Globalizing The American Law School Curriculum
Calendar of Events

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Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board Retreat
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May 13, 2006
Commencement
Sacramento Memorial Auditorium

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International Alumni-Reunion Conference
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July 8-9, 2006
Pacific McGeorge International Legal Studies Program
Salzburg, Austria

August 3, 2006
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at ABA Annual Meeting
Honolulu

October 6, 2006
Alumni Breakfast at State Bar of California Annual Meeting
Montreux

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December 1, 2006
State Bar of California Swearing-In Ceremony
Pacific McGeorge

Association of American Law Schools Breakfast January 4, 2007
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Association of American Law Schools Breakfast January 5, 2007
San Francisco

January 30, 2007
Alumni Association’s Southern California MCLE
Long Beach

January 27, 2007
Alumni Association’s Sacramento MCLE
Pacific McGeorge

Front Cover: Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker interviews former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at a special event on campus. Gorbachev’s surprise visit last October enthralled a packed Lecture Hall.
This edition of Pacific Law features a description of our pace setting initiative to “globalize the law school curriculum.” This project rests on the belief that today’s law students at every one of the nation’s law schools must be trained for a world tomorrow where the most successful lawyers will be those who are comfortable with and prepared to handle transnational matters. At the same time, we recognize that not all law schools are able to boast of a faculty broadly accomplished in issues of transnational law and so they will need materials to guide them. I am particularly proud that the Pacific McGeorge faculty, under the leadership of Professor Franklin Gevurtz, has taken the lead here. They are addressing the need for all law students to be competent and successful in a world where the growth in communications and transportation capabilities increasingly create a marketplace that knows no borders. Integrating international material into the basic law school curriculum has been widely heralded as an idea long overdue. Perhaps that explains why the faculty has been awarded seven supplemental book contracts in less than a year to do just that!

But there is a dark side to this borderless world, as well. The 9/11 attacks teach us that a borderless world has both positive and negative aspects. Our nation’s security can no longer be divided into two parts: foreign concerns that are the responsibility of our military and foreign policy experts, and domestic security that is the responsibility of our traditional law enforcement authorities. The challenge of the new borderless threats to this traditional dichotomy in our legal system and its authorities is, of course, central to the current discussion about the National Security Agency’s surveillance activities. Whether you believe those activities were appropriate exercises of the President’s Constitutional authority will likely be determined by how you view these threats and how we should respond to them. Are we at war, justifying wartime legal response? Or should such threats be managed by our law enforcement authorities? Or do we need some third option, midway between wartime and peacetime legal authorities? What role does Congress have in reviewing and approving such authorities? How should we as lawyers and citizens inform ourselves so as to understand and effectively consider these issues?

These are some of the questions that a fine law school should consider. And I am pleased to tell you that Pacific McGeorge is again in the lead. Two years ago we spearheaded the creation of a new section on National Security Law and Policy within the American Association of Law Schools. And last year we produced the first edition of a new Journal of National Security Law and Policy. Faculty members are active in teaching and speaking in this area and we have been fortunate, as well, to receive grant support for outreach activities. We are now working on a yearlong grant-supported project, “National Security Education for Citizen Leaders,” which we hope will result in a model curriculum for other communities interested in exploring the legal and policy issues of a shifting national security paradigm. Again, with grant support, we are exploring international legal responses to bioterrorism, building on earlier work in 2003 to design a law school curriculum addressing the problems posed by bioterrorism for our public health law system.

Certainly we live in perilous times. Nonetheless, in this challenge lies an opportunity. Pacific McGeorge has long focused on the intersection of education and theory with practical realities. We are well positioned to contribute to the national debate on the future of law and national security and I hope you are proud of the leadership role your law school is taking in this debate.


With Warm Regards,

Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker

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Under a dramatic new initiative by Pacific McGeorge faculty, soon to be gone are the days when law students only encountered international or comparative law in isolated elective courses. Instead, all students will have exposure to such global issues throughout their core courses.

“There’s just no arguing that the students being educated today, and those who will come of age as lawyers in the next couple of decades, are going to be disadvantaged if they don’t have a much better understanding of private and public international law as well as the legal systems of other countries,” says Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. “It would really be hard to point to an area of law where international is not going to be relevant.”

Pacific McGeorge is at the forefront of a burgeoning movement to prepare 21st Century students to practice law in a world that has become increasingly global.
Events in modern history and significant social change have led to this point, says Parker, citing the fall of the Iron Curtain, the increase in transnational trade and the rise of the Internet as just a few of the key factors that have helped blur boundaries between nations. Addressing these changes is the task of the Institute for Global Business—part of the Pacific McGeorge Center for Global Business and Development. “Our declared mission is ‘To prepare attorneys for practice in the global economy.’ That means all attorneys, not just a few specialists—and not just at Pacific McGeorge, but throughout legal education in the United States” explains Institute Director Frank Gevurtz, who is coordinating the faculty efforts to globalize the law school curriculum nationwide.

How exactly is the Pacific McGeorge faculty planning to introduce all law students to international and comparative law issues? It starts with a basic approach. Some law schools, most notably the University of Michigan, are trying to achieve this goal by requiring all students to take a course in international or “transnational” law. Pacific McGeorge has a radically different solution. The faculty are following the advice of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer, when he said “The solution. The faculty are following the advice of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer, when he said “The world we live in is a world where it is out of date to teach national law.”

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tional and comparative law issues into basic courses. A tremendous milestone toward achieving this end was achieved when a proposal by Professors Gevurtz, Carter, Main, Malloy and Sprankling resulted in a decision by the legal publishing powerhouse, Thomson-West, to publish a series of books, to be called the “Global Issues” series, designed to allow professors to introduce international and comparative law issues into traditional core law school courses.

The titles in the Global Issues series under contract so far include:
• Global Issues in Criminal Procedure, by Thomas Main
• Global Issues in Corporate Law, by Franklin Gevurtz
• Global Issues in Criminal Law, by Linda Carter and former Pacific McGeorge faculty member Christopher Blakesley
• Global Issues in Property Law, by John Sprankling, Raymond Coletta, and a professor from Florida International
• Global Issues in Contracts, by Michael Malloy, and four other leading internationally oriented contracts professors
• Global Issues in Torts, by Julie Davies and the author of A Leading Torts Casebook
• Global Issues in Professional Responsibility, by George Harris, John Sprankling and a leading comparative ethics law professor.

According to series editor Gevurtz, future books include titles in Criminal Procedure (under the same team doing the book in Criminal Law) and Constitutional Law, where the plan is to utilize strong scholars in that field such as Professors Brian Landsberg and Leslie Jacobs.

Step two: Assemble the best minds from around the country.

Last August, the Center for Global Business and Development sponsored a workshop at which forward-thinking professors from 31 law schools in the United States and Canada met to plan how to introduce international and comparative law issues into the core curriculum. The participants at the workshop included leading professors in traditional core law school courses—such as authors of widely used casebooks in Torts and Civil Procedure (including our own Professors Levine and Main)—and professors who are leaders in the fields of international and comparative law. They included deans and former deans, and major players in the American Association of Law Schools and the American Society for Comparative Law. Professors from Columbia and NYU in the East, to Berkeley in the West were present.

During two working days, the participants addressed the goals to be obtained by introducing international and comparative law issues into the core curriculum; developed strategies for introducing such issues into the core curriculum; devised means to overcome challenges to globalizing the curriculum; and came up with concrete steps that participants were to take to follow up on the workshop. The results of the workshop are written up in a 64-page report published in the Pacific McGeorge Global Business & Development Law Journal, and available on the web at www.pg.edu/workshop. Professors around the country have been downloading and discussing this report.

Step three: Spread the word

In January, the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools was sandwiched by an opening-day workshop on “Introducing International Issues into the First Year Curriculum” and a final-day session on techniques to implement this goal. Pacific McGeorge faculty played a prominent role. Dean Parker joined the dean of the Yale Law School and others on the keynote panel for the opening-day workshop. >

Tahoe conference breakout sessions brought together renowned professors in specific areas of legal education.

Now it has become incumbent upon law professors in general to broaden their expertise in international, transnational and comparative law issues—and present these broader contexts in their courses, particularly in the core curriculum.

—Professor Frank Gevurtz, director of the Center’s Institute for Global Business

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Global Connections (2004-2006)

Pacific McGeorge faculty members are involved in numerous international projects. This list of foreign countries includes nations with which they have done legal consulting work, and countries visited for organizational meetings, conferences, seminars and institutes where they presented papers, taught or lectured, and otherwise participated or will do so later this year.

North America
- Canada: Carter, McCaffrey
- Mexico: McElwain, McCaffrey, Carter

Central America
- Nicaragua: McCaffrey

South America
- Brazil: Weber
- Chile: Galves, Leach, Parker, Taylor, Weber

Europe
- Austria: Carter, Davies, Galves, Main, Malloy, Sprankling, Weber
- Denmark: Malloy
- Ireland: Malloy
- Italy: Leach
- Greece: Malloy, Gevurtz
- Netherlands: Carter, Gevurtz
- Russia: Sims
- Spain: McIntosh
- Switzerland: Parker
- United Kingdom: Caplan, Dajani, Malloy

Middle East
- Palestine: Dajani, McCaffrey
- Jordan: McCaffrey

Africa
- Angola: Naccarato
- Ethiopia: McCaffrey
- Ghana: Florestal, Yelpaala
- Kenya: McCaffrey
- Morocco: Sims
- Rwanda: Carter, Dajani
- Senegal: Carter, Weber
- Uganda: Malloy, McCaffrey

Asia
- Cambodia: Harris, Carter
- China: Parker, Landsberg, Malloy
- India: McCaffrey
- Vietnam: Rohwer
Although less than two years old, the Pacific McGeorge Center for Global Business and Development has already built a national reputation in the international legal arena.

“The center has really taken off,” says Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. “It has done some remarkable things that have earned it acclaim throughout legal education. The two-day Tahoe summit last summer brought together the leading American scholars in international law. And our conference programs, on-campus and at recent AALS conventions, have attracted much attention.”

