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Message from The Dean

Recently I was asked, “What makes Pacific McGeorge so special? What makes it different?” My response was that it’s a law school uniquely focused on producing the best prepared lawyers of the next generation of our profession. “How does it do that?” My answer: it’s a place where students are the focus, where our teacher-scholars are accessible to them in ways not true at many other schools; where staff cares and alumni respond.

“Do you really think the students know this?” my questioner asked.

In fact, I believe they do. I reported how one student recently rushed across the street as I walked up the drive of the Dean’s Cottage to say, “Thank you, Dean Parker! I’m not a number here!” Students come to Pacific McGeorge because they believe they will receive the type of individualized attention—in class and out—to ensure their success.

Increasingly, I see our alumni, too, demonstrating concern for the members of our Pacific McGeorge community; showing a commitment to the success of one another. This is what our reputation will be built on: the success of each individual in our community, step by step. This is what will increase the reputation of Pacific McGeorge so that it will eventually be identical with the underlying reality.

For me, the best part of being dean of Pacific McGeorge is hearing stories of alums and others that demonstrate this support and commitment to the success of each other and to the law school. I enjoy hearing about many exciting

alumni successes emerging as a result their Pacific McGeorge education, including impressive leadership roles in state and local government, transnational business agreements, jury verdicts in the millions of dollars, and other obvious demonstrations of excellence. But I also hear about unseen victories—such as when an alum recently thanked me for advice given long ago that changed the course of his career. His words made a powerful impact, “You gave me a life.” While I may have offered the catalyzing words, it is clear that his success is owed to the preparation he received at Pacific McGeorge.

With all of this, what changes do I hope to see? Only this—that law students and alums alike recognize the gift our community represents—and to tell others about it, as well! That will build a reputation to equal the law school’s true capability, one step at time.

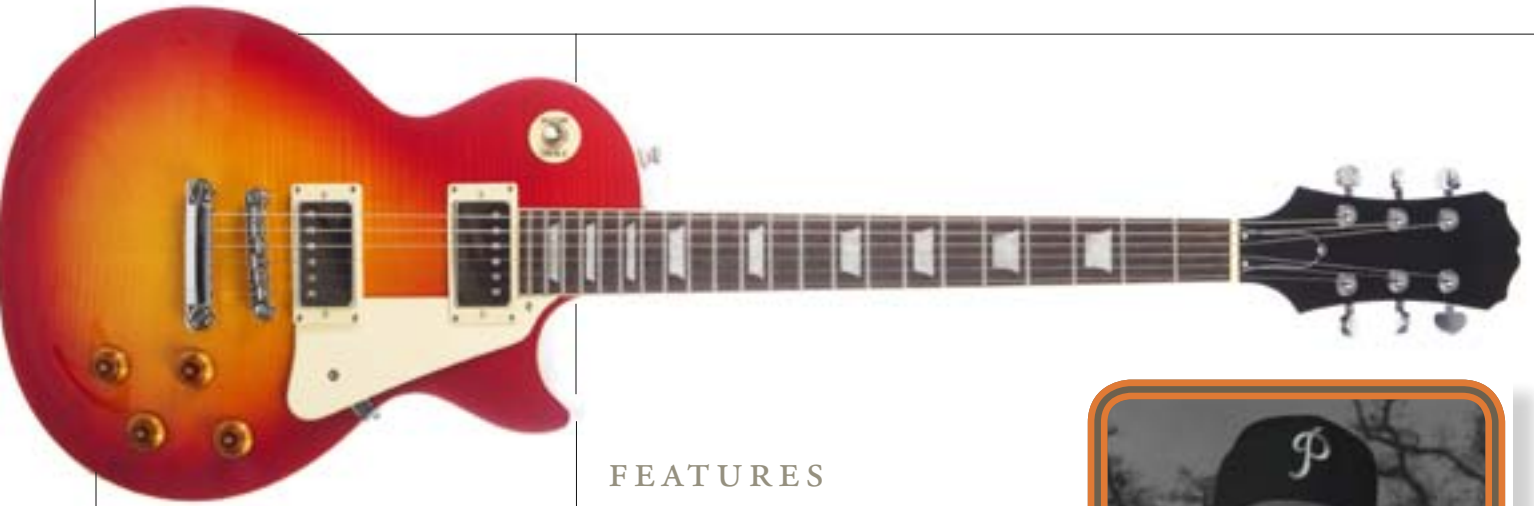
In years past, law schools were often notorious for advising their new students, “look to the left, look to the right: two of you won’t be here next year.” These days this advice has changed dramatically. It’s now, “look to the left, look to the right and get to know those students. They will be the colleagues who help you succeed in law school and your careers!” It’s no longer just about competition. It’s now about connection, commitment and compassion—these are what make the difference and ensure our success—as individuals and as a community.

With warm regards,

Elizabeth
Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker



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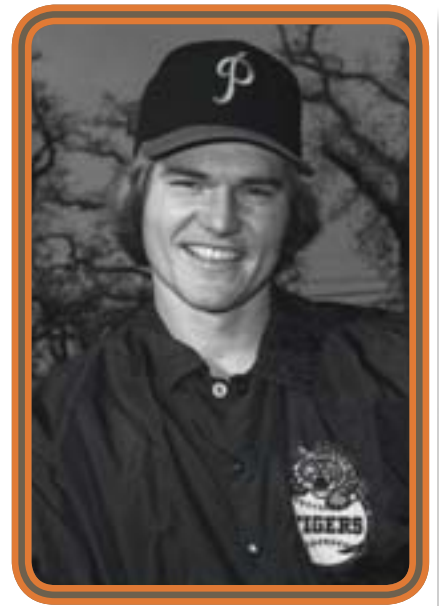
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Legal Education's Greatest Challenge



Professor Paul Paton

Teaching ethics isn't for the faint-hearted. As a review article in the *Journal of Legal Education* last winter noted, the mandatory professional responsibility class in most law schools is resented by students who simply expect the course to prepare them for the Multistate Professional Responsibility

Examination, a two-hour multiple-choice test that is more a rite of passage than a guarantee that budding lawyers know the rules and will be "ethical." Professor Bill Simon of Columbia University wrote in 1991 that "at most law schools, students find the course in legal ethics or professional responsibility boring and insubstantial, and faculty dread having to teach it." Students often consider the rich literature of sociological, economic, historical and cultural studies of lawyers and the legal profession extraneous or not important to the central task of preparing for the test; yet the course is the one sure place that law schools have to ensure that they are invested in not only teaching students the rules but in developing sound professional judgment. By Professor Paul D. Paton — Director, Ethics Across the Professions Initiative

And it's here where law schools have both the greatest challenge and the greatest opportunity. The landmark 2007 Carnegie Report, *Educating Lawyers*, spoke of three "apprenticeships" for law students: cognitive apprenticeship (things like learning analysis of judicial reasoning, which the report said law schools do very well); an apprenticeship of skills (which is often denigrated within the academy but which is core to the practicing bar and which goes far beyond a mere deductive application of theories students learn); and an apprenticeship of "identity and purpose." It's this last one where ethics and professionalism come in, and in which the Carnegie Report's authors said that law schools are the weakest: they found that the inculcation of a professional identity upon a foundation of professionalism was being significantly neglected in U.S. law schools.

The Carnegie Report identified a non-exhaustive list of professional traits that law schools should promote, including competence, knowledge, skill, honesty, trustworthiness, reliability, respect for legal obligations, responsibility, civility in dealings with others, personal integrity and empathy. Professional identity was also said to include a commitment to and respect for the administration of justice, the institutions of the law, and public service in general.

But how can law schools serve their students, alumni, the profession and the public in an age of declining resources? And how can law schools ever ensure that all graduates have (or learn) the professional traits the report identifies?

Lots of attention is being paid to this by both law schools and by the bar. A December 2009 report of the National Organization of Bar Counsel called for law schools to be the birthplace not only of "thinking like lawyers" but also of "acting like professionals." The NOBC wrote:

It is time for law school accreditation standards to require law schools to develop plans for meeting the goal of inculcation of professional identities. Those plans should reflect a higher level of commitment to instilling the professional values outlined in the Carnegie Report. Each plan should also reflect ways of measuring that commitment.

An American Bar Association committee is well into a three-year review of the ABA Standards of Approval for Law Schools, and there are signals that the ABA will not only revise the standards to include formal consideration of the development of professional identity, but may well go as far as asking law schools to assess whether each graduate has "appropriate professional identity," including integrity and professionalism. Another alternative would require law schools

to articulate output measures of what results in a student's character and abilities, not just what courses are taught.

How this is to be done is controversial, unsettled and very political. How can we measure ethics and values in a diverse population? Shouldn't that be the job of the state bar? Isn't every professional discipline hearing evidence that we've somehow failed? And will putting the onus on law schools only worsen the problem? These are critical questions, but for now I think the more important signal is that the profession and the public are looking to law schools to both place greater emphasis on ethical and professional formation, and to measure it. There's even the suggestion that the feared and loathed U.S. News law school rankings will in a few years include some input measure that takes account of ethics training.

The good news for Pacific McGeorge is that the faculty and community remain committed to the mission of educating effective and ethical professionals needed in today's world.

Integrating ethics education both into the traditional podium courses and seminars, into the new Global Lawyering Skills program, and in clinical and externship settings ensures that all three of the Carnegie Report's apprenticeship opportunities are covered. Beyond that, having the chance to introduce specialty courses like Legal Ethics and the Legal Profession, and Ethics for the Government and Public Lawyer, help reinforce the opportunities for students to consider both the ethical challenges they will face in particular contexts and settings, and how they might both find the tools they need to resolve those problems and how to implement them. And inviting guest speakers to campus to address these issues brings real-world experience with ethical dilemmas directly into the classroom and into the Pacific McGeorge community.

And that education goes beyond the course or the classroom. The Leadership and Professional Development Workshop for Pacific McGeorge students and alumni on February 27, 2010, included ethical concerns woven throughout the day in discussions of emotional intelligence, office etiquette, creating a professional image, and managing work in a law firm setting. In addition, I was invited to present a session specifically on the many practical ethical issues facing new lawyers.

The challenge for ethics educators, and for all legal educators, is to take advantage of the opportunity to instill the value and importance of ethics and professionalism beyond what students will face in the classroom. But as the Carnegie Report itself notes, "Law school provides the beginning, not the full development, of students' professional competence and identity." The challenge for the profession is to deepen the foundational training, mentorship and guidance Pacific McGeorge students are already receiving. The task is a daunting one for us all.

Judicial Symposium Comes Amidst Tumultuous Times

By Robert T. Wazeka



Professor Clark Kelso



Professor Mary-Beth Moylan



Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker

It's hard to imagine there being any better time to host a symposium on Judicial Ethics and Accountability than right now. In February, the California Commission for Impartial Courts (CIC), an 88-member body convened by Ronald George, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, released its 167-page final report, titled "Recommendations for Safeguarding Judicial Quality, Impartiality, and Accountability in California."

The report noted that California has been fortunate so far in being comparatively free from the kind of attacks happening in other states on the judiciary, its role and many of its decisions, by partisan and special interests. The report added that such threats are likely to be seen here sooner rather than later.

Three Pacific McGeorge professors worked to help shape the commission's final recommendations, including **Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker,**

Professor Clark Kelso, and **Professor Mary-Beth Moylan.**

Last June, the U.S. Supreme Court addressed one of the main threats to the judiciary—excessive campaign contributions to judicial candidates from special interests—in a 5-4 decision in the case of *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Co.* Writing for the majority in this much-debated ruling was **Justice Anthony M. Kennedy**, who taught Constitutional Law in Pacific McGeorge's Evening Division from 1965 to 1988 and still teaches in the school's Salzburg Summer Program.

The Pacific McGeorge Symposium, titled "Judicial Ethics and Accountability: At Home and Abroad," scheduled for April 9-10, is funded by a ten-year grant from the Sierra Health Foundation and is being sponsored by Pacific McGeorge and the Capital Center for Public Law & Policy. Leading national

and international experts on judicial ethics and judicial independence are participating in six different panels:

- Panel One: The Ethical Judge
- Panel Two: Judicial Elections, Financing and the Independence of the Bench
- Panel Three: The California Commission for Impartial Courts
- Panel Four: Roundtable—Judges, (In) Civility and the Media
- Panel Five: Regulating Ethics: Judicial Education and Codes of Conduct
- Panel Six: Ethics for Judges and Tribunals: An International Perspective

Looming in the background of all these panels is the CIC Report, which is sure to be a continuing subject of discussion. "The commission," says Dean Parker, "spent well over a year studying the health of our judiciary from a public perspective. A number of alarming conclusions occurred:

- "The public does not understand the reason for an 'independent' judiciary and interprets that term as meaning that the judiciary is not accountable to the public it serves;
- "There is little appreciation for the idea that there are three branches of government, each with a distinct role and the fact that the judiciary is intended to be outside normal political processes, making its decisions according to law, not public preference; and
- "A very serious threat exists in the growing tendency at the state and even the national levels to subject the selection of judges and their opinions to the political process—working to repeal decisions and recall judges."

"There is an important role for law schools to play in remedying this," Parker says. "Educational initiatives directed at all parts of the electorate are needed, starting with the fact that civics education has received far too little attention. Law schools and local bar associations need to create better ways to respond on behalf of judges who find themselves increasingly beleaguered when they deliver unpopular decisions."

Parker, who participated in CIC's Task Force on Public Information and Education—one of four different Task Forces reporting to the Commission—also noted that courts and judges need to improve their interaction with the public. They need to clarify language to facilitate understanding of how they function and how their process works. Much

greater effort is also needed, Parker says, to insure that courts—both judges and personnel—truly reflect the diversity of the communities they serve.

As a member of the Task Force on Judicial Candidate Campaign Conduct, Professor Moylan noted that there is “real tension between an individual judicial candidate’s right to speak out and amass resources freely, and doing that in ways that might compromise his or her judicial independence and impartiality.”

For this reason, one of the recommendations adopted by the task force was to amend the Judicial Code of Ethics to require that candidates, both incumbents and non-incumbents, complete a mandatory training program on ethical campaign conduct. Another recommendation is that the Judicial Code provide guidance on acceptable behavior in responding to attacks on rulings in pending cases.

“There is some crazy campaigning going on in other states,” Moylan says. “It’s not impossible to conceive that an interest group might try to game the system by donating money to a judicial candidate they oppose in order to get that judge, if elected, recused when a case affecting their interest comes up for consideration.” >

CIC TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Final Report of the California Commission on Impartial Courts (CIC) contained seventy-one different recommendations designed to “safeguarding judicial quality, impartiality, and accountability in California.” Listed below, in shortened and slightly modified form, are three key recommendations made by each of the four Task Forces.

Task Force on Candidate Campaign Conduct

- An unofficial statewide fair judicial elections committee should be established to educate candidates, the public, and the media about judicial elections.
- A model campaign conduct code for use by the state and local oversight committees should be developed.
- The Code of Judicial Ethics should be amended to require all judicial candidates, including incumbent judges, to complete a mandatory training program on ethical campaign conduct.

Task Force on Judicial Campaign Finance

- Each trial court judge should be subject, with some exceptions, to a mandatory disqualification from hearing any matter involving a party, counsel, party affiliate, or other interested party who has made a monetary contribution of a certain amount to the judge’s campaign.
- Appellate justices’ campaign finance disclosures should be maintained electronically and should be accessible via the Web.
- Legislation should be sponsored prohibiting corporations and unions from expending treasury funds on contributions directly to judicial candidates or to groups making judicial campaign contributions.

Task Force on Public Information and Education

- Solicitation of public feedback on issues such as judicial performance and satisfaction with the courts should be encouraged, facilitated, and enhanced at all times.
- Judges and court administrators should be better trained in how to interact with the media, and training for the media in reporting on legal issues should be supported and facilitated.
- Every child in the state should receive a quality civics education, and judges, courts, teachers, and school administrators should be supported in their efforts to educate students about the judiciary and its function in a democratic society.

Task Force on Judicial Selection and Retention

- Legislation should be sponsored to make the current practice of releasing the Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) rating for a prospective appellate judge mandatory and permanent.
- A constitutional amendment should be sponsored to provide that a trial court judge shall serve at least two years before his or her first election.
- A constitutional amendment should be sponsored to provide that following an appellate justice’s initial retention election, that justices should serve a full 12-year term, rather than the current system of a 4-, 8-, or 12-year term, depending on the length of term remaining for the previous justice holding that seat.

Moylan feels that most of the Commission's recommendations will be adopted, some, as simple rule changes that can be implemented internally by the Judicial Council, and others as actions to be taken by the State Legislature. "The CIC Report," she says, "shows that Chief Justice George and California are being proactive about dealing with problems before they come up."

Professor Clark Kelso

served on the Task Force on Judicial Selection and Retention, which was chaired by long-time Pacific McGeorge adjunct professor **Justice Ronald B. Robie, '67**, of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District.

The task force, in examining the methods and procedures for selecting and retaining judges, found that "judicial quality, impartiality, and accountability require that judicial selection and retention processes be transparent and that voters in judicial elections have sufficient information about the qualifications of the candidates to make informed decisions."

Kelso says the task force concluded that the present systems of electing superior court and appellate judges are working fairly well and need only modest changes and targeted improvements. He agrees with Dean Parker's concern that the lack of public knowledge about judicial elections remains a serious problem. However, he adds that "it is going to take a lot of coordinated work by the courts, bar associations and law schools to improve the situation."

In *Caperton v. Massey*, a judge's ethical conduct was directly in question, specifically whether a Supreme Court of Appeals judge in West Virginia, Brent Benjamin, improperly failed to recuse himself in a case involving Massey Coal Co., which had contributed \$5 million, well over half of Benjamin's entire campaign fund, to his re-election efforts.

Writing for the 5-4 majority, Justice Kennedy noted, that "...judges often inquire into their subjective motives and purposes in the ordinary course of deciding a case. This does not mean the inquiry is a simple one."

Kennedy went on to quote former Justice Benjamin

Cardozo: "The work of deciding cases goes on every day in hundreds of courts throughout the land. Any judge, one might suppose, would find it easy to describe the process which he had followed a thousand times and more. Nothing could be farther from the truth."

Kennedy cited, among other things, the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and "the objective

standard" enunciated by the American Bar Association, namely that "a judge shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety."

Describing the kind of "introspection" judges should make in examining their own motives, Kennedy wrote, "The judge inquires into reasons that seem to be leading to a particular result. Precedent and stare decisis and the text and purpose of the law; logic and scholarship and experience and common sense; and fairness and disinterest and neutrality are among the factors at work.... There are instances when the introspection that often attends this process may reveal that what the judge had assumed to be a proper, controlling factor is not the real one at work. If the judge discovers that some personal bias or improper

consideration seems to be the actuating cause of the decision or to be an influence so difficult to dispel that there is a real possibility of undermining neutrality, the judge may think it necessary to consider withdrawing from the case."

More broadly, Kennedy's decision also addresses the complex legal and ethical issues underlying campaign contributions to judges. Quoted in the *New York Times*, Susan Liss, director of the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice, said, "There has been an unprecedented flood of money into judicial elections in the states. And this decision makes clear that campaign contributions must not be permitted to undermine the impartiality of the courts."

There's little doubt that this decision, together with the CIC report, will be thoroughly analyzed and debated when Pacific McGeorge's symposium convenes in April. Nothing less than the meaning of the separation of powers is at stake.



Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy

Carter Guides International Judges In Evolving World of Ethics Codes

By Robert T. Wazeka



Professor Linda Carter

Judge Richard Goldstone and his friend, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, decided to get together in Salzburg in the summer of 2003. Goldstone would be there to attend a meeting of the Brandeis Institute for International Judges (BIJ) at about the same

time Kennedy would be present to teach a course in Pacific McGeorge's Summer Program.

Goldstone, a former South African Constitutional Court judge, had directed the so-called Goldstone Commission, which exposed abuses by South Africa's security forces under Apartheid. Later, he served as chief prosecutor for the UN International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda. When Kennedy heard about his work with the BIJ, he suggested that McGeorge students, or perhaps faculty, might wish to participate. Two faculty members—Linda Carter and Gregory Weber—did, and a few weeks later they were working as rapporteurs for the 2003 BIJ meeting.

Carter has gone on to become the co-director, with Goldstone, for the BIJ gatherings in Dakar, Senegal, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire and Trinidad. She and Goldstone will also be co-directors for this year's summer meeting in Salzburg.

BIJ, which is part of the Brandeis Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life, convenes about once every eighteen months to discuss issues of mutual interest to international judges, to generate ideas, and to move towards developing policies. Attendance is by invitation only to the heads of the international courts, which currently number fifteen.

"The BIJ is an opportunity for judges from many different types of international and regional tribunals to discuss issues that they have in common," Carter says. "Among those issues are ethical questions that have to be translated into an international context. For instance, to what extent may an international judge publish academic articles in the field? What, if any, outside stipends are permissible? While national jurisdictions usually have established rules on

these points, it is rare for an international or regional court to have a written ethics code. This is an evolving area.

The uniqueness of BIJ lies in the fact that its participants come from many areas of the law and from many types of courts. Further complicating the picture is that some international courts are in the process of winding down while others, such as the Extraordinary Chambers in the Court of Cambodia and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, are just getting underway.

Participants at the 2009 meeting of the BIJ in Trinidad agreed that there has been "an unprecedented expansion of international judicial mechanisms in all spheres of international law." Each time a new court appears, they said, the rule of law itself is strengthened and the need for strong ethical principles to insure an independent and impartial international judiciary is enhanced.

Groups, including the London-based Project on International Courts and Tribunals, have also drafted ethical principles by which to guide international judges. The "Bangalore Principles" were adopted in 2001 by the Judicial Group on Strengthening Judicial Integrity; and the Burgh House Principles were drafted in 2004 by the Study Group of the International Law Association on the Practice and Procedure of International Courts and Tribunals, in association with the Project on International Courts and Tribunals.

"The ethical issues that international judges face," Carter says, "are for the most part the same as those faced by U.S. judges except that the concepts arise in different contexts. Another difference is that these judges all report to a parent body such as the UN Security Council or the International Criminal Court. Notions such as independence and impartiality are trickier to apply here than in an American context, where judicial independence is assumed under the separation of powers."

Carter will be moderating a panel called "Ethics for Judges and Tribunals: An International Perspective" at the April 9-10, 2010, Pacific McGeorge Symposium, "Judicial Ethics and Accountability: At Home and Abroad." The panelists will include Leigh Swigart of Brandeis; Judge Fausto Pocar of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; and Justice John Hedigan of The High Court, Dublin. All three are regular BIJ participants.

In Only Its Fifth Year, National Ethics Trial Competition Has Made a Name for Itself

By Cynthia Kincaid

“The ethics component that sets this competition apart seems to encourage the best possible comportment and the most collegial atmosphere. It is trial law at its best.”

—Professor Jay Leach

Late this March, Pacific McGeorge will welcome 18 leading law schools to its National Ethics Trial Competition, which in only its fifth year has become one of the most prestigious mock trial events in the country.

“The McGeorge ethics event is the class act of competitions,” says Geoffrey Hansen, a federal public defender who coaches the UC Hastings team. “The teams, the judging, and the overall administration of the program are all truly outstanding, and any team invited to participate feels that it is an honor to attend. It is simply a wonderful experience for everyone involved.”

Teams of students will participate in a mock trial in which they will perform as both witnesses and lawyers in a legal malpractice suit. Students will conduct opening statements, be responsible for direct and cross-examinations, and deliver closing arguments. The competition will once again be under the direction of **Professor Jay Leach**, competition director and director of Trial Advocacy at the law school’s Center for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution.

“Here is why I absolutely love organizing and hosting this event,” says Leach. “For three days, our colleagues—the

National Ethics Trial Competition Champions

2006 SUNY Buffalo

2007 Brooklyn

2008 Chicago-Kent

2009 Georgetown

2010 Houston

student participants, their coaches, and the many members of the local bench and bar—replicate the most enjoyable cases I had in practicing law. Those are cases in which, with opposing counsel, the judge, and the jury, we fought hard, played fair, respected each other’s skill and effort, and achieved

a just and fair result. The ethics component that sets this competition apart seems to encourage the best possible comportment and the most collegial atmosphere. It is trial law at its best.”

