Building timely programs in health law, policy and business

Expanding the programs and impact of the Institute for Administrative Justice

Restructuring the curriculum to ensure real-world education

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University of the Pacific has been honored to receive an extraordinary gift from the estate of the late Regents Robert C. and Jeannette Powell. Valued at $125 million, their gift supports the Powell Scholars as well as the Powell Fund Match program. The Powell Gift allocates $60 million for endowed scholarship matches and $25 million for endowed academic program matches.

This gift is the largest in Pacific’s history—and is one of the largest single gifts to any institution of higher education in the United States. We celebrate the hardworking and humble Powells and their dedication to providing support for those who seek access to the benefits of higher education that they never experienced. This gift is truly transformative for the University because the Powells designed their funds as matching gifts to inspire others to give—doubling everyone’s support.

Increase the Impact of Your Contributions

With the launch of the Powell Fund Match program, the law school is working with supporters to increase the impact of their giving. Alumni and friends of Pacific McGeorge are defining ways that donor dollars can be invested and doubled.

Every dollar has the potential to be matched. To qualify, the gift must be $50,000 or more, made outright or over a five-year installment. Gifts can be designated to create an endowed scholarship or endowed academic program, but there is freedom to support specific programs and to achieve specific results.

This is a unique opportunity to leverage your gift dollars to create a lasting legacy at Pacific McGeorge. With the help of the Powell Fund Match program, your philanthropic impact is magnified. For example:

- **Endowed Scholarships:**
  Schol,” can be based on merit or need and focused on specific types of students. Gifts beginning at $50,000 can result in a matched $100,000 Named Endowed Scholarship.

- **Academic Program Endowments:**
  Academic activities, programs, centers and institutes can be named, such as the Advocacy Center, a moot/mock trial Competition, a Capital Lecture (secured), a fellowship for water or health law, and many others. Gifts beginning at $50,000 can result in a matched fund of $100,000.

**Premier Academic Program naming opportunities**

- $1 million gift = $2 million endowed chair with match
- $500,000 gift = $1 million endowed professorship with match
- $250,000 = $500,000 endowed fellowship with match

Join Pacific McGeorge in Creating a Lasting Legacy

Alumnus Michael Belote, ’87, has generously made the first gift under the Powell Fund Match program, establishing Pacific McGeorge’s first endowed lecture series. For more information, see page 5. The law school is in the process of closing several additional endowment gifts as part of this program. We invite you to learn more about the impact you can make by joining this elite group of supporters, who are dedicated to ensuring access and quality legal education for generations to come. For more information, contact Assistant Dean Charlene Mattison at 916.739.7229 or Senior Development Officer Sarra Ziari at 916.739.7391.
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It has been inspiring to complete my second year as dean during our celebration of the 90th anniversary of the law school. The McGeorge School of Law has a proud history of innovation that is beautifully commemorated in this issue of Pacific Law. This entrepreneurial spirit continues today as the law school adjusts to the rapidly changing features of legal practice.

During the past two years, the faculty has revised the curriculum to provide the knowledge and skills required of the modern lawyer. Our graduates have long been known for being determined and practice-ready, and we continue that tradition by requiring every student to engage in experiential learning. Pacific McGeorge will continue to provide a legal education that is both rigorous and relevant to practice.

Modern practice is multidisciplinary, and so I am working with the University to develop the Sacramento campus into a graduate campus offering multiple synergistic degrees. We plan to begin offering an MBA in fall 2015, which will provide interdisciplinary insight into areas such as health care and policy and supplement the education of law students seeking to enter this growing field. We already have launched the Master of Science in Law degree for professionals who require a sophisticated understanding of our legal system but do not intend to practice law.

Finally, we have re-emphasized our role in one of the nation’s most important state capitals. We have hosted timely discussions through our well-attended Capital Center Lecture Series this past year, students have drafted and advanced bills as part of our new legislative clinic, and every law student is now required to take a course on Legislation and Regulation in recognition of the vital importance of the administrative state for all areas of law. Thank you for your strong support as the law school begins its 10th decade.

Francis J. Mootz III
Dean and Professor of Law
SPRING SEMESTER

The season’s beautiful, warm days are filled with faculty and student interactions on campus.
DIVERSITY DEFINES 2013 INCOMING CLASS

Pacific McGeorge welcomed 18 graduate law students (LL.M. and J.S.D.), 6 foreign exchange students, and 11 Master of Science in Law students to the fall 2013 class, in addition to 162 J.D. students. These committed and diverse students joined Pacific McGeorge as it celebrates the 90th anniversary of its establishment as a law school.

“These students are a welcome addition to our academic community, where we are engaged in fundamental curriculum changes to ensure that our students are prepared for contemporary legal practice when they graduate,” said Dean Francis J. Mootz III. “I am particularly pleased with the diversity of our fall incoming students.”

As part of a strategic plan begun in 2009, Pacific McGeorge has set its total enrollment target at an average of 600 J.D. students each year. With this entering class, there are currently 651 J.D. students enrolled at Pacific McGeorge. The entering J.D. class includes students from around the United States and several foreign countries. They were carefully selected for their commitment to a legal career, and the full-time day and part-time evening sections are similarly credentialed.

Dean Mootz observed that the new students are pursuing a variety of degrees, though the core of their educational experience will be the same. “We are excited about our recent efforts to ensure that a Pacific McGeorge education provides our students with the skills and capacities they will need to succeed in a rapidly changing economy,” Dean Mootz said.
In October 2013, University of the Pacific received an estimated $125 million from the estate of the late Robert and Jeannette Powell, the largest gift in the university’s 162-year history and among the largest single bequests to any institution of higher education in the United States. This gift, bequeathed by a Sacramento-area couple who had no children and did not graduate from college themselves, will endow scholarships to help generations of students attend Pacific.

The gift will also create endowments for academic programs at Pacific McGeorge, including endowed professorships and chairs; support the Powell Scholars Program, a prestigious honors program at the university established by the Powells; and provide ongoing support for Pacific McGeorge’s permanent art collection, including works donated from the Powells’ estate. “This gift means the world to Pacific McGeorge, and our students are poised to make a difference in the world,” said University President Pamela A. Eibeck. “Bob and Jeannette’s transformative gift will help us continue to advance in excellence and accessibility as we fulfill our mission of educating the whole student—intellect, character and spirit—and of going beyond our gates to enhance our communities. The university’s future success will honor their memory.”

The bequest will be invested in endowments as follows:

- $35 million will support the Powell Scholars Program.
- $25 million will create a matching fund to inspire others to create endowments for academic programs.
- $3 million will be earmarked to maintain, store and display Pacific’s permanent art collection, now and in the future.
- The remainder—more than $60 million—will fund a matching campaign for endowed student scholarships.

**University of the Pacific Receives $125 Million Gift**

**PACIFIC MCGEORGE RECEIVES THE FIRST POWELL MATCHING GIFT**

Michael Belote, ’87, President of California Advocates, Inc. and longtime Pacific McGeorge alumni donor and volunteer, donated $50,000 to endow the annual Michael Belote Endowed Capital Center Lecture, an academic lecture series covering topics relevant to California political issues for students, faculty and community members. This gift was the first to be matched under the Powell Fund.
Intersession Courses Teach Practical Skills

Pacific McGeorge offered four courses during the first intersession between fall and spring semesters, held Jan. 3–11, 2014. Students earned one unit of credit from each of the courses and gained relevant practical experience.

Colin Rule, an internationally recognized alternative dispute resolution (ADR) expert, taught an innovative Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) course. Rule is chief operating officer and co-founder of Modria.com, an ODR provider based in Silicon Valley. Rule says ODR is the hottest area of ADR right now because geographically bound courts have difficulty resolving the conflicts. During the course, Pacific McGeorge students employed state-of-the-art ODR technologies through a series of simulations, and they began to wrestle with the challenges of providing effective dispute resolution online.

Mona Ebrahimi, a shareholder with Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard in Sacramento, taught the experiential course Representing Local Agencies—Advocate, Neutral Counselor, Risk Assessor. Ebrahimi practices municipal and public agency law, providing general legal counsel and advice to municipalities, counties, special districts and other public entities.

Two other experiential courses rounded out the intersession offerings. Professor Adrienne Brungess, who also is the director of the Capital Certificate in Public Law & Policy Program, taught Negotiating Disputes into Deals. Katharine Kileen, senior staff counsel with the California Department of Water Resources, taught Preparing and Defending Motions in a Criminal Case.

The intersession courses are part of the law school’s innovative Advanced Lawyering Curriculum, which emphasizes hands-on, active learning. The popular courses had full enrollment, and Pacific McGeorge will schedule a similar intersession next winter.

Pacific McGeorge Receives Award for ADR Education Efforts

Pacific McGeorge received the 2013 Ninth Circuit ADR Education Award in recognition of its long history of promoting education in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and its impact in the community. The award was presented to Dorothy Landsberg, Pauline Nguyen and Michael Colatrella on Oct. 5, 2013, at the Eastern District Judicial Conference in Olympic Park at Lake Tahoe.

The Center for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution offers a full spectrum of alternative dispute resolution courses. Additionally, for the past three years, Pacific McGeorge has made a significant contribution to the Sacramento community through the institution of two innovative mediation clinics, the Prisoner Civil Rights Mediation Clinic and the Housing Mediation Clinic. Both clinics are noteworthy not only for the services they offer to the community and the education they provide to students but also for the unique public-private partnerships the clinics embody. Pacific McGeorge congratulates everyone who participated in the law school’s alternative dispute resolution programs and courses.
Pacific McGeorge Ranked 11th in Nation for Practical Training and 15th for International Law

The National Jurist published its first honor roll of law schools that deliver practical training in its March issue and in the spring issue of preLaw magazine.

Pacific McGeorge received an A+ rating and was ranked 11th among U.S. law schools for practical training. Pacific McGeorge’s innovative curriculum emphasizes experiential, hands-on, active learning, and this ranking reflects that the law school’s educational experience is high quality and relevant.

U.S. News & World Report recognized Pacific McGeorge’s International Law program as among the top 20 best programs in the country for the third year in a row this year, ranking it 15th in the 2015 Best Graduate Schools guide.

A book published last year names Professor Cary Bricker of Pacific McGeorge School of Law one of only 26 “best law teachers” in the United States. The book, What the Best Law Teachers Do (Harvard University Press, 2013), is the culmination of a four-year study that sought to identify extraordinary law teachers. The study details the attributes, strategies and practices of professors who have a significant, positive and long-term effect on their students.

The book was written by law professors Gerald F. Hess of the University of Gonzaga, Sophie M. Sparrow of the University of New Hampshire, and Michael Hunter Schwartz, law dean at the University of Arkansas Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law. “The book describes how 26 amazingly dedicated and dazzlingly effective law teachers do their work,” Schwartz says. Bricker gave a presentation at the premiere conference on June 27, 2014, in Chicago.
PACIFIC MCGEORGE RECOGNIZED BY LSAC FOR DIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Pacific McGeorge was selected as the runner-up for the 2013 Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Diversity Matters Award at the organization’s midyear meeting on June 1, 2013, in Newport Beach, and was just selected as the third best law school at the June 1, 2014 meeting in Asheville, NC.

The Diversity Matters Award is given to a law school that has demonstrated the highest level of outreach to racially and ethnically diverse students. LSAC developed the DiscoverLaw.org campaign to encourage multicultural students to pursue career opportunities in law and choose a path in undergraduate school to help them succeed.

“This is a great recognition of our outreach efforts,” says Dean Francis J. Mootz III. “At the LSAC meeting, I was gratified to see how highly regarded [Assistant Dean of Admissions, Diversity Initiatives and Financial Aid] Tracy Simmons is among her peers, and to learn how our ongoing efforts over the past year in our admissions office track best practices from operational and ethical perspectives.”