Under the direction of Professor Michael Malloy, a prolific international scholar, the center operates three institutes: the Institute for Development of Legal Infrastructure, now led by Professor Gevurtz; the Institute for Sustainable Development, Institute for Global Business, directed by Professor Franklin Rindskopf Parker. “It has done some remarkable things that have earned it acclaim throughout legal education. The two-day Tahoe summit last summer brought together the leading American scholars in international law. And our conference programs, on-campus and at recent AALS conventions, have attracted much attention.”

Professor Alastair Lucas from the University of Calgary delivered the keynote luncheon address on the second day of “The Business of Climate Change” conference.

Malloy has had frequent discussions with representatives of the Macau University of Science and Technology and the Hong Kong WTO Research Institute on future collaborations. “The long-range objective here is the possibility of a collaborative LL.M. program with activities sited in China rather than in Sacramento, and drawing directly on the burgeoning Chinese market demand for advanced legal training,” Malloy explains. A first step in this collaboration has already been achieved. In late February, the vice provost and dean of the law faculty at Macau University invited Malloy to serve as a visiting professor of law, initially for a three-year period. “The purpose of this appointment is three-fold,” Malloy says. “It would initiate collaboration between Macau University and the center; with the relatively modest step of a faculty visit or exchange; it would provide a basis for consultative and design services by the center in support of the Macau LL.M. program; and it would inaugurate the Center’s role as a content-provider to Macau’s new LL.M. program.”

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One of Malloy’s initial goals for the center as a whole, the extension of Pacific McGeorge’s existing international ties in Europe and Asia into new areas, has also prospered. The center has developed relationships with the International Law Institute in Kampala, Uganda. He visited that city in full 2004 and offered a short course on e-commerce to kick off the relationship. “I expect to repeat the course again in the future,” Malloy says. “We continue to encourage short visits by Pacific McGeorge faculty to ILU-Uganda, and plans are underway for an advocacy program to be designed and presented by our faculty under the auspices of ILU-Uganda.”

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Continuity and Change: The Law Library Envisions Its Future

By Robert T. Wazeka

In redesigning and expanding the law library, one of our guiding principles has been to give our students a wide variety of study spaces,” says Kim Clarke, assistant dean for library and research services at the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library. “If experience has shown us anything,” she says, “it’s that students have different ways of studying. Some want to study collaboratively in groups, some want to use laptops, some don’t want to use laptops, some want to spread out, some want to curl up by themselves in a chair, some want their study space to be dead quiet. We’re trying to create spaces that meet all those needs.”

At a time when libraries of all kinds, and especially law libraries, are wrestling with the question of how much and how fast to convert from print-based to digital materials, Clarke and her staff of nine professional librarians, most of whom have law degrees, haven’t forgotten the essential part of a library—to provide real service to real people.

At the Schaber Law Library, that service extends beyond students and faculty to include alumni, visiting scholars, the legal profession and sometimes the general public. Alumni and local attorneys have the same circulation privileges as the students and are invited to come into the library to do research, or to get research assistance in person, by phone or by e-mail. One Pacific McGeorge graduate recently asked a reference question by cell phone while on his way to court. As for visiting faculty, says Clarke, “they never leave us. One visiting professor even e-mails us periodically from Israel with research questions.”

Serving student needs is a key component of the three-phased redevelopment plan the library hopes to complete by the spring of 2012 at a total cost of $18 million. In addition to a variety of study spaces, students expressed interest in a lounge, a coffee bar, outside seating and more readily available technological resources. All of these have been worked into the plan. “The only student request that couldn’t easily...”
be met was to keep the entire library open daily for 24 hours. As a compromise, one classroom opens when the library closes to accommodate night-owls and early risers.

Three other needs are also being addressed by the plan. One is to rationalize the floor plan, which is so difficult to fathom that University of Pacific President Donald DeRosa, after a tour of the library, said he felt like trailing bread crumbs behind him so he could find his way back. Second is the need to address the campus-wide shortage of office space. The planned second-floor faculty office wing will help in this respect while also bringing faculty closer to students and to research materials. Finally, the library, whose shelves are 96 percent full, needs more shelf space. The collection is estimated to grow at the rate of 10,000 volumes annually on top of the present 485,000 volumes—the seventh-largest law collection in California.

Students, faculty, administrators and librarians were all involved in one or more phases of the planning process, which included visitations to other academic law libraries, among them Loyola, Southwestern, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, USC and USF. Despite having more students than most law schools in the state, Pacific McGeorge currently runs the third-smallest library among California law schools at 30,290 square feet. The expansion, however, will bring that number to 50,000+ square feet, a figure that’s comparable to the better law libraries in the state.

During Phase 1 of the new design, completed last summer, compact shelving was erected in the first-floor stacks. Private study rooms for four to eight people were remodeled and a classroom for seminars and presentations was added. Electrical outlets and wired network connections, previously unavailable, were installed at every table and carrel, and improvements were made in lighting and in the soundproofing of study rooms. “The new arrange-
Darling Foundation Makes $1.5 Million Gift to Schaber Library

When Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker arrived at Pacific McGeorge in 2002, one of the first visits she made was to the Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation’s trustee Richard Stack. The Darling Foundation is a long-time supporter of law libraries throughout Southern California, and Stack has been involved in several library projects. His advice proved to be inspired. He recommended that Dean Parker begin visiting other law school libraries. Her visits showed the dean what the best law libraries have done to provide services to students, alumni and practitioners, as well as to create comfortable environments that take advantage of natural light and have floor plans that are logical and fit well into their environments. Informed by these visits, Pacific McGeorge created plans for a library renovation—and among the first places the dean visited to review the plan was the Darling Foundation.

Setting aside its traditional Southern California focus, the foundation recently made a $1.5 million commitment to the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library renovation project. “We are simply thrilled to have the Darling Foundation’s support,” said Dean Parker. “Southern California is dotted by law libraries that have received support from the foundation, but this is their first substantial investment in a Northern California law library. We still have a long way to go to complete funding for the project, but the Darling Foundation’s support is an important first step.”

To learn about the library project, including naming and other support opportunities, contact John McIntyre at jm McIntyre@pacific.edu or 916-739-7152.

• A self-contained computer training lab and a printing/copying room;
• A reserve/reference room with open stacks (currently, the reserve stacks are closed);
• A new integrated office area for the library staff, including a technical services area with workstations to sort mail, order library materials, create records for the online catalog, and process library materials; and
• The faculty office wing.

Although the library is investing heavily in digital materials—for example, it currently subscribes to 40 different legal and inter-disciplinary databases—it is simultaneously beefing up its print collection. “Books aren’t disappearing from law as fast as people think they are,” says Clarke. “Many people prefer to read books in print rather than electronically. Some materials, such as legal treaties and international and foreign materials, aren’t available electronically. LexisNexis and Westlaw aren’t the only publishers out there.”

Risk to over-investing in databases can cost up to $40,000 a year. “If you need to cancel a database subscription,” Clarke points out, “you lose access to the entire database, even for the years to which you’ve subscribed. This wouldn’t be true with a print collection.”

If any proof is needed that print is still relevant, the use of print materials at the Schaber Library increased by 17 percent in 2004-05.

No matter what cutting-edge technological resources a library might acquire or how many statutory tomes it might set out across its shelves, none of this matters if students, faculty and alumni don’t know how to gain access to what they want. “We want to be proactive,” says Judy Flader, head of public services, “and to reach out to students and faculty with materials and suggestions that might guide their research rather than wait for them to come to us.”

Examples of how the library is being proactive abound. Having already published 16 research guides in numerous subject areas, the staff is planning to do more, perhaps as many as three per year. “We want our research guides to help people navigate between print and digital,” says reference librarian Teri Townsend. Clarke adds that the goal is “to create a research guide for every Pacific McGeorge course that has a writing requirement.”

Clarke teaches a course called Advanced Legal Research, and Paul Howard, the foreign and international law librarian, will be teaching an international version of the same course, pending faculty approval. The librarians are often asked to conduct research presentations in classes or for the off-campus clinics and law review students. Three students are currently employed as library research assistants who conduct research for faculty members under the supervision of a librarian. Increasingly, the staff is working to help students develop their video and presentation skills to meet new trends in law.

No one can predict what changes in technology, law and society will occur over the six years it will take for the library’s expansion and re-design to be fully implemented. One thing is certain, however. As time goes by, the fundamental thing, service to users, will still apply.
National Security Dialogue Reaches Out to Citizen Leaders

Weapons Inspector David Kay’s Appearance Highlights First Pacific McGeorge Workshop

By Robert T. Wazeka

Data mining, terrorist profiling and international cooperation emerged as critical themes during the first in a new series of workshops on national security law and policy sponsored by Pacific McGeorge. Thirty-two citizen leaders and nineteen academics attended the two-day session at the Claremont Resort and Spa in Berkeley, California on October 28-29. Funded by a one-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the workshops are designed to provide a framework for educating citizen leaders on the national security challenges faced by the U.S. and other countries in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks that began in the 1990s.

Following opening remarks from Pacific McGeorge Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, RAND Senior Policy Analyst Gregory F. Teverson gave an extensive overview of the emerging threats to national security. On the second day, participants attended a series of breakout working sessions, each lasting less than an hour. The 10 sessions covered a variety of topics: dialogue with citizen leadership; the perspective of law enforcement; the ideological, religious and political causes of terrorism; the methods of terrorist attack; the effect of government restructuring on our security; domestic information gathering and threat assessment; surveillance, data mining, and civil liberties; forums for prosecuting terrorists; the dual role of the National Guard; and lessons learned in business recovery from the Toronto (SARS epidemic) and New Orleans disasters.

In his concluding keynote address, former International Atomic Energy Agency/United Nations Special Commission Chief Nuclear Weapons Inspector David Kay stated that a large number of nation states, including some U.S. allies, are so bankrupt and dysfunctional that they are on the brink of failing. The successful nations, he argued, must help the less successful ones if we are to preserve our collective security.