The competition is sponsored by Dreyer Babich Buccola Callahan & Wood LLP and co-sponsored by the ABA Section of Litigation and The Anthony M Kennedy American Inn of Court. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California in downtown Sacramento provides the tournament site once again.

“It’s important that aspiring trial lawyers understand that there is more than just the presentation of evidence that makes a trial lawyer,” says **Robert Buccola**, ’83, managing partner at Dreyer Babich. “All the things that expose one’s character are of critical importance, and they are not only



Juliet Cho gets ready for the 2010 NETC event.

Photography: Steve Yeater

appreciated by the court, but also perceived by the jury.”

A panel of volunteer judges, drawn from the local bar, oversees and scores the proceedings. “McGeorge has done an unbelievable in job recruiting the finest judges, jurists, and trial lawyers to act as judges,” Buccola says. “They are all very accomplished professionals.”

Against this backdrop, students are expected to conduct themselves as they would in a real world courtroom setting. “Students will be scrutinized by judges, their professors, and their fellow students, so eyes are on them at all times,” says Buccola. “They are under a microscope. It’s an impressive training program.”

Competence and ethics are emphasized in law schools across the country. This competition gives students a chance to focus on the importance of both. This is a main emphasis that led Dreyer Babich to sponsor the event.

“We thought that it would be a good idea to get on board and help sponsor a program that teaches these traits in law school before students hit the pavement,” Buccola says. “We want to see considerable focus on the importance of ethics.”

The field this year includes teams from UC Berkeley, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Chicago-Kent, Fordham, Georgetown, UC Hastings, Houston, Pacific McGeorge, St. Mary’s, St. John’s, Samford, South Texas, Stetson, Syracuse, Temple, Tulane and Wisconsin.



Cathleen Demant, Juliet Cho, Will Jackson and Kate Rankin prepare for the 2010 National Ethics Trial Competition.

Ultimately, the goal of the competition is to expose law students to the rigors of the courtroom, while reminding them of the importance of ethics and professionalism in practicing the law.

“We want to make sure the practice of law remains dignified, and we know the work the professors at McGeorge do is virtually unequalled,” says Buccola. “We believe very deeply in the principles of ethics and professionalism. We knew McGeorge would capture its purest essence.”



Professor Jay Leach greets NETC competitors from 18 law schools at the U.S. Courthouse in downtown Sacramento.

Going the Extra Mile: Legal Ethics at Pacific McGeorge

By Robert T. Wazeka

Only after the Watergate scandals did American law schools start giving serious consideration to the teaching of legal ethics. However, these early efforts were largely misguided and perfunctory, according to **Professor Paul Paton**, director of the Pacific McGeorge's Ethics Across the Professions initiative.

Paton made his case in "Lawyers, Ethics, and Enron" [8 *Stanford Journal of Law, Bus. & Fin.* 9 (2002)], an article he co-authored with Stanford law professor Deborah Rhode. "American Bar Association leaders," Paton wrote, "in search of some visible and easily implemented response, decided to require that all accredited law schools provide mandatory instruction in professional responsibility."

"The adequacy of this response was open to challenge," Paton continued. "At least initially, many schools made only token efforts at compliance. They often instituted two-unit required courses, taught primarily by non-tenure track faculty that focused solely on bar disciplinary codes. Many of these offerings constituted the functional equivalent of legal ethics without the ethics."

As efforts to bring legal ethics into law school curricula gained momentum, two distinct approaches began to take shape. One was simply to teach a course or two in ethics that ranged across a variety of legal issues; the other was to make the teaching of ethics "pervasive," as Rhode argued in her influential article, "Ethics by the Pervasive Method" [*Journal of Legal Education* 31 (1992)]. The pervasive method anticipates that law faculties will explore ethical dimensions inherent in all, or nearly all, of the courses they teach.



Lieutenant General Dana Chipman, the Army's Judge Advocate General, speaks to an ethics class at Pacific McGeorge.

Photography: Steve Yeater

At Pacific McGeorge, where teaching of legal ethics is a priority, both methods are in full flower. Global Lawyering Skills, a new two-year course directed by **Professors Mary-Beth Moylan and Stephanie Thompson**, brings ethical considerations into the forefront of research, case analysis, objective legal writing, client counseling skills, and other lawyering skills.

Besides teaching the core course in Professional Responsibility, which is considerably more than a “prep course” for the mandatory Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam, Paton introduced an expanded course on ethics issues last year called Legal Ethics and the Legal Profession. New also this spring is Ethics for the Government and Public Lawyer, a course that is part of the Capital Center’s certificate program. It is designed to accompany and complement student placements in externships and other work in government, regulatory or agency settings.

The Government and Public Lawyer course introduces students to ethics law at the federal and state levels. The issues covered are numerous: conflicts of interest for government and agency employees; financial reporting; privilege and confidentiality; restrictions on dealing with former employers; gift rules; negotiations with future employers; whistle blowing and whistleblower protection; representing back to the government; regulation of the lobbying industry; ethics for prosecutors and public defenders; and ethics for the military lawyer.

The course is a prototypical example of the kind of experiential learning recommended by the Carnegie Foundation report. It is deliberately designed to harmonize with student externships in public agencies. Some students taking the course will have just completed an externship and others are doing one concurrently with the course. As part of Paton’s course, students are expected to analyze and discuss ethical issues that have arisen during their externships.

The list of guest lecturers in the course is impressive. The Army’s Judge Advocate General, Lt. Gen. Dana Chipman,

spoke on the ethics of military lawyering. The head of the Sacramento office of the Federal Public Defender, Daniel Broderick, talked about the unique and important challenges facing prosecutors and defense counsel. The former dean of the Notre Dame Law School lectured on “Reviving the Original Meaning of Ethics in Business and the Professions.”

Even the disbarred lawyer at the center of the BALCO steroid scandal that rocked major league baseball spoke to students in a closed-door session about how the choices he made both landed him in prison and marked the end of a professional career.

The required two-year course in Global Lawyering Skills that Moylan and Thompson oversee and teach—along with twelve full-time and five adjunct faculty—emphasizes the role of ethics in writing, research, oral argument, client interviews, drafting settlements, mediation and other legal skills covered by the course.

“Ethics appears right in the very first class where we explain what it means to be a lawyer,” Moylan says, “and it weaves through all the classes

in both the first and second years. In combination with our ethics classes and with our preparation for the National Ethics Trial Competition, it’s fair to say that McGeorge teaches ethics both by immersion and by offering distinct classes devoted to ethics.”

As with so many other classes taught by the Pacific McGeorge faculty, experiential learning is the key. “We teach ethics and professionalism by example through role-playing situations and other experiential activities,” Moylan says.

In a recent entry in a well-known blog entitled “Morse Code: Inside the College Rankings,” writer Bob Morse wonders whether “professionalism and ethics [should] be added as a specialty law ranking, like the ones *U.S. News* currently has for such areas as clinical training, dispute resolution, environmental law, healthcare law, and intellectual property.”

Many lawyers and law schools might readily endorse such an idea.



Professor Paul Paton in his ethics class



Federal Public Defender Daniel Broderick speaks to students.



*They've Got Your Back in
Hollywood's Wild, Wild West*

By Jan Ferris Heenan

Entertainment Law



*The perks of the job are undeniable:
famous clients, free concert tickets
and great seats, business trips to
Sundance and Cannes.*

But entertainment law—with its wide range of intellectual property, contract work and host of other specialties—can also be steeped in long hours, high pressure and a fair amount of travel.

“You get to see the underbelly of Hollywood. Basically, it’s a reality,” says **Douglas L. Johnson**, of Johnson & Johnson, LLP, of Beverly Hills. “I’ve never seen a business where people will just stab you in the back, or don’t adhere to contract. It’s just like the Wild, Wild West out here.”

Here’s a brief look at a few of the Pacific McGeorge alumni who work primarily in entertainment law.

Barry E. Mallen, '85

Barry Mallen considered going into tax law when he was a student. Now he couldn’t conceive of anything as gratifying as entertainment law.

Mallen, who received his bachelor’s degree from UCLA, is a partner and co-chair of entertainment litigation for Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, and specializes in both film and music. “As interesting as you think it may be, there’s probably even more interesting stuff that will never see the



light of day,” says Mallen, who describes part of his job as “behind-the-scenes crisis management.”

Mallen’s clients over the years have included Neil Young, John Fogerty, Robin Williams and scores of other big names. Recently, Mallen successfully resolved litigation brought against Brian Wilson by his former Beach Boys band mate, Dennis Love. “We turned back both cases, got them dismissed and (recouped) lawyer fees,” he says.

Other alleged copyright infringement suits Mallen has defended over the years have involved artists such as the Rolling Stones, Ice Cube, KISS, the Beastie Boys and Kenny Loggins.

Digital technology has definitely changed the landscape, according to Mallen. “It has led to new kinds of deals and new kinds of disputes, especially in the realm of >

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copyright,” he says. “It has also put the music companies under siege. Consolidation means the same number of lawyers fighting for a smaller number of clients.”

Mallen chalks up his professional start to “luck,” and advises others hoping to work in entertainment or media law to “meet as many people as you can.”

Jennifer Karie, '00

Jennifer Karie's first several years as an entertainment attorney involved 14-hour days in the office, capped off with evenings at local music venues, meeting with musicians and producers.

“At the time, it was great. I was 25 years old with an expense account and full access,” says Karie.

Her first job after law school was with a small private practice firm in Los Angeles, working with celebrities from comedians to athletes. She spent a year there, her caseload including a vault of poems belonging to the late rapper Tupac Shakur and the talent contracts of Ed McMahon's TV hit, “Next Big Star.”

She moved on to a larger firm more focused on the music industry. It was a time, she says, when recording artists were starting to build their empires: fragrances, fashion lines and books. Karie worked with jazz musician Herbie Hancock, Gwen Stefani and No Doubt, and other artists.

It was exciting work, but all-consuming. Karie took a year off, did some consulting and decided to get back into the field as in-house counsel instead of with a private firm. She has been with NBC Universal Television Distribution ever since as director of business affairs. That entails contract and other work for such programs as the Jerry Springer and Maury Povich shows, and selling syndication of “The Office” and other existing NBC programs to various TV station groups.

It is a more manageable schedule. Karie, who works on the Universal Studios lot, even occasionally steps out to the theme park on her lunch hour to hop a ride. “I have a boyfriend and a dog waiting for me when I get home,” she says. “It's something I wish I had known earlier on in my career how important that is. Unfortunately, when you're a young lawyer, you don't have a lot of options.”

Douglas L. Johnson, '00

Doug Johnson was an undergraduate at the University of Southern California and looking for an internship. He opted for a firm that practiced entertainment law, which turned out to be a good move. The internship turned into a clerkship. Johnson was mentored by well-known entertainment attorney Neville Johnson (no relation) and went to work for him shortly after graduating from Pacific McGeorge.

The two co-founded Johnson & Johnson LLP, which works with an expansive roster of actors, musicians, writers, models, athletes and other entertainers. “The cases that

we do are very exciting,” Johnson says, citing First Amendment, defamation, and breach of contract among the recurring legal themes. “They're thrilling, fast-paced, cutting edge.”

One of Johnson's first major legal coups involved a \$1 million copyright infringement judgment on behalf of New Age artist Suzanne Doucet and her label against an Oregon record distributor. More recently, he was the lead counsel in a certified class action against the Writers Guild of America for nonpayment of foreign royalties to its members, a case with a multi-million dollar settlement. “That was amazing to me, to see the unions that were supposed to protect their members . . . doing things that were not in line with the interests of their members,” Johnson says.

One of Johnson's current cases involves divorce lawyer Jeff Sturman as the plaintiff against jailed private investigator Anthony Pellicano, convicted entertainment lawyer Terry Christensen and Las Vegas casino mogul Kirk Kerkorian. The suit alleges that Sturman was illegally wiretapped in conversations with his own client, Lisa Bonder Kerkorian, now Kirk's ex-wife. “I've never listened to anything as interesting in my life,” says Johnson, referring to the audiotaped phone calls.

Johnson particularly enjoys arguing cases in court, and credits Pacific McGeorge, in part, for his courtroom style. “The trial advocacy stuff was really good,” he recalls. “They brought in a communications expert who taught us to use hand gestures. I use those to this day.”



Jennifer Karie '00



Douglas Johnson '00

Scott Hervey, '95

Attorney Scott Hervey represents clients such as professional wrestler Hulk Hogan and the long-locked Dog the Bounty Hunter of A&E channel fame, and does so from the somewhat remote home base of his office on Sacramento's Capitol Mall.

The two larger-than-life celebrities live out of town, as do most of Hervey's clientele – namely in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Florida. But Hervey, one of few Northern California-based entertainment lawyers, says he manages handily with cell phones and Southwest Airlines.

Hervey grew up in L.A. His younger brother was a child actor, his mother a talent agent. Still, after graduating from California State University, Northridge, Hervey received his law degree from Pacific McGeorge and settled in Sacramento. An interest in the local music scene led to his first entertainment client: a record producer who worked with Cake, and produced a track for the Black Eyed Peas.

"I thought what he was doing was interesting, and I knew copyright really well," says Hervey, who specializes in business and intellectual property law for the firm of Weintraub Genshlea Chediak.

Hervey has particularly enjoyed his work with Hogan, and calls himself his "general business legal quarterback." Transactions for Hogan range from brand licensing and sponsorship to TV shows. "It's fun to work for him because he is very much business focused. He is very business savvy," Hervey says.

Working with the rich and famous brings plenty of fringe benefits, too, such as invitations to Malibu beach houses and yacht parties. "I've been to Cannes with a client for work, and that wasn't too shabby," he notes.

Hervey is serving his second term on the Alumni Association Board of Directors at Pacific McGeorge. He believes in giving back. "If it wasn't for McGeorge, I wouldn't be where I am today," he says. "McGeorge prepared me to be an excellent lawyer, to be able to deal with how tough this industry is."



Scott Hervey '95



Evan Cohen '85

Evan Cohen, '85

Evan Cohen's family has been involved in L.A.'s music scene for more than a half century, opening coffee houses on the Sunset Strip in the 1960s, managing Frank Zappa, and launching record labels featuring the likes of Tom Waits and the punk rock band, Dead Kennedys.

"I got a lot of grief for it in law school. Everybody knew my family had a law firm, that I had a job waiting for me when I got out," says Cohen, whose uncle, Herb Cohen, managed Zappa, Alice Cooper and several other musicians.

"On the other hand, this has been a lot of work the

last 25 years," he continues. "I helped make some very important decisions that are still cited. I didn't just hang around here with a family legacy."

Cohen has covered the gamut, working with recording artists, songwriters and heirs on royalty issues, copyright terminations and other matters. He has represented rock, folk and rhythm and blues artists, among others. In 1989, he helped secure a settlement for two former members of the Turtles. The case was over a hip-hop groups' uncredited "sampling" or use of several chords from a Turtles song.

Given that Zappa and Waits were frequent visitors to Cohen's home as a child, he is generally unfazed by his clients' celebrity. Still, working with five-time Grammy Award winner Barry White several

years ago was a particularly memorable experience, he says. A huge White fan, Cohen sat next to the singer-songwriter at a deposition. "I think Barry appreciated the theatrics of the thing," he recalls.

Cohen oversees Manifesto Records, the successor to the independent labels his uncle set up some 40 years ago. Among Manifesto's titles: Tom Waits' "The Early Years" (volumes one and two), several recordings by Tim Buckley and, since 2001, Dead Kennedys.

His counsel for law school graduates hoping to work in the entertainment industry? "There are not as many lawyers able to devote themselves solely to music [now]. Newcomers to the field need to be flexible," he says.

BASEBALL'S SUPERSTAR AGENT: *Scott Boras*



HIS CAREER'S PROFOUND IMPACT ON SPORTS CAN BE MEASURED
BY THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SALARIES OF HIS CLIENTS

In 1977, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Cubs exchanged a pair of major leaguers with the Cardinals throwing the proverbial “player to be named later” into the mix. A few months later, it was announced with little fanfare that the player was one **Scott Boras**. Nobody in major league baseball had ever heard of him.

Well, they've heard of him now. *By Mike Curran*

Scott Boras, '82, is one of the most powerful men in baseball, an entertainment industry that generates more than \$6 billion in annual revenues. As the pre-eminent agent in all of sports, his negotiation skills and mastery of contract law have had a seismic effect on the playing field. Thanks to him, the athletes that embody America's national pastime are among the highest-paid entertainers in the world.

The 57-year-old Boras represents 70 major league baseball players and an equal number of minor leaguers, most of them top prospects in their various organizations. Over the course of his career, he has secured \$3 billion in player contracts. He negotiated baseball's first \$50 million contract (Greg Maddux) and the largest contract in the history of professional team sports (Alex Rodriguez, \$275 million, 2008-2017). Over a quarter century, he singlehandedly changed the compensation offered by teams to college and high school players in the annual amateur draft. Boras put an exclamation point on that part of his story last August when he obtained a record-setting \$15.4 million deal for San Diego State phenom Stephen Strasburg before the college junior had even thrown a pitch for the Washington Nationals.

Boras' exploits have been documented in every major

newspaper and magazine, from *Business Week* to *The New Yorker*. Occasionally, an article mentions that he has a degree from Pacific McGeorge School of Law. But make no mistake about it—Boras got where he is today, in part, because of his legal education. In fact, his career as an agent began as a Pacific McGeorge student in the Evening Division, Class of 1982.

Growing up on a family farm in Elk Grove, Boras acquired a blue-collar work ethic—and a love of baseball, at which he excelled. He went to the University of the Pacific in Stockton. He was a star outfielder for the Tigers for three years, signed a pro contract with the Cardinals and played minor league baseball for four seasons before knee injuries ended his playing career.

In the off-season, Boras returned to Pacific and, after six years of study, earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. At a recent fundraiser in Stockton, he lauded his education there. “Pacific has done a lot for me in my life,” he says. “They gave me a scholarship and it changed my life. I'm very grateful to the university and the baseball program.”

Working as a pharmacist in the daytime at Methodist Hospital in south Sacramento, Boras entered law school with a career plan to combine his undergraduate degree with a law

degree. He struggled at first, but finished in the top third of his graduating class. “I had some excellent teachers at McGeorge,” he says. “Judge Adams was a nice man. I really enjoyed [Professor Emeritus] **Anthony Skrocki**, and **Steve McCaffrey** was dynamic in Real Property and International Law.”

Near the end of his law school days, fate intervened when a friend, journeyman major leaguer Mike Fischlin, asked him for contract advice. Those were the days when most teams gave their backup players take-it-or-leave-it contract offers, and phone calls to the front office from budding attorneys were treated rudely.

Boras helped negotiate a modest contract for Fischlin and set out to learn more about the rather cloistered entertainment industry even as he embarked on his law career as an associate with Chicago’s Rooks, Pitts & Poust (now Dykema Gossett), a pharmaceutical defense firm.

Several former minor league teammates, including relief pitcher Bill Caudill, sought his help. Boras negotiated one-year contracts for Caudill for three years, then in 1984 his client had that once-in-a-lifetime year, recording 36 saves and nine victories for an awful Oakland A’s club. Knowing it would cost big money to sign him again, they traded him to Toronto in the off-season.

Caudill was eligible for baseball’s version of arbitration, a one-year contract selected by an arbitrator who picks between the club’s offer and the asking price of the player or his agent. Unlike the vast majority of sports agents, Boras is an attorney. A member of the State Bar of California since 1983, Boras knew what to do when confronted with an unfamiliar field of law—seek advice from the best. Boras went back to Pacific McGeorge.

In early 1985, Professor Emeritus Don Wollett got a call from a young alumnus in Chicago. Wollett, a member of the Pacific McGeorge faculty from 1978 to 1990, was a nationally known labor attorney. A lifetime baseball fan who had once served as a baseball arbitrator himself, Wollett gladly jumped into the fray after Boras flew to Sacramento from Chicago.

Boras knew the Blue Jays wanted Caudill on their team for more than one year and that an arbitration decision, no matter which party prevailed, would only commit Caudill

to Toronto for a single year. With his client’s consent, Boras hatched a plan to push for arbitration right up until the hearing date while hoping to secure a long-term contract. Wollett flew into Chicago to consult on the negotiations.

In a high-stakes poker game at a Chicago hotel, Boras extracted a five-year \$7.5 million contract. “When I walked out of the room, I realized it was the moment in your career when you’ve arrived,” he recalled years later. It was a stunning contract at the time, and it’s still stunning decades later. Caudill was the seventh-highest paid player in the major leagues in the 1985 season – behind only a handful of players including future Hall of Famers Dave Winfield, Mike Schmidt, Gary Carter and Rickey Henderson.

Wollett, age 90, lives in Whidbey Island, Washington, and still shakes his head at the nerve of Boras and his negotiating skills. “The first time I met Scott, I thought he was going to go far. His accomplishments as a sports attorney are nothing short of amazing. One thing the average baseball fan doesn’t know about Scott is that he makes sure his clients don’t squander their money and are set for life financially. His advice and his company’s advice continue long

after the contract ends—even after their playing days are over. And on a personal level, I was extremely fortunate to have Scott keep me connected to baseball.”

Wollett worked with Boras for many years, helping the superstar agent fine-tune arbitration briefs that would put Supreme Court pleadings to shame. They won more than their share of arbitration hearings, and Boras named a conference room in his plush Newport Beach headquarters of the Scott Boras Corp. after his mentor.

“I remember one time early on in our relationship when Scott said to me, ‘You know, I don’t think they like me,’ about some baseball owners and general managers,” says Wollett.

I told him, “If you are really effective at what you do as an attorney, 95 percent of what is going to be said about you will be negative.”

That has certainly turned out to be the case in Boras’ career—except for what is said about Boras by those who matter the most, his clients.



Scott Boras, '82, was honored as the 2002 Alumnus of the Year.

It All Starts Here

ARRIVING AT ONE GOAL IS THE
STARTING POINT TO ANOTHER.*

In these tougher economic times, some may succumb to the grim statistics emblazoned across media headlines, detected in the voices of politicians and palpable at town hall meetings. Some argue it is a terrible time to start the arduous—and yes, costly—journey into law school. But these first-year students must have subscribed to the Mother Theresa school of thought, that “life is a challenge, meet it.” And not merely meet it, but exceed it. This highly credentialed group—one of the brightest on Pacific McGeorge record—is intent to charge ahead full steam, with passion, talent and belief that could chasten the direst of headlines. The following profiles highlight a few standouts who have started here, and who will someday be making a real difference for communities everywhere.

*John Dewey (American philosopher, psychologist and educator, 1859-1952)

By Courtney Nowling; Photography by John Blaustein

Students

By the Numbers

Hail from 22 states and five countries

Represent 105 undergraduate institutions including Stanford, Brigham Young and Cornell

Day Division

Students: 236

Median LSAT: 158

UGPA: 3.41

Diversity: 27.1%

Evening Division

Students: 94

Median LSAT: 155

UGPA: 3.30

Diversity: 31.8%

In addition, our LL.M. and J.S.D. programs also welcomed nearly 40 international students from 20 countries including: Austria, Bulgaria, China, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan and the Ukraine.

“In 2009, Pacific McGeorge enrolled one of the strongest credentialed and geographically diverse classes ever at the law school. Entering students hailed from some of the finest undergraduate programs in the country from 22 different states across the U.S.” - Adam W. Barrett, Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management

Ashley Tanaka

Hometown:

Honolulu, HI

Undergraduate:

Stanford

Major:

International Relations, Chinese

Graduation:

2012

In a family of medical professionals, **Ashley Tanaka's** path could easily have veered into medicine.

But as this multi-cultural student knows, with all of the choices in life, sometimes one feels like a better fit. For her, culturally, that is Japanese, and for her career, law rather than medicine.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Ashley is half Japanese, a quarter Chinese, and a quarter Korean. Despite the "family business" (her father is a physician, her mother a nurse and her older sister is in medical school), Ashley admits that "medicine never struck a chord with me," and credits her parents for encouraging her to find her own passion. Her high school U.S. history teacher opened her eyes to the possibilities of law — "I began to believe in justice and pictured myself studying law so that I could help others less fortunate and less educated to understand their rights." Ashley's undergrad studies centered on foreign languages, including Mandarin Chinese and Japanese, and she one day hopes to pick up another language to expand her multicultural interests. For now, she is enjoying "one of the strongest and most extensive international law programs in the country" at Pacific McGeorge.