Brigadier General Teaches Students About Military Law

The McGeorge Military Law Society hosted Army Brigadier General Mark S. Martins, the chief prosecutor in the Office of Military Commissions, on Oct. 10, 2013, for a public lecture and other events.

Martins began his visit to the Pacific McGeorge campus as the guest lecturer in Professor John Sims’ International Protection of Human Rights class. The lecture was followed by a faculty luncheon at the McGeorge House, where faculty members discussed Martins’ experience as the chief prosecutor and some of his challenges with the military commissions.

In the afternoon, students from the Mock Trial Competition Team and the McGeorge Military Law Society held a mock pretrial motion session regarding the exclusion of evidence in a military commission setting. The students presented legal arguments with Martins acting as judge for the proceedings. Martins then gave a public lecture in the courtroom that focused on the military commissions and Guantanamo Bay, followed by a question-and-answer session with the audience.

Martins wrapped up his visit to Pacific McGeorge the next day with a 5-mile run along the Sacramento River with members of the Military Law Society and a breakfast event with Pacific McGeorge alumni, students and local military veteran judges.

Above, from left, Josh Hunsucker, president of the Military Law Society, Brig. Gen. Mark S. Martins; and Dean Francis J. Mootz III.
Judge Diego García-Sayán discussed “Emerging Democracies and Expanding Human Rights: The Essential Role of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights” with faculty and students on April 16. Distinguished Professor Linda Carter, co-director of the Global Center, introduced García-Sayán. Judge García-Sayán is currently a member of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and was its immediate past President. In his talk, he shared that in the past 10 years other courts have reopened cases and more than 50 people have been convicted because of rulings by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The remarks will be published in The Globe.

García-Sayán participated in other activities during his visit to Pacific McGeorge. On April 15, he talked with faculty about how academia can help promote the work of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. He spoke to Professor Brian Landsberg’s Constitutional Law class on decisions of the court on sexual orientation rights. García-Sayán also led an afternoon workshop on April 17 on indigenous rights in Latin America when those interests conflict with extractive industries, such as oil and gas exploration.

On April 25, the Global Center hosted a luncheon with Vincent Nmehielle, legal counsel to the African Union. A barrister and solicitor originally from Nigeria, Professor Nmehielle is currently on leave from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he also serves as head of the Wits Programme on Law, Justice & Development in Africa. The discussion focused on current legal, political and development issues in Africa.

The series began with a meeting with Lidiija Nedelkova, president of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Macedonia, and Vladimir Panchevski, chief judge of Basic Court. The visit was arranged through Judge Lawrence Brown of the Sacramento Superior Court, who had participated in a program in Macedonia with the judges and the U.S. State Department. Macedonia is transitioning to a more adversarial approach in its criminal justice system. At the Pacific McGeorge meeting, Professors Linda Carter, Emily Garcia Uhrig, Cary Bricker, Brian Landsberg and Jay Leach discussed ideas relating to comparative criminal procedure, advocacy, evidence and legal education.
PACIFIC MCGEORGE’S SUMMER PROGRAMS SEND STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD FOR LEGAL EXPERIENCE

SALZBURG SUMMER PROGRAM IS A SUPREME EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY

During Pacific McGeorge’s Salzburg, Austria, summer program in 2013, Supreme Court Associate Justices Anthony M. Kennedy and Elena Kagan taught a course on the Fundamental Rights in Europe and the United States with Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott of Oxford University.

Justice Kennedy, who is Pacific McGeorge’s longest-serving active faculty member, has taught in the Salzburg program for all but one of the past 24 years. Justice Kagan, who was previously dean of Harvard Law School and solicitor general of the United States, was teaching for the first time in the program. More than 100 law students and graduates from the United States, Denmark, Turkey, Spain and Austria participated.

In July 2014, Justice Kennedy will return to Salzburg for his 25th year of teaching in the program.

PACIFIC MCGEORGE UGANDA SUMMER PROGRAM EXPANDS STUDENTS’ LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The Pacific McGeorge Uganda Law and Development Practicum summer program gave law students a great chance to apply what they learned in the classroom during summer 2013.

Distinguished Professor Linda Carter conceived and directed the three-week program that combined an experiential component and a classroom component. Students interned with judges in the High Court, and attended a seminar on local, national and regional levels of the justice sector. Pacific McGeorge partnered with the International Law Institute–African Centre for Legal Excellence (ILI-ACLE), which is based in Kampala, where alumna Yen Phan, ’12, currently works.

The journey to Kampala was made by 11 Pacific McGeorge students who had just finished their first or second years. Twelve Ugandan law students participated in the seminar. The practicum had students working with
a judge by researching issues in pending cases or in general on issues that often arise in the Kampala High Court. Four of the students from the practicum stayed to participate in a seven-week field placement program in Kampala with internships at either the High Court or with an NGO.

INNOVATIVE INTER-AMERICAN SUMMER PROGRAM GROWS IN FIFTH YEAR

The expansion of externship opportunities from Guatemala to Costa Rica, Uruguay and Chile was a highlight of summer 2013, the fifth year of the innovative Pacific McGeorge Inter-American Summer Program.

Professor Raquel Aldana founded the program in 2009 and has served as director for five years. Professor Julie Davies will serve as director of the Inter-American Program starting with the summer 2014 program.

Study-abroad programs offered by most U.S. law schools, including those that take place in Latin America, teach courses in English only. By contrast, the Inter-American Program in Guatemala takes a bilingual and intercultural approach to legal education, offering substantive law classes about Latin America taught in Spanish as well as bilingual externship placements in four countries.

This program is part of a broader effort at Pacific McGeorge to prepare students to address the needs of clients from Latin America, a growing demographic in the United States. The Fourth Annual Citizenship Fair, held on Nov. 16, 2014, is another effort in which law students help hundreds of prospective citizens.

The classroom component had 21 students from five different ABA law schools, as well as six students from Latin America—including three public defenders from Guatemala and a prosecutor from Chile. Aldana coordinated the course on Comparative Law Perspectives taught in Spanish by three renowned Guatemalan lawyers, and she co-taught with Luis Mollogón a course on Legal Spanish for U.S. Lawyers. Professor Emily Garcia Uhrig taught the course Comparative Criminal Procedure in the Americas in English while Professor José R. Juárez from Denver taught a course in Spanish on Commercial Law for Foreign Investors. Eight students completed externships in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Uruguay and Chile.
THE STATE OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
McGeorge Law Review Symposium addresses California’s future


Professor Leslie Gielow Jacobs, director of the Pacific McGeorge Capital Center for Public Law & Policy, welcomed everyone to the event and introduced Ken Alex, senior policy adviser to the governor and director of the governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR). The work that OPR is doing on the state’s Environmental Goals and Policy Report inspired the topic for this symposium.

Professor John Sprankling introduced the Capital Lecture keynote speaker, Dr. Peter Gleick, president of the Pacific Institute, who presented “Water & Sustainability.”

“The Virtual River and the Importance of Conservation” was the topic of the third panel. The Honorable Ronald Robie, ’67, associate justice on the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, moderated the discussion. The panelists were professor Paul Stanton Kibel, Golden Gate University School of Law, Professor Jennifer Harder, UC Davis School of Law and McGeorge School of Law; and Alf Brandt, legislative director for Assemblyman Anthony Rendon.

The final panel covered the topic of “Renewable Energy: What Is Possible?” and was moderated by Sue Kateley, chief consultant, California State Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce. Panelists were Professor K.K. DuVivier, University of Denver, Strum College of Law; Michael J. Levy, chief counsel, California Energy Commission; and Kristen Castaños, partner, Stoel Rives.

The 2014 symposium was sponsored by Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard, the McGeorge Law Review and the Witkin Legal Institute. The symposium presenters will publish their papers in the fall 2014 issue of the McGeorge Law Review.

For more information, visit go.mcgeorge.edu/mlrsymposium.

Above: Dr. Peter Gleick
Dark Money: The $11 Million Problem Defined
On Nov. 13, 2013, the Capital Center hosted a lecture at the Sutter Club in downtown Sacramento titled “Dark Money—The $11 Million Problem Defined.”

The lecture featured Chip Nielsen, ’71, senior political law partner at Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP, and Lance H. Olson, ’77, senior partner at Olson Hagel & Fishburn LLP. Nielsen and Olson spoke about the $11 million dark money campaign contribution case, including an analysis of its resolution and what it means to California, and the state’s role in a national effort to require greater disclosure of donors.

Individual Privacy in the Internet Age
The Inaugural Mike Belote Annual Endowed Capital Center Lecture was held on Dec. 5, 2013, at the Sutter Club in Sacramento. Three experts addressed the topic of “Protecting Individual Privacy in the Internet Age: Where, If at All, Should Lines be Drawn, and Who Should be the Artist?”

Drew Liebert, chief counsel of the Assembly Judiciary Committee; Hanni Fakhoury, ’07, staff attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation; and Eric Goldman, professor of law at Santa Clara Law School, composed the panel. They discussed how big data is intersecting with the traditional privacy expectations of Californians, and how these expectations should be protected—or if it is even possible, or desirable, to do so.

Professor Leslie Gielow Jacobs, director of the Capital Center, moderated the discussion.

Water and Sustainability
The Capital Center Lecture Series presented “Water & Sustainability,” sponsored by the Witkin Legal Institute, on April 11, 2014, as part of the McGeorge Law Review Symposium. Dr. Peter Gleick, president of the Pacific Institute, shared insights about how to ensure that California has sufficient water resources.

Gambling Wave Forum
Dean Francis J. Mootz III moderated a discussion on May 23, 2013, about off-reservation gaming and Internet gambling, hosted by CalChamber. Cathy Christian, a partner at Nielsen Merksamer, joined prominent tribe lawyer Howard Dickstein on the first panel. Attorney David Fried, a leading expert on Internet gambling, and Cheryl Schmit, the director of public interest organization Stand Up California, discussed Internet gambling.
MOCK TRIAL TEAMS WERE FINALISTS IN THREE MAJOR NATIONAL EVENTS
Amanda Iler, Andrea Morris, Danny Jensen and Gregory Hayes advanced to the championship finals at the 12th Annual National Civil Trial Competition, losing to Samford University based on tie-breaking tournament rules. The team won the Ethical Advocacy Award and Hayes won the Best Advocate in the Final Rounds Award. Coach Keith Hill, ’96, accompanied the team.

Daphne Copenhaver, Selena Farnesi, Teal Ericson and Jake Weaver earned seven consecutive victories to make the championship round at the 10th Annual Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition. The team was outpointed 4-3 by Florida Coastal. Weaver won Best Advocate. Leland Washington, ’01, and Jason Schaff, ’06, coached the team.

Iler and Jensen went to the finals of the 39th Annual National Trial Competition after a flawless performance in the NTC Region 13 tournament. Pacific McGeorge’s other regional tandem, Morris and Hayes, won on points in their final round but lost in a 2-1 split-judicial vote to Stanford, which joined the victorious Pacific McGeorge entry in the finals in Austin, Texas. Coached by Hill and Thienvu Ho, ’98, Pacific McGeorge was the only school to advance both of its teams to the finals.

MOOT COURT CAMPAIGN ENDS WITH TOP PRIZE IN TRAYNOR COMPETITION
Eurik O’Brien and Elizabeth Ramos teamed with writer Chelsea Tibbs to claim the top prize of the competition—The Roger B. Traynor Award—in the Roger J. Traynor Moot Court Competition with a final-round win over UC Berkeley. O’Brien was recognized as one of the top five oralists for individual achievement. Professor Adrienne Brungess coached the team, which took second place in the Bernard E. Witkin Award for excellence in appellate advocacy; it was the sixth straight year that Pacific McGeorge has finished in the top three for that award.