Kay stressed the importance of studying the terrorist movement. “To connect the dots, we must first collect the dots,” says Kay.

The subject of data mining, which stirred interest at the workshop, has moved into public consciousness following revelations that the National Security Agency used data mining as part of its warrantless surveillance efforts on American citizens following 9/11. “Data mining and automated data-analysis techniques should not be embraced without guidelines and controls for their use,” said Mary De Rosa, senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Data mining is “a process that uses algorithms to discover predictive patterns in data sets”, automated data analysis applies models to that data “to predict behavior, assess risk, or determine associations.” Such techniques are already being used, for example, by banks to detect possible credit fraud, by the Treasury Department to uncover money laundering, and by Las Vegas casinos to prevent fraud, cheating and theft. The potential problems associated with data mining, De Rosa said, are unjustified invasions of privacy, false positives and mission creep.

Nasra Hassan, director of United Nations Information Services, profiled suicide bombers based on her extensive interviews with members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad ten years ago. Her findings, originally published in The Atlantic and The New Yorker, defied the prevailing conventional wisdom. “None of the suicide bombers,” she said at the workshop, “were uneducated, desperately-poor, simple-minded or depressed. Many were middle class and, unless they were fugitives, held paying jobs. More than half were refugees from what is now Israel. Two were sons of millionaires. They all seemed entirely normal members of their families.”

In a follow-up letter to participants, Dean Parker outlined five topics for in-depth discussion and a sixth tabletop exercise. The topics include the national security paradigm shift; radical Islam; international law and public diplomacy; the right to privacy; and the roles of the business community, private citizens, and first responders. The workshops, under the direction of the Capital Center for Government Law and Policy, are part of Pacific McGeorge’s efforts to bring national security law and policy to the forefront of public attention.

Professor John Cary Sims and Dean Parker are founding members of the Association of American Law Schools’ new section on National Security. In January, the section held a two-hour program on “Outsourcing the War on Terrorism: Extraordinary Rendition, Shadow Warriors, Dirty Assets and Battlefield Contractors” at the AALS Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Pacific McGeorge also overserves publication of the Journal of National Security Law & Policy, a semiannual, peer-reviewed publication that features contributions from practitioners and academics across the political spectrum.
REGINA SILVA saw the advertisement in the Los Angeles Daily Journal in 2004. Trial attorneys were wanted for a new reality television show called “The Law Firm,” produced by David E. Kelley, the creator of “Ally McBeal,” “Boston Legal,” and “The Practice.” Silva applied and became a contestant. “I figured with David Kelley behind it, it wouldn’t be something distasteful or slimy,” Silva says. “I thought it would be kind of fun.”

Silva, ’94, was one of three McGeorge graduates who appeared on reality shows last year. Jennifer Le, ’99, was on “The Apprentice: Martha Stewart,” and Candice Fields, ’94, saddled up for a cowboy series on Country Music Television. Though none came out on top, they all said the experience was worth it.

Kelley’s short-lived show was aired first on NBC and then Bravo. It pitted teams of lawyers against each other in front of judges and juries. The contestants argued real cases, pulled from courthouses, with outcomes that were binding on the parties. High-profile criminal defense lawyer Roy Black was the managing partner of the “law firm.”

Silva, a former prosecutor with the Sacramento County District Attorney’s office and the California Department of Justice, was working as a labor and employment lawyer at Cook Brown LLP in Southern California. She sent in her resume and a photograph, did an on-camera interview, and met with Kelley’s publicity people and corporate lawyers, who asked her ethical questions. “They didn’t make you try a case or see what you were like in the courtroom,” she says. Silva thinks much of the selection process was based on personality, youth and looks. “It’s pretty obvious if you look at the cast, nobody was ugly or fat, and attorneys are not the most attractive people.”

In her first case on the show, Silva and two other lawyers had to defend a man whose big mastiff-type dogs had mauled a much smaller neighbor dog named Bingo. Bingo was already missing a leg. “The dog limped into court on three legs,” Silva says. “Guess who won?”
Silva stayed on the show for four episodes but was eventually booted by Black after he felt she hadn’t defended one client zealously enough. The woman, Silva says, made nasty remarks about “Mexicans,” not realizing Silva was Latina.

Still, Silva says, she found the experience challenging and it helped her transition between working full time and doing contract work for Cook Brown so she could care for her mother in San Diego. “I knew I’d be practicing law before and after,” she says. “Other people on the show were using it as a way not to be attorneys anymore. They thought they would be discovered and be on TV afterward. That didn’t happen.”

Two attorneys who work for Pacific McGeorge’s California Parole Advocacy Program were also featured on “The Law Firm.” Chris Smith, a staff attorney for the Institute for Administrative Justice operation in Los Angeles, and Deep Goswami, a CPAP contract attorney, each went deep in the episodes.

Jennifer Le made it onto “The Apprentice: Martha Stewart” last year, and the entrepreneurial thrust of the program helped persuade her to start her own practice. “I tried out for the show because I’m a huge fan of Martha Stewart,” Le said. “I really admired her for having created this empire starting from nothing. She was inspirational; while I was stressed out taking the bar. I thought, wow, she’s making a billion bucks baking pie.”

Le, a former Orange County prosecutor, also said she loves to cook at home and grew up working in her family’s restaurant.

On the show, Le had to work with a diverse group of individuals to run a flower shop, renovate a hotel suite, create a children’s book, and bake a wedding cake, all under tremendous time pressure. Stewart showed her the door after a salad dressing she and her team marketed failed to fly off the shelves as fast as their competitors’ product. “I was upset at the time,” Le says. “I don’t like losing. But I realized it was for the best. After all was said and done, I realized I didn’t want to work for someone else, even someone like Martha Stewart. It was the catalyst for opening my own law practice.”

Interviewed on NBC’s “Today” show afterward, she took the opportunity on national television to give a plug to her new solo criminal defense practice. That practice is doing well, she said, now that she has found a niche as a Vietnamese-speaking lawyer in Orange County, which has a large Vietnamese population. “It’s really worked out perfectly,” she said. “I’m so much happier.”

Candice Fields, a Sacramento litigator, lived out her childhood fantasy of being a cowgirl when she appeared on the Country Music Television show “Cowboy U: Texas.” The program took city slickers and turned them into cowhands.

Fields talked her way onto the show with a gushing letter about her longtime desire to be a cowgirl followed by an audition interview that she describes as “being on the wrong end of a deposition.”

With the blessing of her colleagues at Segal & Kirby, she set out for a three-week adventure at a ranch in Alpine, Texas. Fields quickly acquired the moniker “Cowgirl Candy” and saddled up to rope and ride.

Eight urban cowboys faced the elements, the animals and a straw boss who ran them around like recruits at a boot camp. She was able to grin and bear the everyday tasks such as cleaning out a stable that confronted the novice cowhands, but admits “those horns on some of the animals” caused a bit of concern.

They didn’t know much about roping and riding, but the cast of “Cowboy U: Texas” was a good-looking bunch.
International Business Transactions to remain on track for a May 2007 graduation from Loyola.

“I’ve had a very pleasant experience here,” Rawls says. “Dean Carin Crain was particularly helpful and my professors and classmates brought me up to speed even though I arrived more than three weeks after classes had begun.”

Rawls left New Orleans for higher ground less than 48 hours before the hurricane hit and the levees broke. With only the clothes on his back and a handful of supplies, he made his way to northwestern Louisiana by car.

“A couple days later, Jason emailed me to see if I was still alive. One thing led to another and I gratefully accepted your law school’s generous offer to come out and study here,” he says. “This would have been a great place to go to school for three years, but I need to get back home.”

The Student Bar Association raised more than $6,000 on Pacific McGeorge’s Katrina Relief Day, September 13. Libby Jacobson, 3D, Kendall Dawson, 2D, Michael Muse-Fisher, 2D, Mario Dellbernardo, 2D, Kyle Siems, 2D and Jennie Phillips, 2D organized the fundraising efforts and student, faculty and staff business donations to the American Red Cross.

Author’s Appearance Connects with Students

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Anthony Lewis lent his perspective on Supreme Court rulings and wartime presidential powers in a riveting discussion with Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker before 150 students, faculty and alumni on January 25 in the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library.

Lewis is the author of Gideon’s Trumpet, the 1964 classic about a Florida prisoner who prepared a petition in pencil to the Supreme Court of the United States because he was not provided counsel at his trial. All Pacific McGeorge entering students brought a copy of the book last summer before starting classes. All 191 ABA-accredited law schools are required to participate in a full substantive site evaluation every seven years. The purpose of the evaluation is to demonstrate to the ABA and the Association of American Law Schools that students are still being provided a quality legal education.

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and Professor Dale A. Whitman, University of Missouri, Columbia School of Law.

During their visit, the evaluation team typically meets with the dean and leaders of the faculty and administration. Also, the team customarily meets with every faculty member, sits in on classes, and holds open meetings with stu-

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Kristi Seargeant isn’t just a supermom, she’s a super-heroin—and a pretty good law student to boot.

The Pacific McGeorge student, Sacramento City Fire Department battalion chief and mother of two returned to her studies in mid-September after 17 days spent rescuing stranded victims of Hurricane Katrina in flooded New Orleans.

Seargeant was the co-leader of a 14-member Sacramento-area Urban Search and Rescue water team that was called in by the federal government following the catastrophic hurricane’s landfall. She was the only woman in the elite rescue unit, which performed heroically in the devastated Louisiana metropolis.

“We got the call the evening the levees broke and less than 30 hours later (August 31) we were on a giant C-5 transport flying out of Travis Air Force Base with three inflatable boats and the rest of our equipment,” Seargeant says.

The scene that awaited Seargeant and her group was one of the most surreal in modern American history. “The people left behind were those too poor to leave the area before the hurricane hit,” said Seargeant. “People were trapped on small islands of land and knee-deep water, desperate for the basic human services. I hadn’t seen that level of urban poverty and widespread destruction. I kept asking myself, ‘Is this America?’ ”

It was not the first time Seargeant bore witness to American history. She spent 11 days in New York City after the 9/11 terrorist attacks with her team, searching unsuccessfully through fallen buildings for survivors of that disaster.