Avid outdoorsman and accounting major **Derek Hoffman** has skied Snowbird and balanced many a bottom line. An only child from Draper, Utah — "seriously, an only child in Utah?!" — his Mormon faith taught him that service and leadership were important and fulfilling.

From drumming in his high school band and uniting communities while on mission to spontaneously boarding a plane to Thailand with only a backpack, Derek calls all the faces, places and experiences along the way "life changing." He was drawn to Pacific McGeorge for many reasons. His cousin and alum John Moore, '03, raved about the faculty and "that they write the textbooks used in some of the best schools in the country." It offers a location like home, with "mountains, waterways, year-round fun," and the opportunity to dive right into the legislative fervor in Sacramento. Derek sees a law degree "as a way to position [myself] for more opportunity." His family's background in real estate spurred him to enroll in the masters in real estate program at Johns Hopkins University, and through his studies, he now sees "the synthesis of accounting, real estate and law coming together."

Derek Hoffman

Hometown:

Draper, Utah

Undergraduate:

Brigham Young

Major:

Accounting

Awarded:

Masters Candidate in Real Estate, Johns Hopkins University

Graduation:

2012

A penny for what inspired **Theresa Ortiz** to pursue law? Actually, it's the man on the penny who gets the credit. Theresa recalls it well: "In the third grade we learned about President Lincoln, and when I found out he was an attorney, right then and there I decided to be just like him."

Born in Chicago, Theresa was temporarily uprooted to Sudan, Africa, but returned in time for school, this time in California. After high school, the Chicago winds pulled her back, and she attended the University of Chicago as a psychology major. Eventually, the arctic 40-below winters took their toll, and she began to dream of sunny California, and so applied to Pacific McGeorge as well as schools in

Chicago. Upon visiting Sacramento, "I was pretty sure it was for me!" she says, recalling the friendliness of the students and faculty, and the advantage of the school's close proximity to the Capitol for pursuing a career in public interest law to help out those who cannot help themselves. Her absolute dream job is either working for the UN or for the ACLU, but as she says, "First step lawyer, next step, well, I'm getting ahead of myself...!"

Theresa Ortiz

Hometown:

Chicago, IL

Undergraduate:

University of Chicago

Major:

Psychology

Graduation

2012



Rebecca Payo

LL.M. Transnational Business Practice

Hometown:

Denver, CO

Undergraduate:

Colorado College

Graduate:

Washburn University, Law

Graduation

2010

Talent and inspiration describe **Rebecca Payo's** former life as a professional dancer with the Colorado Ballet, and the elements that later helped her realize a career in international law.

Already a well-stamped world traveler throughout the U.S., Europe, Mexico, Guatemala, Taiwan and Zimbabwe, this Denver native had a dream of international law she couldn't shake and a desire to prove the

George Bernard Shaw quote: "that youth is wasted on the young," wrong. Those travels, particularly to France, inspired her to practice international law, and today she marvels at an office view in Rotterdam as an international intern at one of the largest European firms. While earning her J.D from Washburn University, she was introduced to Pacific McGeorge through the collaborative University of Salzburg Summer Program, and after a glowing recommendation from a law professor, chose Pacific McGeorge's LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice program. "I owe a great debt of gratitude to the professors who believed in me and pushed me to press the limits of what I thought was possible. Pacific McGeorge's program, coursework, staff, and especially professors coalesced to make an experience of a lifetime, and I am very proud to be a graduate! My European colleagues tell me that Americans tend to overstate things, but my response to them is that they haven't studied at Pacific McGeorge!"





Anthony Chinakwe

Hometown:
Sacramento, CA
Undergraduate:
UC Santa Barbara
Major:
Sociology
Graduation
2012

He's had multiple tournament wins and beat UCLA for the Div I soccer title, but Anthony, "Tony" Chinakwe's "greatest accomplishment" is getting into Pacific McGeorge.

Tony drives for the hoop in everything he does, noting, "I said one day I'm going to win a [soccer] championship. We won a league title three years in a row. I'm going to get a scholarship. I did. I'm going to law school. Now I am." The third son to Nigerian immigrants, this Sacramento native and Christian Brothers grad learned from his parents the value of hard work and persistence—"if they could make this life for our family from nothing, the least I can do is to make something of myself." A torn ACL while on scholarship for Loyola Marymount (where he practiced with NBA greats Mike Bibby and Chris Webber in the summer) dashed his pro hopes, but the example of Tony's idol, Pacific McGeorge alum and sports agent Scott Boras, inspired him to think law school. Tony chose Pacific McGeorge over Santa Clara, USF and Golden Gate since "in this economy, going someplace like the Bay Area to get an education that's just as good in my hometown—what's to think about?"

Lindsey and Clayton McCarl share more than a last name and a few interests. They met in business class at Cornell University, took many of the same science courses, worked at the same Northrop Grumman engineering office, and frequent the local gun range together. They co-taught a course in English as a Second Language through their church. And even their interest in law was a result of the work experience they shared in the nation's capital. When it came time for choosing a law school, they both agreed that they were attracted to Pacific McGeorge for its "strengths in government and international law," with Clayton adding that they are also "really impressed with Pacific McGeorge's ties to the federal government and intelligence community workforce." The couple is now making her hometown of Sacramento home, and are enjoying "saving money by living with my parents!" she laughs. Future plans are the topic of much discussion, with Lindsay interested in serving veterans and with Clayton hoping to pursue a judicial clerkship. For now, the only surefire goal for these first-years, is taking a second honeymoon in Hawaii after graduation. "Oh," says Lindsay, "and maybe finally developing some of our own individual interests!"

Clayton & Lindsay McCarl

Clayton:
Hometown:
Millersville, MD
Undergraduate:
Cornell University
Major:
Information Science
Graduation
2012

Lindsay:
Hometown:
Sacramento, CA
Graduate:
Cornell University
Major:
Master of Engineering in Applied Operations Research
Graduation
2012



School News

Security Law Journal Makes Early Impact

The *Journal of National Security Law & Policy*, which was founded by Pacific McGeorge and is housed on the Sacramento campus, has made a significant impact in periodical circles since its launch in 2007.

According to citation data gathered by Washington & Lee School of Law, which tracks more than 557 peer-reviewed law journals, the JNSLP was ranked second on a “currency factor” scale that assesses the degree to which published material is quickly cited by others. The JNSLP was ranked sixth based on “impact factor” and rated 12th overall. *The Supreme Court Review*, which has been published for 50 years by the University of Chicago, is No. 1.

“As with any legal periodical, the frequency with which our articles are cited is an important measure of influence,” says **Dr. Molly Pyle**, the managing editor of the *Journal of National Security Law & Policy*. “We can then say that despite our relative youth, the JNSLP is already among the most-frequently cited periodicals, and we are very proud of that fact.”

“It is exciting news,” says **Professor John Sims**, a senior editor and one of the founding co-editors of the publication. “We obviously hit upon a timely topic when we launched the journal

and our affiliation with the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism at Syracuse University has added to the journal’s prestige.”

The *Journal of National Security Law & Policy* is published twice a year. Among the articles in its latest edition, Volume 3, Issue 2 (2009), is an article by **Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker**, “National Security Advice for a New Administration.”

The journal’s annual subscription price is \$30. For more information, go to jnspl.com.

Thomas Becomes Oldest-Ever Graduate

Alice Thomas, age 79, became the oldest graduate in Pacific McGeorge history on December 17, 2009, when she received her degree along with 43 other J.D. graduates. She is one of the oldest persons ever to earn a law degree from an ABA-accredited school.

An inspiration to her younger classmates, Thomas worked for more than four

years to gain her degree. She devoted much of her time in her first two years of law school to taking care of a long-time friend who eventually succumbed to Alzheimer’s disease.

When Pacific McGeorge established its Elder Law Clinic in 2008, she was the first student enrollee, and her volunteer work helped numerous senior citizens handle a variety of legal issues.

A former Las Vegas legal secretary, Thomas took a job in January 2010 at a Reno law office but has decided to return to Sacramento in a few months to study for the July 2010 California bar examination.

Lackey Named To University Post

Mary Lou Lackey, the executive assistant dean for administrative affairs at Pacific McGeorge, moved to the Stockton campus the first of the year to serve as vice president and secretary to the University of the Pacific’s Board of Regents.



Journal of National Security Law & Policy

Lackey, who has overseen all non-academic operations at Pacific McGeorge since 2003, will be responsible for supervising the university's offices of information technology, institutional planning, legal counsel and President Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck's office.

"Mary Lou joined our law school just a year after I began my deanship," says Pacific McGeorge Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. "She has made remarkable contributions to the school during her time here—significantly improving the professionalism of our administrative team and its operations."

Going to NTC Finals Becoming a Habit

A Pacific McGeorge team won a regional event in the National Trial Competition for the third year in a row and advanced to the championship finals of the prestigious tournament for the fourth time in five years.

David Wiksell, '10, and Chris Chin, '10, defeated a UC Hastings team in a final-round match in February competition at Stanford Law School in Palo Alto. They will move on to the national finals hosted by the Texas Young Lawyers Association, held March 24-27, 2010, in Dallas, Texas.

The team, coached by Roseville attorney Tim Balcom, '97, beat another Hastings entry and a UC Berkeley team to reach the semifinals where they swept past UC Davis.



From left, Randy Schaber, Dean Parker, Justice Kennedy, President Eibeck and James Sammut

Kennedy Breaks Ground on Legal Studies Center

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Pacific McGeorge Legal Studies Center, praising plans for the \$10 million law library expansion.

"In the law, we often deal with theories and abstractions," Kennedy says. "This building is something tangible that connects us to the rule of law that binds all Americans. It confirms once again the commitment that these law students and law faculty have to that ideal."

Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck, the new president of the University of the Pacific, introduced Justice Kennedy as "our longest-serving current professor at Pacific McGeorge" at the September 2010 event. Kennedy taught constitutional law at the Sacramento law school from 1965 until 1988 when he was sworn in as the 104th justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He has taught annually in the McGeorge Salzburg Summer Program in Austria since 1989.

Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, James Sammut, the president of the Student Bar Association, and Randy Schaber, nephew of the late Dean Gordon Schaber, joined Kennedy and Eibeck in the ceremonial groundbreaking shovel toss.

The Pacific McGeorge Legal Studies Center,

which will house the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library, is set for completion in May 2011.

"The fundraising is almost complete with major gifts from the Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation, the Fletcher Jones Foundation, the Arata Brothers Trust, the Pacific McGeorge alumni board, and many others," says Charlene Mattison, '06, assistant dean for Advancement. However, there is still money left to secure the last part of construction and, therefore, an opportunity for all others to get involved."

"The Nevada alumni have launched a major campaign to name a Nevada Room in the new building," Mattison adds. "If you are a Nevada attorney, you can get involved by contacting the Advancement Office at 916.739.7300." Patricia Lundvall, '89, (Las Vegas), John Hawkins, '75, (Reno), and others are spearheading the project by serving on the Nevada Room committee.

Several classes are reconnecting to raise funds and name a space to commemorate their graduation year. There will be a full rollout giving everyone an opportunity to name a chair, study area, shelving unit, room, etc. Look for the invitation mailer at the end of the summer or contact the Advancement Office now to secure your legacy naming area.

Faculty News



Professor Miriam Cherry

Cherry, Wong Article Looks at Clawbacks

One of the most vexing conundrums to emerge from the financial meltdown topic—that was the centerpiece of the last issue of *Pacific Law*—is the federal government’s apparent inability to keep bad behavior from being rewarded.

In the wake of the financial scandal, an article written by two Pacific McGeorge professors, “Clawbacks: Prospective Contract Measures in an Era of Excessive Executive Compensation and Ponzi Schemes,” has garnered a lot of attention in academic and corporate circles.

Professors Miriam Cherry and Jarrod Wong’s article, which was published in the *Minnesota Law Review*, 94 Minn. L. Rev. 368 (2009), proposes a theory of clawbacks and advocates the insertion of prospective clawback terms directly into contracts. Barring that option, it advocates their implementation through default rules where possible,



Professor Jarrod Wong

including via potential amendments to the laws of securities regulation.

They authors fault top government officials for not attaching more strings to bailout cash from the Treasury’s \$700 billion TARP rescue fund. “The legislation actually made it easier to pay AIG bonuses out,” contends Cherry, adding the Treasury could at least have stalled the payments by forcing the executives to sue for their bonuses in court.

Wong and Cherry have presented their paper at several major conferences, including the Business Associations Section of the Association of American Law School’s annual conference in New Orleans. The article was also distributed to the participants of the “Madoff One Year Later: What Have We Learned” conference in early March at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Malloy Study Reveals Dismal Sanctions Results

Professor Michael Malloy released the results of an empirical study on economic sanctions in January at the Association of American Law Schools’ annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, and his surprising findings may impact future use of the controversial international policy tool.

Malloy’s paper, “Caught in the Cross-Currents: International Economic Sanctions in Contemporary Practice,” reveals that sanctions have often produced dismal results.

The paper, which was selected by a peer-review committee for presentation at a joint session of the AALS Sections on National Security Law, International Human Rights, and International Law, reports the results of empirical research on the effect of sanctions imposed in response to human rights abuses. In each of the case studies that he analyzed—Zimbabwe/Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, Myanmar, and Belarus—sanctions appear to have had negligible or mixed results, regardless of whether they were imposed multilaterally under UN Security Council mandate or unilaterally under United States sanctions legislation.

Malloy’s study is available at mcgeorge.edu/x518.xml.



The Citizenship Fair was a major success in its first year.

Citizenship Fair Helps Immigrants

Pacific McGeorge's inaugural Citizenship Fair exceeded all expectations, helping 290 immigrant attendees with a five-hour program in November, which included one-on-one assistance with paperwork, civics classes, mock federal interviews and a variety of workshops.

More than 80 students from Pacific McGeorge, UC Davis School of Law and the University of the Pacific were joined by immigration attorneys as they aided participants who seek to become United States citizens.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Julie Davies** delivered an introduction in Spanish, welcoming a crowd of 630 people that included many of the participants' family members. State Senate President Pro Tem **Darrell Steinberg** and Assemblymember **Dave Jones** spoke to the gathering.

Professor **Raquel Aldana**, Community Legal Services Director **Dorothy Landsberg** and Immigration Law Professor **Blake Nordahl** organized the event, which received advance promotion in five languages. Institute for Administrative Justice staff attorney **Kathleen Benton**, '84, assisted with the day's operations.

Univision Channel 19 was among the event's many co-sponsors and its film crews recorded interviews with organizers and participants. KCRA Channel 3 also was among the media outlets on hand.

Three months later, Professor **Aldana** and students worked with the Guatemalan Consulate to provide passports and consular ID cards to more than 120 Guatemalan nationals in a Saturday event that included a lecture on family- and employment-based immigration procedures.



Professor Ruth Jones

Jones Will Direct Faculty Scholarship

In January, Professor **Ruth Jones** was named Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship. She will oversee expansion and promotion of Pacific McGeorge law faculty scholarship nationally and internationally. Jones succeeds Professor **Thom Main**, the law school's first Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship, and she will serve an 18-month term.

Jones, who joined the Pacific McGeorge faculty in 1996, teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Gender

and the Law, and Problems in Criminal Justice. She has been active on numerous faculty committees during her 14-year tenure at Pacific McGeorge. As the chair of the Faculty Development Committee, she was credited with redefining the committee's focus on mentoring and resource development, especially for younger members of the faculty.

"Professor **Main** did an extraordinary job in promoting our faculty's many contributions to legal academia and the legal profession," says Dean **Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker**. "In asking **Ruth** to assume this responsibility, I was guided by **Ruth's** work over many years on scholarship issues at Pacific McGeorge. She will build on these efforts and make an important contribution to the intellectual life of our law school."

First Monday Panel Explores Key Cases

Pacific McGeorge hosted a "First Monday in October" preview of the Supreme Court of the United States' 2009-2010 Term at which Judge **Connie Callahan**, '75, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, served as the keynote speaker.

Judge **Callahan** outlined the history of the Supreme Court's opening-day session, which originally was the second Monday in October and remained largely ceremonial until 1975.

A distinguished panel of

jurists and law professors discussed the important issues facing the high court this year. Judge Magistrate Kimberly Mueller, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, explored the issues involved in *Salazar v. Buono*, an Establishment Clause case, and *Reed Elsevier v. Muchnick*, a copyright case.

Fred Morrison, a retired justice of the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District and former member of the faculty, spoke about the Miranda issues involved in *Maryland v. Shatzer*, and a terrorism support statute case, *Humanitarian Law Project et al. v. Mukasey*.

Professor Brian Landsberg talked about separation of powers in the *Free Enterprise Fund* case and Second Amendment issues in *McDonald v. Chicago*. **Professor John Sims** discussed the subject of corporate campaign speech, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, and First Amendment issues in the dog-fighting video case, *United States v. Stevens*.

The Pacific McGeorge American Constitution Society for Law and Policy organized the event, which was co-sponsored by the Pacific McGeorge Capital Center for Public Law & Policy, the Pacific McGeorge Career Development Office, ACS Sacramento Lawyers Chapter, and



Kate Baragona, '90, and Professor Frank Gevurtz at the October global financial crisis conference

Constitutional Law and Civil Rights Section of the Sacramento County Bar Association.

Financial Conference Sees More Problems

Pacific McGeorge's Global Center for Business and Development brought together leading worldwide legal financial experts for an on-campus conference in mid-October that explored the future of financial regulation in the aftermath of the global financial crisis.

Professor Frank Gevurtz, director of the Global Center, organized the two-day event, titled Local to "Global: Rethinking Spheres of Authority after a World Financial Crisis." Participants included business law professors from the faculties of

Cornell, Duke, Emory, Georgetown, Kansas and UC Berkeley. Pacific McGeorge **Professors Sabine Schlemmer-Schulte, Jarrod Wong** and **Miriam Cherry** were among the panelists.

Speakers addressed a variety of topics, including the potential for a supranational regulator of financial markets and institutions, and the European Union's lack of clout in dealing with potential sovereign defaults in Eastern Europe. The participants forecast financial storm clouds for most countries in the coming decade.

Five Faculty Members Granted Full Tenure

A large group of young faculty members was granted tenure at Pacific

McGeorge last fall.

Professors **Anne Bloom, Omar Dajani, Marjorie Florestal, Amy Landers**, and **Paul Paton** were promoted from associate professor to full professor. **Jarrod Wong** was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor.

"We have a solid core of young teacher-scholars and the future of this fine law school is in good hands," says **Dean Elizabeth Parker**. "I want to congratulate each one of these professors for all they have done inside and outside the classroom. Pacific McGeorge is proud to have a community of scholars that goes out of its way to welcome, encourage and educate every student who comes to us."

Professor, Student Article Entertaining

Pacific McGeorge students often develop a student-mentor relationship with a favorite law professor, but **Joseph Thuesen**, '10, took it a step further when he enticed **Professor Thomas Brierton** into co-writing an article that they unveiled together at a prestigious fall conference.

"Protecting the Child Performer's Pocketbook from the Parents: Looking Forward to the Next 70 Years Under Coogan's Law" was presented in October at the Rocky Mountain Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Conference in Vail, Colorado.

"Here at Pacific McGeorge, I've had a lot of wonderful professors who

have encouraged me in my studies," says Thuesen. "When I mentioned a possible article to Professor Brierton, he immediately validated its potential because very little had been written on the subject. We worked on it together along with a business professor from Canada [Professor Peter Bowal, University of Calgary]." It's still taking shape, but it was good enough to take on the road.

Brierton, a full-time professor at the University of the Pacific's Eberhardt School of Business in Stockton, teaches Entertainment Law as an adjunct at Pacific McGeorge. Thuesen, a distant relative of the legendary 1920s child star Jackie Coogan, engaged his professor in a discussion of

lack of financial protections for child performers. They were off and running.

Coogan was famous for his roles in Charlie Chaplin movies and his legal battles over money with his parents. "The California legislature enacted the Coogan Law to prevent parents from stealing all the money a child performer makes," says Thuesen. "Only three other states—New York, Florida and Missouri—have such laws, and we live in a digital age when Miley Cyrus, Disney's Hannah Montana, is a billion-dollar property."

Brierton and Thuesen are still working on their article, but they have bigger plans than its publication. "There needs to be a federal Uniform Child Performers Protection Act to prevent a parent from unjust enrichment," says Thuesen. "We hope to play a small role in influencing Congress to take such action."

Professor Prinz Was An Original

Retired professor **Don Prinz**, one of the old-guard faculty members who thousands of Pacific McGeorge alumni remember fondly, died at the age of 75 after a brief illness on January 27, 2010, in Sacramento.

Prinz taught Antitrust, Constitutional Law, Business Associations and other courses from 1970 to 2007. He was known as a hard grader, but he took a

personal interest in students and followed the careers of many who went into practice.

"Don was an amazing professor," says current faculty member **Ed Telfeyan**, '75. "He had the ability to expand your mind by challenging your pre-conceived notions. And his showmanship—he would prance around the classroom, shouting and gesticulating wildly. There really wasn't anyone else like him."

Prinz's 37-year tenure bridged the growth of the law school from a regional to a national institution. **Professor Claude Rohwer** recalls a bit of McGeorge folklore concerning Dean Gordon Schaber's recruitment of Prinz from Creighton University School of Law.

"Schaber waited until a sunny day in mid-February," says Rohwer. "First, he checked the weather in Omaha—snowing and cold. 'Then he called Prinz and said, 'I am sitting here watching the students playing Frisbee on our lawn in front of my office.' Even a kid born and raised in Nebraska could not resist that line."

"Don was my 'Con Law' professor in 1979-80. He was a great teacher, always provocative. I thought of his class as the intellectual equivalent of Olympic athletic training," **Professor Craig Manson**, '81, adds.



Professor Thomas Brierton with Joseph Thuesen, '10

Professor of Law

B.F.A., Rochester Institute of
Technology
J.D., University of California,
Hastings

Courses Taught

Torts, Patent Law, Intellectual
Property and Unfair Competition

Private Sector

Partner: Orrick, Herrington &
Sutcliffe LLP, Menlo Park

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Understanding Patent Law
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Professor Amy Landers

Having an Impact on Patent Law Through Legal Scholarship

THE PACIFIC McGEORGE PROFILE

By Joanna Corman

Photography: Steve Yeater

To Professor Amy Landers, patent law is among the most significant areas of law for society and the nation's economy because it protects ideas generated by private enterprise. When companies streamline their manufacturing costs to the lowest possible levels, they set themselves apart and attract new investment through creativity and new ideas.

"Getting those ideas can really make a difference between life or death to a company," she says.

Landers specializes in intellectual property with a focus on patent law. When she was a patent litigation attorney, she found herself at the heart of protecting innovation that can tackle society's most vexing issues. Complex societal challenges such as combating disease and reversing climate change require money and building on existing knowledge. While government-funded innovation is important, it's not dependable, she says.

Patent law "has to do with moving us forward," Landers says. "It has to do with how we can solve some of the world's biggest problems. [...] The reality is that funding is necessary and the patent system enables that. It is very difficult to solve complex problems, like global warming, without the resources that a patent can attract."

Landers spent a decade litigating patent law cases before joining Pacific McGeorge's faculty. At Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, she worked on every intellectual property case that came through the Sacramento office. When the firm opened a Silicon Valley office, she requested a transfer and worked solely on intellectual property cases. She primarily worked on patent-infringement cases in biotech, software, computer hardware and networking. She made partner in 2001. While Landers loved the job, the hours and unpredictable schedule made it hard to balance family life and work. In 2004, she left Orrick to teach patent law, torts and intellectual property and unfair competition at Pacific McGeorge.

Landers also wanted to focus on writing. In academia, she's able to delve into a subject at a more sophisticated and in-depth level, for example, looking at whether a patent rule is good for innovation as a whole, rather than exclusively for a client.

