short years, things have changed dramatically. It is hard to imagine an area where so much has happened in such a short time, both as a matter of law and social debate.”

“My own view is that we will have marriage equality in the United States, and not that far off,” Sims says. “What is hard to predict is the exact path that will be pursued.”

Other than sharing that Kennedy will likely play a pivotal role in both cases, the Pacific McGeorge scholars have shied away from any predictions about how the cases will go. Even predicting an outcome based on oral arguments is risky, they say.

“I never imagined that gay people would be allowed to legally marry in my lifetime,” Levine says. “It would be truly remarkable if the Supreme Court does, as it did in the context of interracial marriages, determine that all states must end the heterosexual marriage monopoly.”
THE LEGAL ISSUES SURROUNDING WATER RESOURCES HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY COMPLEX, ESPECIALLY AS FACTORS LIKE CLIMATE CHANGE CONTINUE TO ALTER THE LANDSCAPE. TO PREPARE LAWYERS TO THRIVE IN THIS GROWING AND VITAL FIELD, PACIFIC MCGEORGE OFFERS WATER LAW PROGRAMS THAT ARE SECOND TO NONE.

By Leslie A. Gordon
“There’s incredible competition for scarce resources. The era of abundance, when many people took water for granted, is no longer with us. We have more people and more uses for water. There will be no ‘normal’ ever again.”
—Professor Gregory Weber

A poster hangs in the office of Professor Stephen McCaffrey that captures one of Mark Twain’s best-known quips: “Whiskey’s for drinking, water’s for fighting.”

In fact, disputes over water have “gone on for millennia,” explains McCaffrey, one of the world’s foremost authorities on international water law. At the Louvre, accompanying the earliest recorded tree is a 3000 B.C. agreement between two Mesopotamian states regarding the allocation of water through the Euphrates, according to McCaffrey. And today, water law has emerged as one of the most complex subfields of natural resources law.

“There’s incredible competition for scarce resources,” explains Professor Gregory Weber, frequent mediator of water disputes and co-author of a leading casebook on water law. “The era of abundance, when many people took water for granted, is no longer with us. We have more people and more uses for water.”

In addition, climate change, which brings greater variability and greater extremes, has profoundly altered the water supply, making allocation challenging. “There will be no ‘normal’ ever again,” Weber says. “We may frequently get back-to-back extreme years, or multiple dry years followed by multiple wet years.” Suppliers are seeking new ways to store water during years of abundance since the best places for reservoirs have all been built. Meanwhile, sea level is rising, increasing the chance of levee breaks and other catastrophic failures. In the worst case, the water supply through the California Delta could be offline for six months to three years, Weber cautions.

The problem is compounded by uneven distribution, McCaffrey adds. “People want to live where the water isn’t: Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas, the Middle East, North Africa. Canada is awash in water, but its population is less than California’s.” Suppliers are looking into expensive options such as desalination and water recycling, but in the meantime water scarcity triggers battles between individuals, municipalities and countries. Already, water disputes are emerging in unexpected
places, such as Alabama and Georgia. “It’s not long before they work their way north,” McCaffrey says.

At the same time, water users must coordinate with ecosystem needs. Often, complications arise not just from the dearth of water, but the timing of its use, according to Weber. “Fish and water fowl often need water during very specific times. We must minimize our impact on the ecosystem,” which requires integrated water planning and employing the same water for multiple uses.

**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION**

Sacramento, the “River City,” is at the forefront—physically and metaphorically—of all of these water law issues. It sits at the confluence of the American and Sacramento rivers and is where the state and federal engineers operate the dams, pumps and aqueducts that collectively form the world’s largest water supply system. The ecologically important delta—a 1,000-mile maze of channels, sloughs and islands just east of San Francisco Bay—is California’s water crossroads. From there, exporters pump water to Central Valley farms. Home to key state and federal regulators, Sacramento is the capital of California, which blends both appropriative water rights (the predominant system west of the Mississippi) with riparian rights (the system used east of the Mississippi).

Pacific McGeorge is not only ideally situated at the epicenter of these water law issues but also the only law school in the country that offers a master’s program focused exclusively on water resources. It’s not a standard LL.M. program either. Rather than just a collection of academic classes and a thesis, the graduate water law program has been wholly redesigned to ensure that students are “practice-ready,” says Weber, who, along with other program leaders, conducted “listening sessions” with dozens of practicing water lawyers to get suggestions for restructuring the program.

**AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH**

Because water law is highly interdisciplinary as well as scientifically and technically complex, attorneys need far more tools than the average practitioner, according to McCaffrey. As a result, Pacific McGeorge water law students are introduced to everything from hydrology, biology, hydrogeology, finance and history, to engineering and economics. The program begins with a yearlong foundations course in which dozens of experts cover these topics. “There’s nothing like this course anywhere in the world,” Weber says.

Students also take a yearlong practicum class, focusing on case studies and extended simulations. Students handle client intake and then take a water law matter through every phase up through administrative law proceedings and judicial challenges. In addition, they have a field placement with a private law firm or a nonprofit or a regulatory agency. As a result, students learn to collaborate with many stakeholders, including businesses and developers, farmers and ranchers, nonprofit organizations and public agencies.

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L.L.M. students can pick from two tracks: the U.S. law track or the international track. For graduates who focus on international issues, Pacific McGeorge also offers a Doctor of Juridical Science (legal education’s counterpart to a Ph.D.) in international water resources law. A multiyear degree, the J.S.D. program was established because McCaffrey received inquiries from practitioners around the globe seeking intensive, advanced training. Graduates of the J.S.D. program have gone on to work on water policy in Alabama, advise the Foreign Ministry and Ministry of Agriculture in Afghanistan, and teach in Brazil.

The next phase of the water law program’s development is to establish a distance-learning component with core courses offered online, according to Weber. A pilot class in water use efficiency law was launched last fall and included seven students, including practicing attorneys and nonlawyer professionals.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE
But even for J.D. students interested in water law, Pacific McGeorge offers an unparalleled experience. Tori Sundheim, ’13, decided she wanted to become a water lawyer after earning an undergraduate business degree at Emory University. “I grew up in the Florida Keys consciously aware of the fact that our natural resources are limited,” she says.

After researching programs across the country, Sundheim determined that Pacific McGeorge would offer the best experience. That’s proved true. In her first year, Sundheim co-founded the school’s Water Law Society, which has since grown to 40 members and provides speakers, career information, field trips and other professional opportunities for students interested in water law. She also launched the California Water Law Journal, a collaboration between Pacific McGeorge and UC Davis School of Law that serves as a vehicle for students and professionals to engage in high-quality research and academic discourse.

Sundheim also led the effort to get Pacific McGeorge included in the California Water Law Symposium, a collaboration among the University of San Francisco School of Law, Golden Gate University School of Law, UC Hastings College of the Law, UC Berkeley School of Law and UC Davis School of Law, and the 2010 recipient of the ABA’s Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Law Student Program of the Year Award. Along with faculty adviser Weber, Sundheim helped coordinate Pacific McGeorge’s first panel for the symposium: “What’s Really Killing The Salmon: What is the Role of the Law When Faced With Scientific Uncertainty and a Fractured Governmental System?” Panelists included professors, private attorneys and lawyers with California’s State Water Resources Control Board and the National Resources Defense Council.