Seargeant described driving by the Superdome each day and the throng of newly homeless people stranded inside and out. “There were thousands of people, including kids and babies, along the side of the road with no food, no water, no shade and no toilets. It was 105 degrees with 85 percent humidity,” she says.

Seargeant’s team and other crews from California rescued approximately 650 people, the bulk of them in the first few days. Seargeant’s team wrecked each of their three boats on fence tops and debris hidden by the flood. They borrowed more equipment and commandeered other water craft.

“As Day 5, things were a lot better,” Seargeant says. “But there were no rest days and the long, 14-hour days really took a lot out of our guys.”

Seargeant returned to the Pacific McGeorge campus on September 19. The fourth-year Evening Division student, who ranks in the top quarter of her class, found out she had made the law school’s Mock Trial Competition Team.

“I was pleasantly surprised, but more interested in catching up with my classes. I had brought along my Remedies book, but didn’t find time to read it until my flight home,” she says. “Fortunately, Dean (Carin) Crain had arranged to tape my classes and my classmates saved and shared all their notes with me. But I still have a lot of catching up to do.”

Seargeant also had some catching up to do at home where her husband and two small children are used to her 24-hour shifts at the busy Oak Park Fire Station and the endless emergencies that affect the life of a firefighter.


Needless to say, the thought of 60-hour workweeks and large billable hour requirements don’t faze this woman.

“I have already been able to apply some of what I learned from my externship last semester at the California State Public Employment Relations Board at my work for the fire department, so that has been invaluable training and very fascinating,” Seargeant says.

One of Seargeant’s main supporters in her efforts to transition to a legal career is her boss, Chief Joe Cherry, ’89, himself a graduate of the law school. “She contacted me and I encouraged her in her plans to go to Pacific McGeorge,” says Cherry, who practiced personal injury and bankruptcy law with the Sacramento firm of Ryan & Fong and is still of counsel there.

“Kristi is only the second woman ever to hold the title of battalion chief in our department and she clearly could go higher,” says Cherry. “She’s a terrific individual, a great firefighter, and she’s going to be a good, solid lawyer.”

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Kristi Seargeant in front of the Oak Park Fire Station.
Graduating McGeorge student Katie Pettibone loves to compete—and beat—male yachtsmen

“Generally, I’m better than Joe Blow, but people are always talking about strength when it’s not an issue. I cannot stand sailing with people who can’t see the forest for the trees.”

—Katie Pettibone

After some 300 McGeorge School of Law students earn their degrees this spring, they will begin the process of turning their tassels into a profession. But they’ll be following classmate Katie Pettibone, who turned professional years ago. Pettibone, on course to graduate with a J.D., has packed a lifetime of travel into her 33 years and has hung out several sails before she will hang out a shingle. She’s a professional sailor, rare enough for a law student but even rarer for her gender.

From the comfort of a boat deck as a spinnaker trimmer or watch captain, she has seen more of the world’s coastlines than those of the United States, twice sailing around the world (31,000 miles) in competition, once chronicling a race for the New York Times. On three other occasions, she raced in the America’s Cup. Last summer, the 5-foot-8 blonde was one of only two women on a French-dominated boat that sought a spot in the 2007 Cup in Valencia, Spain.

“I’m always trying to push my comfort zone envelope,” she says. “I’m always about pushing myself mentally and physically.”

In a perfect world, she might sail for several more years. Unfortunately for her, professional woman sailors aren’t in high demand. “A lot of professional sailors don’t think [about having women on their boats] at all,” she says. “Between big events, it’s very difficult to make a living.”

Though she wasn’t particularly pushed into sailing from her roots in Port Huron, Michigan, Pettibone’s maternal grandmother provided some of the nautical bloodlines that Katie’s older sister, Debbie, took to as well. They jumped on large boats with their family by the time they were in middle school and, once they could help sail the vessels, formed their competitive spirit, perhaps unknowingly. The boat Pettibone sailed won the Port Huron to Mackinaw Race in 1990; that was just the beginning.

Pettibone graduated with a degree in biology, with a marine science specialty, from the University of Miami, FL in 1996, after taking a one-year sabbatical to race on Bill Koch’s all-woman team that challenged for the America’s Cup in 1995. Out of 700 female athletes, 28 made the team. “We were trained by the best, and that’s where I got a chance to be a professional,” she says.

The Mighty Mary boat, one win short of beating Team Dennis Conner, debunked the myth that women weren’t strong enough or talented enough to compete for the America’s Cup. But that event wasn’t going to define her life, despite presumptions from a few. “Some people said, ‘This is the biggest thing you’ll ever do,’” she admitted.

Katie Pettibone says, “I said, oh my God, just shoot me now.”
Heading into the Southern Ocean out of Capetown, South Africa, during leg two of the Volvo Ocean Race.

Katie Pettibone, helmswoman, driving Amer Sports Too to the limit in the Volvo Ocean Race.

Steve Kennedy is a free-lance writer living in Sacramento.

The nascent Pacific McGeorge Crime Victims Clinic scored several success in its first year of operation, highlighted by the dogged work of Mary Ross, 41, who secured restitution for an Elk Grove family who lost their child to a senseless 2004 shooting.

Ross obtained a $242,000 restitution order, got the order converted to a judgment, and stayed on the case until the money was paid to the mother, father and stepfather of a 15-year-old boy who was gunned down by a carload of juveniles.

“It felt good to win the judgment, but being a mom myself I know there’s nothing that can ever bring back what was taken from them,” says Ross.

For more than two decades, Pacific McGeorge has operated the state-funded Victims of Crime Resource Center with its toll-free telephone information service for California residents. Last spring the law school launched the Crime Victims Legal Clinic after being selected for a federally funded pilot project. The National Crime Victim Law Institute, located at Lewis & Clark Law School, administers the project with funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice.

“The NCVLI has nine sites and hopes to replicate programs that show best practices throughout the country,” says Professor Julise Johanson. “Ours is one of only two law school models; the others are nonprofits.”

Ross, who works as a full-time legal secretary while attending evening classes, had worked at the resource center last summer and became interested in victims’ issues. She enrolled in the clinic course last fall, along with three other students.

“Often victims feel frustrated because the defendant has few users from which to collect restitution, but the family of three of the boys involved in the shooting owned a million-dollar home,” says Johanson. Armed with that information, Ross and Johanson knew they might get some measure of justice.

The parents had been held liable for the juveniles’ actions. Ross converted the minute orders to judgments, recorded the judgments, and, as a result, a lien was placed on their property. When the homeowners tried to first sell, then refinance the house, the title company balked. Finally, the parents agreed to write the restitution checks.

“Mary is very modest about her work on this case. She had the follow-through and attention to detail to make this happen,” says Johanson.

Michelle Brooks, the mother of the deceased victim, is even more effusive about Ross and the clinic. “I can’t say enough about Mary’s efforts. It wasn’t about the monetary value; it was the principle of the matter,” says Brooks. “The parents needed to be held responsible for the boys’ conduct. When a home-wrecking tragedy like this strikes someone, you need something like that clinic to help you navigate through the legal machinery.”

The clinic has had other success stories, including another case that helped quash defense subpoenas that would have brought in psychological evidence against a molested juvenile victim, forcing a defendant plea bargain.

The clinic is also involved in other activities to promote the NCVLI’s national strategy on victims’ rights by bringing impact litigation that would flesh out the language of statutes with needed case law.

The Sacramento law firm of Porter Scott Weiberg & Delehant has partnered with NCVLI and the clinic to argue in amicus before the California Supreme Court in People v. Giles that when a defendant renders a victim of domestic violence unavailable to testify at trial because he killed her or injured her so severely she was not able to testify, the defendant has forfeited his right to confront that witness. The appellate argues that the murder victim’s statements were not admissible and impermissible hearsay evidence at trial.

“This litigation helps create a system for victim rights enforcement, advancement and education,” says Porter Scott attorney Laura Marabito, who heads that firm’s pro bono team. “Given the frequent unavailability of domestic violence victims to testify at trial, this area of law is particularly important.”

The clinic is always on the lookout for cases that will have an impact on victims’ rights.
Faculty News

Secretary Manson Returns to Faculty
Craig Manson, ’81, has returned to the Pacific McGeorge faculty as a distinguished visitor and lecturer in law after serving four years as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton announced Manson’s resignation from his federal post, effective December 17, in Washington, D.C. “You have accomplished much in your service overseeing the National Park System and the Fish and Wildlife Service,” she wrote in a thank-you letter to Manson. “State officials and sportsmen praise the new attitude of cooperation you brought to wildlife management.”

Manson had served as a Sacramento County Superior Court judge before President George W. Bush nominated him for the Interior Department post and the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed that nomination in January 2002. He had served as general counsel of the California Department of Fish and Game from 1993 to 1998 after being in private practice in Sacramento from 1989 to 1993. An Air Force Academy graduate, Manson served on active duty in the Air Force from 1976 to 1989. Manson served as editor-in-chief of the Pacific Law Review, was elected to the Order of the Coif, and was named Outstanding Graduating Senior while in law school. From 1993 to 2001, he was an adjunct professor here, often teaching Employment Law. The 2004 Pacific McGeorge Alumnus of the Year Award winner is teaching Administrative Law this spring.

Dajani a Big Hit on National TV
Professor Omar Dajani was so impressive in his first appearance on The News Hour with Jim Lehrer on nationally televised PBS that he was asked back later that same week.

When the network needed expertise on the forced evacuation of Jewish settlers from the Gaza Strip, it called upon Dajani, a former senior legal adviser to the Palestinian Authority. On the August 15 show, he explained the Palestinian connection to the land in the pre-1948 war and the refugee population that was stranded there after that war.