"There's a saying that law professors have one thing that advocates and judges do not have, and that is time," she says. "If you really feel strongly about an issue, you can literally spend an entire summer thinking about it, working with it, researching it. You can make an impact because

you have enough time to work that issue. That is where the breakthroughs happen."

Law school, she says, is not the ivory tower. A lot of patent law writing is read by the courts. Last fall, one of Landers's articles was cited in a court case. In 2008, her first book, *Understanding Patent Law*, was published by LexisNexis, a contract that Pacific McGeorge colleagues helped her secure. "There's a sense you might not have an impact if you are in academia, but that is not the case, especially in my field," she says.

Landers says her students sometimes think the law is fixed. She wants them to know they can make a difference early in their careers. While some law has remained static for hundreds of years, patent law in particular changes quickly. Sometimes doctrines are reversed after a very short time period, as briefly as a few years.



Professor Amy Landers in class

Students should know they can effect change if they master the background and feel passionately about an issue, she says. "You're going to be a leader sooner than you can imagine and you have an opportunity to shape the law if you choose to take it," she says. "You can literally change law if you are an effective advocate in the right place at the right time. [...] You

do what you can to be ready for it and if you feel strongly about taking the law in a particular direction, get ready to grab the wheel."

Landers had an impact immediately after graduating from Hastings College of the Law, when she landed a federal clerkship with District Judge Oliver W. Wanger. With aspirations of litigating, she wanted insight into how judges make decisions. Wanger solicited the opinion of his clerks and invited them into the courtroom. Landers saw many attorneys present their cases, watching a variety of styles and hearing different arguments.

Landers teaches one of the required classes, Torts, to first-year students. She wanted to teach incoming students to help them make one of the biggest transitions of their lives. "It's such an incredible year because you see so much growth and change," she says. "It's so rewarding to see that. You literally see people think in ways that they probably never imagined they could."

This is the thirteenth in a series of Pacific Law articles on members of the Pacific McGeorge faculty who pursue excellence inside and outside the classroom.

Message from The Alumni Board President



Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends,
As an alumnus who is also the parent of an alumna, it's possible that I take special pride in Pacific McGeorge's growing success and my ongoing relationship with the law school. I hope that you, too, feel pride in what Pacific

McGeorge is doing on various stages.

I have been particularly pleased to note the extent to which the law school's name has become synonymous with global legal education. The percentage of current faculty who have taught internationally and/or whose courses deal with international or comparative content places Pacific McGeorge in very rare company—certainly in the top ten of American law schools. Further, the faculty's catalytic leadership and key writing role in the *Global Issues* book series is truly groundbreaking—more than a dozen Pacific McGeorge faculty members penned parts or all of specific volumes. The series now numbers 18 books and the list of top schools using some or all of them reads like a Who's Who of law schools and universities. Lastly, a new initiative is earning notice around the nation—the effort to re-engineer the law school's three-semester Legal Writing program into a comprehensive, four-semester program called Global Lawyering Skills. This new program extends the focus on writing and puts it into a larger context. In year one, students begin by focusing on case analysis, objective legal writing,

client counseling skills, and legal research in both national and international law. The focus in year two is on persuasive written and oral advocacy in trial briefs and arguments, and appellate-level briefs and arguments—again both domestic and international. As one who has heard the long-standing lament in many firms regarding the inconsistent writing skills of recent graduates from any law school, I am pleased to see Pacific McGeorge again taking leadership.

The law school is doing its part to make our degree more valuable every day. What can we do in return? Right now, in these extraordinary times of economic downturn, one of the most important things you can do is look for ways to help recent grads find jobs. Starting a law career can be a challenge in the best of times—and these are historically tough times. If you hear of an opportunity, let me or the law school's Career Development Office know. If you have openings where you are, do the same thing. If you can help a young alum today, they will help those who come after them.

Your Alumni Board remains committed to the success of the law school and to reaching out to current students and recent grads, to ensure that, as they move into a life in the law, we are there to guide, assist and open doors for them, as often was done for us. If you have the opportunity to assist a young alum, a student or the law school, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I can be reached at jday@pacific.edu.

With best regards,

Jim Day '73

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Alumni Activities Remain in High Gear

By Michael Curran

The Pacific McGeorge Alumni Association's spring calendar is chockablock full with events after a flurry of successful fall receptions and chapter gatherings.

On the first day of March, the organization sponsored an alumni reception at Downey Brand's branch office in Stockton. Receptions were scheduled on March 10 and 16, in Beverly Hills and Irvine, respectively.

In April, there are gatherings scheduled for Reno (April 1), Las Vegas (April 6), and Washington D.C. (April 16). The latter will be held in conjunction with an alumni board retreat conference.

In May, the annual Alumni/Senior Luncheon is set for 12 noon on May 12 at the Sutter Club in downtown Sacramento. The McGeorge Order of the Coif Chapter invites all of its members to a hosted on-campus luncheon that will honor the newest chapter

inductees on May 14. The growing Pacific McGeorge international law community will gather for a tenth reunion-conference May 21-22 in Paris, France. The event, which is open to all McGeorge LL.M. Transnational Business Practice graduates, holders of the Diploma in Advanced International Studies, McGeorge J.D. alumni, and friends of the institution, will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the International Board of Advisors.

The fall 2009 season highlights included a first-ever McGeorge Bay Area MCLE Program held in October at the University of the Pacific's Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco. There were also events held in San Francisco, Orange County, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Washington, D.C., Honolulu, Fresno and Phoenix.



The Pacific McGeorge Alumni Association sponsored a swearing-in ceremony in November at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C. In attendance were Robert Apon, LL.M. '98, Stanley Boone, '95, Ronald Cassells, '79, James Day Jr., '73, Larry Dunn, '84, Barry Fadem, '79, Glenn A. Fait, '71, Kurt Franke, '88, Peter Glick, '87, Pamela Gourley, '01, Shanti Halter, '01, Jorg-Andre Harnisch, LL.M. '98, Debra Kazanjian, '79, Kathleen Lyon, '04, John Masterman, '78, Gustavo Matheus, '96, Craig Mausler, '83, Mary McGuire, '83, Dennis O'Connor, '82, Rocco Paternoster, '98, Keith Pershall, LL.M. '95, Michael G. Polis, '94, John Ramirez, '98, Lawrence Skidmore, '88, Colette Stone, '87, Thomas Tarkoff, '92, Vida Thomas, '93, Yolanda Torres, '00, and Reinhard von Hennigs, LL.M. '98. The new admittees met later with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

Alumni News

1960s

Ronald B. Robie, '67

Robie is the 2010 chair for the California Commission on Access to Justice, and the California Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Ethics Opinions. A justice of the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, and long-time adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge, he will direct a 25-member commission of lawyers, judges and community leaders that seeks to improve access to civil justice for Californians living on low and moderate incomes. (Sacramento)

William M. Lyons, '68

Lyons won a \$1.3 million judgment in Solano Superior Court. The wrongful-death case involved a 62-year-old man killed by a falling eucalyptus tree on a bicycle trail in a recreational area maintained and controlled by the City of Vacaville. He is a partner in the firm of Wilcoxon Callahan Montgomery & Deacon. (Sacramento)

William has successfully mediated environmental disputes including multi-party Superfund sites. (Columbus, OH)

Michael Manley

More than seven years after retiring from his position as General Counsel of ABHOW (a non profit provider of senior retirement homes), Michael became counsel to Diepenbrock Harrison in 2009, specializing in healthcare law, and senior care and living. He is also executive director of the Institute for Senior Living (a think tank of senior care and living CEOs). Mike and his wife, Beverlee, travel quite a lot, when work schedules and grandkids allow. He says "Life is good." (Roseville, CA)

Raul A. Ramirez

Raul was proud to be named as one of the top mediators in the state by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. His practice is limited to mediations and he has cut back his practice by 30 percent. (Sacramento)

1970

Class Representatives

Raul A. Ramirez
Terence B. Smith

Stephen R. Cline

After 35 years in the Law (private practice, criminal defense, District Court judge in Alaska and a judge for 16 years) Steve has retired. He welcomes email from old classmates – stevercline@gmail.com. (Grand Junction, CO)

William S. Hood

William and his wife are semi-retired and split their time between Columbus, Ohio and the Monterey Peninsula. Their daughter lives in NYC where she manages the Drama Division of the Julliard School, and their son Art lives in San Jose, where he is a Silicon Valley entrepreneur (currently creator of Block Chalk, on iPhone/Droid applications and Fairspin.org).

1971

Class Representative

Phil Hiroshima

H. Vincent Jacobs

Vince limits his practice to mediation, collaborative practice and private judging, in family law matters. This gives him the opportunity to control his calendar and allows him to travel. Phil Hiroshima and his old firm provide the means for him to have a solo practice. His son practices law in San Francisco and his daughter started a post-doctorate program in biological sciences in Chile with her husband and two children. He says "It's fun to brag. Life is good." (Carmichael, CA)

Borden D. Webb

Borden has three grandchildren, Malin McClatchy, Liam McClatchy and Miles Webb. (Sacramento)

1972

Class Representative

Gordon P. Adelman

Gordon P. Adelman

Gordon has recovered from some surgeries last year and is looking forward to travel and enjoyment. He says "Old age isn't for sissies, but it's better than the alternative." (Sacramento)

John A. De Ronde, Jr.

John says that rumors of a 2010 class reunion at John Brittain's home are circulating. He has asked everyone to update their contact info with McGeorge, because they will be getting in touch. (Fairfield, CA)

Thomas Nielsen

Nielsen has joined Archer Norris in Sacramento as special counsel in its litigation, construction, real estate and land practices. Previously at Lewis, Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, he has 36 years of litigation experience and nearly 50 jury trials to his credit. (Sacramento)

1973

Class Representatives

Rudy Nolen
George F. Wolcott

Jerrold Braunstein

Jerrold was prevailing counsel in a Court of Appeal case, Wells Fargo Leasing v. D&M Cabinets – C058486. (Rocklin, CA)

Richard D. Edwards

Richard is still in active practice in Reno. He retired from the Nevada Army National Guard a few years ago. He teaches one night a week and is a ski instructor at Mount Rose on weekends. He gave some skiing tips to Dick Cochran last year, but none of them seemed to work. "He couldn't follow the instructions—difficult student." (Reno, NV)

Kenneth N. Meleyco

Since graduating in 1973, Kenneth has tried over 150 jury trials and still enjoys it. (Stockton, CA)

Rudy Nolen

Nolen has been named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. A senior partner in the firm of Nolen-Owens, he is a past president of the ABOTA chapter. (Sacramento)

George F. Wolcott

George and Sybil are living on easy street. Their daughter, Sarah, received her MBA (wine business) in October 2009 from Bordeaux École de Management, Bordeaux, France. They attended the graduation and spent five weeks traveling along the Mediterranean coast and Tuscany. He has a great PI case involving highway design in which the client's injuries have cost more than \$1.35 million in medicals so far. (Richland, WA)

1974

Class Representative

Gay L. Vinson

John Q. Brown

Brown was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a 27-day, medical malpractice negligent treatment case in Sacramento Superior Court, in which a plaintiff sought more than \$10 million in damages. (Sacramento)

Stanley Fleshman

Fleshman won a \$406,137 verdict for an injured plaintiff in Sacramento Superior Court in a slip-and-fall case involving a 2005 incident in a Blockbuster store. (Sacramento)

Thomas M. Harrington

After 20 years, Thomas retired in November 2009 and is now sitting on assignment. He has been married for 38 years and has two grandchildren. (Tracy, CA)



Sacramento Attorney Pioneers New Trails In Labor Relations Law

By David Graulich

The pioneer spirit runs deep for David P. Mastagni, '73. His ancestors were Swiss immigrants who settled in California shortly after the Civil War.

At McGeorge, he was a member of the one of first ABA-accredited graduating classes. When he opened a law office in 1976, he worked in a then-obscure field: representing police officers in contract negotiations, wage and hour disputes and other employment matters.

Today, as managing partner of a law firm ranked as the Sacramento's seventh largest by *Sacramento Business Journal*, Mastagni retains his pioneering spirit. His firm, Mastagni, Holstedt, Amick, Miller and Johnsen, has won national recognition for its work on behalf of law enforcement and fire departments throughout California. In 2003, Mastagni's firm obtained the largest law enforcement binding arbitration award in the U.S.

A veteran of both the bargaining table and the courtroom, Mastagni has tried to verdict more than 300 state and federal proceedings, including more than 100 jury trials. He has also participated in some 450 appellate cases at the state and federal levels, including actions before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mastagni entered Pacific McGeorge with thoughts of becoming a real estate attorney and joining his family's residential brokerage business. Then chance intervened. This was the Vietnam War era and, like many students during this time, Mastagni took periodic leaves from school to serve in the National Guard. He became friends with fellow guardsmen who were police officers, and assisted these friends with various legal matters after graduating from law school.

Mastagni began getting referrals to more law enforcement officers in need of legal counsel, and made the needs of police clients the focus of his new practice. He evolved from representing individual officers to representing entire departments. The firm he started now represents public employees and labor unions in employment law, employee discipline, wage and hour litigation and collective bargaining. Mastagni's firm has won several landmark cases in an area of federal practice known as Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) actions.

Mastagni's firm also has become a nationally recognized pacesetter in "interest arbitration," a type of collective bargaining frequently utilized in public employee contract negotiations.

Reflecting on the law practice he has built, Mastagni emphasizes the gratification that results from advocating on behalf of police and fire officers. He says, "What better clients can an attorney have than those persons who protect the public?"

Michael Michel

Michel was co-counsel in a successful defense of a restaurant in a dangerous condition, premises liability case in Alameda Superior Court. He is a principal in the Law Office of Michael D. Michel. (Walnut Creek, CA)

Robert B. Roth

Robert asked whether anyone in classes that predate 1974 remembers the "Servomation" sandwich machines in the days before the cafeteria and wine bar. (Sacramento)

Jerry Spolter

Jerry was voted "Best of the Bay" individual mediator in the *San Francisco Recorder* reader survey and was included in the Top 50 California Neutrals in the *Daily Journal*. The San Francisco-based mediator has received numerous awards during his career, including a "Mediator of the Year" award from the American Arbitration Association. (Sausalito, CA)

1975

Class Representatives

Ervin A. DeSmet, Jr.
Ira Rubinoff

Connie Callahan

Callahan was honored by the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce. The U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals judge received the 2009 Athena Award, which annually recognizes a Stockton area woman for her professional accomplishments, community service, and role in helping other women attain success. She spoke on the topic of "Good Judging: Is It Harder than It Looks or Is It Different than You Thought?" to students at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. She is a judge of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. (Sacramento)

David W. Combellack

David has been in practice for 35 years and got a \$3.2 million jury verdict with a \$1.95 million settlement on a companion case. He is on the board of directors of Marshall Medical Center and El Dorado Savings Bank. He has a wonderful wife, two beautiful daughters, a terrific son and two delightful granddaughters. David enjoys skiing, cycling, running and networking. (Placerville, CA)

James Hardesty

Hardesty announced his re-election bid for the Nevada Supreme Court. First elected to the state high court in 2004, he served as its Chief Justice in 2009. (Sparks, NV)

Bryan Kemnitzer

Kemnitzer was the lead attorney for the plaintiff in a San Francisco Superior Court unfair business practices case involving the California Vehicle Leasing Act. His client received a \$153,000 bench decision, and the defendant corporation was ordered to pay \$1.5 million in attorney fees in the eight-year-old case. He is a senior partner with Kemnitzer, Anderson, Barron, Ogilvie & Brewer, LLP. (San Francisco, CA)

Bruce A. Kilday

Bruce is chugging along as partner at Angelo, Kilday & Kildoff, but hopes to retire someday (possibly after he pays off his mortgage). Elisabeth is daily program coordinator at the Smithsonian, Patrick is in his third year of medical school and Sue is teaching psychology. (Sacramento)

Michael Loeffler

Michael and his wife, Flo, recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Their daughter Nichole (28) is a doctor doing her residency at Oakland Children's Hospital, and Melissa (25) is an elementary school teacher, in her third year of teaching in Harlem. Michael continues to limit his practice to family law. He says, "Hello to all my friends. If you are ever in Modesto, please stop by." (Modesto, CA)

Hayne R. Moyer

Hayne is just finishing his third year at KMTG. He had planned to retire after his first year with the firm, but they have allowed him to work part-time, so he will continue for the foreseeable future. He and Susan continue to travel, taking three major trips a year. This year, they will be going to St. Lucia, Alaska and Italy. (Fair Oaks, CA)

Robin L. Rivett

Robin is the president and CEO of Pacific Legal Foundation and has been with them for over 34 years. After many years of litigating in support of private property rights and limited government, and a reasonable balanced approach to environmental protection, he was selected by the Board of Trustees as President/CEO in 2006. PLF has offices in the state of Washington, Hawaii, Florida and headquarters in Sacramento. They are litigating cases in more than 30 states. He and his wife, Barb, have two daughters; one a Roseville chiropractor and the other a mom. They have two grandsons (4 and 1) and say that grand-parenting may be the most fun they have ever had. (Fair Oaks, CA)

1976

Class Representative
R. Steven Corbitt**Jonathan D. Adams**

Jonathan is the managing partner at Turner, Huguet & Adams, City Attorney for the City of Clayton, California and district counsel for Mt. View Sanitary District. (Patterson, CA)

Gary K. Bergquist

Gary says, "It's cold, I'm getting old, if you need a man who's seen it all, I'm open for offers; give me a call." (Minneapolis, MN)

Kevin Culhane

Culhane was profiled in December in a *San Francisco Daily Journal* feature story. He is a Sacramento Superior Court judge and long-time adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge. (Sacramento)

Daniel M. Dooley

In March 2009, Daniel became senior vice president, external relations for the Office of the President of the University of California, with system-wide responsibility for government relations, communications, media relations and alumni relations. (Oakland, CA)

Gilbert B. Feibleman

As he begins his 34th year in private practice, Gilbert marvels at how specialties have changed. His career evolved into a family law practice, and he has been able to develop a national presence. He is a fellow of both the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He has been listed in the Best Lawyers in America since 2001 and is also a 'Super Lawyer'. He enjoys giving continuing education programs on the issues of Family Law and Legal Ethics all over the country. Gilbert is currently the state chair of the Oregon Disciplinary Board, which is the last stop before the Supreme Court yanks your ticket. Primarily, he is still a litigator in complex Family Law and custody matters, but is growing his ADR practice and enjoys serving as a "reference judge" where his decisions are appealed directly to the appellate courts. His son finished a stint in USMC and is now attending school at Columbia University. Skiing remains Gilbert's passion and he skips as many work days as he used to skip class days. His goal is to ski long enough that he can ski for free. His annual report on Pat Laffin is that she is doing well in Placer County, and just like in 1974-76, they are still not dating. (Salem, OR)

Kazuharu Makino

Makino was profiled in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. He is a judge of the Orange County Superior Court. (Santa Ana, CA)

James L. Roeder

James has retired as Superior Court judge for Placer County. He was appointed as national chairman of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association (PRCA) Grievance Review Committee in 2005 and is currently serving in that capacity. (Auburn, CA)

Arthur R. Titus

Titus was appointed Kern County Public Defender by the Kern County Board of Supervisors. He will supervise a 57-attorney staff that handled 39,000 cases in the past year. Titus joined the office in 1981 after four years in private practice. He became chief assistant public defender in 2008 after being appointed chief deputy public defender in 2002. (Bakersfield, CA)

Jeffrey Tuttle

Tuttle is unopposed as he seeks his third four-year term as Calaveras County District Attorney. (San Andreas, CA)

Katherine Williams

Katherine has now retired after many years in family law practice. (Elk Grove, CA)

1977

Class Representatives

R. Marilyn Lee

Gary F. Zilaff

Stephen F. Clayton

Sun Microsystems was acquired by Oracle, but Stephen stayed until the end (21 years and seven months). He enjoyed the experience of upper management with a Fortune 150 company. He now has his own practice, which is limited to International Anti-Corruption/Foreign Corrupt Practices Act compliance and investigations. As there is a lot of corruption out there, he can be as busy as he wants to be. He says "Life is good—keep smiling." (Piedmont, CA)



Insurance CEO Post Caps Ravn's Return For Wisconsin Native

By Jonathan Kalstrom

The legal profession had always interested Michael Ravn, '77. So after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1974, he set his sights on law school—and chose Pacific McGeorge.

"I wanted a different challenge, a different adventure, a different opportunity, if you will," Ravn recalls, "and having grown up in the Midwest, having grown up in Wisconsin, it just felt like I should expand my horizons."

After graduating from Pacific McGeorge, more opportunities presented itself, but this time back in Wisconsin. He received two job offers and accepted one to work in a general practice law firm in his hometown of Merrill. Today, opportunities keep coming for Ravn in Merrill, Wisconsin.

In January 2010, he was promoted from chief operating officer to chief executive officer at Church Mutual Insurance Company, where Ravn started in 1986 as a workers' compensation claims examiner. Over the years, the company promoted him numerous times, and he has served in various roles, such as underwriting manager, vice president of administration, and executive vice president of the 113-year-old

company founded in Merrill. It is the largest property and casualty insurance company in the world protecting religious institutions, according to Ravn.

"We insure more than 100,000 religious institutions of all denominations," Ravn says. "That is, to me, a very high calling and a wonderful mission to protect America's faith communities."

Ravn is also heavily involved in the community, where he serves on various boards of directors, including the Merrill Community Foundation Fund, the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, and Merrill's Household Abuse Victims Emergency Network. He also chairs the Lincoln County Developmental Disabilities Board.

In leisure hours, Ravn enjoys sports (he is an avid fan of the Packers and Badgers), hunting and fishing. He likes a good read, too, and is a self-acknowledged Civil War buff (President Lincoln being one of his heroes from a leadership perspective). And family life is important to Ravn, who is married with four daughters ranging in age from 21 to 31.

Looking back, what Ravn especially liked about his schooling at Pacific McGeorge is that it gave him a solid background in what he calls "the discipline of legal analytical thought." As he explains it, "It has allowed me, as I have faced issues and problems in my working career, to look through that prism of the disciplined legal analytical thought process, and [come] to a resolution of those issues and problems."