After graduation, Sundheim plans to practice water law, “whether that be in areas of water quality, water rights, tribal water law or even working on public policy issues,” she says. “Regardless of where I end up in the long run, these experiences have provided a solid foundation and knowledge base that I am confident will contribute to a successful career.”

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—Tori Sundheim, ’13
Scott S. Slater, ’84, knew he wanted to practice water law when he entered law school. His grandfather was a farmer, his father worked for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Slater wrote an undergraduate honors thesis on water law and hydrology. Since graduating, Slater has practiced his specialty, and is currently at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, where he handles water deals that exceed millions and even billions of dollars. He also is CEO and general counsel of Cadiz Inc., a water development company based in Los Angeles. In addition, he wrote a two-volume book, California Water Law and Policy, published in 1995, that he updates annually.

In 2002, Slater established the Claude and Mary Slater Water Law Award, which awards $2,000 a year to a top-ranked student of domestic water law. In 2008, he established the Claude and Mary Slater International Water Law Award, which awards the same amount to an international water law student. All told, Slater has pledged $10,000 a year to these efforts and the McGeorge Fund, which supports a variety of on-campus needs. “I’m proud of McGeorge,” he says. “I got the right fundamentals, and I want to support it in any way that I can.”
Ranked 26th on the AmLaw 100, Orrick’s global footprint includes 25 offices worldwide in places such as Beijing, Berlin, Hong Kong, Milan, Moscow, Paris, Rome and Tokyo. Orrick also has a major presence in Sacramento with nearly 40 attorneys in its local office, many of them Pacific McGeorge alumni. The Sacramento office also celebrates an anniversary this year—30 years—making it among the longest-standing and most stable law offices in town.

Tom Welsh, ’89, the managing partner in charge of the Sacramento office, has worked for the firm since he graduated from law school. During that time, Welsh has built a national reputation for insurance regulatory and insolvency expertise. His practice includes the continuous representation of the California Insurance Commissioner and the Commissioner’s Conservation & Liquidation Office for more than 22 years.

Other alumni partners in the Sacramento office include Tim Long, ’88; Jenna Megan, ’92; and Michael Weed, ’98, who is among the firm’s newest litigation partners. Orrick also has strong ties to the Pacific McGeorge faculty. Adjunct Professor Courtney Linn, who teaches Federal Courts, and former U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott, who teaches National Security Law at Pacific McGeorge, are both partners in Sacramento. Pacific McGeorge’s connections to Orrick reach all the way to Paris, where Diane de Moüy, ’89 LL.M., is a partner.

Orrick has also recruited many of the law school’s recent honors graduates to work at its Sacramento office. Cameron Desmond, ’09; Katie Christine DeWitt, ’06; Brandon Dias, ’05; Patricia Eichar, ’07; Mayling Leong, ’10; Leo Moniz, ’12; Analea Patterson, ’03, and Bryan Victor, ’03, are all associates or senior associates.

Pacific McGeorge would like to thank Orrick for its continuous support of the law school. Tom Welsh individually and the Orrick group combined are two of Pacific McGeorge’s top lifetime donors!
Forging Valuable Connections

For Neil Forester, ’04, and Jenny Bain, ’12, participating in the Pacific McGeorge Alumni Mentor Network was a win-win proposition.
As Jenny Bain, ’12, has learned, the Network can provide a meaningful entree into the legal world. Although the program is not designed as a job-finding resource, its emphasis on networking helped her to build new professional relationships that ultimately led to her first job.

Bain graduated with distinction from Pacific McGeorge, where she earned a Capital Certificate in Public Law & Policy. During her last semester, she joined the Alumni Mentor Network, which was being ramped up with an online database of volunteer mentors. She knew she wanted to go into family law. Through the program, she met Neil Forester, ’04, who heads the Family Law Division at the Sacramento firm Goyette & Associates, Inc.

“Neil was a great help,” she says. “We got along really well.” Through subsequent connections that arose through the mentoring relationship, Bain was hired in November as an associate with the Law Office of Cecil and Cianci, PC, a family law firm in Roseville composed of Pacific McGeorge alumni. Networking was the key, she says.

“It’s all about timing and making sure a lot of people know you are looking for a job,” she says.

Forester, who is a certified family law specialist through the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization, recalls that as a law student, he did not personally know any lawyers and had no professional mentors. He left a career in the restaurant business, finished law school at 35 and worked for eight years at Downey Brand LLP before joining Goyette & Associates last year. When he learned about the Pacific McGeorge Alumni Mentor Network, he knew he wanted to sign up.

“I thought mentoring would be a great way to give back,” says Forester, who received a full-tuition scholarship for all three years of law school as a member of the first Anthony M. Kennedy Fellowship Class. “I wanted to help other young lawyers interested in family law,” he says.

Over the past two years, the mentoring program has grown into a robust network, says Lisa Wilkins, director of career development at Pacific McGeorge. The online system enables students to reach out to as many as five alumni mentors, and the process gives students firsthand experience in developing their professional correspondence and communication skills.

“The students are dealing with working lawyers in many cases,” Wilkins says. “It’s very good practice.”

Currently, the Network has 526 alumni mentors from 29 states and five other countries, says Brent Bynum, a CDO career adviser. They represent 71 fields and practice areas. Currently, 157 students from Pacific McGeorge’s day and evening programs participate.

“It’s all about helping students get exposure to the practice of law,” Bynum says. “In these tricky job-seeking times, it all comes back to the basics of networking and who you know.”

Bynum adds that Bain and Forester’s experience highlights the friendly and supportive environment at Pacific McGeorge. “It’s indicative of the Pacific McGeorge spirit,” he said. “It’s very apropos.”
Interpreting Legalese

By Joanna Corman
A law professor, Brian Slocum wants to teach his students about the gray areas. First-year students start school often thinking that the law is clear-cut, he says: Memorize rules and apply them to the facts, and you can predict a case’s outcome.

Law is a lot more complex, says Slocum, who teaches legislation and statutory interpretation, administrative law and contracts at Pacific McGeorge.

“What I try to do in these classes is help them understand that everything is indeterminate,” he says. “When they read a statute or some rule or some opinion, they need to be able to seize on the language that’s going to need interpretation, and they have to understand why the language is indeterminate, and why that means that they can’t be certain about the outcome of any case.”

Since joining Pacific McGeorge’s faculty five years ago, Slocum has earned a master’s degree in linguistics at UC Davis and is in the dissertation-writing stage of completing a Ph.D. program there. Slocum has long been interested in semantics and how language informs the understanding of law. “Law is all about language, interpreting texts,” says Slocum.