In the fall, Michele Pai and O’Brien advanced to the national quarterfinals under coach Erich Shiners, ’06, at the 21st Annual Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition. Professor Hether Macfarlane and student coach Nikole Omotoy worked with the team, which had advanced from one of the event’s regionals a month earlier.
EIGHTH ANNUAL NATIONAL ETHICS TRIAL
The Pacific McGeorge team of Tiffany Wynn, Dayla Go, James Bradford and Tashayla Billington battled to the finals of the Eighth National Ethics Trial Competition on the weekend of March 20–22, 2014, before falling to Loyola University Chicago in the title match. Alan Donato, ‘09, and Jeff Schaff, ‘09, coached the McGeorge team. Professor Jay Leach directed and Professor Cary Bricker co-directed the competition.

Judge William Shubb, retired chief judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California; Judge Barbara Kronlund, ‘89, San Joaquin County Superior Court; Heather Williams, federal defender, Eastern District; Dominique Pollara, president, ABOTA Sacramento Chapter; and attorney and co-sponsor Steve Block, ‘78, formed a star-studded panel judging the final round. The NETC is held each year at the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse in downtown Sacramento thanks to the support of key sponsors: Bob Buccola, ‘83, Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora LLP; Morrison England, ‘83, chief judge, Eastern District; Porter Scott APC; Steve Block ’78 and Teri Block, ’98; ABOTA Sacramento Chapter; Anthony M. Kennedy Inn of Court; and the ABA Section of Litigation.

For recaps of the team successes in the other competitions that the Pacific McGeorge moot and mock trial teams entered in 2013–2014, and for more details about these competitions, visit go.mcgeorge.edu/teamnews.

One-Act Play Performed by Students Entertains at Lou Ashe Symposium
Too Jewish, a well-received one-act play performed by Pacific McGeorge students, was the featured topic for the 43rd Annual Lou Ashe Symposium Lecture on March 19, 2014, held in the courtroom before a standing-room-only audience.

Tashayla Billington; Tiffany Wynn; Judge William Shubb, retired chief judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California; Dayla Go; and James Bradford.
INJURY AS CULTURAL PRACTICE
The Global Center’s annual symposium addresses the complex intersection of injury and law

Pacific McGeorge’s annual Global Symposium, held on campus March 7-8, 2014, featured interdisciplinary panels of social scientists, social theorists and lawyers discussing the topic “Injury as Cultural Practice.” Professor Anne Bloom, associate dean of faculty scholarship at Pacific McGeorge, and David Engel, SUNY distinguished service professor at SUNY Buffalo Law School, organized and directed the symposium.

“The purpose of the symposium was to begin a dialogue about how the meaning of legal injury is constructed through social and cultural practices,” says Bloom. “Our hope is that the work we began here will continue and eventually culminate in a book.”

Dean Francis J. Mootz III and Franklin Gevurtz, distinguished professor of law and co-director of the Pacific McGeorge Global Center for Business & Development, welcomed symposium attendees. Michael McCann, professor of political science and the Gordon Hirabayashi Professor for the Advancement of Citizenship at the University of Washington, served as rapporteur after the panel discussions.

The first panel discussed “What Counts as an Injury?” The panelists were Mary Anne Franks, associate professor of law and co-director of the Pacific McGeorge Global Center for Business & Development, at the University of Miami; Sagit Mor, assistant professor of law at Haifa University Faculty of Law in Haifa, Israel; Samantha Barbas, associate professor of law at SUNY Buffalo Law; Anne Bloom with Marc Galanter, professor of law emeritus at University of Wisconsin Law School; and David Engel. Gowri Ramachandran, professor of law at Southwestern Law School, was the panel discussant.

The next panel examined “Injury Narratives.” The panelists were Greg Johnson, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder; Claire Rasmussen, associate professor of political science at the University of Delaware; Lochlann Jain, associate professor of anthropology at Stanford University; and Yoshitaka Wada, professor of law at Waseda University in Tokyo. Michael Musheno, faculty director of the Legal Studies Program at UC Berkeley School of Law, was the panel discussant.

The third panel investigated “Remedies for the Trauma & Brutality of Injuries.” The panelists were Maurice Stevens, associate professor of comparative studies at Ohio State; Yukiko Koga, assistant professor of anthropology at Hunter College; Pratiksha Baxi, associate professor of law at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi; and Khiara Bridges, associate professor of law and of anthropology at Boston University School of Law. Professor Raquel Aldana was the panel discussant.

“It was nothing short of phenomenal,” says Aldana. “I was so delighted to experience this space of intellectual engagement across disciplines.”


For more information, visit go.mcgeorge.edu/global2014.

Above, from left: Lochlann Jain; Marc Galanter; Greg Johnson; David Engel; Maurice Stevens; Anne Bloom; Mary Anne Franks; Michael Musheno; Khiara Bridges; Samantha Barbas; Claire Rasmussen; Sagit Mor; Michael McCann; Kulvinder Singh, ‘92; and Yoshitaka Wada.
The new Pacific McGeorge Water Resources Law Institute addresses real-world problems in real time

Currently under development with a formal launch scheduled for fall 2014, the Pacific McGeorge Water Resources Law Institute is being designed to shape water law and water policy by conducting cutting-edge research, providing a forum to develop collaborative solutions, and facilitating needed reforms in legislation, regulation and through policy analysis.

The institute will focus on the legal and policy issues posed by limited water supply and water infrastructure challenges. It will bring together legal scholars, lawyers, engineers, historians, hydrology experts, economists, graduate students and others to engage in multidisciplinary, nonbiased, well-rounded research and to propose real-world solutions for all stakeholders, including government, businesses, nonprofit organizations and foundations, and policymakers.

In this time of severe demand and climate change, the world’s water usage strategies and infrastructure must adapt to extreme variations and changing demands. Initial research projects will focus on these areas and specifically target issues such as water rate structures, public-private partnerships, joint powers authorities, and other water and energy issues.

The institute’s design emphasizes one of Pacific McGeorge’s most important strengths, and it will be a leading program for the emerging multidisciplinary Sacramento campus.

Pacific McGeorge is the perfect launching pad for this institute as it already has a strong water law advanced curriculum as well as a focused environmental J.D. concentration. Further, the law school has extensive connections to state and federal water regulators and a large alumni network practicing in the area. The university works with water specialists in other fields, including engineering, history, hydrology, biosciences and others.

Finally, the international expertise provided by Professor Stephen McCaffrey will allow the research conducted by the institute—on local and regional issues—to be enhanced by exploring how international communities can and do address these problems. Having the versatility to present these issues in an international context will give depth and breadth to the institute’s research capacity.

To find out more about the institute, contact Kristian Corby, ’13, at 916.739.7300.
Forward-Looking and Past-Inspired

Pacific McGeorge is in the process of restructuring the curriculum to ensure a more advanced, integrated and real-world educational experience for students.
Many law schools are re-examining their curriculum, but at Pacific McGeorge we are doing more than adding a few courses to the standard model. Last year, the faculty adopted an Experiential Curriculum that requires every student to take several courses in which they learn by doing what lawyers do through clinics, externships and practicums. This year, we completed a review of the entire curriculum and have adopted changes that will ensure that students are prepared for the world of legal practice that is just now emerging. We have revamped our adjunct offerings to deliver sophisticated and focused courses, rather than the usual lecture-based courses. Our goal is to ensure that our graduates have not only a rigorous grounding in legal analysis and lawyering skills, but also exposure to the multifaceted demands placed on the modern lawyer.

The defining feature of our innovations is interdisciplinarity. On many university campuses, the various schools have very little interaction among them. As we rescale the law school to an appropriate size for the market, we are building a graduate campus that offers courses such as Compliance in the Health Care Industry, taught by the compliance manager at Genentech, and Entrepreneurial Management, co-taught by a business school professor and a leading venture capitalist. Working cooperatively with other professional students in these classes, our students will learn critical client relations and project management skills. In the near future, the Sacramento campus will have fully integrated graduate programs that prepare students for careers in law, business and policy.

Additionally, we have reinvigorated our Capital Center for Public Law & Policy through an engaged board of advisers that has assisted us in creating a curriculum that ensures that our graduates have what they need to succeed in the capital. Through symposia and lectures in Sacramento, such as the Mike Belote Endowed Capital Center Lecture, Pacific McGeorge has cemented its reputation in one of the country’s most important state capitals. As the California economy recovers and the state begins to grow, we will ensure that our graduates are well-prepared to seize opportunities. We will be focusing on certain areas of expertise that have particular relevance for the local, regional and national economies. We are building advisory groups to ensure that we can excel in the areas of water law and health law, two critical areas of growth in the legal market.

Innovation is not limited to doing something entirely new, however. As the legal landscape changes rapidly, it is important to re-emphasize the core capacities that lawyers must exhibit. Our Center for Advocacy & Alternative Dispute Resolution will coordinate this foundational training for our students, from first-year legal writing, through advocacy courses, and on to moot court and mock trial competition teams. Effective lawyers are strong listeners and excellent communicators. Solving problems is possible only when lawyers understand the problem and can effectively negotiate, advocate and plan. These skills are refined in advocacy and dispute resolution settings. In ancient Greece, the core liberal arts education was built around what today we would call moot court exercises. Because the legal market is so dynamic, we need to reaffirm our commitment to education in these key areas of lawyering skills for which Pacific McGeorge has long been recognized.
90 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

The evolution of Pacific McGeorge into an internationally recognized leader in legal education
his year marks the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law’s 90th academic year. The school was chartered in November of 1924 as a night school to fill a need in Sacramento, eventually developing into a full-time, ABA-accredited law school, and later becoming part of the University of the Pacific. For nearly a century, Pacific McGeorge has been committed to providing students with an outstanding legal education.

But as celebrated as the school now is, Pacific McGeorge has grown from humble roots. In fact, through the research of Professor Emeritus Claude Rohwer, we know that the school’s early history is quite different from previous accounts. This is a look at the law school’s origins, expansion and ongoing commitment to providing students with a first-rate education.

**THE EARLY YEARS**

On Nov. 14, 1921, the articles of incorporation for Sacramento Law School were filed by Robert Johnston, Frank T. Heacock and Leo H. Susman. Legend has it that the men were all connected to San Francisco Law School. Susman served as president, and James D. Meredith was dean. Vern Adrian McGeorge, a Stanford graduate with a law degree from the University of Chicago, was on the school’s faculty and taught a course in contracts.

During the summer of 1924, Sacramento Law School unexpectedly shut down without notice. When students arrived for classes in the fall, the doors were locked and the administration was gone.

McGeorge “rescued” the school’s abandoned students by offering them law classes in his

**TIMELINE**

1925
The inaugural commencement includes a graduating class of five attorneys.

1927
Rose Sheehan, the school’s first female student, graduates.

1929
Vern Adrian McGeorge passes away. The board of trustees files new articles of incorporation to rename the school McGeorge College of Law.

1930
Russell Harris serves as dean from 1930 to 1933.

1933
Gilford Rowland, past president of the California State Bar, is appointed dean.

1937
Lawrence Dorety is appointed dean, serving until the school closes for WWII in 1941.

1946
The school reopens under Dean John Swan, a former senator, at 902 J Street.

1957
Dean Swan passes away; Gordon D. Schaber is appointed dean. The law school moves to its current location, the former “well baby clinic” on the corner of 33rd Street and Fifth Avenue.

1964
Dean Schaber wins accreditation by the State of California Committee of Bar Examiners. The McGeorge Community Legal Services Program begins to handle approximately 800...
New classrooms; the Student Pavilion (Gazebo); and new student housing, Blackacre, are added to the campus.