The show’s producers were taken with his knowledge and composure and invited him back four days later to again discuss the Mideast drama. In his second appearance, he expanded on the logic behind the destruction of the settlers’ homes and the Palestinians’ need for urban, multi-family dwellings.

Dajani joined the faculty in 2004 after serving as an adviser to United Nations Special Envoy Torje Roed-Larsen, who represented that organization in the Middle East peace process and was the UN’s personal representative to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority.

And was the president of the law school’s Order of the Coif chapter for 10 years. He also co-directed and helped to overhaul the Appellate Advocacy program several years ago.

Miller is the author of Federal & California Evidence Rules, a practice-oriented publication he updates annually, and the co-author of Practicing Persuasive Written and Oral Advocacy. Since 1997, he has been a member of the Criminal Law and Procedure Drafting Committee for the Multi-state Bar Examination.

Veteran Professor To Retire in August
Professor David Miller, noted for his expertise in the field of evidence and his wry classroom observations about the legal profession as it existed during the 1960s, is retiring after 25 years on the faculty.

Miller has taught Evidence, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure to thousands of Pacific McGeorge students since arriving from the University of California, Davis School of Law faculty in 1981. It is teaching two sections of Evidence and leads a clinical hub this spring.

A former assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, Miller served as the interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for 18 months in the early ’90s and was the president of the law school’s Order of the Coif chapter for 10 years. He also co-directed and helped to overhaul the Appellate Advocacy program several years ago.

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Bloom stays busy outside classroom
Professor Anne Bloom filed an amicus brief on October 12 in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Court on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and other veterans’ groups in the In re “Agent Orange” Product Liability Litigation case.

Roger Doyle 50 assisted Bloom on the brief, which is for a case involving a herbicide used in the Vietnam War that has been blamed for causing birth defects and cancer.

Bloom also has been appointed to the board of the Coalition for Clean Air, a California-based environmental group, and has two law review articles pending.

“From Justice to Global Peace: A (Brief) Genealogy of the Class Action Crisis,” will be published by the Yale Law Journal later this year. The article explores how and why class action law has come under attack and argues that the roots of the current class action “crisis” lie in attempts to apply class action law to mass torts.

“Milking the Cash Cow and Other Stories: Media Coverage of Transnational Workers’ Rights Litigation” has been accepted for publication in the University of Vermont Law Review. The article looks at how the print media covered three precedent-setting cases that involved novel legal claims.

Globetrotter McCaffrey has two new clients
Professor Steve McCaffrey is representing the government of Nicaragua in a case involving use of the San Juan River brought by Costa Rica in the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, last fall.

He traveled to Managua, Nicaragua from November 19-23 to discuss the Dispute Regarding Navigational and Related Rights that was brought before the UN’s primary tribunal. Nicaragua will have nine months to prepare a counter-memorial after Nicaragua files its memorial next May. The San Juan River forms the boundary between Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

The dispute goes back to an 1858 treaty that granted sovereignty over the river’s waters to Nicaragua, while also recognizing certain rights for Costa Rica.

McCaffrey flew to Estebbe, Uganda after Thanksgiving to participate in the final round of Nile negotiations. He continues in his role as the legal adviser to the Nile River Basin Negotiating Committee.

He then traveled to Ramallah and Jericho in the West Bank, where he consulted with the project team on providing legal advice to the Palestinian Authority in preparation for final status negotiations with Israel.

Earlier, he had been in New Delhi, India from September 7-9 as a water law consultant to that nation’s government. He is advising India on a dispute with Pakistan over a dam the former is constructing on the Chenah River, one of the streams in the Indus River system.
When I was in the process of applying to law schools, I had a job working in a landscaping nursery,” he says. “One afternoon a co-worker was giving me a ride home, and we were involved in a traffic accident. My friend was Mexican. He didn’t speak any English and he didn’t have insurance, so he was afraid of involving the police. But as chance would have it, I knew the driver of the other car, too. Because I was the only one who could speak English and Spanish, I brokered a deal that resulted in the two drivers swapping cars. The deal probably was worth $600, and they both were happy with the result.

That positive outcome suddenly made him realize that he was more interested in alternative processes to resolve disputes than in the adversarial nature of traditional judicial structures. He decided that while he should go ahead and get a law degree, the traditional training might be most useful in showing him what not to do. He was certain the future’s natural resources issues would become increasingly complex, he believed that the most effective means of resolving those issues would involve getting people and institutions to work together instead of at odds with one another, and he realized his ultimate career goal would combine his natural resources management.

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Message from The Alumni Board President

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends,

Pacific McGeorge is moving forward in ways I could not have imagined just a few years ago. As an example, I am pleased to report that, despite a national downturn in law school applications of approximately 10 percent, the law school’s applications and applicant credentials remain high and continue to rise. This may be yet another beneficial result of Pacific McGeorge’s rise in national rankings.

The law school continues to focus on the dual need to prepare every student for success, as well as to ensure that Pacific McGeorge is playing a meaningful role in our nation and communities. The faculty continues to produce excellent scholarship, yet also to lead in national initiatives: Examples include Professor Frank Gevurtz’s leadership of the effort to internationalize the legal curriculum at law schools around the nation; Professor John Sims’ co-editing and production of the new peer-reviewed “Journal of National Security Law & Policy”; Professor Robert Armstrong’s ‘78 project to build a national pipeline of diverse students well prepared to succeed in law school.

There are many reasons for us to be proud to call ourselves Pacific McGeorge alumni. I hope you are, and if you’re not, I hope you will tell me why! If ever you have comments, concerns, or suggestions—for any reason—please contact me at bputler@pacific.edu.

With best regards,

J. Brian Putler ‘85

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The Bay Area Alumni Chapter has been one of the most active in recent years as evidenced by the 60 alums that turned out on October 6 for a chapter reception and tour of San Francisco’s Asian Art Museum. Catherine MacMillan, ’94, and Sarah Goldstein, ’98, organized the event, one of several successful recent gatherings of Pacific McGeorge grads in the Bay Area. The chapter held its own MCLE luncheon program on March 8 at Morrison & Foerster that featured a talk by Shadi Zakari, J.L.M. ’01, on ethics in the electronic age. Rachel Sturby, ’01, helped coordinate the program that was co-sponsored by Robert Half Legal Services. Dean Elizabeth Rundskopf Parker, Assistant Dean Ruthe Ashley, Alumni Association President Brian Putler, and Professor Larry Levine were among the 50 attendees at a New York Area Alumni reception on November 15. A return to the “Big Apple” is tentatively scheduled for November 17.

A first-ever Modesto reception, organized by Dustin Johnson, ’04, took place on March 15 and fall receptions are planned in Reno and Las Vegas. Sean Wong, ’93, welcomed members of the new Pacific McGeorge Asian Pacific American alumni chapter to his home on January 22 with members of the student APALSA group also in attendance.

Two annual events run by the Alumni Association and the Sacramento chapter have become popular with students. Each August, alumni stage a welcome-back barbecue on campus. Every March, six alums each play host to upper-division students with specific legal interests on Dine with Alumni weekend dinners.

The Alumni Association sponsored an alumni breakfast last fall at the State Bar of California’s Annual Meeting last September in San Diego and will do so again at this year’s confab on October 6 in Monterey. The European Alumni Chapter will hold a reunion conference on May 19, 20 in Copenhagen, Denmark. For information on these and other alumni events, please visit our web site, www.mcgeorge.edu, or call 916-481-7926.

Bay Area alumni prove to be culture vultures as well as legal eagles

Alumni News

**1935-1959**

Paul L. Ross '37

Enjoying retirement. Traveling, music, programs, crafts, reunions, etc. (Bellingham, WA)

Francis B. Dillon '50

Law Office of Francis B. Dillon. After 43 years in present office at 10th and J, I have moved as of January 1st this year to 9th and K. The J Street building was sold to developers who are rehabbing the entire building, top to bottom. On January 1st, entered 55th year of practice. (Sacramento, CA)

George W. Goldsmith, '54

He died in Carmichael at the age of 85 after a short illness. A former World War II bomber pilot, he began his legal career as a deputy district attorney in Sacramento and was in private practice until his retirement in 1985.

**1960s**

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The Honorable

Ronald B. Robie '67

In January, I began my 36th year as an adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge. (Sacramento, CA)

James L. Maksakich '69

Proprietary, Maksakich Law Office. Dividing our time between Lincoln and Truckee. Visiting children and families between California and Florida. Working less hours, playing and traveling more. Enjoying seeing and finding old friends, classmates, and meeting new friends. (Roseville, CA)

**1970**

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Henry W. Crowle

General Counsel, Brandenburger & Davis. I represent a Sacramento-based company founded in 1932, that identifies and locates lost and unknown heirs throughout the United States, Europe, the Russian States and the Far East. The company also offers related services, including preparation of genealogical charts, procurement of heirship documentation, claim verification of eligible beneficiaries, and court testimony. This position has provided me with new and interesting challenges and a new career change, yet within the practice of law. What makes it even more interesting is that the owner of the business, Bill Davis, is a high school classmate of mine and we reacquainted ourselves while working on our 40th reunion committee. (Sacramento, CA)

Douglas A. Sears

Senior Partner, Matheny, Sears, Linkert & Long. I just completed my service as President of the Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada—a most rewarding experience. Our law firm continues to grow and prosper. Wife Liz and I now reside on 10 acres in Chicago Park, California. Our son, Aaron, and his family live in San Francisco where he is an executive with Yahoo. Daughter Ashley and her family live and love in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. We have four beautiful and brilliant grandchildren. Life is good. (Sacramento, CA)

**1971**

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Nancy B. Reardan

Jack and I are still enjoying retire- ment, playing tennis and walking prop- erty, and having lunch together. May you all be so lucky! (Elk Grove, CA)

**1972**

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Patricia A. Lynch

The longtime Reno City Attorney announced that she will not seek re-election to the post she’s held for nearly two decades but will run for justice of the peace. She is in the last year of her term as city attorney, and is seeking election in 1986. (Reno, NV)

George F. Wolcott

Attorney, Office of George F. Wolcott. I am still working as a small town lawyer, now primarily real property transactions and estate matters. Sold our orchard and developed some building lots, which we sold to a builder. Am in the process of building a wine loft, a place for 6 small wineries to make, store and sell their wines. Skiing when there is enough snow. Enjoying life. (Richmond, WI)

**1974**

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Steven P. Martini

Author, Steven P. Martini, Inc. Stole it on the book tour circuit after the release of his latest novel, Guilty, 75, read more than 50 Perry Mason novels before going to law school. He figured his own practice would bring scads of falsely accused beauties to his doorstep—both for legal counsel and romance.