Studying linguistics and philosophy has helped him interpret legal texts with more depth. When people fight over contracts, he says, they typically wrangle over how the contract should be interpreted. What does “reasonable” mean, for example, a commonly used word? Administrative law reveals how government agencies operate, interpreting the statutes that govern them. In addition to teaching contracts, he has become a regular on a local TV station that tries to help individuals involved in everyday contract disputes such as cable bills.

After Slocum earned a J.D. at Harvard Law School, he served a federal clerkship with an appellate judge. He later joined the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. In its civil division, Slocum tried a lot of appellate cases, including immigration cases. After two years, he applied for a position in the criminal division’s child exploitation unit, where he helped prosecute “really disturbing” crimes, such as the possession and production of child pornography.

In 2003, Slocum left to teach law. While he enjoyed trying cases and seeing tangible results from his work as a practicing attorney, he wanted to pursue legal issues with more depth. “Academia is the only area where you can think about law in a broader sense,” he says.
IN DEPTH: AMY L. LANDERS

Focus of Scholarship: Patent Law, Apportionment, Remedies, Intellectual Property

Professor Amy Landers’ scholarship places an emphasis on encouraging creativity, which she believes to be the ultimate goal of the patent system. An early article focuses on issues regarding appropriate patent valuation, suggesting ideas on how to best ensure that damages awarded in patent infringement suits are accurate and also encourage creativity and innovation. Professor Landers has also written on how creativity and the study of creativity should play a larger role in the adjudication of patent cases. She presents interdisciplinary research on the topic of creativity to show how a clearer definition of creativity could assist in the evaluation of patent cases.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:


RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS:

- Solutions to the Software Patent Problem (Commenter), Santa Clara Law School (November 2012).

Publications and Presentations by Pacific McGeorge Faculty

Scholarship is a core priority for the Pacific McGeorge faculty. Among their scholarly pursuits, Pacific McGeorge faculty develop and present at scholarly symposia and conferences; author books for the legal profession, students and the general public; and produce scholarship for top journals around the country and the world.
2013 PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS


2013 SYMPOSIA AND EVENTS

In addition to extensive participation and leadership at the January 2013 AALS annual meeting, faculty members also presented at scholarly symposia and conferences on a wide range of legal issues.

- Anne Bloom presented “Plastic Injuries” at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, in London on March 23.
- Linda Carter spoke on “The Relationship between the International Criminal Court and National Jurisdictions” at a program sponsored by the International Law Institute—African Centre for Legal Excellence on Jan. 28, in Freetown, Sierra Leone.
- Thomas J. Leach directed the seventh annual NETC, hosted March 14-16 by Pacific McGeorge. Cary Bricker co-directed the competition.
- Larry Levine spoke on LGBT issues at a symposium, “Restatement Of …,” sponsored by Brooklyn Law School and the American Law Institute on Jan. 25, in Brooklyn, NY.
- Michael Malloy moderated a panel on “Frontiers of Doctrine” at the Eighth International Conference on Contracts, held Feb. 22-23, at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. Malloy also organized and moderated a panel, “Mixing the Brew, Stirring the Pot: Is There a Law of Contracts without Statutes?”
- John Myers presented at the San Diego International Conference on Child Abuse and Family Violence, held Jan. 28-29. He also was co-presenter of “Legal Ethics in the Criminal Justice System: An Oxymoron? Why Do Lawyers Act that Way?”
- Jarrod Wong co-chaired the 2013 Winter Forum Conference of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration.

[Faculty Scholarship]
SERVING SENIORS IN NEED
Elder & Health Law Clinic Expands to Fill Growing Demand

Pacific McGeorge’s Elder & Health Law Clinic, now in its fifth year of operation out of the Muddox Building, continues to score administrative hearing successes and expand its outreach to a growing senior population in need of pro bono services.

Lauren Foust, ’13, won a victory for a Medicare Part C beneficiary who wished to obtain an out-of-network second opinion because his physicians failed to fully inform him about his medical condition. Foust argued that because the physicians abrogated the required HMO physician-patient relationship, the care was not adequate and deprived her client of due process of law. An administrative law judge found in her client’s favor, and the client was then able to consult an out-of-network physician and resume a healthy course of medical treatment.

Megan Beaver, ’13, co-team leader with Foust, was successful in an eviction proceeding involving elder abuse. Maryn Oyoung, ’13, and Shari Worthington, ’13, won victories for clients involving the cancellation of a hearing aid contract and an auto purchase refund, respectively. Matt Nemerson, ’13, submitted a discharge application for total and permanent disability with a doctor’s statement to the Department of Education that allowed his client to discharge student loan debt that was being collected through garnishment from the client’s Social Security payments.

“There are so many people who need our services,” says Professor Melissa Brown, the supervising attorney of the Elder & Health Law Clinic. “Our students are doing meaningful legal work for people beset by complexities of the legal system, and we are expanding our outreach to that community.”

Clinic students have held more than a dozen financial safety, end-of-life planning, and a power-of-attorney abuse and restraining order community presentations during this current academic year. Katie Roe, ’12, is serving as a clinic fellow this year to help Professor Brown with the expansion of cases and outreach activities.

The outreach culminated with the Clinic’s free inaugural Senior Financial & Health Safety Fair on April 6, 2013, in the Gary V. Schaber Student Center. The event provided seniors with a one-stop opportunity to obtain materials, financial safety education and free health screenings from the UC Davis School of Medicine, Department of Public Health Sciences.
More than 250 Sacramento-area high school students descended on the Pacific McGeorge campus on Feb. 22, 2013, to experience the law school’s annual High School Discover Law Day activities. The Office of Admissions and the Pacific McGeorge Education Pipeline co-sponsored the program, which featured a mock class with Professor Raquel Aldana, a campus tour led by Pacific McGeorge ambassadors, a simulation of jury selection and trial preparations, and a discussion with prominent criminal defense attorney Keith Staten, ‘92.

Many of the students who visited campus came from the Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep High (NP3), with which Pacific McGeorge partners. Other schools represented included Sacramento High (School of Law and Public Service), Florin High (Domestic and International Law Academy), Stockton Pacific Law Academy, C.K. McClatchy High (Law and Public Policy Academy) and Luther Burbank High (Law and Social Justice Academy).

On Feb. 28, NP3 was recognized with an Award of Distinction for its law-themed curriculum and peer sentencing court, as part of the Civic Learning Award for California public high schools. NP3 ranked in the top eight of only 22 high schools in the state to receive recognition in the new program, co-sponsored by California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, which “spotlights successful efforts to engage students in civic learning and identify models that can be replicated in other schools.”
Alumni News

News and notes about your Pacific McGeorge classmates and friends

1958
Edward J. Garcia was the subject of a lengthy profile in the Sacramento Bee. He is retiring after 25 years of service as a judge on the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California.

1973
Ken Meleyco negotiated a $4.75 million settlement in San Joaquin Superior Court for the family of a special-needs student who was molested by a Lodi Unified School District bus driver in 2010. Meleyco is a principal in the Law Offices of Kenneth L. Meleyco in Stockton.