Alexis G. Foote-Jones

Alexis and Paul are happy and busy practicing law and traveling. Her goddaughter, Dr. Tara Waterman (daughter of Lalita Waterman, '77E) is starting law school in August. Her son, Robert (26) is also contemplating law school and her daughter, Alexandra (28) is a felony attorney with the Public Defender's Office. She wishes everyone a wonderful year. (Anchorage, AK)

Guy Gibson

Gibson has been named to the Placer County Community Foundation's board of directors. A past president of the Roseville Chamber of Commerce and the Placer County Bar Association, he is a certified specialist in probate, estate planning and trust law and a partner in Gibson & Gibson. (Roseville, CA)

Dennis Howell

Howell won a defense verdict in Monterey Superior Court for a lighting company that was charged with negligent maintenance in a fire that caused total loss of a Pebble Beach residence. He is partner in the Watsonville firm of Grunsky, Ebey, Farra & Howell. (Santa Cruz, CA)

David Karabinus

David spent 32 years in practice and has seven children. He was head of a school board for eight years, managing a volunteer fire department for six years, has spent countless hours on children's issues and activities, and served 10 years as pro tem judge in Sacramento, Placer County Superior Courts. (Sacramento)

Philip W. Kell

Philip's youngest daughter, Hillary, graduated from college in 2009 and was married a week later. He was honored to be the commencement speaker and receive an honorary degree the same day. On January 1, 2010, he became the eighth president of the California Baptist Foundation. (Fresno, CA)

Ronald Peck

Peck won an \$81,000 bench decision in Alameda Superior Court for a plaintiff construction company in a contract case. He is a senior partner in the firm of Schenone & Peck. (Hayward, CA)

John H. Sullivan

John, who is the president of the Civil Justice Association of California, established Halliday Racing with his driver wife, April Halliday, to compete in Sports Car Club of America, racing on road tracks in Northern California. (Sacramento)

1978

Class Representatives**Thomas O. Freeburger****Peggy Chater-Turner****Robert Armstrong**

Armstrong represented the defendant in a San Bernardino rear-end collision case that ended with a \$37,000 settlement following initial plaintiff demands of \$250,000. He also represented a driver who hit and killed a disoriented pedestrian staggering across Wilshire Boulevard. The plaintiff contended the case was worth several million dollars because the decedent was in coma for more than a year-and-a-half after the accident, but the case settled for \$28,000. He is a senior prtnr in the firm of Demler, Armstrong & Rowland LLP. (Long Beach, CA)

David Beauvais

Beauvais negotiated a \$145,000 settlement in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for a family who charged police misconduct against the Sacramento County sheriffs, who entered their home without a warrant while checking on alleged child abuse. (Oakland, CA)

Bruce T. Beesley

Bruce finished his year as president of the Nevada State Bar. His daughter is about to graduate from college and his son is still enjoying college. Bruce is still happily married to Ann Morgan, '79. (Reno, NV)

John D. Feeney

John works in the Law Department for the Western region of the Union Pacific Railroad Company with two other McGeorge graduates, Michael L. Johnson and Robert C. Bylsma. (Berkeley, CA)

Melanie Fesmire

Fesmire, who has served on the Indio City Council since 1997, completed her third term as mayor. The Fesmire & Williams partner also serves on committees for the Desert Sands Unified School District, the Indio Chamber of Commerce, the Indio Water Authority, and the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission. (Indio, CA)

Andrew J. Puccinelli

In April 2010, Andrew will become the president of the Nevada District Judges Association. (Elko, NV)

Darrell S. Richey

Darrell's company was acquired in 2003. After they acquired a competitor in 2006, he consolidated the legal departments and resigned as general counsel of the combined department. The other general counsel was well-qualified and Darrell took the opportunity to reduce his hours. He now serves as executive counsel, a consulting role reporting to the CEO, and is enjoying his new role. His daughter is pregnant and he is looking forward to a promotion to "grandpa". (Indianapolis, IN)

Joan C. Wright

Joan celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary in November shortly after they competed in their first sprint triathlon. She beat her husband by five minutes and he is now in training for a re-match next year. She is still showing horses in

dressage, obviously exercising, and is in a great couples' book club, which is almost as longstanding as her marriage. (Carson City, NV)

Randolph C. Wright

Randolph went to England and met with the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln Cathedral, to assist in the recent tour of the Magna Carta to the United States. He also became a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London. (Reno, NV)

Robert H. Zimmerman

Robert, who specializes in personal injury and medical and legal malpractice, is a senior partner at Scheuring Zimmerman Scully Tweedy & Doyle. (Sacramento)

1979

Class Representatives**Barbara L. Haukedalen****Judith A. Smith****Patrick J. Arata**

Patrick was board certified in Criminal Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He has been named an Indiana Super Lawyer for 2005-2010. He is also the Indiana State Representative and sustaining member of the National College for DUI Defense. (Fort Wayne, IN)

Lynn Ashcroft

Ashcroft resigned as a judge of the Marion County Circuit Court in Salem, Oregon, and is considering returning to the private sector. (Salem, OR)

G. Barton Mowry

Barton has been with Maupin, Cox & Leroy, who are a great group of people, for 30 years. He was voted Mountain States Super Lawyer 2009, Nevada Super Lawyer 2008 & 2009 and Best Lawyer in America 1989-2009. Two of his children have gone through private colleges, with one more to go. He says "Almost free at last." (Reno, NV)

James D. Caven

James has retired from active law practice and now primarily does pro bono work for non profit organizations and military veterans. He enjoys his laid back lifestyle at the Lake of the Ozarks in south central Missouri. He enjoys traveling in the U.S. and abroad. James does some volunteer work for his church and is currently the President of the Greater Lake Area Chorale voice choir, even though he is over 70. (Sunrise Beach, MO)

Mark Doughty

In 2009, Mark celebrated 30 years since graduating from McGeorge, and 10 years of being single. Both of his sons have graduated from college. His son Luke is working on his master's degree in philosophy, plans on completing his doctorate and becoming a professor. His son Matt is an accomplished songwriter and musician and has recently been writing, performing and recording music for television shows and movies. "May you live in interesting times" is thought to be an ancient Chinese proverb, meant as a curse. He says that the last few years certainly have been interesting times for most. (Yuba City, CA)

Mark A. Jenkin

Mark is still practicing law after 30 years. "Same wife, same job, raised two kids, life is good." (Henderson, NV)

Darryl F. Mansfield

Darryl is in his fifth year of retirement, and is enjoying every minute of it! (Sacramento)

Ann Morgan

Ann is entering her 19th year as a bar examiner for the state of Nevada. She is still happily married to Bruce Beesley, '78, and has two children thriving in college. (Reno, NV)

Patrick J. O'Connor

O'Connor retired as a priest after 51 years of service with the Diocese of Sacramento, most recently at the Corpus Christi Church in Tahoe City. The Rev. O'Connor served at a Sacramento parish while attending law school. His first assignment as a pastor was in Truckee. (Tahoe City, CA)

Allan J. Owen

Allan says "Same place, same house, same second home in Kona. Could life really be better?" (Sacramento)

Todd Slaughter

Slaughter negotiated a \$22,500 settlement in Shasta Superior Court case for a plaintiff involved in a minor traffic accident with an unmarked police car. He is a partner in the firm of Reiner, Simpson & Slaughter LLP. (Redding, CA)

Wendy Slavkin

Slavkin won a bench decision for the defense in a Los Angeles Superior Central case in which a plaintiff charged medical malpractice and lack of informed consent involving cosmetic surgery. (Los Angeles, CA)

James C. Smith

James and Marshall Smith, '87, have formed a practice, Smith Law, and are enjoying working together. (Reno, NV)

Theresa D. Taylor

Theresa, who is semi-retired, can't believe she graduated from McGeorge 30 years ago. She is grateful that she and her children are in good health. Her daughter, Sheena (26), a Spelman graduate, lives in L.A. and is attending a fashion design school. Her daughter, Alana (17), who is a St. Francis High School senior, will be leaving for college in the East, after graduation in May. Theresa will then be a single, empty nester and is looking forward to the next phase of life. (Sacramento)

1980

Class Representatives

Richard A. Harris
Paul Richardson

Robert C. Bell

Robert continues with his private law practice, and has offices in Reno and Denver. He is currently acting as the Administrator of the Court Appointed Counsel, administering over 30 private

attorneys who provide conflict representation for indigent defendants in criminal, family, juvenile and appellate cases. He also acts as an administrative law Judge on the state, county and city levels, while continuing to sit as a pro tem Municipal Court judge for the City of Reno. He spends his spare time at Lake Tahoe, skiing in the winter, and sunning and boating in the summer. (Reno, NV)

Mark E. Biddison

Mark is still trying cases and trying to keep up with the youngsters. (Boulder, CO)

Andrea Charlton Feeney

Andrea has hung up her shingle at last, just not as a lawyer. She has opened her own small business, Feeney & Squeri, which she felt compelled to do, after finding a new passion. She is now a Certified College Admissions Advisor and Career Planner. (San Francisco, CA)

F. LaVar Christensen

In addition to law practice (with an emphasis on mediation and dispute resolution) LaVar is continuing outside real estate development activities. He enjoys continued political involvement and public service – (see citizensforprincipledgovernment.com). He and Sue have been married for 34 years and are enjoying their new phase of life as grandparents. (Draper, UT)

H. Christopher Covington

After more than 28 years as an associate and partner, senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of two publicly traded technology companies, and five years as an investment banker, Christopher recently opened his own law office in the San Francisco suburb of Lafayette. He continues to focus on his career long interest in business law, with an emphasis on M&A and general counsel services. (Berkeley, CA)

Stephen S. Kent

Stephen opened his own law practice, Kent Law, in January 2009. (Reno, NV)

John Norwood

Norwood, a long-time Sacramento lobbyist, was named as "Most Trustworthy" in a poll of California legislators conducted by the *Capitol Weekly* newspaper. His firm, Norwood & Associates, was also cited for honorable mention in the "Best Small Lobbying Firm" category. (Sacramento)

Ned Pillersdorf

Ned was the campaign manager for his wife Janet Stumbo's election to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. (Prestonsburg, KY)

Paul K. Richardson

Paul is enjoying his work as a judge, conducting felony trials in Yolo County. He has been joined on the bench by two talented Pacific McGeorge alums, Sam McAdam, '96 and David Reed, '83. Paul hopes that everyone is doing well in their personal and professional lives. (Woodland, CA)

Peter T. Steinberg

Peter is still attempting to prove that there is no such thing as Blackacre. He is spending as much time as possible in the ocean. (Malibu, CA)

1981

Class Representatives

Fritz-Howard R. Clapp
Jennifer J. Tachera

David D. Doyle

David has just written the last check for the last semester of the last child's college education. His children Joseph, Caitlin, Brenna, James and Colleen are now on their own. He continues to try cases in business, environmental and employment matters. He goes camping every summer with Irving Joseph, Terry Cassidy and Tom Pedreira (when he can make it). David still enjoys practicing law and his fellow attorneys. (Fresno, CA)

Jerone English

English has joined Intel Corporation in Santa Clara as its director of discovery. He was previously a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in Los Angeles where he worked for more than 28 years. (Los Angeles, CA)

Noreen Evans

Evans was among four speakers at a legislative lawyers panel discussion sponsored by the Pacific McGeorge Government Affairs Student Association. The Santa Rosa attorney represents California's 7th Assembly District and is a candidate for the State Senate. (Sacramento)

Janice M. Fallman

Janice hopes to start enjoying retirement, as soon as her home is restored following a slab leak. (Temecula, CA)

Mark A. Fudem

Mark was appointed as the presiding judge of the State Worker's Compensation Appeals Board in Oakland. He practiced workers' compensation law, primarily in the Santa Rosa area, for 23 years and was appointed an administrative law judge five years ago. (Santa Rosa, CA)

Krista Kastanos

Krista has been with the District Attorney's Office for 29 years. Her daughter is in her third year of college, and her son will be starting his first year of college in the fall. Krista celebrated her first wedding anniversary with Max, a ski instructor, and her skiing is improving steadily. They plan to take their family on vacation to Kauai this summer. (Sacramento)

Laszlo Komjathy

Laszlo assisted in the successful arbitration of reinsurance recovery dispute, awarding over \$400 million to the Superior National Insurance Companies in liquidation. (Menlo Park, CA)

Patricia A. Lynch

Patricia is a Senior Associate at Declues, Burkett & Thompson LLP. (Santa Ana, CA)

Elizabeth A. Macdonald

Elizabeth's bed & breakfast, The Nile Hotel, in Aswan, Egypt, will open to guests in November 2010, and she is looking forward to seeing some of her classmates and their families there. (San Francisco, CA)

John H. Pentecost

In 2009, John and Renita became "empty nesters" and were able to do some traveling. They went to Cancun in January and Kauai in October. Their firm is one of the premier firms in the state of California for owners of mobile home parks. Recently, in addition to their normal representation of park owners, their firm has been assisting in converting numerous parks into subdivisions, greatly increasing the value of the parks. Their litigation department also has been busy notwithstanding the economic downturn of 2008-09 ("knock on wood!"). He is looking forward to a prosperous 2010. (San Clemente, CA)

Jennifer J. Tachera

Jennifer and her friend Susan Z'berg formed TZ Productions, and have been curating art shows. Look out for them at the Art Foundry Gallery. (Sacramento)

Patricia S. Tweedy

Patricia has become a full-time mediator and arbitrator, serving as a dispute resolution neutral. She has been doing this on a part-time basis for many years, finds very satisfying, and has finally realized her dream of going full-time. (Sacramento)

Philip Urie

Urie was featured in a profile on February 17, 2010, in the San Francisco Daily Journal. He is a judge of the San Joaquin County Superior Court. (Stockton, CA)

James R. Wakefield

James is the managing partner at Cummins and White LLP. (Newport Beach, CA)

Douglas Wills

Wills was named chief compliance officer for Tibbetts Real Estate Capital Partners, a real estate investment company in Sarasota, Florida. He served as an investment counsel with the California State Teachers' Retirement System from 1992 to 2009. (Sacramento)

James E. Wilson, Jr.

James and Joanna (Favaro) '81D welcomed their second grandchild. She is in her 10th year on the school board, and he is learning to be a judge. (Carson City, NV)

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**Class Representative
Debra Steel Sturmer****William G. Anderson, Jr.**

William is international senior counsel for Raytheon and is quite happy to return to the private sector, after terrific jobs at CPIC and MCC. He says, "Now if only my 401K would come back, and I get the kids through college....." (Fairfax Station, VA)

Ralph S. Blascovich

After 10 years, Ralph has retired from E*Trade, where he served as deputy general counsel. He says, "It is time to decompress and think about what I want to do when I grow up!" (Arlington, VA)

Denise E. Brue-Clopton

Denise relocated in 2006. She has retired from practicing law and is happily working on her own schedule as a real estate professional, traveling and enjoying hobbies and activities she has not been able to enjoy in years. (Atlanta, GA)

Thomas A. Collins

Thomas is the immediate past president of the Reno Sunrise Rotary. (Reno, NV)

Captain Carleton R. Cramer

Carleton is currently serving as academic chief of staff at the College of Security Studies, APCSS. (Mililani, HI)

Jeff Deland

Deland was among the speakers at a legislative lawyers panel discussion sponsored by the Pacific McGeorge Government Affairs Student Association. He is the Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel in the Office of the Legislative Counsel. (Sacramento)

Marvin Fischler

Fischler has taken out papers to run against a sitting judge, for a Los Angeles Superior Court seat. He is an attorney at Gittler & Bradford, a litigation and transactional firm. (West Hills, CA)

Suzanne N. Kingsbury

Suzanne is halfway through her 11th year as the presiding judge of the El Dorado Superior Court. She was honored to have her name submitted to the JNE Commission for potential appointments to the Third District Court of Appeal. She said, "I'm not too political, so it probably won't come to pass, but it was nice to be considered!" Suzanne survived the Angora fire in 2007 and her neighborhood is slowly rejuvenating. This Thanksgiving, she swore in her niece as an attorney, which was an exciting event for her family. She says "If you make it up to Tahoe, stop by the court to say hello!" (South Lake Tahoe, CA)

Michael P. McCloskey

Michael and Van Tengberg have teamed up to provide some adult leadership to the San Diego office of Foley & Lardner – some say they are failing miserably. Van continues his golf resort development practice, while Michael defends companies in shareholder litigation and derivative actions. Michael's two sons have graduated college and have left home. His daughter is a college sophomore, trying to figure out what she is going to do for the rest of her life. (San Diego, CA)

Ronald Sargis

Sargis was appointed as a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California by the chief judge of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. An attorney and partner at Hefner, Stark & Marois LLP for more than a quarter-century, he has represented thousands of clients in Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 issues. (Sacramento)

William L. Thompson

William is now president and CEO of the Association of Graduates, Air Force Academy. (Colorado Springs, CO)

Robert F. Vaage

Robert is a member of Consumer Attorneys of California, Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, American Board of Trial Advocates, Million Dollar Advocates Forum and Best Lawyers of America. (San Diego, CA)

Glenn E. Wichinsky

Glenn was appointed president and legal counsel of Cole Keypad International, which is a manufacturer of gaming hardware components. He effected a merger in 2009 resulting in global facilities based in the United States, Taiwan and mainland China. Glenn continues as of counsel to the firm of Howard & Howard. (Las Vegas, NV)

Edward J. Wright, Jr.

Edward got married to Darthe Mikkelsen in August 2007. His life and his wife are now very Danish. His 15 year-old twins, Will and Madeleine, continue to be a joy. His firm, Martensen Wright PC, continues to serve Scandinavian clients seeking to establish in the U.S. Edward felt honored this year to serve as an adjunct professor of Transnational Litigation at McGeorge. (Sacramento)

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Class Representatives

Paula G. Tripp

Susan H. Hollingshead

Steven Alm

Alm was featured and quoted extensively in a *New York Times Magazine* article about HOPE (Hawaii's Opportunity for Probation with Enforcement), a program to reduce recidivism that has produced successful results and is being studied by other states. He is a State Trial Judge in Hawaii. (Honolulu, HI)

Dave Clifton

Clifton announced his intention to run for the Reno Justice Court bench in 2010 to replace a retiring judge. He is a former Washoe County chief deputy district attorney whose supervisorial duties included that office's domestic violence and sex crimes unit. (Reno, NV)

Daniel Costa

Costa won a defense verdict for an insurance company in San Joaquin Superior Court in a bad faith, coverage-denied case in which the plaintiffs sought \$800,000 in damages. He is a principal in The Costa Law Firm in Gold River. (Rancho Cordova, CA)

George de la Flor

De la Flor won a \$9.2 million verdict in San Diego Superior Court in a high-stakes employment law, breach of contract case involving intentional infliction of emotional distress. He is a principal in the Law Offices of George L. de la Flor. (La Mesa, CA)

Mark Deutinger

Deutinger won a Madera Superior Court defense verdict in a premises liability dangerous condition lawsuit against a church in which a plaintiff sought more than \$500,000 in damages. He is a principal in the Law Office of Mark W. Deutinger. (Clovis, CA)

Leslie Keith Kaufman

Kaufman negotiated a \$150,000 settlement in Orange Superior Court for a plaintiff who charged her former employer with a FEHA hostile work environment complaint. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Kaufman & Kaufman. (Santa Ana, CA)

Brian Kunzi

Kunzi is co-chair of the Clark County Bar Association's Trial by Peers Committee, which seeks to engage local youth in the legal process by getting them involved in the process of handling juvenile offenses. He is a deputy state attorney general. (Pahrump, NV)

Jeffrey Nevin

Nevin won a \$519,000 verdict in a Contra Costa Superior Court construction case, perhaps the first in the state, where a duty was found to exist, under the theory of negligent recommendation, outside of medical referrals and causes arising under employment law. He is principal in the Nevin Law Firm in San Francisco. (Moraga, CA)

Harriet Steiner

Steiner has been chosen to chair a chapter on finance topics for the League of California Cities' 2010 California Municipal Law Handbook. A member of McDonough Holland & Allen's public law practice group for more than 25 years, she serves as City Attorney, general counsel and Special counsel to a number of cities, special districts and joint powers agencies. (Sacramento)

Serge Tomassian

Serge is a senior partner with Tomassian, Throckmorton & Inouye. He negotiated a \$900,000 settlement in Orange Superior Court in a case in which a plaintiff's home was partially destroyed by a landslide caused by grading problems on the property of neighbors. He also helped win a \$275,000 settlement in Riverside Superior Court for homeowners in a construction defects, improper design of drainage case. He is still busy with family, church and the World Affairs Council. He was

named one of Orange County's "Top Lawyers" in Real Estate and Construction in 2009, in the *Orange County Metro Magazine*. (Irvine, CA)

Margaret Vick

Vick earned Pacific McGeorge's first JSD in International Water Resources Law, her doctoral work culminating with a dissertation defense in front of a panel of examiners that included Professor Dan Tarlock of the Chicago Kent School of Law and Professors Gregory Weber and Kojo Yelpaala. An Arizona attorney, she has been working with the Afghanistan on water issues. (Tempe, AZ)

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Class Representative

Patricia A. Day

Ken Cooley

Cooley, a member of the Rancho Cordova City Council since the city was formed in 2003, has been selected as mayor of the Sacramento suburb for 2010. He is principal consultant for the California Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee. He previously served as Rancho Cordova Mayor in 2005. (Gold River, CA)

Ryan Davis

Davis has joined Kronick, Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard as an associate. As counsel to local school districts, he has 10 years of experience in education and was Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources for the Tracy Unified School District. (Sacramento)

Jill A. Demmel

After 25 years, Jill is still enjoying her family law practice. She really likes working with and for children. She was off all of 2008, after contracting MRSA. After lots of rehab, she is back to being herself and is grateful to have made a full recovery. She started back to work full-time in January 2010, with a new appreciation of her life, career, family and friends. (Sacramento)

Jennifer L. Elliott

After her second election in November 2008, Jennifer was appointed as judge for the Adult Drug Court. She enjoys this new assignment as it utilizes her mental health background as well as her legal/judicial experience. She also hears the Veteran Court calendar. She still has a domestic case load, hears dependency notices in Court and oversees the Truancy Division program. (Las Vegas, NV)

Margaret S. Evans

Margaret is now the Deputy Director of Administration for the Nevada Supreme Court AOC. She is enjoying being in administration and not practicing law. Her daughter Bridget is a flight surgeon in the Navy who served in Afghanistan last year and is currently deployed in Iraq. Her son James is a student at TMCC, and Edmond is studying finance at Boise State University. (Carson City, NV)

Chris Scott Graham

Graham has written his first novel, *Winery Peak*, a legal thriller that has been published and is available on Amazon. Graham is the Managing Partner of the Silicon Valley office of Dechert LLP and Chair of its trade secret practice. (Palo Alto, CA)

Richard Jacobson

Jacobson was co-counsel for a winning defense team in a rear-end collision case in which the plaintiff sought \$800,000 in damages. Nine days later, they won a bench defense decision in San Joaquin Superior Court in a wrongful death case involving a man who had died in a ladder fall at the home of relatives. He is a senior partner at Jacobson Markham LLP. (Sacramento)

Paul Kissel

Kissel won a San Diego Superior Court defense verdict in a personal injury case involving a 2007 automobile accident. He is a partner at the office of Borton Petrini LLP. (San Diego, CA)

John Lavra

Lavra was a successful co-counsel for a county social worker against a plaintiff's charge of wrongful removal in a U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, child custody dispute. He is a partner with the firm of Longyear, O'Dea & Lavra. (Sacramento)

Bret Rossi

Bret has had his own practice since 1995 and is still going strong. He enjoys practicing business litigation, commercial collection and, with the encouragement of Helga White, became a certified bankruptcy specialist. In 2003 he bought a home in midtown Sacramento with a basement, which he modeled into the best office he has ever occupied. He has just about finished raising his two wonderful children and is looking forward to practicing law for many more years. He sends his greetings to all fellow alumni, and hopes everyone is enjoying life and is successful in whatever they have chosen to pursue. He invites you to stop by his office and see him any time. (Sacramento)

Linda J. Seifert

This year is Linda's second of her first term representing District 2 in Solano County. She feels that the challenges of being elected decision makers at all levels of government are considerable in this economic climate. (Fairfield, CA)

Dennis A. Sommese

Dennis has retired from the U.S. Army as Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG). He has his own law office in private practice. (Sacramento)

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Class Representative
Cheryl L. Van Steenwyk

Sharon Browne

Browne was nominated by President Obama to the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation, a nonprofit that is the largest single provider of civil legal aid for poor

in the country. She is a principal attorney with the Sacramento-based Pacific Legal Foundation, a nationally prominent conservative public-interest organization. (Sacramento)

David A. Elwell

David reactivated his California Bar license in 2009, after 10 years away from litigation. He is an Attorney Consultant for Esquared USA Consulting. David is helping a few long time associates from his home, and travels to Southern California monthly to handle his current caseload of fire cases. (South Jordan, UT)

John H. Finger, Jr.