**1965**
Sacramento lawyer Anthony M. Kennedy is recruited to teach constitutional law.

**1966**
McGeorge College of Law merges with University of the Pacific, becoming the McGeorge School of Law. The University of the Pacific was California’s first chartered institution of education, founded in 1851.

**1967**
Day classes are launched; a full-time law faculty of five is created.

**1968**
Pacific McGeorge is accredited by the American Bar Association.

**1969**
The library adds 8,300 square feet.

The *Pacific Law Journal*, now the *McGeorge Law Review* is launched.

The law school’s number of alumni reaches 539.

**1970**
The first commencement of day students is held.

**1971**
The Student Bar Association (SBA) sponsors the first Lou Ashe Symposium on Practical Skills.

**1972**
The Pacific McGeorge Institute for Administrative Justice is created. The Center for Legal Advocacy and Dispute Resolution (now the Center for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution) is founded.

**1973**
The Center for Legal Advocacy’s “Courtroom of the Future” is built.

**1974**
The first American summer program in Austria begins.

Pacific McGeorge is granted membership by the American Association of Law.

**1976**
The Student Center is added. In addition to a dining room, the center houses pool tables, lockers, study carrels, a seven-foot television screen and a pub.

**1978**
The European Law Internship program is established.

**1980**
The International Moot Court Team places first in the nation and second in the world.

**1982**
Pacific McGeorge becomes a member school in the Order of the Coif, the fifth of California’s 18 ABA schools.

**1984**
The Victims of Crime Center is established on the Pacific McGeorge campus, providing victims with legal reassurance and aid.

The ABA National Conference “Legal Education and the Profession Approaching the 21st Century” is held on campus.

**1985**
Pacific McGeorge begins offering Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses by satellite.
living room at 2604 G Street. McGeorge cobbled together a faculty for his makeshift school by convincing some of Sacramento’s top attorneys and judges to teach alongside him, while his wife, Annabelle, took over as secretary. McGeorge also retained some of the former school’s faculty, including A.I. Diepenbrock, Chauncey H. Dunn Jr. and W.H. Hatfield, and he recruited new faculty, including A.J. Ashen, B.B. Blake, Dixwell L. Pierce, Ralph Lewis and Sumner Mering.

The new law school was incorporated in November of 1924 as the Sacramento College of Law. It started as a night school catering to the capital city’s large numbers of state employees looking to advance their career through admission to the bar. The original board consisted of Judge Peter J. Shields, Judge John F. Pullen, Belle Cooledge, Vern Adrian and Annabelle McGeorge. Located on the second floor of the Mull Building at 10th and L streets in downtown Sacramento, the school’s tuition was $100 per year. McGeorge was appointed manager of the college, and he later became the founding dean and a professor of law. The new founders didn’t view the previous iteration of the school as their predecessor, and therefore the official founding date is recognized as November 1924.

**GOING IT ALONE**

After McGeorge passed away in 1929, the board of trustees renamed the school McGeorge College of Law in his honor. The school operated downtown for decades without a permanent home until, in 1957, with Dean Gordon D. Schaber at the helm, it moved to its current location in Oak Park. In 1964, the McGeorge Community Legal Services Program began handling approximately 800 referral cases on a pro bono basis, and the Oak Park Office of the Legal Aid Society was established on campus.
1996
The Institute for Legislative Practice (the Capital Center for Public Law & Policy) is established.

1998
The California Initiative Review, a nonpartisan publication providing comprehensive analyses of California ballot initiatives and related issues, is founded.

1999
Johnnie Rawlinson, ’79 becomes the first alumna to sit on a federal appellate bench when she is appointed to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is the first African-American woman to serve on that court.

2000
The Master of Laws program in Government Law and Policy is created.

2001
Dean Caplan returns to the faculty, and Distinguished Professor John G. Sprankling becomes interim dean.

Professor Clark Kelso is named as federal receiver overseeing health care for California prisons.

The Elder & Health Law Clinic opens.

The Global Issues book series is launched by West.

The Pacific McGeorge National Ethics Trial Competition (NETC) is launched.

2008
Pacific McGeorge is awarded a $1.1 million grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to educate law professors in China.

2009
MERGER WITH UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC

The 1960s and '70s saw a new era of expansion for the McGeorge School of Law, fueled by a merger in 1967 with the University of the Pacific. The first day classes were added that year, along with five full-time faculty members. Through Dean Schaber's energetic leadership, Pacific McGeorge (as it came to be called) grew into a unique living and learning environment of national stature with full accreditation by the California bar, the ABA, AALS and the Order of the Coif. Succeeding Schaber in 1991, Dean Gerald Caplan established new academic programs during his 10 years of leadership, including what is now known as the Capital Center for Public Law & Policy.

PACIFIC McGEORGE TODAY—AND BEYOND

Pacific McGeorge has grown both locally and globally during the first part of the 21st century under the guidance of Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. Faculty leaders have started new book series, evolved the offerings of Community Legal Services through new clinics and fairs, expanded summer programs, completed a USAID grant, and started the distinctive NETC competition, among many other initiatives. The campus landscape has changed to fit the modern needs of law students through extensive renovations of key facilities, including the new Legal Studies Center and the remodeled courtroom.

Today, Pacific McGeorge has more than 13,000 alumni who work all over the world, and more than 600 enrolled students. The faculty includes 46 full-time and 63 part-time professors who hold law degrees from schools including Harvard, the University of Chicago, Stanford, Columbia, the University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern and Georgetown. At the 90th commencement on May 17, 2014, the school awarded 210 J.D. degrees, 15 LL.M. degrees and 2 M.S.L. degrees. This year, Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy will celebrate 25 years of teaching in the school’s summer program in Salzburg, Austria.

Over the past nine decades, Pacific McGeorge has emerged as a first-rate academic institution. And faculty, staff and alumni have a renewed commitment to providing a distinctive Pacific McGeorge education for the next 90 years—and beyond.
New Rx for Health Law

SPURRED ON BY THEAffordableCare Act AND OTHER SEA CHANGES IN THE FIELD, PACIFIC MCGEORGE IS EXPANDING THIS INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM
For law students, health care is hot,” declares the headline of a recent article in the Sacramento Business Journal, which surveyed the region’s legal landscape for prospects of growth. “With tuition at top law schools in the region exceeding $40,000 a year, it’s imperative that a degree lead to a job. … Young attorneys are following the money—straight into health care,” writes SBJ correspondent Bess Shapiro in the Nov. 22, 2013, dispatch. Natural resources, immigration and other traditional areas for growth in California are “still going strong,” Shapiro adds, “but as the economy goes, so go the attorneys.”

Recent Health Care Overhaul Makes It the Right Time for Change

That’s not exactly how Dorothy Landsberg, ‘87, Pacific McGeorge’s associate dean for academic affairs and associate professor of lawyering skills, describes the present and future terrain, but it’s no surprise that the dean was one of the key interviewees in the SBJ article. She has been spearheading efforts at McGeorge to rethink and reconfigure its health law program, along with Clark Kelso, associate dean of strategic initiatives, professor of law and senior counsel for the Capital Center for Public Law & Policy, and Melissa Brown, director of legal clinics and professor of lawyering skills.

Landsberg notes that restructuring health law offerings aligns with the university’s recently released Pacific 2020 strategic plan—which emphasizes health-related programs.

She and Kelso also point to forces beyond the walls of academia that are helping to shape and accelerate McGeorge’s health law expansion and improvement. “The main imperus is a recognition—in large part, because of the Affordable Care Act and its implementation—that this field is undergoing a complete transformation,” says Kelso.

“Most of the law dealing with health-related insurance and the organization of health care facilities is undergoing

+ Beyond the Classroom: Clinics and Externships

Legal clinic and field experiences are important aspects of Pacific McGeorge’s health law curriculum. Recent field placements for students include externships in state government offices—including the Attorney General, Health Care Services and the Department of Public Health—as well as at nonprofits, from the California Medical Association to Disability Rights of California.

At Pacific McGeorge’s Elder & Health Law Clinic, students tackle issues unique to the aging population, including health care access, Social Security, Medicare/ Medi-Cal, estate planning and elder abuse. Many cases require an interdisciplinary approach to lawyering, in which clinic students represent elders in court and on transactional matters concerning planning for death, incapacity and a variety of other issues.

The Elder & Health Law Clinic is one of a select few elder law programs at California law schools to receive a 2011 cy pres award. “[Our students serve] vulnerable members of our community and take on social justice issues that deal with patient dignity and nondiscrimination,” says Professor Melissa Brown, who supervises the clinic. “They see it as an opportunity to do good, to be challenged—and in this economy, for employment.”

Did You Know? For the years 2010–2020, the health care and social assistance sector is projected to have the largest growth, 5.6 million jobs, and the fastest growth rate, 3 percent, among all major sectors.

a big change,” he adds. “Equally important is the regulatory upheaval underway. The entire health care industry is going from something that largely was regulated at the state level—except for Medicare and Medicaid—to something with significant federal involvement in how the industry is structured, how payments are made.”

The fact that the Affordable Care Act has left much unfinished business will also have a ripple effect, Kelso predicts. “It’s quite clear there’s follow-up work to be done to impose greater cost controls,” he says. “It also seems likely at some point that there’s going to be reform in the areas of drugs and pharmaceuticals. All of this comes amid massive reorganization in the health care industry, which is witnessing a huge number of mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations.”

With such high-impact ongoing developments, Kelso emphasizes that the bottom line for McGeorge is clear: “There’s going to be a substantially increased need for lawyers educated in health law and related areas, and there’s going to be a need for more scholarship and leadership in developing the field.”

**Leveraging the Right Place, Forging the Right Plan**

Pacific McGeorge is well positioned to take on this challenge and meet this need creatively. Dating back to the upsurge of HMOs in the 1970s, California has been at the center of cutting-edge thinking about health care reform. Northern California is the home of the biotech industry, in which technology is remaking medicine. Movers and shakers in the state capital, including Pacific McGeorge, are

**When Political Affairs Meet Policy**

**APRIL ALEXANDER, ’04. DEVELOPS RELATIONSHIPS WITH POLITICIANS, STAKEHOLDERS AND OTHERS WHILE ADVOCATING FOR LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS**

Alexander has been paying close attention to the vagaries of the Affordable Care Act, including the Supreme Court’s confirmation of states’ right to opt out of a key aspect of ACA—expansion of Medicaid programs that serve low-income people. She is regional director of state affairs for Molina Healthcare, which contracts with state governments to help manage Medicaid programs and also runs primary care clinics.

**What have been some of your experiences in the ACA’s implementation at the state level?**

“For the last three years, I’ve been explaining federal health reform and making sure people understand what it really does instead of what they’ve heard on the news, which may be incorrect.

For the most part, our company has decided to support Medicaid expansion because we believe in Medicaid. It’s something I’m passionate about, but it’s also been fascinating to hear the various opinions. I don’t think anybody disagrees with the basic premise that people should have health care. The argument always gets back to where government ends and where private responsibility begins and how and where to draw that line.”

**Looking ahead, do you believe the ACA will transform the landscape in health law and education?**

“Absolutely. Especially with all the new rules, there is so much need for people who can interpret the law but who also know how markets work. If McGeorge can educate its students to understand the policy and business regulations, they’ll be very marketable and very needed in business and government.

Health care is an ongoing discussion for everyone. We can’t say, ‘It’s done; it’s fixed.’ Our health care system is always changing. People in policymaking and education must always acknowledge that and must always be prepared to have the discussion and devise solutions.”
at the epicenter of important policymaking, with four large health care systems—Kaiser, Sutter, UC Davis and Dignity Health—in their backyard.

The Pacific 2020 strategic plan cites specific objectives to introduce “multidisciplinary programs in health care, business, law, engineering and other fields,” as well as “pre-professional and professional programs in new, high-demand health-related fields and healthcare professions.”