1974
Dennis Seley has joined Reynolds Maddux LLP in Auburn in an of counsel capacity, and his practice now focuses on business law, product liability and real estate.

1975
Ron Blubaugh received the Fr. McDermott Award for Integrity from the St. Thomas More Society of Sacramento in recognition of his public service career and his advocacy and legal service on behalf of the poor. He is a retired administrative law judge.

Constance Picciano was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a prisoner’s rights case. She is a deputy attorney general with the state Department of Justice.

1976
David Boyd has joined Porter Scott in Sacramento in an of counsel capacity. His practice focuses on defense of a variety of professionals.

1977
Lloyd Connelly was the subject of a feature story in the Sacramento Bee. He is retiring as a judge of the Sacramento Superior Court after 20 years on the bench.

John Taylor, ’77
won a $2 million verdict in Riverside Superior Court in an auto v. pedestrian case. He is a senior partner at Kinkle, Rodiger & Spriggs.

Pamela King was named to the San Bernardino County Superior Court by Gov. Jerry Brown. She has served as a county deputy public defender since 1998 after beginning her career as a deputy district attorney and practicing law for eight years with Markman Arczyski Hanson Curly & Slough in Rancho Cucamonga. Her husband, Jeffrey King, ’76, is a justice on the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District. John Taylor won an $8.76 million verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court in a wrongful death, police shooting case. He is a senior partner at Taylor & Ring LLP.

Alumni News
1978

Denny Forland was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to a judgeship on the Butte County Superior Court on May 21, 2013. Forland has been a principal at the Law Office of Denny R. Forland in Chico since 1991, serving as a contract public defender for the county for more than two decades. Richard Glasson was named the Judge of the Year by the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction. Rick Meyer retired as the El Dorado County public defender after working nearly three decades in the office. He plans to work part time as a defense attorney in Alpine County. Lawrence Schwartz has been appointed to the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. The former judge won election to Dade County Court in 1991 and later served on the state Circuit Court for 16 years until his retirement from the bench at the end of last year. Bill Yeates was appointed by the Senate Rules Committee as a public member of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. A retired attorney, he also serves as a mediator for the Third Appellate District’s mediation program. Robert Zimmerman negotiated a $2.5 million settlement in Sacramento Superior Court for a group of plaintiffs who were secretly taped by a prominent real estate magnate over a period of years when they visited his home. He is a senior partner in the Sacramento firm of Schuering, Zimmerman, Scully, Tweedy & Doyle LLP.

1979

Carol Mills retained her seat on the Fresno Unified School District board. She is a senior attorney with the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

1980

Lynn Dean established The Law Office of Dean & Watters, which specializes in estate planning and elder law. Claire Priestley LeFlore was appointed chief counsel at the California Department of Parks and Recreation by Gov. Jerry Brown. She has been a deputy attorney at the California Department of Transportation since 2007. Bob Litchfield has received the Martindale-Hubbell client distinction award, which is given to less than 4 percent of the attorneys listed in the national directory. The Auburn attorney is a part-time instructor of business law at Sierra College in Rocklin.

1981

Duffy Buchanan was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a Long Beach Superior Court wrongful death case involving a helicopter crash. A former U.S. Navy pilot, he is a specialist in aviation defense and complex litigation. Casey Campbell

1982

Daniel Dooley was reappointed to the California State Board of Food and Agriculture by Gov. Jerry Brown. He is the senior vice president for external relations for the University of California system. Janet Holmes won a defense verdict as co-counsel in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, in a case in which a plaintiff claimed professional negligence against a social worker. She is a senior counsel at the Contra Costa Office of County Counsel in Martinez. Robert Jones has been named a shareholder at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak
Cordelia, Green Valley and portions of Vallejo. She is a former partner at McNamara Law Firm in Walnut Creek and ex-president of the Contra Costa Bar Association.

Steve Talt won a $100,000 verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court for a plaintiff injured in an auto accident. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Stephen S. Talt in San Marino.

1985
Kurt Anagnostou won election as a commissioner of the Cowlitz Public Utility District in Washington state. The long-time Longview City Council member and former mayor is a principal in the law firm of Daggy & Anagnostou PS. Edward Casey won a $288,500 verdict in San Francisco Superior Court in a defamation case involving a minister who was wrongfully accused of sexual misconduct and forced to resign his position. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Stephen S. Talt in San Marino.

1984
Ken Cooley was declared the winner of the California State Assembly 8th District race as the results of a hard-fought legislative race were made official by the California Secretary of State three days after the election. The Rancho Cordova councilman and former mayor won nearly 53 percent of the vote against a Republican incumbent in a district that comprises the eastern suburbs of Sacramento. Chris Scott Graham has a new book out, Protecting Trade Secrets Before, During and After Litigation. He is the chair of Dechert LLP’s trade secret practice in Mountain View.

Linda Seifert was re-elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors, where she represents District 2, which includes Benicia,
programs in the 23-campus California State University system. A chemistry professor at CSU Sacramento, he is a partner at the law firm of Bannion & Richey who also taught IP law and patent law as an adjunct at Pacific McGeorge for 15 years. | Warren Stracener retained his seat on the El Dorado County Superior Court bench with a 52-47 percent victory over a formidable opponent. He had been appointed to a judgeship in December 2010 by outgoing Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. | Gregory Syren was appointed to the Alameda County Superior Court by Gov. Jerry Brown. An assistant public defender for Alameda County since 1987, he fills a vacancy on the court created by the elevation of one of its members to the federal bench.

1986
Randy Pollack has been selected by the California Self Storage Association to act as its lobbyist with state legislators next year. A former chief deputy for legal affairs for Gov. George Deukmejian, he is a principal in the Law Office of Randy Pollack.

After Noël M. Ferris graduated from Pacific McGeorge in 1979, she would receive occasional letters from then-dean Gordon Schaber congratulating her on courtroom wins that reached the newspaper. She was surprised and flattered that he took the time to acknowledge her career. The letters remain important keepsakes.

“The two best things that have happened in my life happened at McGeorge,” says Ferris, who has been a plaintiff’s personal injury attorney in Sacramento for more than three decades. “I met my husband, [R. Parker White], whom I’ve been married to for 35 years. [And] I was exposed to trial work through McGeorge’s trial advocacy program. I knew during law school what I wanted to do, and I received great training. I’m grateful for that.”

In addition to being a member of the Dean’s Council, Ferris serves as a regent for the University of the Pacific. She also volunteers at Pacific McGeorge, judging trial advocacy competitions, coaching trial advocacy teams, and giving class lectures and demonstrations on the topic. Ferris is a major sponsor of the Pacific McGeorge National Ethics Trial Competition (NETC). The NETC was established in 2006 to promote ethical and civility awareness through the mock trial competition format.

Ferris opened a solo practice in 1990 and has earned several high-profile memberships, including being named as a fellow to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers, the American Board of Trial Advocates and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Distinguished Trial Lawyer
For Noël M. Ferris, ’79, Pacific McGeorge had a life-changing impact

By Joanna Corman
which specializes in governmental affairs. | Mark J. Rice was named a new member to the board of trustees for the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) Educational Trust. | Steven Toschi won a defense verdict in a San Mateo Superior Court automobile accident trial. He is a partner in the Oakland firm of Toschi, Sidran, Collins & Doyle APC.