John is a candidate for the U.S. Senate, Colorado. He says "No. That's not a typo, I'm really running. There's nothing wrong with using one's weird name to one's advantage." Check out www.raisethefinger.com. (Pueblo, CO)

Marsha M. Lang

Marsha is not running for public office yet. In the meantime, services at Lang & Associates have expanded to include what she calls 'fearless facilitation and mediation' for large groups. She will be at the air show in Oshkosh again this year, which she always finds to be an adventure. (Sacramento)

Ronald A. Reed

Ronald loves his work as a public defender. In his spare time, he goes to Tanzania and teaches water well drilling. (Chico, CA)

Dana B. Simonds

After 20 years of civil practice, Dana now presides over criminal matters as a judge. She was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2007. Her oldest son is off to college this fall and her youngest starts high school. She and her husband Jim enjoy tennis, working out, traveling and wine tasting. (Santa Rosa, CA)

Timothy J. Staffel

Timothy continues to serve as a Santa Barbara County Superior Court judge appointed to the civil, family and probate calendar. It is his 12th year on the bench. (Santa Maria, CA)

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Class Representative
Andrea C. Nelson

Michael M. Considine

Michael is still practicing immigration and nationality law as a State Bar of California certified specialist. (Sacramento)

Thomas Cregger

Cregger won a defense verdict for the County of Sacramento in a prisoners' rights excessive-force case in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. He is a senior partner with Randolph, Cregger & Chalfant LLP. (Sacramento)

Mary E. Hertle

Mary is a partner at Grisez, Orenstein & Hertle. (Modesto, CA)

Robert F. Miller

Robert is now general counsel and VP for a San Francisco based utility-scale solar power developer, with projects throughout the sunny southwest. "From oil to ethanol to solar power – getting greener every day" (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA)

Andrea C. Nelson

Andrea lives in a part of Idaho which is very picturesque on Christmas Eve, with snow sparkling in the moonlight, ice sculptures, carolers and a torchlight parade. However, after the ceremony finished last year, there was a huge power outage, which continued through most of Christmas Day, making it a really old fashioned Christmas. Her daughter, who is a figure skater, won the Bronze Medal for PreJuvenile Freeskate at the 2010 Northwest Pacific Regional Championships. She is very proud of her. (Hailey, ID)

James Pincin

Pincin was a member of a successful defense team that turned back an injured plaintiff's demand for millions in damages in a 2004 power line accident involving a boom lift. He is a partner in the firm of Nisson, Pincin & Hill. (Redding, CA)

Deborah C. Silver

Deborah's wonderful husband of 34 years, Elliot, is taking her on an 11 day Mediterranean cruise for her 50th birthday, which has been a lifelong dream. They are starting in Genoa, Italy and visiting ports in Greece, Israel, Egypt, Tunisia and Italy. They will have a balcony cabin on the Splendida, a new Italian ship. (Drexel Hill, PA)

Andrew N. Wolf

Andrew is a partner in a civil practice, Incline Law Group, LLP. He is married to Leslie Hayes, '87, raising a youngster and still living the dream in North Tahoe. (Incline Village, NV)

Douglas S. Young

It's been a long road since Douglas left California in 1998. He finally feels at home and is in his second year of his new career, teaching math at Indian Land High School. He is still doing a lot of golfing, when he is not acting as a tennis coach or an assistant soccer coach. Look him up on Facebook. (Fort Mill, SC)

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Class Representative Megan Halvonik

Hagop T. Bedoyan

Last year, Hagop received an 'AV' rating by Martindale-Hubbell. In January 2010, he was made the partner in charge of the Fresno office of Klein, Denatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball LLP. (Fresno, CA)

Brian Bonney

Bonney won a defense verdict for Save Mart Supermarkets in an Alameda Superior Court premises liability trial in which the plaintiff sought \$240,000 in damages. He is a principal in The Bonney Law Firm. (Martinez, CA)

Kevin T. Dunbar

In 2009, Kevin's law firm ushered in their new website kdunbarlaw.com and membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates. He was sad that the Southern California MCLE was moved from the Queen Mary because he thought it was such a great venue. (Rolling Hills Estates, CA)

Margaret K. Masunaga

Margaret was appointed as deputy planning director for the county by Mayor Billy Kenoi and loves her job. She was also appointed to the Elections Commission by Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, and to the Council for the Humanities by the governor of Hawaii. She is involved in the American Bar Association and was recently a contributor in the ABA publication "Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters, Strategies for Success". Her daughter Colette is attending college in California. (Kealakekua, HI)

Eric E. Ostling

Eric reports that his daughter, Ashley, started at McGeorge in the fall after getting married last summer. His wife passed the Bar exam on the first try and is working at Smolich & Smolich. (West Sacramento, CA)

Donna J. Peter

Now that Donna's children are finally old enough (13 and 14), she has given up the flexibility of her solo practice and joined the law firm Martinez, Hayes, Hyatt & Hill LLP as a partner, serving primarily as the firm's litigation counsel. Her hours outside the office are consumed by children's activities (school, music, sports) and trying to spend enough time with her horses to keep them able to be ridden. She says, "Life is very good indeed!" (Yuba City, CA)

Dewey Wheeler

Wheeler won a defense bench decision in Sacramento Superior Court for an Elk Grove homeowner in a negligent repair and maintenance case. Four weeks earlier, he had won a defense verdict in Alameda Superior Court in a tenant-landlord dispute where the plaintiff demanded \$164,000 for emotional distress. He is a senior partner with McNamara Dodge Ney Beatty Slattery Pfalzer Borges & Brothers LLP. (Walnut Creek, CA)

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Class Representative Lisa A. Specchio

Tony Amador

Amador announced his intention to run as the 2010 Republican candidate in California's 11th Congressional District. If successful in the primary, the former U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California would oppose an incumbent Democratic congressman in the fall. (Sacramento)

Edward J. Busuttill

Edward is an assistant district attorney in San Joaquin County. (Stockton, CA)

George Connors

Connors was co-counsel for a company that won a \$2 million verdict in a bad faith insurance trial in San Diego Superior Court. He is a principal in the firm of Connors & Associates. (San Diego, CA)

Lance Daniel

Daniel announced he will run for Butte County District Attorney in the June 8 primary after the Sacramento civil litigator recently moved to that county. (Chico, CA)

Daniel F. Fitzgerald

Daniel is self-employed and did his LL.M in International Water Resources through McGeorge in 2009. (Haines, AK)

Gary A. Green

Gary became an administrative law judge in 2005. He and his wife Ginna have been married for 13 years, and have twin 9 year-old daughters. He sends his best wishes to everyone. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Christine A. Kubota

Christine serves as the vice chair of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and is a Board Member of the United Japanese Society and the Hiroshima Kenjinkai. Christine is also active in the Supreme Court Committee on Equal Access to the Courts and a confirmed member of the Hawaii State Bar Association 2010. (Honolulu, HI)

Michael Liberty

Liberty won a summary judgment in Solano Superior Court against an employee plaintiff who sought pain and suffering damages after a motor home carburetor on which he was working backfired causing his clothes to catch on fire. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Michael D. Liberty. (Burlingame, CA)

Sharon Lueras

Lueras was featured in a judicial profile in the *San Francisco Daily Journal*. A former prosecutor, she is a Sacramento Superior Court judge. (Sacramento)

Mark Meckler

Meckler was profiled in the *Grass Valley Union*. An Internet marketing law attorney, he has been a leader of the "Tea Party" movement in the Sacramento area and has been interviewed by USA Today and CNN. (Grass Valley, CA)

George Ogilvie

Ogilvie has been appointed as the chairman of the Colorado River Commission by the governor of Nevada. He is a partner at the office of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP. (Las Vegas, NV)

Sharon Pogue Ranasinghe

Sharon is an associate at David Allen & Associates. (Sacramento)

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Class Representatives

William W. Palmer

Billie B. Line, Jr.

Mary D. Aguirre

Mary is the supervising deputy district attorney for San Joaquin County. On August 29, 2009, she was inducted into the San Joaquin Mexican American Hall of Fame for Law and Justice. (Stockton, CA)

Kathy Bramwell

Kathy, who is principal deputy county counsel for the County of L.A., has a new passion ... a Harley 883 Iron. (Los Angeles, CA)

Paul E. Echols

Paul opened his own law office about three years ago, and he is loving it. (Modesto, CA)

Cliff Marcek

Marcek won a \$141,000 verdict for a plaintiff in a walkway accident case in the Eighth Judicial District of Nevada. He is a principal in the law firm of Cliff W. Marcek, P.C. (Las Vegas, NV)

Andrew J. McCluskey

Andrew is celebrating four years with the Department of Corrections. He and his wife Kerri (who is a school counselor) have two daughters and one son, who are thriving with band and sports. He began snowshoeing and kayaking, which has not resulted in any weight loss. He invites any class members to be his friend on Facebook. (Sonora, CA)

Ronald S. Owens

Ronald, who is an assistant district attorney for Placer County, is currently running for the office of District Attorney in the June 2010 primary election. (Meadow Vista, CA)

Curtis D. Rindlisbacher

Curtis is the vice president for Foundation, Sequoia Council and Boy Scouts of America; a member of Measure B Bond Oversight Committee and Central Unified School District; and First Counselor

for State Presidency, Fresno California West State and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He has been blessed with a terrific wife of 24 years, five sons and three daughters. Curtis continues to sing in the church and for various private events. (Fresno, CA)

Ira H. Rosenblatt

Ira is the founder and managing Director of Stone, Rosenblatt & Cha, which just celebrated their 18th anniversary (www.srclaw.com). He wishes all his fellow McGeorge alumni a healthy and prosperous 2010 and says if you need a reliable source to entrust your Southern California business transactions and litigation referrals, keep him in mind. (Woodland Hills, CA)

Herbert M. Sampson

Herbert is general counsel for TerraSond Ltd. (Omaha, NE)

Alice C. Sessamen

Alice is associate counsel at a national staffing firm and is loving life. She is still active with both the national and local Michigan alumni associations, despite two dismal football seasons. She says thoughts of no alarm clock and more travel are lobbying for retirement! She sends best wishes to all. (Corona del Mar, CA)

Samantha S. Spangler

Samantha continues to specialize in tax fraud prosecution for the U.S. Attorney's Office, and also handles other benefit fraud cases. (Sacramento)

Jeffrey Starsky

Starsky was elected mayor of Folsom for the 2010 term by the Folsom City Council. The Sacramento corporate law Attorney, who is in his third council term served as mayor in 2002 and vice-mayor in 2009. (McClellan, CA)

Charles H. Walsh

Charles works for the office of the Attorney General for the State of Connecticut. (Glastonbury, CT)

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Class Representatives

Derek R. Longstaff

John R. Brownlee

Gerry J. Agerbek

Gerry is senior staff counsel at the CA State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. He and his wife, Antonia, have been playing a lot of golf recently, and in September 2009, won the Sacramento County Mixed Scotch Championship. They are looking forward to taking some trips on their new motorcycles this summer. (Fair Oaks, CA)

Jodi Cohen

Cohen won an arbitration decision for the respondent against a man who sought more than \$1 million in compensatory damages in a breach of contract claim against a stock brokerage. She is a shareholder with Keesal, Young & Logan. (Long Beach, CA)

Dana M. Crom

Dana is still practicing and raising two wonderful boys, Frankie (13) and Joey (11). (Bishop, CA)

Maria L. De Angelis

Maria is assistant chief counsel for the Department of Child Support Services, and although state employment is facing challenges, the furloughs have allowed Maria more time for her ranch and horses. (Herald, CA)

Marc Forsythe

Forsythe won an \$18,200 bench decision in an Orange Superior Court case involving a business partnership dispute and a breach of fiduciary duty charge. He is a partner in the Irvine firm of Goe & Forsythe. (Newport Beach, CA)

Shawn Toliver

Toliver was co-counsel for a successful defense team in Napa Superior Court in a case in which a group of homeowners sought \$4 million in flood damages that it claimed were the fault of neighboring Silverado Country Club & Resort. A partner of Lewis

Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, he is co-chair of the firm-wide general liability practice group. (San Francisco, CA)

Thomas Trost

Trost was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a \$61,489 verdict for a plaintiff in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a construction contract failure-to-pay case. He is a partner in the Roseville firm of Sproul Trost LLP. (Rocklin, CA)

Michael Vicencia

Vicencia was featured in a profile in the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*. A Los Angeles Superior Court Judge in Torrance, he is serving as president of the California Judges Association this year. (Torrance, CA)

Clinton Walker

Walker negotiated a \$150,000 settlement in Stanislaus Superior Court for two Hughson residents who charged that the Central Valley city failed to notify them of the installation of a large water tank on adjacent property and claimed diminution of property value. He is a partner of Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, Pallios, Pacher & Silva. (Modesto, CA)

Gregory S. Wright

Gregory works with Wright & Associates, P.S., which just celebrated its 15th anniversary. (Bellevue, WA)

Lindy T. Yokanovich

Lindy received the 2010 Advocacy Award from the Angel Foundation for her work as the Founder of Cancer Legal Line, a non-profit organization that in the first two years has provided or secured over \$600,000 in free legal services to Minnesota cancer survivors. (Bayport, MN)

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Class Representatives

Gregg S. Garfinkel

Mark J. Reichel

Il-Han Paul Bae

Il-Han is now a senior VP and general counsel for St. Jude Medical. (Austin, TX)

Sean Beatty

Beatty was co-counsel for victorious defense teams representing Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. in two federal "Lemon Law" trials. He also won a defense verdict for Toyota in a Los Angeles Superior Court case in which the plaintiff alleged engine failure and a breach of warranty. He is a partner with Beatty & Myers LLP. (Long Beach, CA)

Dale C. Chipman

Dale is acquiring his fiefdom with a number of vassals. (Fresno, CA)

Margaret Diepenbrock

Diepenbrock represented a defendant trucking company in an Alameda County Superior Court case involving a 6-year-old whose family charged that the child and his skateboard were run over in a residential street. The plaintiff's attorney demanded \$75,000, but only received \$4,259 from a jury that found dual liability. (Sacramento)

Kristin Kubec

Kubec won a defense verdict in Orange Superior Court for a company that was charged with wrongful termination and retaliation against a whistleblower. She is a partner with the West Covina firm of PK Schrieffer LLP. (Los Angeles, CA)

W. Kearsie McGill

Kearsie is completing his fifth year as a judge for the Worker's Compensation Appeals Board. He has had the opportunity to marry the love of his life, Robert Jarzen, after 17 years of shamelessly living together. (Sacramento)



Always a Fighter, Lundvall Now Chairs Powerful Commission

By Cynthia Kincaid

Photography: Courtesy of MGM Grand

As a child, Pat Lundvall, '89, had no idea what an attorney did.

"I don't think my hometown [Oakland, Nebraska] had one," says Lundvall, who comes from a family of 12 brothers and sisters.

Uncertain of her career path, she took degrees from the University of Nebraska and began teaching at the college. When she crossed swords with a powerful football coach who insisted she pass a player, Lundvall decided the ivory tower wasn't for her.

With no clear career path, she followed her boyfriend (now husband) to Las Vegas and began running cocktails. The idea of going to law school began to form, and her tips eventually added up to the bankroll she needed to fund her ambitions. She set her sights on Pacific McGeorge.

When a low LSAT score threatened to derail those plans, Lundvall made an appointment with Dean Gordon Schaber.

Schaber saw something in the cocktail waitress, something that he thought might make a good lawyer, and he approved her admittance. "He told that story from the stage when I graduated as valedictorian of my class," says Lundvall. "You can measure substantive knowledge, but you can't measure fire in the belly."

Lundvall has been on a clear legal path ever since. Now a partner with McDonald Carano Wilson, LLP in Las Vegas, she specializes in commercial litigation. She has argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals, the Ninth Circuit, and the Supreme Court.

"When the economy is strong, Nevadans don't necessarily litigate," she says. "When the economy is down, and there are no projects, they start fighting over every dollar."

In 2007, Lundvall was appointed a member of the Nevada State Athletic Commission and, in 2009, was named its first woman chair. The commission regulates boxing, mixed martial arts, and kickboxing. And because Nevada hosts more championship fights than all other states combined, the commission wields substantial power.

"Nearly everything we do revolves around trying to ensure that the sports are safe and fair," she says. "The fans can be sure that it's a legitimate contest and no one knows what the outcome is going to be."

Lundvall admits she knew nothing about the law when she started school, but Pacific McGeorge sparked an intellectual fire in her that burns to this day. "The practice of law continues to be the highlight of my life."

She has given back to the law school through her service on the Alumni Board and in leading the effort raising funds for a Nevada Alumni Room in the new Legal Studies Center.

Douglas L. Miller

Douglas, who is a deputy public defender for San Diego County, has been having lots of fun with his wife and three sons. He has also been busy giving golf lessons to Tony Ufland, Bob Fessinger, Ted Burgess and Jeff Nolan. (San Diego, CA)

Brett Morris

Morris was one of three members of a State Department of Justice plaintiff team that won a \$19,500,000 settlement in Alameda Superior Court in an environmental law negligence contamination case. He is a deputy attorney general in the AG's Oakland office. (Walnut Creek, CA)

Melody A. Trujillo

Melody and her husband Robert are doing well, and their practice is going strong. Their daughter is already in college. She says hello to all their McGeorge friends. (Temecula, CA)

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Class Representatives**David M. Miller****Lt. Col. Fred Cavese****Maureen Aplin**

Maureen recently opened her own law practice, focusing on juvenile law, family law and all aspects of civil/business litigation. She also serves as counsel to other firms in Orange County. (Laguna Niguel, CA)

Gary G. Branton

Gary opened his own practice in October 2009, with many clients he has represented over the years. His wife Karen still works for the school district as a nurse. Their daughter Kaitie, who was born shortly after they had graduated, is a junior in high school, and their twins (11) are in the 6th grade. He is still active in taekwondo, golf, little league, baseball, music and art. (Las Vegas, NV)

Kent C. Cobb

Kent's energy services company, K & K Torque and Test Energy Services, LLC, is currently focusing

on the Fayetteville Shale of Central Arkansas and the Marcellus Shale of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He is working on a multi-year contract, to provide drilling consulting and other services, to expand the business in the Middle East. The company website is www.savetherigtime.com. His son, Solomon, who is 9 months old, is a tremendous joy. (Conway, AR)

John Cotter

Cotter won a defense verdict for a trucking company and several co-defendants in a Sacramento Superior Court wrongful-death suit in which the plaintiffs sought more than \$2 million in damages. He is a partner with Diepenbrock & Cotter LLP. (Sacramento)

Matthew Eason

Eason won a \$354,850 bench decision in Sacramento Superior Court for a plaintiff who charged he was cheated out of one-third share of his business. He is a partner in the firm of Eason, Tamborini & Wood. (Sacramento)

Philip Heithecker

Heithecker won a bench decision in Butte Superior Court in a medical malpractice suit against an ophthalmologist in which an injured plaintiff charged a failure to diagnose. He is a partner at Washington & Heithecker. (Chico, CA)

Kenneth J. Kaplan

Kenneth started his legal career working in a small firm, and worked his way up to a position in one of the largest law firms in California. He hated it, so he came full circle, by starting his own small law firm specializing in Workers' Compensation defense. He is much happier and hopes that his firm will one day grow into a large firm. (Glendale, CA)

Charles Manock

Manock won a \$2,267,500 settlement for a paraplegic injured in a 2008 motorcycle accident. He is a partner with McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth LLP. (Fresno, CA)

Steve Mehta

Mehta has written a book, 112 Ways to Succeed in Any Negotiation or Mediation. A full-time mediator who has handled more than 2,500 cases, he is a partner with his wife, Michele Mann, '92, in the law firm of Mehta and Mann, which has offices in Valencia, Culver City and downtown Los Angeles. (Valencia, CA)

Elaine Roberts Musser

Elaine, who is in private practice, appeared in a newscast about debt collection practices in homeowners associations. She testified before the California Law Revision Committee on behalf of consumers to protect their rights in HOAs. She also gave a seminar on worst practices in HOA selling. Elaine became vice chair of the Yolo County Commission on Aging; Chair of Davis Senior Citizens Commission; Volunteer Attorney of Yolo County Multi-disciplinary team and Board Member for the Center for CA HOA Law – see the newscast: www.ktvu.com/news/20138028/detail.html. (Davis, CA)

Maria Swiatek

Swiatek has joined the Nixon Peabody LLP office in Palo Alto as of counsel in the firm's intellectual property department. Previously at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, she will focus her practice on strategic patent counseling with particular emphasis on competitive analysis. (San Mateo, CA)

Kyle Tamborini

Tamborini won a \$354,850 bench decision in Sacramento Superior Court for a plaintiff who charged he was cheated out of his one-third share of a business. He is a partner with Eason, Tamborini & Wood. (Sacramento)

Eric Vail

Vail was named City Attorney for Temple City. The Burke, Williams & Sorensen partner has been serving as Interim City Attorney of the eastern Los Angeles suburb since June. His experience in private

practice includes 14 years dealing with redevelopment issues. (Rancho Cucamonga, CA)

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Class Representatives**Violet R. Radosta****Traci F. Lee****Virginia D. Adams**

Virginia is an attorney advisor for Estate and Gift Tax Policy. She has just moved from Austin, Texas. She lost her daughter, Sonya Marie Reeves, in a tragic vehicle accident on November 17, 2009. While Virginia was a student at McGeorge, her daughter would accompany her to class events; many classmates knew Sonya. (Phoenix, AZ)

Caglar M. Caglayan

Caglar retired as Assistant Chief Counsel at the Franchise Tax Board last year. His classmate from McGeorge, Teresa Wignall, was promoted into his position. So far, his retirement has been full of rest, relaxation and lots of travel. (Fair Oaks, CA)

Jason J. Curliano

Jason's wife (Madeline Buty) continues to be thankful for their thriving practice, which now has eight attorneys. Wynton is a senior and will be heading to college, and Zachary is a sophomore who enjoys rugby, football and on occasion, the academics of high school. (Piedmont, CA)

William Harn

Harn was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a Los Angeles Central case involving an ADA claim of failure to accommodate in which the plaintiff sought more than \$750,000 in lost wages. He is a senior counsel with Southern California Edison. (Seal Beach, CA)

Mark T. Jesse

Mark recently finished his term as chairman of the board of the Thousand Oaks Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce. (Thousand Oaks, CA)

Jeffrey P. Larson

Jeffrey was given 2009 the Volunteer Award from Advocates for Human Rights, for years of direct and supervising attorney pro bono work with the asylum project, representing clients filing applications administratively and defensively in immigration court. (Minneapolis, MN)

John Mason

Mason won a defense verdict in San Joaquin Superior Court for a funeral services company that was accused of intentional infliction of emotional distress by alleged mishandling of a corpse. He is a partner with Gurnee & Daniels LLP. (Roseville, CA)

Gregory W. McCracken

Gregory, who is a partner at Perlstein, Sandler & McCracken LLC, was named 2010 Connecticut Super Lawyer. He sends many thanks to his colleagues. (Farmington, CT)

Geralynn Patellaro

Geralynn has a rewarding employment/human resources practice in San Jose, which includes serving as in-house Employment Counsel for a global hi-tech company. Being her own boss gives her flexibility to travel, which she loves. (San Jose, CA)

Bjorn Rebney

Rebney was featured in a story in Hispanic Business magazine. A long-time boxing and television promoter, he is the CEO of Bellator Fighting Championship, a mixed martial arts company that has landed major TV deals with several cable networks. (Los Angeles, CA)

Sue Ann Van Dermyn

Sue Ann is a founding member of the California Association of Workplace Investigators. She is on the board of directors, executive committee and acts as chair of the Education Committee. CAOWI provides a forum for attorneys, human resource professionals and private investigators, to focus on the burgeoning complex area of workplace investigation. (Sacramento)

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Class Representatives**Captain Laura H. Heller****Guy E. Ortoleva****Candice Bales**

Candice owns her own law office, the Law Office of Candice M. Bales. (Palmer, AK)

Stephanie Clauss

Clauss was named chief deputy general counsel of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She has served as assistant chief counsel for the CDRC's Office of Legal Affairs since 2007. (Sacramento)

Chris E. Davis

Chris is a staff attorney for Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service Inc. He was recently granted a permanent injunction, in a case where it was found that Oakland University had violated the Rehabilitation Act 1973, when it refused to allow his client to live in a campus dormitory. The University is appealing to the Sixth Circuit. (Livonia, MI)

Robin M. Estes

Robin owns her own law office, the Law Office of Robin M. Estes. (Santa Rosa, CA)

Brian Gurwitz

Gurwitz has opened a new law practice. The Law Office of Brian Gurwitz, APC will focus on criminal defense in both trial and appellate courts. (Tustin, CA)

John R. Hargreaves

John is the staff attorney for the Central California Appellate Program. (Plumas Lake, CA)

Christian J. Knapp

Christian is in his third year working as an Administrative Law Judge. His wife, Amanda (Harvard Law, '02) continues to work as a business litigation associate at Roetzel & Andress. He, Amanda and their son, Ethan, welcomed a new addition to the family on March 16, 2009, when Ava Lee was born. (Cleveland, OH)

David A. Knoll

David climbed Kilimanjaro in January 2010, raising more than \$250,000 for children's leukemia. Log onto www.climbforchildren.com to donate. "Pain is temporary, but victory is forever." (Sacramento)