Toward that end, “we have been tasked to develop interdisciplinary training with the dental school and the pharmacy school at the university,” Brown says. “We have had discussions with major health care providers, for example, about ways to reduce medical malpractice claims by training lawyers and others in effective mediation strategies and conflict resolution.”

Landsberg envisions adding new courses to the law school’s current offerings in health law and policy, bioethics, and elder and health law. Debuting this spring is an innovative course in executive training, called Compliance in the Health Care Industry: Real World Application of Law to Business, taught by a compliance expert from Genentech. “We want to reach out to our alumni and health care specialists in the legal and business communities to figure out what sort of additional health care curriculum we should offer,” says Landsberg, “and perhaps also find among their ranks good adjuncts who can help us teach the needed courses.”

Looking ahead, Landsberg adds, “McGeorge is positioning itself as the graduate campus for the University of the Pacific. By fall 2015, the university plans to offer an MBA program here. The MBA program already has a health care specialty, and when it is in Sacramento, there will be additional opportunities for lawyers and MBA students to take classes together.”

McGeorge is now offering a Master of Science degree in law and is beginning to target health care managers and other professionals who would benefit from its one-year full-time, or two-year part-time, executive training.

Taken altogether, the changes underway and those planned “make for an exciting time,” Brown says. “It’s an opportunity to frame the issues and to prepare our students to shape the future. We’re building a robust program that ultimately will be beneficial to the entire community.”

*Experiential Focus on Health Law*

PACIFIC MCGEORGE STUDENTS GAIN WORK EXPERIENCE THROUGH FIELD PLACEMENT PROGRAMS AND LEGAL CLINICS. MANY ESTABLISHED HEALTH LAW PLACEMENTS AND THE ELDER & HEALTH LAW CLINIC PROVIDE ACADEMIC AND SKILL-BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDENTS PURSUING CAREERS IN HEALTH LAW.

Here’s what students say about the hands-on experience they have gained in the field of health law:

“… this placement led to my next job, which was a paid law clerk position.”
— Saveena Takhar, ’14, Department of Public Health extern student

“My clinic experience provided real-life situations—not the typical classroom environment. I was able to see how legal issues are resolved in the real world. As a result, I am a better prepared attorney.”
— Cheryl Robertson ’10, associate attorney, Dummit, Buchholz & Trapp

“It is fantastic experience in real-world issues. It has made me far more proficient in starting research from nothing and creating a well-rounded analysis of the law.”
In years past it was not unusual to find a young man following in dad’s footsteps as a Pacific McGeorge graduate. And in recent years, a wave of bright young women has swept through campus, earning law degrees to enter their dads’ chosen profession.

Four decades ago, women comprised only 9 percent of the law school’s student body. That percentage grew steadily, touching the 50 percent plateau in 2001 before settling at 47 percent at McGeorge and other ABA law schools.

Here are three young women who, guided by their fathers’ successes, have launched careers along similar paths. McGeorge welcomes these new legacies to its 13,000-member alumni network and the greater University of the Pacific network. Just as the law school’s female pioneers of the 1970s excelled in the courtroom, on the bench and in public service, these young graduates are driven to succeed.
Katherine Bardis, ’13, earned her J.D. in May and immediately went to work starting her own business, B&B Homes.

“I went to college in Los Angeles but decided to come back to Sacramento for law school,” she says. “I enjoyed the academic experience at McGeorge, which helped me grow my own community network, and I decided to live in Sacramento.”

Her father, Christo Bardis, ’70, a very successful homebuilder in California and Nevada, remembers how he got his start.

“I have always believed that law school offers an individual the ability to develop his or her analytical skills,” Bardis says. “McGeorge offered that opportunity. The training one receives is extremely helpful whether you choose to practice law or engage in another profession. I limited my practice of law to a short stint, then devoted my efforts to the development and construction business. The legal training has been immensely helpful.”

Catherine Reichenberg, ’06, joined her father, Mark Gunderson, ’79, at his Reno firm, and she fit right in. Often cited as a rising star in Nevada legal circles, she remembers the rigors of law school much as many of her father’s peers might.

“I enjoyed McGeorge,” she says. “The first year was terrible, but I had wonderful friends who made it bearable. My husband helped me get more involved and comfortable, and Dean [Elizabeth Rindskopf] Parker was a wonderful mentor.”

Her father was an Air Force pilot once stationed at nearby Mather Air Force Base. “I made my application and can say without reservation it was the right choice,” he says. “It was one of the best decisions of my life. The lessons learned inside and outside the classroom have stayed with me in my personal life as well.”

Gunderson’s experience in the cockpit also came in handy as he argued nearly 150 trials, 50 or more to juries. He also has a reputation as a top appellate attorney who has argued 25 cases before the Nevada Supreme Court.

Lauren Noland, ’13, passed the bar in July and is off and running in the world of water resources law. She joined her father, Michael Noland, ’78, a University of the Pacific graduate, at Kahn, Soares & Conway LLP, the pre-eminent agricultural law firm in California, with offices in Hanford and Sacramento.

“I chose McGeorge because of its location,” she says. “It also has the water law classes I knew would come in handy in practicing agricultural law. Moot Court was a great experience there, and the opportunities to do internships are so beneficial.”

Her father, a Hanford native, chose Pacific rather than a big-city university.

“It was a good school in the Central Valley, where I knew I would settle,” he says. “Water law is always going to be an open field for those who wish to enter the legal profession, and I advise McGeorge students to consider it.”

Noland isn’t alone in saying he’s “very proud” of his daughter. The enthusiasm of these members of the younger generation also says a great deal about the drive, determination and achievements of their parents, in which Pacific McGeorge played a significant role.
MOYLAN TAKES HELM OF LEGAL WRITING DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Professor Mary-Beth Moylan was announced as the president-elect of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) at the organization’s biennial conference last year. Moylan, the director of Pacific McGeorge’s Global Lawyering Skills (GLS) program, was one of the conference’s planning committee co-chairs. She will become president in August.

“I am excited to be joining the leadership of ALWD at a time when skills professors have an important role to play in the changes being made to law school curriculum across the country, and when a new edition of the ALWD manual is coming out,” Moylan says. “It should be an interesting and busy three years.”

Moylan co-authored a textbook, Global Lawyering Skills, published by West Publishing, with Professor of Lawyering Skills Stephanie Thompson and contributing authors from the GLS faculty, including Hether Macfarlane, Ed Telfeyan, Adrienne Brungess, Gretchen Franz, Jeff Proske and Maureen Moran.

As New Director of ATINER Research Unit, Malloy Plans International Conference

Distinguished Professor Michael P. Malloy has been appointed director of the Business and Law Research Division of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER).

Malloy’s first agenda item was the planning and hosting of an international, interdisciplinary event—Business, Law and Economics: An International Conference—held May 5 and 6, 2014 in Athens, Greece.

On July 8, 2013, Malloy delivered the opening paper of the 10th Annual International Conference on Law sponsored by ATINER. Malloy’s talk, “Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision: New Concepts and Challenges,” explores new approaches to international bank supervision and examines certain fundamental issues raised by the formulation and application of the Core Principles, newly revised by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

Myers Propels Child Sex Abuse Prosecution

Professor John Myers gave the keynote address about the prosecution of child sex abuse at the IV International Seminary about Child Sexual Assault, Victim Child Human Rights in the Criminal Process. Fundación Amparo y Justicia (Foundation for Care and Justice) sponsored the event in Santiago, Chile, in September 2013. Myers also held a workshop during the seminary on the same topic.
Ten excellent faculty members were recognized during fall semester with promotions and appointments. Please join in congratulating these scholars and teachers for their work in advancing the legal profession.

- Linda Carter | Appointed as Distinguished Professor of Law. B.A., University of Illinois; J.D., University of Utah.
- Franklin Gevurtz | Reappointed as Distinguished Professor of Law. B.S., University of California, Los Angeles; J.D., University of California, Berkeley.
- Amy Landers | Appointed as Distinguished Professor of Law. B.F.A. Rochester Institute of Technology; J.D., University of California, Hastings.
- Brian K. Landsberg | Reappointed as Distinguished Professor of Law. B.A., University of California, Berkeley; LL.B., University of California, Berkeley; Certificate in African Law, University of London.
- Dorothy Landsberg | Appointed as Associate Dean, Academic Affairs. B.A., Earlham College; J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.
- Michael Malloy | Reappointed as Distinguished Professor of Law. B.A., Georgetown University; J.D., University of Pennsylvania; Ph.D., Georgetown University.
- Stephen McCaffrey | Reappointed as Distinguished Professor of Law. B.A., University of Colorado; J.D., University of California, Berkeley; Dr. iur., University of Cologne, Germany.
- John Sprankling | Reappointed as Distinguished Professor of Law. B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara; J.D., University of California, Berkeley; J.S.M., Stanford University.
- Jarrod Wong | Promoted to Professor of Law. B.A., Cambridge University; J.D., University of California, Berkeley; LL.M., University of Chicago.
- Michael Vitiello | Reappointed as Distinguished Professor of Law. B.A., Swarthmore College; J.D., University of Pennsylvania.
SYMPOSIA, EVENTS AND APPOINTMENTS

In addition to extensive participation and leadership at the January 2014 annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in New York City, faculty members have presented at scholarly symposia and conferences on a wide range of legal issues and been appointed to leadership posts.

• Linda Carter edited the Brandeis Institute for International Judges (BIIJ) 2013 report. BIIJ 2013 was co-directed by Linda Carter and Richard Goldstone.

• Omar Dajani presented “Minoritarian Regimes & Humanitarian Intervention” at the Law & Society annual meeting in Boston on June 2, 2013.

• Julie Davies was elected chair-elect of the AALS Section on Part-Time Legal Education at the 2014 AALS annual meeting.

• Courtney Lee was elected chair-elect of the AALS Section on Balance in Legal Education at the 2014 AALS annual meeting.

• Michael Malloy presented “Institutional Organization of Supervision: Reform in the U.S.” at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Faculty of Law, Queen Mary University of London, on Dec. 13, 2013. Malloy has also been appointed to the editorial board of the Athens Journal of Business & Economics.

• Stephen McCaffrey is the series editor for the International Water Law Series of books to be published by Brill.

• Francis J. Mootz III presented “The Integrity of Pseudo-arguments in Law” at the West Coast Rhetoric Scholarship Workshop on Nov. 15, 2013, in Las Vegas.


• Paul Paton has been named dean, Faculty of Law, at University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, beginning July 1, 2014.

• Rachael Salcido presented “Land Use and Climate Change” at the ABA Young Lawyers Division Meeting held in Minneapolis on May 17, 2013.

• Joseph Taylor and Warren Jones’ casefile, Huntington v. Aster (2013), was selected for the 2014 Rocky Mountain Building Trial Skills Program, held April 12–19, 2014 at the NITA Education Center in Boulder, CO.

Scholarship by Pacific McGeorge Faculty

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS


IN DEPTH: COURTNEY LEE

Professor Courtney Lee has served as a director of academic support at Pacific McGeorge since 2008. She teaches Principles of Criminal Law, Principles of Legal Analysis I and II, and Animal Law, and she administers and teaches in the Practical & Persuasive Legal Writing Program. In past years, she taught Principles of Criminal Law and led a yearlong workshop in Appellate and International Advocacy.

Lee is a national presenter and a published author in the field of academic support, as well as a member and officer of several national and regional committees dedicated to effective teaching and law student support. She is chair-elect of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Balance in Legal Education, chair of the Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE) Scholarship Committee and co-founder of the West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals. Lee also is the winner of the 2012 University of the Pacific Podesto Award for Excellence in Student Life, Mentoring, and Counseling.