1987
John Sillis won a defense verdict in Contra Costa Superior Court in a seven-day dental malpractice trial. He is a partner at Zaro & Sillis in Sacramento.

1988
Robert Eglet won an award of $500 million advocating for his three plaintiffs in a civil negligence lawsuit about a Las Vegas hepatitis C outbreak. This is the largest award in Nevada history. | Peter Kapetan won a $350,000 damages award in a Fresno Superior Court case for a female plaintiff who was wrongfully arrested by the police and then bitten by another inmate while in the jail’s drunk tank. He is a principal at Kapetan Brothers Law Firm. | Timothy Long was co-counsel for a defense team that won a summary judgment in U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, in a California Labor Code case. He is a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Sacramento. | Brian Maas has been selected as the new president for the California New Car Dealers Association. | Steve Onstot was a member of a defense team that won a summary judgment in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, in an excessive force case involving a fatal police shooting. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Stephen R. Onstot in Redlands. | Col. Michael Wells has been appointed undersecretary at the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Wells has served in multiple positions at the California Military Department since 1991.

1989
Barbara Brenner is a founding partner of Churchwell White LLP, a Sacramento boutique business firm with expertise in public agency, water, land use, health care and political law. | Christopher Ridout helped negotiate a $12.9 million settlement in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, in an employment law, class-action suit by exotic dancers against various strip club establishments. The large plaintiff’s team also was awarded attorney’s fees in the amount of $2.3 million. He is principal in the Long Beach firm of Ridout & Lyon LLP. | Jeff Starsky was the leading vote-getter and won his fourth term on the Folsom City Council. He is general counsel for the Beutler Corporation.

1990
Bryan Lamb was a member of a plaintiff’s team that won a $1 million verdict in a medical malpractice wrongful death trial in San Francisco Superior Court. He is a partner with the Dolan Law Firm in San Francisco.

1991
Allison Bates was named a referee in the Jackson County Court, an adjunct of Michigan’s 4th Judicial Circuit Court. | Jennifer Cutler became a life member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Cutler is a partner with Poswall, White & Cutler. | Amy Glad has been elected chairwoman of the board of directors of the California Building Industry Association. She is the senior vice president of governmental affairs for Los Angeles-based Pardee Homes.
one of the country’s leading homebuilders. | Susan Joseph-Taylor was a panelist at the 2012 Dividing the Waters Conference, held at UC Davis School of Law. She is the chief of the Nevada Department of Water Resources Hearings Section in Carson City. | Fredericka McGee was one of the 40 California attorneys selected as the 2012 Women Leaders in the Law by the Recorder legal newspaper. She is general counsel to the California State Assembly. | Stan Van Vleck was honored as the Metro Chamber Volunteer of the Year for 2012 at the Sacramento Metro Chamber’s 118th Annual Dinner & Business Awards ceremony. A founder of DiMare, Van Vleck & Brown and partner at Downey Brand, he helps run his family’s commercial cattle and ranch operation and has worked more than 300 volunteer hours on key issues for the chamber as vice chair of its public policy and economic development committee.

1992

Jeff Braun was co-counsel for a successful defense in an Orange County Superior Court auto injury trial in which the plaintiff sought $1 million in damages. He is a principal in the Costa Mesa firm of McNeil, Tropp, Braun & Kennedy. | June Clark has been named deputy legislative secretary by Gov. Jerry Brown. Previously, she served as the senior attorney for criminal law and traffic policy and legislation at the Office of Governmental Affairs within the Administrative Office of the Courts. | Dean Derleth has been named as the first full-time city attorney of Corona. He served as that city’s contract attorney for the past 11 years during his 20-year stint with Best, Best & Krieger in Riverside. | Jennifer Giuliani was sworn in as a Kings County Superior Court judge before a packed courtroom of family and friends in early January. She won election to the Hanford-based court in June 2012 with a razor-thin victory over an incumbent judge. | Sally Magnani was a member of a plaintiff team that won a bench decision in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, in a case involving the Federal Housing Finance Agency’s alleged skirting of rules. She is a state assistant attorney general in Oakland. | Michael Middleton has joined Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo as a partner in the employment law and construction law practices in San Francisco. | Renee Nash won election to the Eureka Union School District board of trustees. The former Pacific McGeorge adjunct professor, a longtime community activist in the Roseville area, operates the Law Offices of Renee C. Nash in Granite Bay.

1993

Mark Ankorn has joined CaseyGerry LLP in an of counsel capacity. Prior to joining San Diego’s oldest plaintiff’s law firm, he was in private practice, handling national consumer class actions, with more than $9 million in settlements to date. An ordained rabbi, Ankorn began his professional career with the Orange County District Attorney’s Office. | Sherrie Lowenstein of Elk Grove has been appointed deputy director of legislative affairs at the California Department of Managed Health Care. She has served as assistant chief counsel and acting deputy director at the agency since 2010. | Steven Torrigiani was co-counsel for a successful respondent in a CEQA petition denial in San Francisco Superior Court.
in a battle over water district rights. He is a partner at Young Wooldridge LLP in Bakersfield.

1994

Eugene Ashley has been appointed to the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce board of directors, where he will serve on the executive committee as legal counsel. A shareholder with Hopkins & Carley in San Jose, he focuses his practice on complex intellectual property, commercial disputes, construction and insurance-related issues. | Adam B. Eggers has been hired as senior program administrator at Forestdale, in Forest Hills, New York. | Christian Green won a 12-0 defense verdict in San Francisco Superior Court in a nine-day nursing home negligent care trial. He is an attorney with the Law Offices of Samuel B. Grader in Sacramento. | Cara O’Neill has opened the Law Offices of Cara O’Neill in Roseville. | Sandra Rowe has been named chief legal counsel for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. | Kelly Ryan has joined Wilke Fleury in an of counsel capacity. She will practice in the Sacramento firm’s health care group.

1995

Ingrid Evans was one of the 40 California attorneys selected as the 2012 Women Leaders in the Law by The Recorder legal newspaper. The founding partner of the Evans Law Firm in San Francisco, she is a certified life member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. | Port Parker has joined Radoslovich Krogh in Sacramento as a partner. A veteran malpractice and business litigator, he was the first equity partner of the legendary malpractice attorney Ed Freidberg in the firm of Freidberg & Parker LC. | Cristina Shea has been elected to partnership at Reed Smith in San Francisco. She is a member of the firm’s insurance recovery group. She focuses her practice on insurance coverage litigation for the top-20 global law firm, which represents many of the world’s largest companies in complex litigation and other high-stakes disputes.