Sonia Maager Taggart

Sonia and her husband, Paul, are enjoying having their own law firm, with great associates, paralegals and staff. Their children and keep them busy with their activities. They love skiing in Tahoe every chance they have. (Carson City, NV)

Timothy D. Ragan

Timothy's law office performs criminal defense for juveniles. (Fair Oaks, CA)

Nathan D. Schmidt

Nathan is proud to be a grandfather. His daughter, Genevieve, and her husband, Nathan Balick, welcomed Isabella on August 8, 2009. (Vallejo, CA)

Evan Sussman

Sussman is the new chair of the Family Law Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, one of the largest voluntary attorney associations in California. A State Bar of California certified specialist in family law, he is the funder of Sussman & Associates. (Beverly Hills, CA)

David Tellman

Tellman was honored as Placer County Co-Prosecutor of the Year during a meeting of the Placer County Board of Supervisors. The deputy district attorney and his co-counsel have won several awards for gaining a conviction in a homicide case that ended a 26-year-old murder mystery. (Meadow Vista, CA)

1995

Class Representatives**Ryan J. Raftery****Christopher J. Kaeser****Ingrid Evans**

Evans was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a \$2.33 million product liability asbestos exposure verdict in

San Francisco Superior Court. She is a partner with Waters & Kraus LLP. (San Francisco, CA)

Michael K. Lee

Michael is a registered foreign lawyer with the Ministry of Justice of Vietnam. A civil and trial attorney in California until 2005, he completed his LL.M. in International Legal Studies at Washington College of Law in DC. He later worked as a senior associate at Mayer Brown JSM, at their Ho Chi Minh City office. He now practices corporate, commercial, labor and real estate law with Tilleke and Gibbins. (Hanoi, Vietnam)

Michael Miretsky

Miretsky won a defense verdict in a Los Angeles Superior Court case in which the plaintiff sought \$500,000 in damages for nerve injury following an epidural injection to relieve back pain. He is a partner in the Sherman Oaks firm of McCurdy & Liebl LLP. (Riverside, CA)

William E. Rainey III

William is senior vice president, general counsel and secretary for Intertrust Technologies Corporation, where he has worked for 10 years. He has been married to Libbie since 1998 and has two children, Caitlin (8) and William IV (5). (San Jose, CA)

Jason E. Resnick

Jason was recently promoted to general counsel of the Western Growers Association, where he has worked for seven years. Jason and his wife, Lesa, will be celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary in August. They have been together since his first year at McGeorge and have a son, Gavin (8). (Irvine, CA)

Cynthia K. Tuck

Cynthia enjoys serving as the Undersecretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency. (Sacramento)

Robert B. Wareham

Robert was appointed Colorado State Government Liaison for the American Radio Relay League, the national association for Amateur Radio. He testified before the transportation committee of the Colorado House of Representatives in 2009 and successfully argued for an amendment to the hands-free cell phone bill, exempting licensed amateur radio operators. HB09-1094 (Littleton, CO)

Randy Scott Wong

Randy completed the Texas Standing Mile at the Goliad airfield in Texas, in his 2005 Ford GT (40) at a speed of 171 mph. He also received the Facility of the Year Award for his race-themed I-5 Self Storage Project, which recently opened and is one of the largest and most modern storage facilities in the nation. (Newport Beach, CA)

1996

Class Representatives**Jane Greaves Sargent****Theresa A. Dunham****Adrienne L. Brungess**

Adrienne is completing her eighth year as a Professor at McGeorge. This year, she was appointed director of the Capital Certificate Program, and is continuing to teach Global Lawyering Skills. She enjoys working at McGeorge and is very happy to be teaching. She and her family are healthy and happy. (Carmichael, CA)

Valerie R. Chrissakis

Valerie has been married to Gregory for 14 years and has 2 daughters, Michal (11) and Meghan (9). She is a staff attorney at Kings County Superior Court, handling mainly criminal calendar review. Valerie regularly sits as a temporary Judge for infractions and small claims cases. She is also a judge pro tem for adult and juvenile drug court. (Hanford, CA)

Anthony Enciso

Enciso wrote a novel, *The Living and The Dead: Volume I*, which has been published by Xlibris. A San Bernardino County deputy district attorney, he began his career as a Prosecutor in Kern County. (Fontana, CA)

Samuel T. McAdam

McAdam, a judge of the Yolo Superior Court, was appointed by the court's presiding judge to be available on November 3, 2009, to resolve any election disputes for the combined special elections scheduled in several Yolo County districts. (Davis, CA)

James R. McGuire

McGuire was pro bono co-counsel for a staff attorney of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and helped her win health care benefits for her same-sex spouse in an order issued by the circuit's chief judge. He is a partner with the San Francisco office of Morrison & Foerster LLP whose practice focuses on defense of consumer class actions against financial services companies. (San Ramon, CA)

Vylma L. Ortiz

Vylma is an attorney/activist for the Center Against Juvenile Incarceration and continues to work on juvenile justice reform in the state and nationally. This year she and her husband Cesar celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. He is teaching Spanish in high school. They have two sons, Diego and Mario (7 & 2). (Berkeley, CA)

Maria S. Rosenfeld

Rosenfeld has joined the Sacramento law firm of Ellis Coleman Poirier LeVoie & Steinheimer LLP as a senior associate. Previously at Charter Davis LLP and Jacobson Markham LLP, her practice focus will include the areas of personal injury, premises liability, product liability, and dental malpractice defense. (Sacramento)

Spencer Skeen

Skeen negotiated a \$1.8 million settlement in San Diego Superior Court for a plaintiff in a breach of shareholders agreement and retirement agreement case. He is a partner with Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP. (San Diego, CA)

Joseph Tommasino

Tommasino writes a monthly feature, "Supreme Court Summaries, for Communique, the official publication of the Clark County Bar Association. He is a staff attorney for the Las Vegas Justice Court and the president of the Nevada Association for Court Career Advancement. (Henderson, NV)

Scott Triplett

Triplett announced that he has withdrawn from the race for Placer County District Attorney. The Sacramento County Deputy D.A.'s decision leaves Ronald "Scott" Owens, '89, as the only announced candidate to succeed a retiring DA. (Sacramento)

Dennis R. Wilkins

Dennis, who is a deputy public defender, is happily married with three children (16, 3 & 2). He is most proud of his volunteer work with mock trial. (San Bernardino, CA)

1997

Class Representatives**Molly J. Mrowka****Katherine J. Hart****Gary S. Winuk****Deborah Bryce McKinley**

Deborah is the principal of the McKinley Law Group in Atlanta – www.mckinleylawgroup.com and the president of American Justice Associates Inc. in Los Angeles. – www.ajacorp.com. (Woodstock, GA)

Stacie M. Castro

Stacie, who works for the State of California Public Utilities Commission, performs appellate work and reviews of Commission decisions concerning major water, energy and other public utilities. She has three children, Joe, Hollie and Lily (7, 5 and 2). (San Francisco, CA)

Paul Lannus

Paul left McKenna, Long & Aldridge to become a partner at Lankford & Crawford, a boutique firm in Orinda. Paul and his wife are expecting their first baby in November 2010. (San Jose, CA)

Joey Low

Low has joined the three-person defense team for Dr. Conrad Murray, who is charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of singer Michael Jackson. He is a principal in The Law Firm of Joseph H. Low IV Inc. (Long Beach, CA)

Brian Miles

Miles won \$362,165 for the intervenors in an Alameda Superior Court case involving water damage and a resulting dispute between a window company and a homeowners' insurance carrier. He is a partner with Miles, Miles & Westbrook. (Walnut Creek, CA)

Robert L. Rodgers

Robert is a program manager with Health & Human Services Information Technology at Northrop Grumman Inc. (Auburn, CA)

Kyriakos Tsakopoulos

Tsakopoulos was named president and CEO of AKT Development Corporation, a diversified, family-owned land development company. He was previously executive Vice president of the company, which operates real estate, farming, ranching, water and minerals, building, and land development projects throughout Northern and Central California. (Sacramento)

1998

Class Representatives
Kara L. La Bella-Parker
Emily L. Randon

Joseph M. Barry

Joseph, who is a partner at CVM Law Group, successfully represented a property owner in the subdivision and sale of commercial property in a multi-phase business; corporate clients in commercial loan modifications; a commercial landlord against tenant breach of lease; and a residential borrower against a nationally recognized mortgage lender for breach of contract. (Sacramento)

Kaye C. Bassett

Kaye and Khalil Cox welcomed a beautiful daughter, Audrey, on June 20, 2009. (Sacramento)

Noah G. Blechman

Noah, who is a partner at McNamara Law firm in Walnut Creek, has specialized in defending police departments and public entities, for claimed civil rights violations. He has been very successful with the help of his partner and mentor. When he is not vigorously defending the police, he is either playing with his 20 month-old daughter or teaching fellow alum Peter Hirsig some trial tricks. (Martinez, CA)

Peter Hirsig

Hirsig was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a San Joaquin Superior Court case in which an injured motorcyclist sought more than \$1 million in damages from a motorist with whom he collided. He is a partner with McNamara Dodge Ney Beatty Slattery Pfalzer Borges & Brothers, LLP. (Fairfield, CA)

Alden J. Parker

Alden, who is a partner at Basham Parker LLP, opened another office in Walnut Creek in 2009. He has enjoyed coaching his son's soccer team for the third year. (Sacramento)



Courtroom Standout Finds A New Home In Insurance Defense

By Mike Curran

Photography: Courtesy of State Bar of Arizona

Pacific McGeorge has had many outstanding students on its mock trial competition team over the years, but none better than **Christina (Womack) Geremia, '98**, who starred for two seasons in the nationally ranked program.

No observer, least of all her mentor and coach Professor Joe Taylor, doubted she would find great success as an attorney. She's seldom in the courtroom spotlight as a trial attorney these days, but she has made a name for herself as a civil litigator in her native Arizona.

Geremia is a senior associate at the Phoenix law firm of Jones, Skelton & Hochuli PLC, one of Arizona's largest with 75 attorneys.

"I do a wide variety of insurance defense litigation, ranging from car accidents to medical malpractice," says Geremia. As the Arizona counsel for AAA, she sees all statewide cases for that huge insurer come through her desk.

"Christina was as fine a competition team member as we have ever had at McGeorge," says Professor Joe Taylor, who has taught

Trial Advocacy at Pacific McGeorge for almost two decades. "She and her partner, Joey Low, took us to the nationals of the National Trial Competition, the premier annual event, for the first time in 17 years."

"I remember her very first competition. It was the San Diego Consumer Attorneys event in November 2006. One judge refused to believe she was a student. She was amazing," Taylor Says. "A few months later, Christina and Joey blew away big-name schools in the opening rounds of the NTC finals in Houston before succumbing to a 2-1 controversial split decision that I'm still shaking my head over."

After leaving law school, Geremia thought her future might lie in criminal law, and she did a stint with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. "I loved working on juvenile criminal law cases, but unfortunately found that a young prosecutor's salary wasn't going to pay all the bills."

Geremia has no regrets about her move to civil law, in part because her law firm is a big proponent of pro bono work, allowing her to do volunteer work and get out in the community. She was the Arizona Volunteer Lawyers Program Attorney of the Month for June 2008, and was honored as one of the state's Top 50 Pro Bono Attorneys last year.

"To this day, I approach every case the way that Professor Taylor taught me to approach it," Geremia says. "Words cannot express how grateful I am for having the opportunity of being his student."

Kara La Bella Parker

Kara earned the Life Member distinction in 2009 for the Sacramento Association of Realtors Master Club. She is the proud mom of Alden John Jr. (7) and Morgan (3), and will be celebrating her 13th wedding anniversary with Alden in May 2010. (Sacramento)

Bruce Timm

Timm has joined McDonough Holland & Allen PC in an of counsel position. Formerly a founding partner of Barth Tozer & Timm LLP, he will litigate employment and general civil matters on behalf of private and public entity clients. A member of Pacific McGeorge's Alumni Board of Directors, he has served as an adjunct professor at the law school. (Sacramento)

1999

Class Representative Kathryn M. Davis

Stephanie M. Bamberger

Bamberger has joined Bartholomew & Wasznicky LLP, the Sacramento area's largest family law firm, as an associate. She previously served as the managing attorney for WEAVE. (Sacramento)

Paul Bauer

Bauer has joined Walter & Wilhelm LLP in Fresno as Senior Counsel. A former associate for a national law firm, he will focus his practice on the representation of employers in business and employment litigation. (Fresno, CA)

Judith A. Carlson

Judith is Deputy Attorney III at Caltrans Legal Division. (Sacramento)

Craig E. Deutsch

Craig and his wife, Stephanie, are expecting the birth of their second son in March. (Sacramento)

L. Douglas Hogan

Douglas is the Tooele County Attorney. His office prosecutes all felony cases, as well as misdemeanor cases occurring

outside the municipal boundaries of the cities within Tooele County. (Tooele, UT)

Jana Dubois

Dubois was among the speakers at an on-campus health law career panel sponsored by the McGeorge Health Law Association. She is a senior staff counsel with the State Department of Managed Healthcare's Division of Licensing. (Sacramento)

Jacob D. Flesher

Jacob is a partner at Flesher Broomand LLP. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Trina (Burt) Hirsig

Hirsig has been named an administrative law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings, Special Education Division. She continues to serve as an adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge in the Field Placement Program. (Sacramento)

Marc B. Koenigsberg

Marc is an associate at Greenberg Traurig LLP. He and his spouse, Robb, have adopted a wonderful, smart and funny 10 year-old boy named, Tyler Layne Koenigsberg. (Sacramento)

William H. Littlewood

William was named a Northern California Super Lawyers Rising Star 2009, and recipient of the Hands on Central California Leadership Award 2009. He completed a six-year term as a member of the board of directors for the Community Food Bank. (Fresno, CA)

Gregory Maxim

Maxim was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a \$61,489 verdict in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a construction contract failure-to-pay case. He is a partner in the Roseville firm of Sproul Trost LLP. (West Sacramento, CA)

Carley Roberts

Roberts has been promoted to partner at Morrison & Foerster LLP. She is a member of the firm's tax department and specializes in resolving state and local tax disputes. (Sacramento)

2000

Class Representatives Samantha Tali James S. Overman

Heather Grow

Grow has entered the 2010 Huntington Beach City Council race. An after-school instructor for special-needs children at the YMCA of Orange County, she has been active in numerous community organizations. (Huntington Beach, CA)

Ryan Herrick

Herrick has been named to the board of directors of Access to Healthcare, a nonprofit medical discount plan in Nevada. He is a member of the litigation practice group of Jones Vargas. (Reno, NV)

Michael Infuso

Infuso has joined Rice Silbey Reuther & Sullivan LLP. His previous practice includes work with Schreck Brignone Godfrey. (Las Vegas, NV)

Lisa A. Karczewski

Lisa was recently selected to serve on the editorial board of the State Bar of California Intellectual Property Section, as articles editor of the new matter quarterly journal. Over the past year, Lisa won two inter partes proceedings before the Trademarks Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB). Opposing counsel were Alston & Bird, LLC, New York City and Carstens & Calhoun LLP, Dallas. She is currently practicing in northwest Ohio, where she originates from, but misses "beautiful, warm and sunny California". (Sylvannia, OH)

Lillian Ma

Ma has been elected partner at the San Francisco office of Tucker Ellis & West LLP. She manages a large West Coast mass tort practice as national counsel for a number of Fortune 500 clients and has also served as first chair and second chair trial counsel in mass tort cases. (San Francisco, CA)

Jefferson G. Meyer

Jefferson founded MMA Incorporated in 2006. MMA Inc. is a full-service management and marketing firm focused on mixed martial arts. His company represents top fighters such as, Urijah Faber, Scott Smith, Chael Sonnen, Mark Munoz along with many others. His corporate clients include Pepsi, Toyo Tires, Metro PCS, and many other large companies. He says "It is a lot of work, but a lot of fun!" (Rancho Murieta, CA)

Jeri Pappone

Pappone was a successful co-counsel for a county social worker against a plaintiff's charge of wrongful removal in a custody dispute in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. She is an associate with the Sacramento firm of Longyear, O'Dea & Lavra. (Sacramento)

Michael A. Pope

Pope has joined the Clearwater, Idaho office of Robert J. Hopp and Associates as a supervising attorney who will oversee real estate law for the firm's default operations. (Boise, ID)

Stephen Reyes

Reyes has been chosen by the Pentagon to represent Abd el Rahim al Nashiri, a Saudi Arabian charged in the October 2000 bombing of the USS Cole. Reyes, a JAG Navy Lieutenant Commander, will defend al Nashiri if the Department of Defense proceeds with its plans to hold a military tribunal at its Guantanamo detention center. (Alexandria, VA)

Michael R. Santiago

Michael is staff counsel for the California Department of Consumer Affairs. (Vallejo, CA)

Sandeep J. Shah

Sandeep is managing partner of Shah Sheth LLP, which had its best year in 2009 and he hopes to continue to grow the business in 2010. Sandeep is getting married on May 30, 2010, to Asta Ghai, who is also an attorney. (Newport Beach, CA)

Anne Sherlock

Anne joined Fagen Friedman & Fulfroft. The firm represents nearly 400 of California's educational institutions and related agencies, which include school districts, community college districts, SELPAS, county offices of education, private schools and related agencies. Anne primarily represents school districts in special education matters. (Sacramento)

Michael A. Sollazzo

Michael started the Sollazzo Moy Law Group LLP in May 2009 with McGeorge alum Rodney Moy, '99. Their firm specializes in loan modifications and providing short sale counsel. In June 2008, he started his first of two investment funds specializing in investment in single-family homes in Northern California. (Granite Bay, CA)

Doreen Spears Hartwell

Hartwell is co-chair of the Clark County Bar Association's Trial by Peers Committee, which seeks to engage local youth in the legal process by getting them involved in the process of handling juvenile offenses. She is shareholder with Lionel Sawyer & Collins. (Las Vegas, NV)

LT. Todd Spittler

Todd just completed a voluntary one year tour in Iraq with the US Force-Iraq on the New Embassy Compound in Baghdad. He served as senior press desk officer, working with pan-Arab and western media outlets, exchanging Q&A's on the very sensitive issue of US and Iraqi detainee policy and transfer. His McGeorge legal education came into play quite a lot, working closely with the USF-I Rule of Law attorneys from all branches of the military. He is on the record, regarding Iranian influence and Rules of Engagement, amongst other topics. (Thousand Oaks, CA)

Michael R. Thomas

Michael is now an investment banker in Los Angeles. His wife, Robyn, runs the Legal Community Against Violence in San Francisco (a

nonprofit dedicated to end the gun violence epidemic). They had a son, Wesley Victor Thomas on November 25, 2009, who joins their daughter Austin (3 1/2). (Los Angeles, CA)

2001

Class Representatives

Lisa V. Ryan

Raijunder Rai-Nielsen

Loris L. Bakken

Loris is now a partner at Schweis-Coe & Bakken. (Lodi, CA)

Mario Fenu

Fenu wrote an article, "Pro Bono Work ... Just Do Some," which appeared in the September 2009 edition of *Communique*, the monthly magazine of the Clark County Bar Association. After practicing law in Chicago for more than eight years, he has opened the Law Office of Mario Fenu. (Las Vegas, NV)

Shanti Halter

Halter has been appointed to the National Board of Trustees of HIPPY USA (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), a nonprofit that promotes educational programs for parents and foster parents. As the "Second Lady of Arkansas" whose husband is Lieutenant Governor Bill Halter, she is active in several major community organizations in the Little Rock area and is an officer on the McGeorge Alumni Board. (North Little Rock, AR)

Kelli Hammond

Hammond won a defense verdict in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for the state in a prisoners' rights case filed by an inmate injured in a prison riot. She is a deputy attorney general with the State Attorney's General's Office. (Sacramento)

Shannon Nordstrom

Nordstrom was co-chair of the Clark County Bar Association's "Shoes That Fit" program, which raised funds and bought shoes for every student at a Las Vegas elementary

school. She is an associate with Lipson, Neilson, Cole Seltzer & Garin PC. (Las Vegas, NV)

Emma Suarez Pawlicki

Emma had another rewarding year as a member of the California Central Valley Flood Protection Board, completing the first updating of the Board regulations since 2007; sweeping legislative changes to flood protection in the Central Valley. Emma's Transnational Law comment keeps getting picked up by texts, articles and cases. (Redding, CA)

2002

Class Representatives

Lan Li

Andre Batson

Ty Cobb

Cobb announced his intention to run for the Nevada State Senate. The Carson City attorney currently represents the 26th Assembly District in the Nevada State Assembly. (Sparks, NV)

Christopher Macaraeg

Macaraeg was co-counsel for two injured plaintiffs who won a \$524,000 verdict and an additional \$125,000 in punitive damages in a San Diego Superior automobile accident trial involving a DUI driver. He is a partner with Macaraeg & Pedroza LLP. (San Diego, CA)

Samuel J. Maselli

Maselli has been elevated from associate to counsel effective the first of the year with WilmerHale, one of the largest law firms with 12 offices worldwide. (San Francisco, CA)

Karen S. Socher

Karen recently joined the law firm Rounds & Sutter LLP, where she practices real estate law. Karen formerly served as a public interest attorney volunteer for CA Rural Legal Assistance; a statewide advocacy group for economic justice and human rights for California's rural low

income community. She addressed housing, education, and labor and employment issues. Karen continues to use her free time for pro bono work. She is married with two sons (4 and 6) and actively volunteers with schools and the PTA. Her hobbies include growing fruit, flowers and vegetables; and she skates, goes on bike rides and does yoga. This year, Karen hopes to write an informative article, run the Law Day 5K Run, and take her family to the Winter Olympics. (Ventura, CA)

Troy Szabo

Szabo was among the speakers at an on-campus health law career panel sponsored by the McGeorge Health Law Association. He serves as regulatory compliance counsel for Kaiser Permanente. (Sacramento)

2003

Class Representatives

Kristin A. Odum

Shawn M. Krogh

Maura K. Deering

Maura opened a new law firm, Baran & Deering PLLC, with partner Margie Esola Baran. They are practicing environmental and land use law. Their offices are in Seattle and Gig Harbor, WA. (<http://deeringlaw.wordpress.com>) (Seattle, WA)

Alan Fernandes

Fernandes wrote an article, "Ethical Considerations of the Public Sector Lobbyist," which was published in the *McGeorge Law Review*, 41 *McGeorge L. Rev.* 184 (2009). He is an attorney with Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor LLP. (Sacramento)

Shareen Golbahar

On July 25, 2009, Shareen and her husband, Clint Beezley, welcomed their first child, Leyla Beezley, into the world. (Roseville, CA)

Serineh Karapetian

It's an exciting time, both personally and professionally for Serineh. She was voted in as an associate partner by her employer, Mullen & Filippi, where she has worked for five years; and Serineh and her husband, Tyler Roberts ('03) are expecting their first child in January 2010. She sends her best wishes to everyone. (Sacramento)

Joseph O'Neil

O'Neil won a \$161,000 verdict and another \$100,000 in attorney fees in a construction contract failure-to-pay trial in Sacramento County Superior Court. He is an associate in Sacramento with CVM Law Group, LLP. (Sacramento)

Griffith J. Tonkin

After six years as an associate with the general civil litigation firms of Maire & Beasley and Harr, Arthofer & Ayres, Griffith has co-founded Arthofer & Tonkin Law Offices, with his business partner Kenneth B. Arthofer. They are exclusively a litigation practice, focusing on insurance defense, real estate litigation, business litigation and serious personal injury actions. (Redding, CA)

John Wetenkamp

Wetenkamp has been promoted to assistant managing attorney at Roni Deutch, A Professional Tax Corporation. (North Highlands, CA)

2004

Class Representatives**Carolyn Kubish****Ryan E. Fillmore****Rebecca A. Dietzen**

Rebecca is an associate at Murphy, Austin, Adams, Schoenfeld, LLP. (Sacramento)

Jennifer Ehn

Ehn has been director of International Marketing for John Deere Water Technologies, the San Diego-based manufacturer of micro and drip irrigation products for field, nursery, greenhouses, orchards, vineyard and landscaping applications. (Washington, DC)