Reality proved otherwise during the 24 years Podrug practiced law, first in Sacramento and later in Beverly Hills. “My first client had a lawyer who spit on her. She was crazy…and it went downhill from there,” he says in trademark deadpan style. So Podrug opted out. He gave up his pri- vate practice in 1999 to write full-time. He has since published four books under his own name, three of them thrillers starring comely heroines, truth-seeking reporters and other engaging characters. Yet readers may be more familiar with Podrug’s other body of work: the novels he has written under the banner of the late Harold Robbins, whose steamy and off-explicit novels include best-sellers such as The Carpenters and The Bet. Podrug has written four Robbins titles since 2003—including Blood Royal, which is set partly in Modesto—and has two more in the pipeline. Podrug first met Robbins through a mutual friend and Robbins’ widow, Jann, asked Podrug to carry on posthumously for the author, who died in 1997.

“Harold was a wonderful and irreverent person,” recalls Podrug, who now lives on Cape Cod. While the two never collaborated when Robbins was alive, he wrote a publicity blurb for Podrug’s 1997 novel, Presumed Guilty, and proclaimed it “A wild, rocking thriller!” Podrug’s own books have been translated into several languages, including Spanish, Swedish and Romanian. Still, he considers the work he does under Robbins’ byline to be better written. “My books are too compli- cated, too esoteric, too scholarly, too convo- luted,” Podrug explains.

“I sat down and read A Stone for Danny Fisher and realized Harold Robbins was writ- ing picuresque novels—the ne’er-do-well who rises from the bottom. His books were really quite simple.”

Podrug has twice written female lawyers in his lead characters, once in his own book and once for Robbins. Still, he rarely misses his first vocation and, even less so, the logistics of working in Los Angeles. “I don’t miss trying to fight my way to 28 different courthouses,” Podrug says. “Sometimes you read about a case and your sense of justice wells up. But ultimately it became about money and money is not a long-term motive- rave.”

Harold Robbins Lives On In Podrug's Steamy Novels by Jan Ferris Heenan
Douglas Flay, which is built around the massacre of innocent people, is an Assistant Professor of computer technology and corporate greed. Martini, who writes out of Tokyo, Japan since last December. Many wonderful experiences with old and new friends. We will be moving to Kamakura-Shi, Sattama-ku next December and plan to be back in Salem, Oregon by late spring of 2007. This is a great way to spend a retirement. (Tyana-Shi, Japan)

Cameron L. Reeves
I reined on October 1 from Office of County Counsel, Lake County, having served six terms (24 years) in that position. (Lakeport, CA)

1975
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John W. Hawkins
I am semi-retired at age 70 and was appointed by the Nevada Supreme Court under their alternative dispute resolution program as a Nevada Supreme Court settlement judge (mediation program). I do that and continue as a retired Judge in the pasta. (Lakeport, CA)

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Gary Kirby Bergquist
Dorothy McKenney & Bergquist. Hello to all from the Frozen North.

The Honorable
Ronald Sabraw
He presided over the Alameda County Superior Court civil trial in which a jury awarded $115 million in punitive damages to 200,000 workers who sued Wal-Mart because the huge retailer dined them state-mandated meal breaks. Sabraw is one of the most highly regarded after complex litigation judges in the state and regularly volunteers as a judge in the trial Advocacy program. (Oakland, CA)

Community Bar, a subsidiary of Western Saga Bancorp. (Auburn, CA)

David E. Smith
Kennewick, Chattanooga & tractor. In December of 2005, I accepted a partnership position at the Sacramento firm of Kennewick, Chattanooga & tractor. At this firm, we will continue to handle class action, mass tort and catastrophic injury cases involving drugs and pharmaceutical products, medical malpractice and medical products, mesothelioma and asbestos injury claims, elder abuse and nursing home negligence cases. During the past year I have been actively engaged in trials, as well as investiga- tion and discovery, on the Plaintiffs Management Committee on both the California Diet Drug JCCP in Los Angeles, as well as the Tenant Health Care JCCP in Redding, in which over 700 plain- tiffs settled their unnecessary heart surgery claims for over $400 million dollars. During 2005 I was also selected for membership in ABOTA, the American Board of Trial Advocates, so it has been a busy year. 2006 promises to be equally challenging as I have recently been elected to be at large member of the Board of Directors of the Consumer Attorneys of California. Wife Elisa Zitano (McGeorge class of 1979) and daughter Arianna are doing well and are equally busy with sports and school activities. (Fresno, CA)

Steven G. McGuire
Georgia State Public Defender. I’m in the middle of an unprecedented three terms as the Nevada State Public Defender. Our office bought a $325,000 fund raising for national and local awareness efforts regarding Medicare liens to better the lives of Medicare beneficiaries. (Sacramento, CA)

Richard Glasson
He announced his intention to seek reelection to the Tahoe Township Justice Court next November. Judge Glasson, who practiced with Manukian, Scalpo & Alting for over 24 years, is completing his first summer term on the St. John the Baptist bench. (Citrus Heights, CA 95621)

Robert Alton
He died at the age of 60 in Shadobong, Wisconsin. A former Air Force major, he practiced law in the Sacramento area for several years after graduation from law school before returning to his native Wisconsin. (Shadobong, WI)

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The Honorable
John A. Behnek
Superior Court Judge, Mendocino County Superior Court, Behnek was appointed to the Mendocino County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He is the managing partner of the Ukiah firm of Feldman & Feldman. (Ukiah, CA)

Phillip W. Kell
Chief Operating Officer, California Cardiology Foundation. I still call Fresno home. My work is very rewarding and challenging. Our foundation is affiliated with over 1900 Baptist churches in California. In 2005 we helped provide millions of meals for hungry families and provided thousands of immigrant workers shoes, clothing and health supplies. God is good. (Fresno, CA)

Judith A. Smith
She was appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs and currently holds a masters of government affairs from the University of California. (Sacramento, CA)

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Noel Ferris
She won an $800,000 verdict ($76,000 net) in a Superior Court premises liability trial involving a plaintiff who fell on a rake at a sporting goods store. (Sacramento, CA)

Gary H. Gale
Mortgage Consultant, Golden Bear Mortgage. I left the bankruptcy law practice 12/31/03. I’ve kept my law license active, but since 3/31/04 I’ve been offering purchase- chasing and refinancing home loans for residential and rental proper- ties. Arnold Schwarzenegger. He was the managing partner of the Ukiah firm of Feldman & Feldman. (Ukiah, CA)

Randal C. Wright
Owner, Law Offices of Randy C. Wright. I have become involved in the tour of the Magic Carpet of the United States in 2007-2008. To further this fine cause I met with the dean & chapter of Lincoln Cathedral which own the 125th edition of the Magic Carpet; we had a grand time and we all in all, life is good. (Fair Oaks, CA)

Daniel Wong
Assistant Solicitor General, Nevada Attorney General’s Office. Formerly with the Nevada Attorney General’s Office. 2005 has been an interesting year having been appointed assistant solicitor general in December 2004 and promoted to chief solicitor general on July 1, 2005. I hope all of my 790 classmates are working less hours than me. (Carson City, NV)

Elisa R. Zitano
Law Office of Elisa R. Zitano. During 2005 I opened my own office in downtown Sacramento, providing Medicare lien research and consultation, support services in complex medical cases, and contract services in drug claim and action litigation. I presented lec- tures regarding Medicare liens to CCLA and the Placer County Bar Association at the bars. Also had a wonderful visit to Italy and England. Husband David Smith (76D) recently accept- ed a partnership with Sacramento firm of Kennewick, Chattanooga & tractor. Daughter Arianna is exploring grad school options! (Sacramento, CA)

1980
Judith Kent
I retired from Sacramento County Public Defender Office March 28, 2005. I love retirement because I get to spend lots of time with my granddaughter, born December 14, 2004. (Sacramento, CA)

William F. Meese
He died at the age of 88 in a hos- pital in Schuyler, Virginia. He oper- ated a general law practice in that state for 15 years after practicing law for 10 years in Anchorage, Alaska. (Schuyler, VA)
The issues are unpredictable, the hours long—and Hoch is clearly in her element. “I would say that this is the most exciting job I’ve had in my legal career, and that’s not to say that my other jobs have not been interesting and challenging,” says Hoch, who spent 14 years in the state Attorney General’s office. “What’s really exciting about it is that you have the opportunity to be involved in high-level discussions and to provide your legal input and analysis to policy decisions.”

This is the second time that Schwarzenegger has recruited Hoch for a high-profile post. In 2004, she was brought in as the administrative director of the California Division of Workers’ Compensation to reform the state’s $36 billion program as mandated by Senate Bill 899. The work, Hoch says, was “extremely challenging” and the deadlines ambitious. “What I thought was exciting was to be part of the solution for the governor…and making progress in the system gives you a tremendous sense of satisfaction.”

Hoch enjoys working for Schwarzenegger, a boss she lauds as a gracious quick study who is not afraid to make decisions. “I saw this administration as an opportunity for change,” she says. “I am not afraid to make decisions. “I saw this administration as an opportunity for change.”

In October, Hoch’s career path took yet another notable turn when she was picked by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to be his secretary of legal affairs. As his top legal adviser, Hoch is responsible for a range of tasks, from parole reviews (an average of 16 a month) and clemency requests to analyzing legislation and tracking pertinent litigation in the various state departments.