REPRESENTATIVE SCHOLARSHIP


- Editor, *Practical & Persuasive Legal Writing Case Materials*, 2009-2013 editions (University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law) (with Timothy Naccarato).

Forty Years of Service

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE HAS LONG PROVIDED VALUABLE SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE

The Institute for Administrative Justice (IAJ) was founded some 40 years ago with a singular mission: to provide hearing officer services to the California Department of Social Welfare. Over time, IAJ established itself as a leading consultant on administrative hearing practices and took on a broader range of duties, offering training and consultation in all aspects of administrative adjudication for a variety of local, state and federal agencies.

IAJ has been expanding ever since—from 1984, when it opened the Victims of Crime Resource Center (VCRC), to last year when it launched Focused DecisionsSM, now the premier mock jury and focus group provider for the Sacramento legal community. “We started out as a government service, and since then we have always tried to innovate and ask, where should we be now?” says Mary Swanson, ’94, IAJ’s director.

THE VICTIMS OF CRIME RESOURCE CENTER

Today, some of the most vital contributions that IAJ makes to the community at large result from the efforts of the VCRC, which is like a “one-stop shop” for victims of all sorts of crimes, including domestic violence, stalking, identity theft, cyberbullying and elder abuse, says the group’s director, Mariam Elmenshawi, ’11. Mandated
by the California Penal Code and funded through the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, the VCRC—which stays constantly abreast of victims-related law—offers free legal information to people in need. It also refers them to local service providers, who help with everything from counseling to emergency housing. Between 2012 and 2013, the VCRC served 54,464 people. “We are a lifeline for victims of all kinds,” Elmenshawi says. “We are very proud of the services we offer them.”

A committed 21st-century enterprise, the VCRC employs the tools of technology and social media to help people connect. Its assistance begins on the phone with a toll-free hotline, staffed by law school students who are overseen by attorneys. People can also get in touch through email, a chat function on its website (which allows users to remain anonymous), Facebook and Twitter.

The VCRC also offers extensive community outreach through informational presentations (in Spanish and English) and workshops for service providers. Over the past two years, topics have included “Stalking: What You Need to Know to Protect Yourself,” “Domestic Violence: Rights and Services” and “Senior Citizens: Protecting Yourself from Financial Abuse and Identity Theft.”

In addition to its advisory and educational role, VCRC often participates in victim-related events. Center staffers have joined the Mothers Against Drunk Driving annual run, walked to the Capitol with the National Crime Victims’ Rights Week March and raised their voices at the Stand Up and Speak Out Anti-Bullying Rally.

FOCUSED DECISIONS

After identifying a pressing need in the legal community, IAJ launched a program last year called Focused Decisions. Conceived by Trial Advocacy Professor Joe Taylor, Focused Decisions provides comprehensive litigation services to attorneys preparing a case. The services include mock jury trials, focus groups and witness preparation. The courtroom on the Pacific McGeorge campus, complete with state-of-the-art technology, allows attorneys to conduct a trial before a mock jury in a courtroom setting. Afterward, the attorney can observe the jury deliberate from a separate breakout room equipped with high-definition cameras. “It is difficult to appreciate the advantages that a well-organized mock jury provides to your case without experiencing one in action,” says Daniel L. Baxter, a partner at Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney.

Focused Decisions provides assistance with everything that happens before a case gets to a courtroom. It facilitates focus groups for attorneys to test various strategies and offers demographic and scientific research to aid attorneys in deciding what to look for in selecting a jury. “Focused Decisions fills a void in the Sacramento area by providing full-scale legal focus group services,” says Roger Dreyer of Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora LLP. “I gave them very specific criteria for my desired jury pool, and they delivered.”

Assistant director of IAJ Andrew Walker, ’04, says that Focused Decisions also upholds IAJ’s mission to serve the legal community at large. “We provide the opportunity for community participants to play an important role in a mock trial, law students to have an unmatched educational experience, and attorneys to gain a strategic advantage for their case,” Walker says. “As far as we know, there is not another program of this caliber.”
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James Hardesty spoke on “The Need for a Court of Appeals” at the Clark County Bar Association’s annual meeting in Las Vegas. He is a justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. | Steve Merksamer made the 2013 Capitol Weekly Top 100 list of the most powerful nonelected movers and shakers in California political circles at No. 67. | Richard Williams joined Redwood City-based Mediation.com. An experienced mediator and trial lawyer with Gray Duffy LLP, he brings 40 years of complex litigation and alternative dispute resolution to his new role.

1976
Justice Jeffrey King was profiled in the Daily Journal. The profile noted that when King enrolled at McGeorge, “[i]t was there that [he] discovered law, and torts in particular, which would rival politics for his affections over much of his career.” | Robert C. MacKichan Jr. joined Vedder Price’s government contracts practice as shareholder in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office. | Mike McGowan has been appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown as deputy director of strategic planning and policy at the California Department of Motor Vehicles. A West Sacramento attorney, he has served as an elected member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors since 1993.

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Mark H. Gunderson was recognized by Nevada Business magazine as a member of the 2013 Legal Elite. He also founded Gunderson Law Firm in Reno, Nevada. | Allan Zaremberg made the 2013 Capitol Weekly Top 100 list of the most powerful nonelected movers and shakers in California political circles at No. 12.

1980
Gary Anderegg retired after a 23-year career with the IRS in bankruptcy. Anderegg was married on July 30, 2013, in Los Angeles County to his longtime domestic partner.

1981
Wayne Bunch, LL.M., has joined DLA Piper in the firm’s franchise and distribution practice in its Houston office. | Wesley Kennedy and Peter Mixon, ’84, won a respondent bench decision in Sacramento Superior Court against a petition filed to deny an individual membership in CalPERS. Mixon was the general counsel (now retired), and Kennedy a senior counsel for the state public employees’ retirement system.
In December, California Gov. Jerry Brown appointed three Pacific McGeorge alumni to the state Superior Court bench.

Kate Segerstrom, ‘85, was named to the Tuolumne County Superior Court. She has been in solo practice in Sonora since 2000 after being a shareholder at a major Stockton firm for 16 years.

Christine Carringer, ‘87, a Fairfield resident, was selected for a judgeship in Solano County. Most recently staff counsel at Katchis Harris and Yempuku, she has served as a civil litigator for several Northern California law firms.

Prominent criminal defense attorney Michael Bowman, ‘88, was chosen for a spot on the Sacramento Superior Court. He fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Judge Lloyd Connelly, ‘77.

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Resources Board from 1999 to 2013. | Kathleen Drakulich has been reappointed to the Economic Development Board of Nevada by Gov. Brian Sandoval. Drakulich is a partner at McDonald Carano Wilson LLP. | Bill Lockyer joined the national firm of Brown Rudnick LLP in an of counsel capacity in its Irvine office. The veteran California politician, who is entering his final year as state treasurer, will be a member of the firm’s government law and strategies team. | A. Peter Rausch Jr. has received an A-V rating from Martindale-Hubbell, established two new office locations in San Francisco and Capitola, and joined the Mediation Panel at the Third District Court of Appeal.

1987

Donna Brownsey made the 2013 Capitol Weekly Top 100 list of the most powerful nonelected movers and shakers in California political circles at No. 98. | Patricia Curtin has been honored with the 2013 Sustained Leader in Commercial Real Estate ECHO Award by East Bay CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women). Curtin, a partner at Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2014. | Jill L. Friedman, a trial attorney with the Ventura-based law firm Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones & Feingold LLP, was named one of Los Angeles’ Women Leaders in the Law for 2013 by Martindale-Hubbell. She was also a finalist for the 2012 Trial Lawyer of the Year award by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association. | Matthew Karanian has published the third edition of his guidebook, Armenia and Karabakh, which was reviewed by the Los Angeles Times online on April 17, 2013, and in print on April 28, 2013.

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George F. Ogilvie III was reappointed as chairman of the Colorado River commission of Nevada by Gov. Brian Sandoval. A native Las Vegan and fifth-generation Nevadan, Ogilvie was first appointed to the commission in 2007 and has served as its chairman since 2009. | Nancy Peverini, legislative director for the Consumer Attorneys of California, celebrated her 25th year with the organization. | Joseph Weinberger announced his 2014 candidacy for an open seat on the El Dorado County Superior Court. A seasoned litigator who has served as a judge pro tem in three different counties, the El Dorado Hills resident operates the Weinberger Law Firm in Folsom.

1989

Michele Nelson Bass has joined the Matthew C. Ferguson Law Firm in Aspen, Colorado, as counsel. | Arthur G. Woodward, a partner at Downy Brand, was named chairman of the California Associated General Contractors legal advisory committee.

1990

Oscar Cardona has been named the chief human resources officer at Holiday Retirement, the largest private national operator of senior living communities, based in Lake Oswego, Oregon. | Linda A. Mathes has been appointed chief counsel and chief executive officer for the State of California’s Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board. | Robert Oakes has been named executive director of the California Mental Health Directors Association. Oakes previously served as vice president and general counsel for the Association of Independent California Colleges. | Paul Pascuzzi was featured in the 2013 Northern California Super Lawyers magazine. Pascuzzi is a

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Stuart L. Somach, ’79, has a career practicing water law that spans three and a half decades. A shareholder at Sacramento-based Somach Simmons & Dunn, Somach is using his expertise to help shape the Pacific McGeorge Water Law Institute.

The institute’s goal is to influence water policy with a focus on researching solutions to water infrastructure challenges. “The issues we will grapple with will be associated with how best to use water, how best to conserve water and how best to allocate that water,” Somach says.

A former English and government junior high school teacher, Somach thought he would open a small general practice firm after graduation. He hesitated taking the school’s water law class because he couldn’t think how it fit with running a general practice. His wife persuaded him to enroll, and he quickly fell in love with the topic.

Somach started his career with the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. He handled water litigation while also working on issues such as grazing, mining, national parks, the Endangered Species Act, and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

In 1981, he was made an assistant U.S. attorney for the Department of Justice in Sacramento, where he litigated both high-profile water and nonwater cases.

Three years later, he joined McDonough, Holland & Allen PC in Sacramento. Somach left in 1991 to open his own water and environmental law firm with several colleagues.

Somach practices water, federal reclamation, and public agency law, as well as natural resources and environmental law. He litigates in federal and state courts and has argued cases in the California Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. He spoke to President Clinton in the White House about the Endangered Species Act and has testified before Congress about federal water and environmental issues.

Water law, Somach says, is “very intellectually stimulating. My current work pulls on everything I’ve learned over a lifetime from a legal perspective.”

California’s current drought is adding unnecessary stress to an already busy practice. Drought, he says, is a normal part of the Western water cycle, and we should not have to deal with it in a crisis mode. “The institute ought to give us tools to avoid this type of crisis situation,” he says. “Our legal system was developed to deal with droughts, and our infrastructure needs to catch up to where we are population-wise in order to allow that system to work.”
Nancy Peverini’s interest in consumer rights began while she was taking a torts class at Pacific McGeorge. Strengthening tort laws, she thought, would have the greatest impact on people’s daily lives. So in 1987, while still a law student, she joined Consumer Attorneys of California, a nonprofit organization that fights for consumer legal rights, as a law clerk.

There, she witnessed legislative negotiations firsthand. “It really showed me there were alternatives to litigation and very direct ways you could impact the whole legal system via the legislative process,” she says.

After her clerkship ended, Consumer Attorneys hired Peverini as an associate legislative counsel, and she went on to work for the organization as a lawyer and lobbyist. She was later promoted to senior legislative counsel and has been the organization’s legislative director for the past seven years.

Peverini works on a wide array of issues, including toxic chemicals, uninsured motorists, arbitration and immunities for dog bites at dog parks. Her organization also tracks more than 500 bills annually. One recurring issue that Consumer Attorneys has been fighting for is access to the courts and court funding. In 2013, California courts received $63 million in additional funding. “We recognized that without adequate court funding, the laws don’t mean much,” she says.