1996

Kevin Adamson received the Lawyer of the Year Award from the State Bar of California’s Solo and Small Firm Section for his work on the Sacramento County Bar Association’s Indigent Defense Panel Committee. He is a principal in the Law Office of Kevin J. Adamson. | David Kauffman was appointed as the inspector general at the California Military Department by Gov. Jerry Brown. A lieutenant colonel, he has served with the California Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve for nearly 20 years, including tours of duty in Guantanamo Bay, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

1997

Michael Babikian was named president and CEO of Transamerica Brokerage, a distribution unit of Transamerica Life Insurance’s Los Angeles-based Life & Protection Division. He previously held the position of executive vice president and chief marketing officer for the division. | Devin Donahue was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a $3.5 million FINRA arbitration award in a breach of promissory note, wrongful termination case. He is a partner in the Los Angeles firm of Palmer, Lombardi & Donahue LLP. | Jennifer Raphael Komsky won a bench defense verdict in a wrongful termination case in Los
Angeles Superior Court in which a plaintiff sought $650,000 in damages. She is a partner at Landegger, Baron, Lavenant & Inger in Encino. | Staci Campbell Simonton was named to the family law section of The Best Lawyers in America. Also recently cited in Northern California Super Lawyers magazine, she is a principal in the Law Office of Staci

C. Simonton in San Francisco. | Wendy (Green) Taylor was appointed for a three-year term on the State Bar’s Committee on the Administration of Justice.

1998

Tom Adams has joined Dickenson, Peatman & Fogarty as senior counsel in the firm’s Napa office. Previously, he was in-house counsel for a large vineyard development company where he provided legal counsel and project management services for more than 35 vineyards and winery properties in California, Oregon and Washington. | Ian Corzine opened the law firm West Corzine LLP in Southern California. | Kresta Nora Daly, a partner at Barth Tozer & Daly LLP and

CRIMINAL DEFENSE LUMINARY

Keith J. Staten, ’92, is known for his headline-making cases

By David Graulich

Keith J. Staten, ’92, describes himself as a “both sides of the brain kind of person.” While an undergraduate at San Francisco State University, he majored in management information systems. In addition to writing code and creating software, Staten was a star on SF State’s intercollegiate speech and debate team. He is also a musician and composer who played gigs to earn tuition money.

At Pacific McGeorge, Staten became a prominent member of the Mock Trial team. “My favorite class was Trial Ad with Mike Sands,” Staten says. “That turned me on to litigation.” Staten remembers Pacific McGeorge as “a challenging environment that pushed me to be a great trial lawyer.”

After graduation and a stint in the Public Defender’s Office, Staten opened a criminal defense practice in Sacramento. He has taken more than 100 trials to verdict, ranging from DUIs to homicide.

Today Staten is one of Sacramento’s best-known criminal defense attorneys. He represented one of two defendants charged with the murder of a California state correctional officer at the officer’s home. Another high-profile case involved a hit-and-run incident that resulted in the death of a Loaves and Fishes volunteer.

Given Staten’s technology background, it is fitting that another of his cases involved the right to privacy. Following guilty verdicts in a multi-defendant assault trial, a juror contacted Staten and informed him that another member of the jury had posted comments about the trial on his Facebook page. The case of Juror Number One v. Superior Court received national attention for pitting the interests of a juror’s expectation of privacy against the rules of confidentiality that protect jury deliberations.

“That’s one of the reasons I enjoy criminal defense work,” Staten says. “As many years as I’ve done it, there’s always something different and fascinating.”
one of the few female private defense attorneys in Sacramento, was invited to join the Advisory Task Force of the American Bar Association Commission on Immigration. | Christopher Hamner was plaintiffs’ co-counsel and negotiated a $1.1 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit for false advertising against Toys "R" Us in Los Angeles Superior Court. He is a principal in the Hamner Law Offices in Los Angeles. | Mikayil Jabbarov has been appointed as minister of education of Azerbaijan. | Mike Weed was admitted to partnership at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. He focuses his practice on general litigation and has substantial experience in commercial disputes, trade secrets and many other areas of the law. | Douglas White negotiated a $4 million settlement in Sacramento Superior Court for the plaintiff city of Riverbank against Tuolumne County in a CEQA case involving a proposed large expansion of a rock quarry operation. He is a principal in the Sacramento firm of DL White Law Group.

1999
Bill Brelsford was named a “Top 40 Under 40 Attorney” by the National Trial Lawyers and inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a personal injury attorney and partner at the Sacramento firm of Poswall, White & Cutler. | Thomas Ebersole was co-counsel for the plaintiff city of Chowchilla, which reached a $300,000 settlement in Sacramento Superior Court in a CEQA dispute with the California High Speed Rail Authority. | Debbie Garcia has joined Bryant, Lovlien and Jarvis as the firm’s administrator. | Jeff Gorell was re-elected in the 44th Assembly District of the California Legislature. The Ventura attorney spent half of his first term serving with the U.S. Navy on active duty in Iraq. | Sarah Heckman became the first Sutter County Superior Court judge elected to the bench in more than 25 years with her victory in a general election runoff. Since the 1980s, Sutter County judges have retired mid-term and been replaced through gubernatorial appointment. She emerged as the victor in November after beating eight other candidates, including several other McGeorge alums, in a June primary. Since 2002, she had served as managing attorney of the Sutter Courts Law Center self-help programs. | Jennifer Scott was added in an of counsel capacity at Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard.

2000
Lara Diaz Dunbar has been named director of state government affairs for the MillerCoors’ Pacific Region. Dunbar has served as senior vice president of government affairs and public policy for the California Restaurant Association for the past eight years. | Nathan O’Malley has joined the Los Angeles office of Gibbs, Giden, Locher, Turner & Senet LLP as senior counsel for the firm’s Redwood City office.

2001
Alejandro Angulo was honored with a Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Maker Award for his community activism and volunteerism by the city of Long Beach. A partner at Rutan & Tucker LLP in Costa Mesa, he was co-counsel...
for a company that won a $4 million bench decision in an Orange Superior Court case last fall involving fraud and breach of fiduciary duty. | Christine Jacob was sworn in as president of the Women Lawyers of Sacramento. She is a partner at the Roseville office of Hansen Kohls Jones Sommer & Jacob LLP, where her civil litigation practice focuses on professional liability defense and business litigation. | Duncan McFetridge has joined Mercury Public Affairs as managing director. | Stephanie Quinn was co-counsel for a defense team that won a San Bernardino Superior Court negligent supervision trial in which an injured plaintiff sought more than $1.4 million in damages. She is a specialist in employment law and railroad litigation at Murphy Campbell Guthrie & Alliston PLC in Sacramento.

2002

Carrie Nocella was appointed to the executive committee of the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce board of directors. She is the director of governmental relations and minority business development at the Disneyland Resort. | Anne O’Donnell recently accepted a position as senior writer for legal professional content with Findlaw, a Thomson Reuters company. Previously a civil litigator in San Francisco, she continues to serve on the board of directors for the Queen’s Bench Bar Association of the Bay Area. | Jim Pettis has been elected to partnership at Bryan Cave LLP in Los Angeles. His litigation practice concentrates on complex and multidistrict aviation-related product liability actions throughout the United States and its territories, Canada and Europe. | Erica Rosasco has joined Flesher McKague LLP as a partner at the Folsom firm where she will represent businesses and insurance companies in employment, casualty and general litigation matters.