Hoch oversees a relatively small staff of six attorneys, including Jessica Mascio Mahoney, former student assistants and interns. The team also advises the governor and his office on appointments, conflicts of interest and constitutional issues, and whatever other legal matters crop up each day.
1984

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Chris Scott Graham
Partner, Dachtler LLP
Chris Scott Graham was chosen to lead an independent investigation into whether the San Jose mayor deceived the city council about the costs of a trash-hauling contract. His highly critical report renewed calls for the mayor's resignation and may have derailed the latter's political career. He is the managing partner of Dachtler LLP's Oakland office. He formerly practiced with Berliner Cohen and Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly. (Palo Alto, CA)

Janice N. Keller
In January, I retired from the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office. I have been traveling extensively since then—Singapore, Malaysia, India, Mexico twice, Australia, and New York. I've visited with former classmates Dave Brooks and Minny Captain Kidd. I'm still on the Lompoc City Council and involved in numerous community organizations. (Lompoc, CA)

Eric T. Lamhofer
Attorney, Wolfs & Wyman, LLP
Time marches on. Our girls are now 10 and 13. Had an opportunity to appear before class of '94 again: The Honorable Court of the Orange County Superior Court. He made some crack about how my hair wasn't quite so dark as it was 21 years ago. (Irvine, CA)

James Scotti
He died unexpectedly at the age of 59. He practiced law with McDonald Carano Wilson LLP in Reno for 13 years, was a 33-year member of the Nevada Air National Guard stationed at Nellis Air Base, and most recently flew for FedEx Airplanes. (Reno, NV)

David W. Tyra
He has joined Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiernan & Gard in Sacramento as a partner. A former partner at Seyfarth Shaw, his practice focuses on the representation and advisement of public- and private-sector employees in all areas of employment and labor. (Sacramento, CA)

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Thomas P. Aplin
Attorney. It’s hard to believe that 20 years have gone by since I stroked the McGeorge campus on a daily basis. Some musing: Where have you gone, Joe Stoger? Is Eric Milton Swanson still alive? Will Bill Spender keep his high office, or will he exploit in Sacramento what he’s predicted this year? Will Barry Mallen ever actually meet his client, Miss Jaggers? These are the questions of day. (Costa Mesa, CA)

Jonathan B. Conklin
He was appointed to the Fresno County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He currently serves as deputy chief of the Fresno area. (Fresno, CA)

Agnes G. Visokoski
Finally opened our own shop with my husband practicing criminal defense exclusively. Really wish I hadn’t waited 20 years to do it. Having more fun than I ever could at (least in Kent County). (Blakely, PA)

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He died unexpectedly at UC Davis Medical Center at the age of 50. He practiced law in Walnut Creek, San Francisco and the Sacramento area. (Sacramento, CA)

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Professor of College Law School. I am Class of 1986B. Boston College Districting Teaching Award (2004). (Boston, MA)

Siegfried A. Fladager
Prosecutor, Stanislaus County District Attorney’s Office. Fladager, the prosecutor who played a key role in the prosecution of Scott Peterson, announced that she will run for Stanislaus County District Attorney. Previously with Baker & McKenzie in San Francisco and Creekside (Humboldt County), and serve a wide variety of business, land use, environmental, real estate, and estate clients in all civil and appellate courts and administrative agencies. My wife, Robin and I have two kids and two homes; one near each office. (Ukiah and Eureka, CA)

Hagop T. Bedoyan
He has been appointed chair of the California Bar’s Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission by the State Bar Board of Governors for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. He is a partner with the firm of Caswell, Bell & Hillston LLP. (Fresno, CA)

Donnie Browenswy
Vice President, Sacramento Advancement. Currently serving on the Section on Legislation. (Sacramento, CA)

Sharon V. Cooper
Owner/Solo Practitioner, Law Office of Sharon V. Cooper. I have been appointed to the State Bar Committee for Equal Access to Justice and Senior Lawyers. I am licensed to be a part of such an important and vital committee. I urge you to pay attention to the work of this committee, and I encourage you to ask questions, comments and concerns to those who have volunteered the time to serve. (Irvine, CA)

Bernard Kretz
Weintraub, Garmsals, Chadick. I am presently sailing the world. I can still be reached using the email and phone numbers you have been given for the sailing adventure of a lifetime. Plan on about 20 days sailing (minimum) needing in a two week vacation. As of 12/12/05, I am heading from San Francisco to Greece! (Sacramento, CA)

Kurt Kumli
He was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as a judge of the Santa Clara County Superior Court. The vegetarian was the county’s chief deputy district attorney for juvenile delinquency cases. (Sacramento, CA)

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Frank Bacik
CEO of Carter, Belheir, Ogden & St. Frank. I am managing a very busy litigation, partner senior position, and CEO of my seven-firm law firm at the nexus of Wine Country and the Redwood Empire in North Coast, CA, but such is life. Yet another of my partners (and McGeaum Alum) has never been taken away to serve on the Mendocino Superior Bench. We now have the Ukiah (Lake County), and Eureka old town (Humboldt County), and serve a wide variety of business, land use, environmental, real estate, and estate clients in all civil and appellate courts and administrative agencies. My wife, Robin and I have two kids and two homes; one near each office. (Ukiah and Eureka, CA)

Christine C. Fitzgerald
She is an esteemed attorney, judge, and has served in Kings County Superior Court that resulted in a $2.5 million settlement for her client for a large parcel of land acquired by Caltrans to widen and realign a major highway. She is a conservation law specialist. (Burlington, VT)

Tamara I. Gabel
Attorney. We opened our office in 2000 doing exclusively environmental law—transactional and regulatory—for our clients. (Woodside, CA)

Jack A. Gould
Attorney, Federal Election Commission. Still working at the Federal Election Commission. Our office at home are learning how to live with a teenager and a pre-teen. I am looking forward to attending the 20th Anniversary Reunion. I hope some one is planning it. (Washington, DC)

Daniel A. Johnson
Partner, Sullivan Johnson LLP. I recently retired my own firm in January 2005. I thought “Which One Picked” to Sacramento on July 30, 2005 as part of The Eagle 96.9 “Music in the Park” Festival. (Sherman Oaks, CA)

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Gregory F. Buhoff
Of Counsel, Weintraub, Genshlea, Chediak. Gregory F. Buhoff has joined the Las Vegas firm of Weide & Miller as an counsel. Previously with Baker & McKenzie and Arnold Schwarzenegger as judge of the Clara County Superior Court. The vegetarian was the county’s chief deputy district attorney for juvenile delinquency cases. (Las Vegas, NV)

Peter N. Kapelan
Partner, Kapelan Partners. (Fresno, CA)

Peter D. Lemmon
Assistant Attorney General. (Sacramento, CA)

Deborah Ortiz
Senior Senator is completing her second term in the California Senate and will not seek for Secretary of State next year although the Sacramento area Democrat has not made a formal announcement, she intends to run against Republican incumbent Bruce McPherson, who was appointed to the office when Kevin Shelley resigned the post last year. (Sacramento, CA)

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She was appointed to chair the newly created State Bar Pipeline Committee. She is the Pacific Assistant District Attorney for Career Development and a member of the California State Bar Board of Governors. Her committee is charged with developing a model for encouraging underrepresented youth to consider law as a career. (Sacramento, CA)

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Scott A. Barton
State of Connceticut Workers’ Compensation Commissioner. Appointed by Governor M. Jodi Rell on April 2004 to the bench as a Workers’ Compensation Commissioner for the state of Connecticut. Wife, Kimberley, is a good-looking woman, and my children, Alex and Lindsay B., are enjoying our life in Connceticut. Hope to see Ms. McGowan soon. (New Haven, CT)
What prompted attorney Robert Eglet, ‘88, who won 78 out of 80 civil jury trials, to become a trial lawyer in the first place? Call it fate, destiny or literally an accident, but Eglet, a senior partner with the Las Vegas law firm of Mainor Eglet Cottele, found his calling early in his life, well, losing his way home.

Eglet’s father, a fighter pilot in Vietnam, was stationed at the Post Graduate Naval School, in Monterey, California, immediately after the war. Eglet recalls it was there, in the 7th grade, riding his bike home from school one day, he took a wrong turn and found himself in front of the county courthouse. He went inside and wandered into the middle of a wrongful death jury trial. He returned to watch, again and again. “I knew right then, that’s what I wanted to do,” Eglet says.

Today, Eglet returns again and again to the courthouse. But he’s not watching; he’s trying cases with astounding success—and many others in the profession are watching. In June 2005, the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association named Eglet “Trial Lawyer of the Year,” the youngest lawyer ever to receive that statewide honor. It was richly deserved because Eglet is on a roll not seen before in that state. His last 10 verdicts have all been multimillion-dollar awards to his clients. “Robert Eglet’s skills as a trial lawyer are at the present time unmatched by any attorney in the state,” says one veteran courtroom observer.

Eglet serves on the Nevada Law Foundation’s Board of Trustees and was recently appointed by the Nevada Supreme Court to the Supreme Court Bench-Bar Committee. But he’s most at home in the courtroom where his competitiveness and sense of duty to his clients drive him to outwork and outwit opponents. Many of those clients have suffered catastrophic injuries or are family members of someone killed in an accident involving negligence so he has no trouble bringing a fever pitch to his courtroom oratory. Eglet won’t rest on his laurels. He’s constantly studying in his daily work, whether it involves a new technique in the courtroom, learning about a product, an injury process or a disease. “It keeps me stimulated,” he says, “and that’s why I like it.”