Peverini likes her job in part because she enjoys helping others. “It feels good to be on the right side,” she says. “When you are fighting for consumers’ legal rights, you really are wearing a white hat. You face a lot of well-funded obstacles and opponents, but often it’s gaining access to the courts and access to a remedy that helps a person.”

Peverini, who has an undergraduate degree from Santa Clara University, is very active in her profession. She was president of Women Lawyers of Sacramento in 1995. She also is a board member of the Consumer Federation of California, which gave her its Consumer Champion award in 2010 for her long-term commitment to consumer issues in California.

“I feel like I’m using my law degree and my strengths to make a change,” she says. “We’re not always successful, but we do well. For example, in the past four years, not one major tort reform bill that limits consumer rights has passed through the Legislature.

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Christine Morse Galves and Toni Carbone, ’00, were featured in a Sacramento Bee article about Ascend, the alternative sentencing program they created. Laura Lewis has been named as general counsel for Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD). Janice Magdich was named interim city attorney by the Lodi City Council. Nancy Park has been promoted to partner at Best Best & Krieger LLP in Sacramento. Noah Phillips won a first-degree murder conviction in the Sacramento Superior Court. The case, a 2009 gang-related homicide, involved special circumstance allegations of lying in wait. He is a county deputy district attorney.

1998
Noah Blechman has had several successful trial results in his specialty of police misconduct litigation in the Bay Area, defending agencies and officers. He is a partner at the McNamara Law Firm in Walnut Creek. Nicole Gleason has formed a new Sacramento firm, King Williams & Gleason LLP, which specializes in environmental, real estate and business law. George Guthrie has joined Wilke Fleury Hoffelt Gould & Birney. Matthew Zumstein has been named partner at Ropers Majeski Kohn & Bentley.

1999
Paul J. Bauer has been named by Northern California Super Lawyers & Rising Stars as one of the top up-and-coming young attorneys in Northern California for the fourth year in a row. Bauer is a labor and employment law attorney at Walter & Wilhelm Law Group. Zaida Z. Bridgford joined the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, as an assistant family law facilitator. Michael Daponde has co-founded a new Sacramento law firm, Kennaday, Leavitt & Daponde PC, which specializes in health care, employment and litigation. Natasha Khamashta Perez joined the Juvenile Division of the Los Angeles County Public Defender’s Office as deputy in charge of the collaborative justice section.

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Summer M. Smith, ’00 has joined the San Francisco office of Archer Norris as a partner. Troy Szabo joined Kennaday, Leavitt & Daponde PC as a partner. Rosielyn Pulmano Thompson was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown as deputy secretary of business and consumer policy at the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. Previously, she was the principal consultant for the California State Senate Committee on Health.

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Stephanie Quinn has been named shareholder at Murphy, Campbell, Alliston & Quinn. A substantial portion of Quinn’s
At the age of 9, Raissa Morris, ’12, and her mother fled their hometown of Cartagena, Colombia. They went to Bogota, fleeing her father, who physically abused Morris’ mother. One of the best criminal defense attorneys in the country helped Morris’ mother get custody of Morris, and the pair settled in San Antonio.

The experience inspired Morris to become an immigration attorney. She recently started her own firm, Morris & López, PC, after working more than a year as an immigration law associate at Considine Sorensen & Trujillo in Sacramento. She chose to study at Pacific McGeorge, she says, because “I wanted an active role in changing the way things are today in this nation, especially regarding protections given women suffering from domestic violence.”

But it was not until she took Professor Raquel Aldana’s immigration law class at Pacific McGeorge that she knew for certain that she wanted to work for immigrants’ rights. “I’m an immigrant and I didn’t realize how hard it was for many of us to achieve our goals and dreams in the U.S.,” Morris says.

After taking Aldana’s class, Morris became her research assistant, and then spent the following summer working with Kids in Need of Defense, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit that assists unaccompanied minors who come to the United States in search of refuge. The job cemented her desire to work with immigrants.

In 2011, Morris worked in Pacific McGeorge’s immigration clinic, which led her to discover how immigration law and domestic violence intersect. She started giving workshops to victims of domestic violence in the community to teach them about their rights. Morris won the clinic’s first asylum case, in San Francisco Immigration Court, where she represented a minor who left Guatemala because she feared her partner would kill her.

In January 2012, Morris started volunteering with her current firm and then was hired as a paralegal. After she passed the bar, she was promoted to associate attorney. Today, most of her clients are from Mexico; some leave because of domestic violence, sexual assault or political persecution, while others are straightforward citizenship cases.

Morris also volunteers at Pacific McGeorge’s immigration clinic, on the school’s Public Legal Services Society’s alumni board and in the community, speaking at the Mexican Consulate, the UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic and on the Univisión television network.

Being a domestic violence victim in search of asylum is an unsettled area of immigration law, Morris says, which makes the cases she handles hard to win but immensely gratifying. “It is rewarding to help somebody start a new life,” she says. “Also, I can help a woman who is a victim of domestic violence empower herself and come out of that dark hole.”
practice is defending railroad companies in personal injury, property damage and employment matters. | Thomas A. Urquhart was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the United States Army. Urquhart currently works on the Army staff and began a new assignment working for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in October 2013. He was recently admitted to the District of Columbia bar.

2002
Alana Mathews (J.D. ’02, LL.M. ’04) has been appointed as public adviser at the California Energy Resources and Conservation Development Commission by Gov. Jerry Brown. She has been senior attorney there since 2012. | Rehema Rhodes Williams joined the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law as a staff attorney and pro bono panel manager in Los Angeles.

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Julie Capell joined the Los Angeles office of Winston & Strawn as a partner. | Mhare O. Mouradian has been named to San Gabriel Valley’s “Top Attorneys” in a survey conducted by Pasadena magazine. Mouradian, a senior associate at Murchison & Cumming LLP, has been selected for the fourth straight year. | David C. O’Mara was reappointed to the Nevada Supreme Court Bench Bar to serve another three-year term on Oct. 28, 2013. O’Mara is a founding member of the O’Mara Law Firm PC. | Analea J. Patterson has been named partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Sacramento. | Erin Riley was named a shareholder at Boutin Jones Inc. | Bryan D. Victor has been named partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Sacramento.

2004
Nirav Desai won conviction of a Mexican national who was making false Social Security cards and forged alien registration cards, in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. He is an assistant U.S. attorney. | Rebecca Dietzen was appointed as an attorney III at California Department of Health Care Services. | Jon-Paul Valcarenghi and Joshua Kaizuka, ’00, have formed the Law Offices of Kaizuka & Valcarenghi in Sacramento.

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Matthew Digesti joined Fennemore Craig PC as a litigation associate in Reno, Nevada. | Anand “Lucky” Jesrani, deputy district attorney in the Shasta County District Attorney’s Office, was part of the prosecution team for a case in which the court found Overstock.com to be engaged in false advertising, and ordered $6.8 million in civil penalties on Feb. 20, 2014.

2006
Will Fiske joined North American Title as senior legal counsel in Concord. | Gregory G. Johnson joined the intellectual...
Daniel Conway, ‘13, is adept at putting out situational fires. As an evening student at Pacific McGeorge School of Law, Conway juggled course work with a full-time job. His ability to balance immediate needs with long-term priorities came in handy when he started his current job while still attending Pacific McGeorge. As chief of staff for Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, he manages a multitude of projects, including mapping out the city’s budget; negotiating labor contracts; fixing levees; maintaining parks; and building a downtown arena for the Sacramento Kings NBA team, which he says could “fundamentally change this city.”

He has worked in politics, public affairs and public policy since starting his career because, he says, “you get to do things that really make a difference.”

In 2007, he became a lobbyist and public relations consultant for KP Public Affairs in Sacramento. Conway, who had wanted to be a lawyer since childhood but put it off after starting a career and a family, applied to law school at the behest of a client and a partner at his firm, who were both lawyers.

Conway entered Pacific McGeorge as the father of two while still working for KP Public Affairs. He then moved to the California Restaurant Association, working as its legislative and public affairs director and serving as the organization’s media spokesman. There, he worked on a variety of issues, including food trucks, food stamps and industry trends. During his time at the CRA, Conway’s third child was born.

He intended to practice law when he started at Pacific McGeorge, but changed his mind, although he keeps the option open. “In law school, there is an expectation that the next step for all students is to practice. As I progressed through school, I gained a greater appreciation for the work I do now and the opportunities it presents,” he says. He took the job with the mayor’s office, in part, because it was a chance to advocate for his community.

“When you’re lobbying, some of your biggest wins are things you’ve kept from happening,” he says. “An opportunity like this, when it’s the city you live in, the city you’re raising your family in and it’s the city at such a defining moment in its history ... it was perfect. It was like the stars aligned at that moment.”
property group of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck as of counsel in the Denver office. Previously, he was an associate at Merchant & Gould, where he counseled clients on IP matters related to the preparation and prosecution of patent and design applications, infringement analysis and validity reviews. | Kenneth Mackie won an appeal in the 6th DCA, Zuercher v. Faryab, 2013 WL 5738922, involving a Special Motion to Strike under CCP 425.16. Mackie is a shareholder at Canelo, Wilson, Wallace & Padron PC in Merced. | Katherine Pettibone has been appointed to the California Boating and Waterways Commission. | Catherine A. Reichenberg was recognized by Nevada Business magazine as a member of the 2013 Legal Elite. Reichenberg is a senior associate at Gunderson Law Firm in Reno, Nevada. | Susan Stewart won a major victory as co-counsel for a group of governmental entities in a seven-week U.S. District Court, Central District of California, trial involving shoddy practices by the world’s largest PVC manufacturer. She is a deputy attorney general for the state of Nevada. | Brandon Takahashi was named to the Lawyers of Color’s Inaugural Hot List, which recognizes early- to mid-career attorneys under 40 who are excelling in the legal profession. 2007 Darren DeFrance joined the family law firm of Goldberg Jones as an attorney in Seattle. | Kevin Khasigian successfully prosecuted a tax evasion and false subscription case, United States v. O. Douglas Memmott. Stanford Law School graduate Orion Douglas Memmott was found guilty on Aug. 21, 2013, of tax evasion and subscribing to a false tax document after a five-day bench trial in October 2012. Khasigian is an assistant United States attorney at the United States Attorney’s Office. | Alyssa T. Nguyen joined Goralka Law Firm as an associate. 2008 D. James Bjorkman is a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State. He just completed a tour in Nicaragua as Immigrant Visa Unit chief and is now headed to Guyana where he will be the political and economic counselor to the ambassador. | Garrett Brandenburger joined Knox, Lemmon & Anapolsky as an associate. | Matthew Carlson joined the Law Offices of Williams & Associates PC in Sacramento. | Jonathan William Klotsche has been promoted to senior counsel at Hanson Bridgett LLP in Sacramento. | Brian Lim joined Shaw Valenza LLP in Sacramento, where he is a defense litigator for public and private employers. | Shahram Miri married Laura Martin (now Miri) on Aug. 21, 2013, in Portola Valley. The couple honeymooned in France. 2009 Alanna Lungren joined Harrison, Temblador, Hungerford and
Johnson as an associate. | Kelsey E. Papst joined Littler Mendelson PC as an associate in the firm’s Sacramento office. | Ulises Pizano-Diaz joined Meissner, Joseph & Palley Inc. as a tax, business and estate planning attorney. | Dustin Saiidi has published a book, The 7 Steps to Bar Exam Success, which has been an Amazon bestseller. | Megan A. Shapiro has been selected to supervise the Pacific McGeorge Administrative Adjudication Clinic as an adjunct professor.