2003

Angelique Ashby, the vice mayor of the city of Sacramento and owner of Ashby Consulting LLC, was named to the Sacramento Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” list of most accomplished, talented and influential young professionals in Sacramento. | William Lapcevic has joined the Sacramento law firm Ellis Law Group, LLP as a senior associate attorney. He previously practiced commercial and professional liability law with Arata, Swingle, Sodhi, & Van Egmond in Modesto. | Daniel McCrory was a member of a team that won a defense verdict in El Dorado Superior Court in a product liability case involving an all-terrain vehicle. He is a trial attorney at the Law Office of Beverly E. Narayan in San Francisco, handling cases for Zurich Insurance. | Analea Patterson and Katie Christine DeWitt, ’06, are two of the three Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe attorneys who received the June Black Pro Bono Award for their work in the Sacramento County Bar Association’s Voluntary Legal Services Program.

2004

William Diedrich has made partner at Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo in the firm’s Riverside office. He represents school districts and other public agencies in labor and employment law. | Darrin Lim has been promoted to partner at Nielsen Merksamer in Sacramento. He specializes in national compliance issues, advising clients on campaign, lobbying and ethics laws.

2005

Joshua Baker has been promoted to partner at the Sacramento energy law firm of Day Carter & Murphy. His practice focuses on oil and gas, energy and real estate transactional matters. | Glenda Corcoran has been appointed as a lawyer member of the State Board of Trustees, the governing body of the State Bar of California. | Venus Johnson, deputy district attorney in Alameda County, was appointed by State Attorney General Kamala Harris to the California Commission on Access to Justice, a group charged with finding ways to help low- and moderate-income residents access
The Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board of Directors is a volunteer group of alumni dedicated to advancing the interests and promoting the welfare of the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law by acting as the voice of more than 13,000 alumni. The Alumni Board has been in existence since 1965, but this year it is charting a new and focused direction to support the law school as it moves through and adjusts to changes in the legal profession and legal education.

Its 2013-14 goals are dedicated to moving the law school forward and ensuring the success of our students and our alumni. The Alumni Board is focused in two areas:

• First: Developing and promoting a robust Bridge to Practice program for our students and graduates. This means Alumni Board members and regional chapter volunteers will do three things—assist with recruiting students from new and varied regions; assist with student professional development and support and deploy a robust mentor program for students; and assist with the identification and promotion of job opportunities for our graduates and externships for our students.

• Second: Infuse our fundraising efforts with energy and assist with alumni participation in giving to the law school.

Over the next year, you will hear from the Alumni Board as it will be requesting your help to ensure its goals are met. Please visit alumni.mcgeorge.edu for more information.

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Above and below: Alumni Board retreat in Napa, Calif., on April 6, 2013. Joseph Harbison, ’78, and his wife hosted the meeting at their winery in Napa Valley.
the state’s civil court system. | **Kimberly Lewellen** has joined Sideman & Bancroft as an associate in San Francisco, where she will be a member of the firm’s family law group. | **Ken Weidmann** has accepted a position as a labor relations officer with the county of San Diego. He previously served as staff counsel to the California State Lottery.

2006

**Adam Koss** was co-counsel for a defense team that won a bench dismissal in a malicious prosecution case in Alameda Superior Court. He is an associate at Murphy, Pearson, Bradley in San Francisco. | **Kerry L. Krueger** has been named partner at the firm Kroloff, Belcher, Smart, Perry & Christopherson. | **Katherine Pettibone**, legislative director for the Civil Justice Association of California, competed for a second year in the EFG Bank Sailing Arabia yacht race, where she trained Omani women in competitive sailing.

2007

**Dena Coggins** has joined Downey Brand LLP in Sacramento as an associate in the firm’s family law practice group. Previously, she was an associate with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco. | **David Cullen** was a member of a plaintiff’s team that won a $450,000 settlement in Fresno Superior Court in a disability discrimination case. He is a counsel for the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing in Elk Grove. | **Hanni Fakhoury** was quoted in a front-page story of the New York Times on November 26, 2012. An attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco nonprofit, he discussed court decisions on privacy claims regarding searches of cellphones. | **Serena Longo** was added as director of the Offices Service Group at Bishop Street Commercial (BSC) in Hawaii.

2008

**Mario Zamora** was honored as one of the Central California’s “40 under 40” by Business Street Online. He is a fifth-year associate with Hanford’s Griswold LaSalle Cobb Dowd & Gin LLP, the largest law firm in Kings and Tulare counties.

2009

**Lindsey Heaton** has joined Hunt & Jeppson LLP as an associate. | **Alena Klimianok**, an associate at Bernard & Bernard in Los Angeles, was co-counsel for a severely injured plaintiff who won a $6 million verdict against a psychiatric hospital in Los Angeles Superior Court. | **Andrew Schouten** was co-counsel for the defense, which won a bench decision in U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, in a Sherman Antitrust Act case.

2010

**Beatriz Berumen** has joined the law firm of Palmer Kazanjian Wohl Hodson as an associate. | **Michelle Howland** won a defense verdict in Napa Superior Court in a multiple automobile accident trial. She is an associate at the McNamara Law Firm in Fairfield. | **Nicole Legrottaglie** has joined the Sacramento office of Carothers DiSante &Freudenberger LLP as an associate. | **Brianna Lierman Hintze** was hired as an associate at Nossaman LLP, where she will provide legal, regulatory and strategic counsel to health care clients. | **David Wiksell** has joined Balcom & Associates in Roseville, which specializes in criminal defense in Sacramento and Placer counties. | **Grant Zehnder** has joined Cook Brown LLP in Sacramento as an associate. His practice includes representing management clients in a variety of labor and employment matters.

2011

**Marcus Arneson** has joined Harrison, Temblador, Hungerford & Johnson LLP in Sacramento as an associate, where he will focus on environmental and natural resources issues. | **Trevor Carson** and **Peter Kyung** have formed Carson & Kyung ALC in Gold River. They will focus their practice on business law,
family law and international business law. | Michelle Cavalari has joined Drobny Law Offices, Inc. in Sacramento as an associate in the five-attorney firm that is known as one of the premier estate planning and tax law firms in the area. | Daniel Custodio has joined the HMS Law Group in Sacramento in an of counsel capacity. Previously in-house counsel with Numonyx Inc. and Micron Technology Inc., the registered patent attorney focuses his practice on intellectual property. | Gantry Griffin has joined Gaw Van Male, where he will be a part of the firm’s wealth preservation team. The Napa-based firm, which also has offices in Fairfield, Vacaville and Redlands, specializes in business law, estate planning and related litigation. | Steve Hansen emerged as the winner of a hotly contested race for the District 4 seat on the Sacramento City Council, winning 50.1 percent of the votes cast. He is a senior regional manager at the California-based biotechnology company Genentech. | Louinda Lacey has joined Somach Simmons & Dunn as an associate. The December 2010 Order of the Coif graduate will focus her practice on environmental litigation, water quality and natural resources law. | Katie Oldham was hired as an attorney for the domestic violence project at Casa Cornelia Law Center, a public interest law firm providing pro bono legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations, in San Diego.