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Robert L. S. Angres
Procter & Gamble Office of Robert L. S. Angres; I am enjoying living in Clarksburg, a suburb of Clarksburg, and I continue to do mostly appointed criminal appellate work in the First, Second, Third, Fifth, and Sixth District Courts of Appeal. My wife, Michele, is a stay-at-home mom with our 21 month old twins. In order to get out of the office, recently I joined the panel of the California Supreme Court Appellate Program. This program is run by J. McGarory, and I am hoping a blatant case is an appropriate attorney for the program. I represent paralegals at hearings presided by a Board of Prison Hearings Commissioner who decides if probable cause exists to revoke that person's parole. If probable cause is found, then I negotiate for a shorter return to custody time. If the parolee rejects the negotiated settlement, then I represent the parolee at his or her revocation hearing before a BPH commission. The parole hearing is an ability to have a bail trial but with more nuanced rules of evidence. There is not much paperwork, and I really enjoy the people contact. (Fremont, CA)

James W. Puzey
He is serving as president of the Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevada this year. The non-profit organization provides free legal services to residents in far-flung Nevada counties. He is a partner in the Reno office of Nevada Legal Aid and Boardman Renshaw & Ferranti (Carson City, NV)

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Stephanie B. Mizrahi
Professor, CSU - Chico. Mizrahi has joined the faculty at California State University, Chico as a tenured-track political science professor. A former CIA analyst when she came to law school, Mizrahi taught last year at Washington State University and is working on her dissertation research for a doctorate degree. Her dissertation is focused on how policymakers react to sudden events such as 9/11 and how laws are created thereafter. (Chico, CA)

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Stefanos Associate, Thelan, Reid & Priest. My husband Mike and I welcomed our daughter Rachel Mariana on December 9, 2005. Our son, Eli Michael, is 18 months. I will return to work at Thelan, Reid & Priest in San Jose, where I have worked since 2000, when my maternity leave ends in June. (San Jose, CA)

Kenneth L. Swenson
Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of California. After nearly five years of handling employment, regulatory, and administrative matters, I moved to the lowest government section where I hope to put the LLM in Government Law and Policy I earned in 2003, to greater use. Sherri and I have been blessed with five children, now ages 5 to 10. We are active in our church and with sports, music, and scouting. I continue to maintain a connection with Pacific McGeorge, by serving on a member of the adjunct faculty in the Appellate Advocacy Program. (Sacramento, CA)

Cynthia K. Tuck
Assistant Secretary, California EPA. Tuck was named assistant secretary for policy at the California EPA by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The former California Council for CSUS and Golden Gate University. Jen is a stay-at-home mom and has her hands quite full. They are living in Rossville, IL (Rossville, CA)

Kevin L. Peterson
Officer in charge of 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Jag Office in Schweinfurt, Germany. Promoted to Major, U.S. Army, Jag Corps on 15-May-2005. (Schweinfurt, Germany)

Jennifer L. Kowitt
Attorney, Finnegan, Marks, Hampton & Thoolen. Jennifer and her husband, Mike, along with their daughter, Rolly Rose, recently returned to San Francisco. Jennifer received Finnegan, Marks, Hampton & Thoolen, where she originally began practicing in 1997. Mike and Jen spent the last five years in Las Vegas, NV. (San Francisco, CA)

Michael L. Lorilla
Director of Planned Giving, CSU Sacramento. Mike and his wife Jen are enjoying their two boys—Jordan and Jack. Mike likes to say they are 1/2 boy and 1/2 puppies. Mike also enjoys teaching grad and undergrad courses in Government Law and Policy. He previously practiced in the field of labor and employment law. (Sacramento, CA)

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Montana's Health in Good Hands with Miles' Experience

When Joan Miles, ’92, graduated from Pacific McGeorge, she wanted to use her law degree to affect the development of public policy. That’s not surprising, considering she had served as a state representative in the Montana Legislature from 1985 to 1988.

Now, after having served as director of the Lewis and Clark County Health Department, Miles has been appointed by Governor Brian Schweitzer to a position that continues her work in public policy: She is the director of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, the state’s largest agency comprising one-fourth of Montana state government with more than 3,000 employees and a multimillion dollar budget.

“Joan Miles is a very talented and experienced professional,” the governor said when he made the appointment on August 15. “She has been working in the field for years and has the experience necessary for this demanding position.”

“It is very exciting to be part of the governor’s cabinet, to be working closely with the governor on real solid public policy that’s going to improve the life of Montanans,” Miles says. The Public Health and Human Services agency covers all public health and human services programs in Montana, as well as Medicaid, mental health programs, and state institutions serving Montana residents with mental illness, developmental and physical disabilities, and individuals in need of substance abuse treatment.

Her new position uses her wealth of skills, from legal to medical knowledge. In addition to her J.D., she holds an M.S. in Environmental Studies and a B.S. in Medical Technology. “My background and credentials fit together perfectly for this position because of the breadth of activities and programs that I’m now responsible for,” she says. That background includes work as a lobbyist for an environmental advocacy group, as well as being a field biologist and a medical technologist.

Her law degree is especially useful in terms of the substantive knowledge acquired at Pacific McGeorge. “And,” she says, “the training—just the way you think and analyze and prioritize and question—that is so critical for me in this position because of the size of this agency and the number of issues with which we deal.”
Joseph H. Law IV
Partner, GCA Law Partners, LLP: In March of 2005, I joined the partner- ship of GCA Law Partners LLP in Mountain View, CA. I’m still practicing corporate law, doing financings and mergers & acquisitions for venture-backed hi-tech companies, and dabbling in a little IP licensing for fun. But, my greatest challenge this year has been coaching my daughter’s soc- cer team. Six-year-old girls can be ruthless and unfeeling. (Mountain View, CA)

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She was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. She is a partner with the Sacramento land use firm of Trautman Robertson. (Sacramento)

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Steven J. Williamson He has joined the law firm of Krolff, Belcher, Smart, Perry & Christopherson as an associate attorney. (Stockton, CA)

Phillip Verston, ‘88 The assistant director of public support services at the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser’s Office has been elected governor-elect of the Florida Kawaric District. (Palm Beach, FL)

James R. Donahue ‘84 Won a defense verdict for the St. Helena Unified School District in a 11-day see discrimination trial in Napa County Superior Court in a case where a teacher charged that she was not relieved because of a perception that she was a lesbian. He is a partner in Sacramento law firm of Guiffrea, Davio & Donahue. (Sacramento, CA)

IN MEMORIAM

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

George Goldsmith ‘54 December 5, 2005
Michael Harper ’69 November 1, 2005
Robert Pelzer ’77 December 10, 2005
Mehlin E. Raatz ’80 September 20, 2005
James Steffie, ’84 December 12, 2005
James D. Taylor ’85 January 12, 2006

Wendy C. York, ’93, was four years out of law school when she took a step some colleagues twice her age never would. She hired a small but top-notch staff and set up her own shop. That was in June 1997, and the York Law Corp. has been in place in Sacramento ever since.

“I wanted the freedom and the autonomy to practice the kind of law that I wanted to practice,” York says. “I was young. I thought, I’ve got to take the risk now and strike out on my own.”

York had amassed a range of experience with going solo, first with a law office specializing in civil defense cases and then with a plaintiff’s firm. No question but that she preferred the latter—and, after a brief stint as a partner in another start-up firm—returned her focus last year to the York Law Corp.

“I kind of feel like I’m a civil cop. I hold people responsible for their negligence,” says York, who has specialized in recent years in major personal injury cases, employee discrimination and elder abuse, among others.

One of York’s most gratifying cases involved an 82-year-old Sacramento County woman whose legs were amputated after her nursing home failed to treat her bed sores. Annie Mae Ollison won a $1 million judgment in the 2002 case; jurors threw her a birthday party the next month.

“There were a lot of lawyers who would have turned her down, but I fell in love with her instantly,” says York of Ollison, who has since passed away. “That’s the kind of case where you really feel you’re making a difference.”

York has two associates, including Daniel P. Jay, Jr. She has hired law clerks from Pacific McGeorge, and plans to continue to do so. She prides her team on its upbeat outlook, which sets the tone for the entire practice, she says.

“Active in trial and consumer attorney groups, York may some day expand her love of advocacy to another venue: television,” York says. While an undergraduate, she considered becoming a reporter. “There’s still a part of me that craves that, educating people as to what their rights are,” she says.
Dean’s Council

Created by Dean Gordon Schaber in 1987, the Dean’s Council has for nearly 20 years been the key charitable organization advising and supporting Pacific McGeorge’s leaders.

The Dean’s Council helps enhance the law school’s reputation and the quality of its educational programs by supporting scholarships, campus activities and facilities, and services to students.

Members may designate up to 75 percent of the amount of their Dean’s Council gift with the remainder contributing to the most pressing needs as determined by the dean.

Dean’s Council members are invited to exclusive events with the dean and other speakers, as well as to a wide variety of on- and off-campus events, lectures, symposia and conferences, and VIP receptions during the holidays and at commencement. Additionally, fees at the annual MCLE events are waived for members, and special seating is provided.

By alumni request, the Dean’s Council has created new membership levels, so more alumni and friends can network with one another, as well as with other leaders at our law school and in the legal community: Recent grads may join for just $100/year, with students or grads of the current year’s graduating class able to test-drive membership for just $105. Alums who graduated more than five years ago may join in their first year for just $500—a 50% savings from the regular annual membership of $1,000 (with alumni couples able to join at $1,500, or $750 for their first year). Other membership levels, in which members receive special benefits and opportunities, include Dean’s Council Patron at $1,500/year, Dean’s Counselor for $2,500/year, and Dean’s Patron at $5,000/year, Cabinet Member at $5,000/year, and Dean’s Counselor for annual investment of $10,000 or more.

Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker has said that she hopes every alumnus will become a Dean’s Council member. We hope, if you have not yet done so, that you will join us this year!

Remember, your first year is always at a discount, and your investment can be broken down into monthly credit card installments. You can join from the law school web site (https://www.mcgeorge.edu/alumni_resources/support_mcgeorge/giving.htm) or by contacting John McIntyre at 916-739-7977 or jmcintyre@pacific.edu.

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Admissions on an upswing

Law schools across the nation have seen an increase in applications in recent years, but few as dramatic as Pacific McGeorge. Applications here have increased more than 100 percent since the year 2000. The number of applicants with LSAT scores in the 80th percentile or higher range has more than doubled since 2002. The accompanying charts reflect some of the important statistical measures that show a law school on the move.

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<th>Annual Enrollment</th>
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