Bryan Ginter

Bryan opened his own law firm, Ginter Family Law, in October 2009. (Sacramento)

Dustin Johnson

Johnson was appointed to the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees. The Sacramento attorney previously served as a student trustee on the Los Rios Board in 1996 when he attended American River College. He is a deputy public defender with the Yolo County Public Defender's Office. (Woodland, CA)

Dominic A. Marino

Dominic is an associate at Dwyer, Daly, Brotzen & Bruno. He is an Executive Committee Member, International Law Section, for Los Angeles Bar Association. (Pasadena, CA)

Matthew Ming

Ming has joined Simas & Associates as an associate. He practices in the Sacramento firm's healthcare regulation and employment regulation practice groups. (Sacramento)

Ross W. Prout

Ross and Amanda Barrett were married in October 2009. They often run marathons for charity. (Santa Monica, CA)

Marilyn Shields

Marilyn obtained her certificate as a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management—CPHRM. (Coloma, CA)

Catherine M. Voelker

Catherine is a deputy district attorney for Ventura County. (Fillmore, CA)

2005

Class Representatives**Sarah M. Lightbody****Michal Meciar****Jennifer Alves**

Jennifer, who is an assistant city attorney, is recently engaged and will marry Matthew Toepel in the summer of 2010. (Elk Grove, CA)

Joshua & Meghan Baker

Josh and Meghan Gavin Baker, '05, welcomed the birth of their beautiful daughter, Brynn Mare Baker (7lb 4oz), on November 9, 2009, and they couldn't be happier. In the last year, Josh has given two speeches to members of the oil and gas industry, regarding various legal issues in the upstream market. He has been practicing oil and gas and energy law for the last four years. (Sacramento)

Matt Digesti

Digesti received an appointment to the Washoe County Indigent Defense Panel for post-conviction and appeals. An associate with the Digesti Law Firm LLP, he helped organize a fundraiser for a toddler diagnosed with shaken-baby syndrome. (Reno, NV)

Nichole C. Harrigan

Nichole and Bill were married on June 17, 2007 and are expecting their second child in July. Their first, Timothy, was born on March 1, 2008. They couldn't be happier. (Sacramento)

Derek J. King

Derek is celebrating his first anniversary of solo practice. He specializes in criminal, juvenile, traffic, DUI and family law services, in the Greater Sacramento area, including Placer, Yolo and El Dorado counties. (Folsom, CA)

Kimberley Norvell

Norvell has joined the law firm of Hicks & Llamas, P.C., in Texas, where her practice will focus on medical malpractice defense, general health law, and labor and employment matters. (El Paso, TX)

Jacquelynn Reeves

Jacquelynn (Gobin) and Zach '05, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Ella Ivana, on August 26, 2009. (Lake Elsinore, CA)

Rafael Ruano

Since joining Goyette & Associates in 2007, the firm has tripled in size and is actively engaged in pursuing a dynamic and vibrant growth strategy. Rafael is the managing

associate of the Estate Planning Division, which works with a variety of clients from high net worth professionals and business owners to public safety employees, including statewide membership of the CA State Firefighters Association. He and his wife Rachel have two active sons, Mati (3) and Lucas (2), and are expecting another child in July. (Carmichael, CA)

Paul J. Salazar Ota

Paul is getting married this year. (Selma, CA)

Gerald A. Slater

Gerald and his wife, Hollie, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Simone Elizabeth Slater, on April 3, 2009. (Fresno, CA)

Quyen M. Tu

Quyen is serving a second term as chair of the Community Outreach Committee for the Young Lawyer's Division of the Orange County Bar Association. They volunteered their time to pack food at a local food bank and serve meals in a soup kitchen. In fall, they will go to a high school to oversee the Peer Court program. The YLD was featured on the cover of the Orange County Lawyer magazine in July. She is also on the Host Planning Committee for NAPABA 2010 and invites anyone who is in Los Angeles from November 17-21 to join her at the convention. (Anaheim, CA)

Anthony Williams

Williams stepped away from his lobbying firm, Wada Williams Law Group, to work temporarily as Special Counsel for State Senator Darrell Steinberg. He will advise the Senate President Pro Tem on issues related to judiciary, public safety, prison reform, and appointments and confirmations. (Sacramento)

2006

Class Representatives

Richard N. Asfar

Channone Marie Smith

Tiffany L. Andrews

Tiffany is a family law attorney in Fairfield, CA. (Vacaville, CA)

Kristen Cerf

Cerf was among the speakers at an on-campus health law career panel sponsored by the McGeorge Health Law Association. She is an associate at Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell. (Sacramento)

Holly M. Davidson

Holly is a deputy district attorney for the County of San Mateo. (San Francisco, CA)

Matthew Gouax

Gouax, was selected as one of two Barristers of the Year by the Bar Association of San Francisco. An associate at the employee benefits specialty firm of Trucker Huss APC, he received the award on December 17, 2009, at the organization's annual luncheon. (El Cerrito, CA)

Summer D. Haro

Summer is beginning her fourth year as an Associate at Goodman & Associates, a Sacramento litigation firm with an emphasis in real property. She has litigated a number of predatory lending cases in state and federal court. As an active member of the Sacramento Bar Association's Council of Delegates she successfully passed a resolution at this year's State Bar Conference, to establish a standard of care for mortgage originators. Last summer, she was second chair trial counsel in defending a breach of contract case in the Eastern District and successfully represented the plaintiff in a legal malpractice case in Sacramento County Superior Court. In September, Summer and her husband, Matthew, welcomed the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Dawn, who is quickly becoming a fixture in the office. (Sacramento)



Political Law Career Proves Perfect Fit For Young Attorney

By Gail Maiorana

Photography: LA Daily Journal/Todd Rogers

Emily Barrett, '05, once part of the Pacific McGeorge crowd that plodded through the long texts of Constitutional Law cases, is living proof that law jobs outside academia draw upon First Amendment principles every day.

As an associate in Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP's San Francisco office, Barrett oversees political reporting for individuals, corporations and other organizations. She and her team ensure that clients accurately describe their campaign contributions and lobbying activities on reports to federal, state and local governments.

"I read so many cases in Constitutional Law. I thought, 'These are so long. Will I ever need these again?'" Barrett recalls.

Yes, it turned out. The 183-page U.S. Supreme Court ruling on *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* on January 21, 2010, spurred a flood of calls about the money/free speech connection.

"A lot of our corporate clients were asking us for a summary," she says. "They wanted

to know, 'How will it affect us?'" Barrett and the rest of Pillsbury's political law group sprang into action, writing specific advice for some clients and a more general overview for the firm's Web site.

On a more routine basis, Barrett not only advises clients on how to describe what they've done, but she also advises clients on what not to do. Some political activity might seem innocuous but could nevertheless run afoul of a law tucked away in a state code, and it is Barrett's job to know those pitfalls.

Barrett, a Utah native, earned a sociology degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2001 then moved to San Francisco to work as a practice assistant at Pillsbury.

A year later, she chose Pacific McGeorge based heavily on the recommendation of her childhood friend **Chris Von Maack, '04.**

"McGeorge was the best choice to get out of San Francisco and have less distractions during law school," she says. "I liked that it wasn't part of an undergrad campus and that it was just for law students."

Pillsbury let Barrett transfer to the Sacramento office to work as a paralegal while she was attending Pacific McGeorge.

Barrett credits former adjunct professor Jaime Roman, then presiding administrative law judge for the Office of Administrative Hearings' Sacramento region and now a Sacramento Superior Court judge, as being very influential.

"She was quite focused," Roman says.

That classroom focus obviously paid off.

Justin K. Kuney

In 2008, Justin formed Attorney Debt Reset Inc, with fellow McGeorge alum, Jeremy Winter, '06. They now have two offices, three attorneys, and eight other staff members (including two current McGeorge students). Ninety percent of the practice is consumer bankruptcy. (Sacramento)

Kenneth R. Mackie

Mackie was co-counsel for a victorious appellant in a Fifth District Court of Appeal decision involving a church building. A week earlier, he won a motion for terminating sanctions for discovery abuse, getting a default for another client in a million-dollar case. He was also featured in an article in the *Merced County Times*. An Associate with Canelo, Wilson, Wallace and Padron, he is running for a seat on the Merced Union High School District Board of Trustees. (Merced, CA)

Conor McElroy

McElroy has been promoted to Partner at the Porter Law Group. He practices in the areas of construction, employment and business formation. (Sacramento)

Brandon Takahashi

Takahashi has joined the office of Manning & Marder, Kass, Elrod, Ramirez LLP as an employment law associate. He previously was with the Sacramento firm of Porter Scott. (Los Angeles, CA)

Matthew H. Welty

After spending over two years in Washington, D.C., Matthew decided to move back and partner up with his father in lovely Healdsburg. He and his wife were blessed with the birth of their twin boys, Ian and Lucas, on December 9, 2009. (Healdsburg, CA)

Roy L. Westfall

Roy is an associate at LaFollette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler & Ames. (Sacramento)

2007

Class Representatives**Amyann Rupp****Michelle Laidlaw****Kerry Campbell**

Kerry finished her clerkship with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and is now deputy attorney general for the state of Nevada. She recently married Roger Doyle, '07D. (Reno, NV)

Angela L. Diesch

Angela is an associate at Greenberg Traurig LLP. She gave birth to her third child, Bryn Ann Elizabeth, on December 16, 2009. (Plumas Lake, CA)

John L. Dye

John, who is staff counsel for California State Lands Commission, ranked No. 1 in the USTA Men's 5.0 Singles for 2009 and won the 2009 Men's Singles Grand Prix event. (Sacramento)

Allison L. Harvey

Allison, who is corporate counsel for Hoffman Technologies Inc., gave birth to a son, Bryce Zachary Harvey, on February 17, 2009. (Auburn, CA)

Patrick D. Holstine

Patrick, who is an attorney at Anwyl, Schoffeld & Stepp LLC, is the 2009-10 Sac Legal co-chair and a member of the board of directors; the 2009-10 Sac Legal affiliate representative for the Sacramento County Bar Association and on the Board of Directors; and the 2009-10 chair for Sacramento Stonewall Democrats Communications and a member of the board of directors. (Sacramento)

Mikalsh Liviakis

Liviakis won the first approval of an individual non-business Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in the past four years in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California. He is a Principal in the Folsom-based Liviakis Law Group. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Juliane Lore

Juliane wrote a brief with adjunct professor Tom Caso, '79, in the case of Stop the Beach Renourishment Inc. v. Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, et al, which was filed in Washington D.C. It can be found on the ScotusWiki site. (Las Vegas, NV)

Rebecca L. Miltenberger

Rebecca is an attorney at Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck, LLP. (Las Vegas, NV)

Jenny Mae Phillips

Phillips was among the speakers at an on-campus health law career panel sponsored by the McGeorge Health Law Association. Phillips is an associate with Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld, LLP. (Sacramento)

Julia Tsai

Tsai was named to the state Board of Occupational Therapy by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. An associate at Kegel Tobin & Truce APC in Los Angeles, she has served as acting vice president of the Taiwanese American Professionals since 2004. (Arcadia, CA)

2008

Class Representatives**Kimberly L. Kakavas****John P. Oglesby****Bashar Ahmad**

Bashar is an associate at Boutin, Gibson, DiGusto, Hodell Inc. (West Sacramento, CA)

Erin Barmby

Barmby was co-counsel for a winning defense team in Sacramento Superior Court in a rear-end collision case in which the plaintiff sought \$800,000 in damages. Nine days later, they won a bench defense decision in San Joaquin Superior Court in a wrongful death case involving a man who had died in a ladder fall at the home of relatives. She is an associate at Jacobson Markham LLP in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Elizabeth R. Dietzen

Elizabeth is an attorney with the Office of the Sacramento County Public Defender. She married fellow McGeorge alum, Daniel Olsen, '08, in October 2009. (Sacramento)

Melissa A. Faber

Melissa is a deputy public defender for Nevada State. (Ely, NV)

David Garner

Garner was sworn in as a special deputy district attorney for Butte County. He is currently assigned to the asset forfeiture team. (Gridley, CA)

Mira Guertin

Guertin has joined the California Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento as a policy advocate who will focus her lobbying efforts on high technology, legal, corporate and education issues. (Sacramento)

Jennifer A. Hemmer

Jennifer is an attorney at the Law Office of Camille H. Hemmer. (Sacramento)

Kim Kakavas

Kakavas has joined the firm of Porter Scott as an associate in its employment law and public entity law group. (Sacramento)

Jared W. Leavitt

After working as an associate for Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson and Halluck LLP for six months, Jared was offered a position as an administrator for Centurion Healthcare, which was an opportunity he couldn't pass up. He is enjoying the career change. The demands of his new career have provided awesome opportunities for growth, and he has brought a unique skill set and perspective to the position. The flexibility of this position has allowed him to spend quality time with his family, which is important to him, as he and his wife prepare for the birth of their second child. (Granite Bay, CA)

Charmaine Y. Lee

Charmaine is a tax associate with Price Waterhouse Coopers. (Sacramento)

Courtney G. Lee

Courtney is the director of Academic Services and lecturer in law at McGeorge. (Sacramento)

Paloma Perez

Perez has been appointed to the Board of Directors of MAAP, Inc., a large northern California nonprofit that provides prevention and intervention services for persons addicted to alcohol and drugs. She is associate legislative counsel for the Consumer Attorneys of California. (Sacramento)

Christina E. Poley

Tina married Matt Christy, '08D, on October 3, 2009. (Sacramento)

2009

Class Representatives

Sandeep S. Vishwa

Andrew O. Meditz

Sarah Attia

Attia has joined the Governor's Office of Legal Affairs as an assistant counsel. (Sacramento)

Amanda Bergstrom

Amanda is serving as a Peace Corps Response volunteer in Liberia. She arrived in August 2009 and is working at the Ministry of Education to establish learning resource centers in that West African nation. Peace Corps Response is a specialized short-term volunteer opportunity, open to highly qualified returned Peace Corps volunteers. Amanda served as a Health PCV in Honduras from 200-2002. For more information, contact halessargent@peacecorps.gov. (Liberia)

Regina Cabral Jones

A recent Evening Division graduate, Regina was a legal secretary for Sutter Health. She was fortunate after graduation, to take time off from her law clerk position at McDonough Holland & Allen, to study for the Bar. In October she gave birth to her fourth child, Desmond. She found out in November that she had passed the

bar on her first try, despite being seven months pregnant when she took the exam. She is now working as an associate in one of the most exciting fields of the law. She is grateful to her school, friends, colleagues, and especially her family for their support. (Davis, CA)

Natalie A. Cordellos

Natalie joined Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi LLP, as an associate attorney in January 2010. (Novato, CA)

John Doyle

Doyle has joined the Sacramento firm of Porter Scott as an associate in its business and construction law group. (Sacramento)

Mary Edes

Edes has joined the Sacramento firm of Porter Scott as an associate in its business and employment law group. (Elk Grove, CA)

Laurel D. Edgeworth

Laurel was featured in the *ABA Journal* in September 2009, and named "Legal Rebel" for being an innovator in the field of law, in addition to the *Cal Bar Student eJournal*, the *Amlaw Daily* and *Legal Management*. She was recently interviewed for an upcoming issue of the *California Lawyer*. Laurel will be forming the law firm Edgeworth Adams LLP in March, with fellow McGeorge alum Rex Adams, specializing in the needs of small to mid-size businesses. She is a founding member of a nationwide group of attorneys, called Creative Business Lawyers. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Samson Elsbernd

Elsbernd has joined Wilke Fleury LLP in Sacramento as an associate. His practice will focus on government relations, legislative advocacy and health care. (Vacaville, CA)

Derek Haynes

Haynes has joined the Sacramento firm of Porter Scott as an associate in its employment law group. (Sacramento)

Jessica Jorganson

Jessica has some sad news to report about Phil Chan. Unemployed and without medical insurance, Phil as been diagnosed with stage 3 colorectal cancer and is due to start chemo soon. She said he needs help from the Pacific alumni family, both financial and prayer, and asks everyone to visit his website www.helpphilfight.com. (Sacramento)

Oona E. Mallett

Mallett has joined the law firm of Kroloff, Belcher, Smart, Perry & Christopherson in Stockton. (Sacramento)

David Marchiano

Marchiano has joined Archer Norris as an associate in the Walnut Creek firm's on-call counsel team and construction defect and healthcare professionals' liability groups. (Sacramento)

Andrew O. Meditz

Andrew and Michelle welcomed the birth of their first child, Lukas O'Neil Meditz on October 19, 2009 (8lb 4oz). (Sacramento)

Michelle L. Ward

Michelle is an associate at the law firm of Combella & Craig. (Placerville, CA)

moved from Austin, Texas. She lost her daughter, Sonya Marie Reeves, in a tragic vehicle accident on November 17, 2009. When Virginia was a student at McGeorge, her daughter would accompany her to class events, and many classmates knew Sonya. (Phoenix, AZ)

Roni L. Deutch '93

An updated version of Roni's popular book "The Tax Lady's Guide to Beating the IRS: and Saving Big Bucks on Your Taxes," published by BenBella Books, is now available at most book stores.

LL.M. BUSINESS & TAXATION

Steve C. Snider '83

Steve is starting a new law partnership this year with McGeorge grads Trent Diehl and Craig Rasmussen. The firm is a general civil practice. His practice is primarily defense of product liability, toxic tort, employment and personal injury cases. He hiked Half Dome and Haleakala last year. He says "Hi to all my friends from McGeorge."

LL.M. PUBLIC LAW & POLICY

Glenn N. Powell '06

Glenn is the Commander of the Security Services Division for Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, which includes Regional Transit and the Folsom Dam Bureau. His son is a second year Day Division student. (Sacramento)

LL.M. TAXATION

Virginia D. Adams '93

Virginia is an attorney advisor for Estate and Gift Tax Policy. She has just

LL.M. TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS PRACTICE

Donald Worley '82

Worley has been named assistant city attorney in charge of the civil litigation division of the San Diego City Attorney's Office. He joined the office in December 2008 after more than 30 years in private practice with Seltzer Caplan Wilkins & McMahon, then later firms that evolved into Worley, Schwartz, Garfield & Praire.

Svetlana V. Petroff '91

Svetlana continues to work at Rowlands & Petroff. (New York, NY)

Ana M. Galvan Fernandez '96

Ana's new position at UC Berkeley involves the development and implementation of study protocols for the California Childhood Leukemia Study. Ana and Dr. Wayne Stolte were recently married at San Francisco City Hall. (Walnut Creek, 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:

Carden Young, '53

Young died on November 27, 2009, at the age of 83 in Sacramento. A longtime Sacramento resident and West Sacramento businessman, he spent much of his retirement in Weed, California.

Gus Skarakis, '59

Skarakis died on November 29, 2009, at the age of 79 in Sacramento of complications from cancer. He was chief counsel for the California Department of Consumer Affairs for 25 years and helped draft the law that created the Bureau of Consumer Affairs. In retirement, the Gold River resident worked for the Volunteer Legal Services Program of Northern California, earning honors for his service from several organizations.

Walter W. Taylor, '61

Taylor died on January 21, 2010, at the age of 84 in Sacramento after a series of illnesses. He served as chief counsel, then general manager for the California State Employees Association. He later became legal counsel and chief of professional standards for the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing before retiring from state service in 1988.

Robert H. Anderson, '62

Anderson died on October 29, 2009, of heart failure at the age of 91 in La Jolla. A World War II fighter pilot for the Marines, he once had to crash land his plane after getting hit by antiaircraft fire. The long-time Davis resident served as a hearing officer

for the state Board of Equalization for many years. In retirement in the San Diego area, he was honored for his military service in 2007 at the San Diego County Fair.

Robert Berger Lynch, '67

Lynch died on September 23, 2009, at the age of 78 in Tucson, Arizona, after a long and debilitating illness. A former Aerojet engineer, he opened a family law practice in Rancho Cordova in 1970 and later served as a mediation panel member and judge pro tem. He also served on the Los Rios Community College District Board. In 1999, he moved to Arizona and was appointed a Cochise County Municipal judge by the Bisbee City Council.

Chuck Shoemaker, '69

Shoemaker died on January 16, 2010, at the age of 70 in Citrus Heights after a two-year battle with cancer. He had an extensive career in state government, working at the Water Resources Control Board, serving as chief deputy director of the Department of Waters Resources, deputy attorney general at DOJ, and finally as chief counsel for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Eugene L. Paine, '71

Paine died on September 7, 2009, at the age of 74 in Sacramento after a brief illness. A long-time Shingle Springs resident, he worked for the State Office of Legislative Counsel for many years before retirement. An auctioneer, he owned The Auction House in Sacramento and served as a Pacific McGeorge class representative for the Evening Class of 1971.

Janice Hayes, '72

Hayes died on January 13, 2010, of cancer at the age of 63 in Sacramento. She was a retired judge of the Sacramento Superior Court. Hayes began her legal career with the state Attorney General's office before going into private practice with Crosby Heafey Roach & May in Oakland. From 1983 to 1994, she was a top prosecutor for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. In 1994, Governor Pete Wilson appointed her to the bench.

Glen E. Knox, '74

Knox died of cancer on September 27, 2009, at the age of 88 in Morrison, Colorado. A long-time U.S. Air Force pilot who flew in the Berlin Airlift, he was the oldest graduate (age 53) of his class. Knox practiced law in Sonoma County for 16 years before retiring from his second career, first moving to Riverside County then to Durango, Colorado. His widow asks that any friends who remember him make a small donation in his name to McGeorge School of Law.

Robert (Bob) E. Fralick, '75

Fralick died at age 59 on October 26, 2009 of a heart attack at his home in Divide, Colorado. He practiced in both Denver and Breckenridge, Colorado before opening a successful sole practice in Woodland Park, Colorado in 1983.

Kent Summers, '77

Summers died on October 8, 2009, of pneumonia at the age of 66 in Sacramento seven years after he was paralyzed in a go-kart accident. From 1978 to 1983, he was a member of the full-time faculty at Pacific McGeorge, teaching J.D. tax courses and several courses in the law school's LL.M. in Taxation program. He continued to serve as an adjunct professor while practicing law with Wilke Fleury Hoffelt Gould & Birney, later joining the California Franchise Tax Board as a senior tax counsel in the FTB's General Tax Law Bureau.

Karen Arneson, '79

Arneson died on November 5, 2008, at the age of 54. She practiced law for 26 years in southern California, most recently as in-house counsel for American Honda Motor Co.

William "Tom"**Thompson, '80**

Thompson died on May 4, 2004, at the age of 54 in Greenbrae. A long-time resident of Marin County, he served as legal counsel for the California Department of Financial Institutions and the California State Treasurer's Office.

Robert Patterson, '86

Patterson died at the age of 55 in San Francisco. He practiced civil litigation and personal injury law for more than two decades in the Bay Area.

Gene Prather, '86

Prather died on July 27, 2009, at the age of 51 in Sacramento. A criminal defense attorney, he often served as court-appointed counsel for many indigent defendants through his association with the Sacramento County Bar Association's panel.

Stephen A. Floyd, '92

Floyd died on November 10, 2009, at the age of 47 of natural causes in Angels Camp. He practiced law in Calaveras County for eight years before his retirement. A native of Texas who held a degree in Atmospheric Science from UC Davis, he was an accomplished rock climber.

Joette Gonzalez, '94

Gonzalez on July 13, 2009, died at the age of 49 after a nine-year battle with cancer. The Pasadena attorney practiced litigation with several law firms, including Cummins & White and Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft LLP, before joining Fireman's Fund Insurance in Glendale as an in-house counsel.

Laura Ann Owens, '94

Owens died on February 14, 2010, at the age of 48 in Princeton Junction, New Jersey. A New York native, she practiced law as a litigator in several states back east and in California with the Law Offices of Poole & Pereira. Gabriele Alger-Greulich, LL.M. '85 Alger-Greulich died on July 13, 2009, at the age of 53 in Fresno. The wife of Matthew Alger, '87, she was a partner in the Clovis law firm of Alger & Alger. She was also a Fresno Superior Court ADR-approved mediator.



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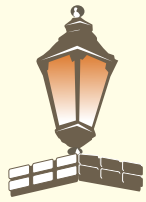
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