2012

Patrick Blood joined Atlas Entertainment in legal and business affairs. | Carissa Bouwer has joined DLP Piper as an associate in its trademark, copyright and media practice group, based in Sacramento. | Rosanna L. Carvacho has joined the government relations group as counsel and legislative advocate at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Shreck. | Dan Cucchi has joined the office of California State Senator Ellen Corbett, ’85, as her principal consultant. | Tony Danielson has joined the Law Office of Ian Gordon Farmers Insurance Exchange in Santa Rosa as an insurance defense associate. | Dennis Garcia has joined the Hernandez Strategy Group as a legislative advocate. | Deborah Kollars has joined Remy Moose Manley, LLP as an associate. | Olena Likhachova has joined Spector Weir LLP in Sacramento as an associate, where her practice will focus on trust and estate litigation. | Ashley Lynn McCarthy has joined the faculty at Mississippi State University-Meridian and is teaching legal writing. | Raissa Morris has joined Considine Sorensen & Trujillo APC, the leading immigration law firm in Sacramento, as an associate. | Aerin Murphy has joined Flesher McKague LLP in Folsom as an associate and will litigate in asbestos, employment, railroad and general litigation matters. | Micaela Neal has joined McCormick Barstow LLP as an associate in Fresno where she concentrates her practice on insurance coverage matters. | Megan Sammut has joined DLA Piper as an associate in its Sacramento office. | Erin Smith, an associate at the Arnold Law Firm in Sacramento, was the second chair for a plaintiff who won a $225,000 verdict in Sacramento Superior Court in a multiple automobile accident trial. | Julia K. Vlahos has joined Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball LLP in Bakersfield as an associate attorney in its business litigation department.
Alumni


Jack Crosse, ’65, died at the age of 88 on October 25, 2012, in Sacramento. A former chief assistant to Speaker of the Assembly Jesse Unruh, he maintained a private practice specializing in lobbying for numerous high-profile clients. He also was a founding member and past president of the Institute of Governmental Advocates.

Brian Andelin, ’75, died of chronic lymphocytic leukemia at the age of 64 on December 3, 2012, in Pierce City, Missouri. He was admitted to the State Bar of California following law school, but for most of his legal career he practiced law in Mesa, Arizona. He also lived in Texas, Missouri and Oregon.

John Hawkins, ’75, died of heart failure at the age of 77 on November 28, 2012, in Reno, Nevada. A major benefactor and loyal alumnus of Pacific McGeorge, he practiced law for more than 35 years in northern Nevada. He also served as a Nevada Supreme Court settlement judge.

Marc Goodwin, ’80, died at the age of 60 in Carmel Valley after a long illness. He founded Marc Goodwin Insurance Services, a successful company that served the agricultural community in the Salinas Valley and was active in many community organizations.

Jeffrey Kohan, ’81, died at the age of 56 on November 22, 2012, in Northbrook, Illinois. He practiced law in the greater Chicago area for 25 years, many of them with the prominent bankruptcy firm of Zalutsky & Pinski Ltd., and was active in many community organizations.

Jean McEvoy, ’83, passed away at age 69 on April 14, 2013. She started her own successful solo practice in 1998 and practiced law in the areas of estates, trusts and conservatorships. She was recognized by attorney-rating firm Martindale-Hubbell as one of the top lawyers in her field.

Merrill Cutler McCarthy, ’85, passed away at age 52 on March 8, 2013, after a yearlong illness. She and her husband, Stephen P. McCarthy, ’85, were married in 1987 and are grateful to have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. She will be remembered for her quick wit and love of the law.

Tiffanie Kalmbach, ’93, died at the age of 45 on December 10, 2012, in Piedmont. She worked for several major firms in the Bay Area, including Ropers Majeski and Crosby Heafey. Diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1997, she left the practice of law and worked for Michael Maguire & Associates while remaining active in her community.

Faculty

Judge John R. Lewis died at the age of 77 on November 2, 2012, in Port Ludlow, Washington. He was a member of the full-time Pacific McGeorge faculty from 1971 to 1983, then an adjunct professor for three more years after his appointment to the Sacramento Municipal Court by Gov. Jerry Brown. He taught several substantive courses, including Civil Procedure, and was the first associate director of the Center for Legal Advocacy (the Courtroom of the Future, completed in 1973).
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A GIFT ON WHEELS
Lobbyist Mike Belote, '87, discusses the importance of supporting his alma mater

What inspires you to support the law school?
One night I saw Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker at a restaurant in Sacramento and introduced myself. I was so impressed by her commitment and passion. She talked about the Public Legal Services Society [PLSS], which struck me as a worthy way for students to not only get practical legal work but also help their communities. So I chose this as an area to be involved in.

What is PLSS?
It’s a student-run organization that gives grants to students to work in public legal jobs, often serving underserved communities. It is an important part of how McGeorge reaches out to the community.

You recently created the Mike Belote Capital Center Endowment. How will your gift help the McGeorge community?
I decided to sell a car I had stored and create a secure funding source for a program I want to see succeed. My gift will support the Capital Center’s Lecture Series.

Why is it important for you to support these activities?
I think you get to a stage in your career when you know that it’s time to give back. People invest a lot of time and money in law school, and being there to support them is important to me.

You were a lobbyist before you went to McGeorge. Why did you decide law school would be useful?
Legal training is a huge benefit for anyone working with legislation and lobbying. Not only does it help in understanding cases and statutes, it’s a way to think, a way to argue and a way to write. I have an affinity for anything involving talking and writing, and law school has clearly been a benefit to my career.

What do you find rewarding about your work?
I joined California Advocates, a contract lobbying firm, in 1990 and I’ve been with them ever since. I make arguments just like lawyers do in a courtroom, only I do it in the Capitol, and I do it to a legislative committee instead of a jury. Influencing the outcome of legislation is very, very rewarding.
Mark October 19 on your calendar if you graduated in a year that ends in 3 or 8. The Alumni Office is looking for class committees to help plan your class party! Contact the Alumni Office at 916.739.7141 or alumnimcgeorge@pacific.edu to get involved!

**Reunion Schedule**

- **4 p.m.** – Continuing Legal Education (CLE) on campus
- **5 p.m.** – Hosted alumni reception, wine tasting in the Pacific McGeorge Student Center with campus tours and class photos for all classes celebrating
- **6:30 p.m.** – Individual class parties

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
Young Alumni Program Is Growing

During spring semester, we hosted a Happy Hour, a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Assessment and a “Branding Yourself” program.

More Ways to Advance Your Career

Look for more exciting programs in the fall to help further your professional development and expand your network.

Programming will include business development, managing your own office and more. Have ideas? Let the alumni office know!

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