2010
Nicole Jamison joined Ruderman & Knox LLP as an associate. | Alexis Klein has been hired as a deputy district attorney in Plumas County. | Brian J. Miller has founded the Law Office of Brian J. Miller, a general practice firm serving Salt Lake and Utah counties. | Grant Zehnder joined John M. O’Brien & Associates as an attorney.

Q How do you define being professionally successful?
A I think that success is mostly related to one’s values and one’s purpose in life and whether you feel you are honoring your values and living your purpose. Can you get up in the morning and feel like you’re doing something that you’re proud of? The real distinction between being successful and not being successful is whether you consciously make your choices or whether you unconsciously make your choices.

Q What tips would you have for McGeorge graduates about how to be intentional in their career path? How can they make career choices that are fulfilling?
A Purpose and vision is where you have to start. If you have the luxury of not yet being in a career and can specify what your purpose is, what your vision is and what your values are, that will give you the groundwork for what you want your career to be. When people know their purpose, it makes it a lot easier to decide what career path to take.

Q You write that you believe that one’s purpose in life is not about what we do but about the type of person we are and who we want to be. Can you describe the difference, and how knowing that can help J.D. graduates with their careers?
A It’s the difference between doing and being. The people who are satisfied by what they’re doing are satisfied because it’s connected to who they are. Then it becomes obvious you have to figure out who you are first. What’s most important to you? Where do you want to make the biggest difference in your career and life? The second part is knowing your purpose. When you’re acting out of who you are and the difference you want to make, that’s the most satisfaction you can have in life.

CAMI McLAREN, ’91
The co-author of Coaching for Attorneys: Improving Productivity and Achieving Balance, discusses the importance of having purpose and vision

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Norberg in Greenwood Village, Colorado. | Patrick Blood has been named VP, Legal & Business Affairs at Atlas Entertainment. | Brad J. Coutinho joined Smith McDowell & Powell as an associate. | Clayton McCarl joined the U.S. Navy JAG Corps as an attorney. | Lindsay McCarl published an article, “To Have No Yesterday: The Rise of Suicide Rates in the Military and Among Veterans,” in 46 Creighton L. Rev. 393. | Justin Paddock was appointed assistant deputy director of legislative and policy review at the California Department of Consumer Affairs. | Katherine A.E. Roe joined Haworth, Bradshaw, Stalknecht and Barbers as an associate. | Amber Simmons joined San Luis Obispo law firm Andre, Morris & Buttery as an associate attorney.

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Alumni News

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Harry Ackley, ’55, died on April 10, 2013, at the age of 89 in Davis. He served as the Yolo County district attorney from 1966 to 1970. Gov. Jerry Brown appointed him to the Yolo County Superior Court in 1976, and he served on the bench until 1992.

Raymond Ball, ’70, died at the age of 81 after a brief illness on July 27, 2013, in Carmichael. He practiced law for nearly four decades in the Sacramento area and was a business owner and the operator of the Law Offices of Raymond Ball.

David Cenzano, ’98, LL.M., ’00, died at the age of 50 in a car accident in Bishop on July 4, 2013. He was a principal in the Law Offices of David A. Cenzano in Oxnard.

Allen Cheek, ’78, died at the age of 64 on May 20, 2013, at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. An Evening Division honors graduate, he practiced personal injury law for more than three decades in Fairbanks, Alaska.

James Curry, ’75, died at the age of 69 on Jan. 9, 2014, in Browns Valley. A former partner at Curry, Vasquez and Hansen in Marysville, he was elected to the Yuba Superior Court in 1997 and served on the bench until his retirement in 2010.

Edward Dannan, ’76, died at his home in Reno, Nevada, on Oct. 17, 2013, at age 67 from complications following cholangiocarcinoma surgery. A former deputy district attorney in Washoe County, he won election to the Reno Justice Court in 1992 and served 15 years on the bench.

Job Johannes “John” de Bruin, ’70, died at the age of 74 on April 20, 2013, in Napa after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s disease. An Evening Division student who worked for the state, he moved his family to the Napa Valley in 1977 to start a vineyard. There he also practiced real estate law, and was a Realtor, a broker and an investor in several businesses over three decades.

Jerome H. (Jerry) Friedman, ’70, died on April 14, 2013. He was a practicing attorney in Benicia and Vallejo for more than 34 years and a judge pro tem for the Solano County courts.

William Garrison, ’84, died at the age of 64 in Sacramento on Sept. 1, 2013. A Marine veteran who served in the Vietnam War, he had a lengthy career in the construction business.

Betty Irwin, ’74, died at the age of 90 on June 10, 2013. From 1976 to 1982, she was a deputy district attorney in Lake County before being elected to the South Lake Judicial Court in Lakeport where she served for more than a decade.

Brian Kirchoff, ’79, died from a heart attack at the age of 63 in Marin County on April 14, 2013. A retired attorney, he worked for many years as regional counsel at the nonprofit Trust for Public Land in San Francisco.

Eric Larsen, ’77, died of cancer at the age of 63 on May 8, 2013, in Sacramento. He was a longtime Sacramento real estate and estate planning attorney who operated a solo practice and was also a partner in three firms: Pinnell, Kingsley & Larsen; Larsen & Knopke; and Larsen & Chaffin.

David A. Magnan, ’12, died on Aug. 29, 2013, after a long battle with cancer, at age 35. David is survived by his wife Mariela and their young daughter, Sophia. Magnan practiced law for Laughlin, Falbo, Levy and Moresi before falling ill.

Joseph Martin, ’57, died on Aug. 12, 2013, at the age of 86 at his home in Ocean Park, Washington.
He retired in February 1988 after serving 22 years on the bench.

**Dennis Mathews, ’72**, died at the age of 77 in Logan, Utah, on Aug. 11, 2013. He was a general practitioner in northwestern Utah for more than 40 years.

**Robert Milam, ’75**, died on Feb. 3, 2014, at the age of 75 in Davis. He had a distinguished 26-year career with several state agencies.

**Douglas Miller, ’82**, died on Nov. 4, 2013, after a long battle with colon cancer at the age of 65 in Carmichael. His legal career included service as the director of human resources for Crystal Creamery, solo labor law practice in Fair Oaks, and labor analyst with the Sacramento Regional Transit District.


**Jock Penn, ’78**, died after a lengthy illness on Oct. 3, 2013, at the age of 71 in Shawano, Wisconsin. A member of the State Bar of California, he did not practice law but enjoyed a long career with the U.S. Postal Service in California.

**Lynn Rohwer, ’88**, died on Oct. 31, 2013, after a long illness at the age of 72 in Woodland. An active member of the Evening Division, she attended law school while raising four children. After a clerkship with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, she practiced law for several years representing low-income clients. Her widower, Claude Rohwer, is a professor emeritus of the Pacific McGeorge faculty.

**Jon Seitz, ’83**, died at the age of 66 on May 4, 2013, in Palo Alto after a yearlong battle with leukemia. A specialist in government law, the Grover Beach resident was instrumental in the formation of and served as legal counsel for several special districts throughout San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara counties. He was a longtime partner in the firm of Shipsey & Seitz.

**William Frank (Bill) Smith, ’94**, died at the age of 54 of heart failure on July 19, 2013, in Davis. After suffering injuries in a car accident that resulted in quadriplegia, he went on to law school, practiced law for the Legal Center for the Elderly and Disabled, and was also heavily involved in community affairs.

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

**Brooke Birkie Vos, ’88**, died of a heart attack at the age of 51 while snorkeling on a family vacation in Lahaina, Hawaii, on April 8, 2013. She practiced law in San Rafael with her husband, John Vos.

**Faculty**

David W. Miller died at the age of 76 on Dec. 20, 2013, in Port Saunders, Newfoundland. A former assistant U.S. attorney, he was a member of the faculty for 25 years until his retirement in 2006, teaching Evidence, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. Miller served as interim associate dean for academic affairs in the early ‘90s, presided over the law school’s Order of the Coif chapter for a decade, and helped overhaul the Appellate Advocacy program.
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Robert Buccola’s lifelong appetite for advocacy began in eighth grade with a moot court trial involving Miranda rights. In December 2013, he and partner Steven Campora, ’83, along with attorney Eliot Reiner, obtained a $34.9 million verdict for a bus driver who was paralyzed from the waist down when a big rig hit her vehicle head-on. The verdict was Sacramento County’s largest personal injury award.

A founding and co-managing partner of Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora LLP in Sacramento, Buccola was named the 2012–2013 California State Trial Lawyer of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is also a member of The Inner Circle of Advocates, an exclusive invitation-only group of 100 of the nation’s top plaintiff lawyers.

How did you prevail in trial?
“One of the obstacles we had to overcome was the defense’s suggestion that Debra Hackett, the driver, was doing well in her current environment, a well-staffed and attentive care facility. Mrs. Hackett was able to go home several days a week and to church on Sunday. But the defendant’s doctor admitted she could receive even better care at home with 24/7 nursing care. It’s not an easy pill for the jury to swallow asking for in excess of $500,000 annually for home care, a cost of more than five times her current care costs. The jury we had in this case was very bright and discerning and made the right decision.”

What makes a stellar litigator?
“The most skilled trial lawyers are those who can make complicated facts easily understandable to laypersons. If you simplify the facts in a way that will resonate with one’s common sense, you stand a much better chance of winning your case. We rarely try ideas out on mock juries, but instead see what appeals to regular nonlawyer types and then go with those themes.”

Why do you continue to support McGeorge?
“Its long-standing reputation for putting out really solid practicing lawyers is commendable. It’s tough when you go through law school because as a student, you might resent what seems to be a lack of flexibility in the curriculum and with the academic rules. But when you get to court, you appreciate the rigors of law school because courts are often inflexible. McGeorge has excellent hands-on practicing lawyer professors who provide practical guidance, as well as the right mix of respected academics. Combine all of this with its excellent clinical programs, and it’s no surprise that McGeorge has produced so many accomplished practitioners.”
Pacific McGeorge’s 90th Anniversary Celebration, on March 15, 2014, attracted 400-plus attendees and raised funds for students and alumni in public service.

The successful fundraiser, held at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento, benefitted the Pacific McGeorge Public Legal Services Society (PLSS), a student-led organization dedicated to enhancing employment opportunities for graduates who choose public interest careers. The proceeds will be added to the PLSS-endowed fund for summer grants and its Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

Four Pacific McGeorge alumni were honored at the celebration:
- **LEADERSHIP**—Thomas Welsh, ’89, partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
- **VOLUNTEERISM**—Parker White, ’80, partner at Poswall, White & Cutler
- **PUBLIC SERVICE**—Kim Delfino, ’93, California program director at Defenders of Wildlife
- **PHILANTHROPY**—Michael Belote, ’87, president of California Advocates, Inc.

“It is an honor to recognize exceptional alumni that exemplify the characteristics of our outstanding legal program,” said Dean Francis J. Mootz III. “Each of these alums is committed to Pacific McGeorge’s success, and each is committed to our students.”

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Pacific McGeorge wishes to thank all the generous law firms and other sponsors for making this event, and the San Francisco 90th celebration on Feb. 7, 2014, benefiting the Jeffrey K. Poilé LGBT Civil Rights Scholarship, major successes and memorable nights.

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2014
The Pacific McGeorge Capital Center Lecture Series and the California Fair Political Practices Commission present: “Political Reform’s 40th Anniversary: A Dynamic Look at the Past, Present and Future.” Featuring a keynote address by Trevor Potter, former Chair of the Federal Elections Commission, general counsel to three presidential campaigns, and lawyer for the Stephen Colbert “Super PAC.”

NOVEMBER 7, 2014

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The Michael Belote Annual Endowed Capital Center Lecture presents: “Picking Cotton.”

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