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INSIDE:

Great meeting. . .

Tours of the campus and a look at the proposed site of the new law building highlighted the first meeting of the National Council of the Seattle University Law Alumni Society. Some 40 National Council members from across the country attended the two-day event held on the Seattle campus in June as part of Law Alumni Weekend.

The National Council was formed as a way of providing broad-based representation of graduates who practice throughout the country. Much of the Council members' work focused on how they can respond to the interests of alums in their districts, increase the visibility of the school in their regions, and assist the Law School in other areas.

Other highlights of the Law Alumni Weekend included a recognition dinner at Carillon Point for Council members, past members of the Law Alumni Society board of directors, leadership gift donors, and other alums who have played key roles in the past; a Continuing Legal Education program on professional ethics, organized by Professors John Strait and David Boerner and attended by more than 250 graduates; panels of University and Law School officials, recent graduates and students, who answered questions about current affairs and future plans for the Law School.

You'll find photos from the event throughout this issue as well as the name of your representative and some post-meeting reflections from **Chip Goss '92** on page 5. And the text of a talk by Dean Jim Bond is on pages 6 & 7.



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PRESIDENT SULLIVAN STEPS DOWN

Changes at the helm. . .

In May, William J. Sullivan, S.J., president of Seattle University since 1976, announced his intention to step down effective August 31. Writing to the board of trustees, Father Sullivan said it was his "considered judgment that this is the appropriate moment for this transition." Noting his age, 65, and his 20 years as president, Father Sullivan said he believed the University "needs new eyes and new hands for the new century."

"It is also an appropriate time for me to begin my transition to the next stage of my life," he added.

Father Sullivan, who will hold the title president emeritus, will take a sabbatical during the next year.

"If at some future date, the board and the new president should wish to discuss some role that I might play at the University in the years ahead, I would be happy and honored to do so," Father Sullivan wrote.

Father Sullivan was honored by more than 700 friends at a civic dinner in early May. At that time, he was presented with a publication celebrating his 20 years of leadership at Seattle University. A section of the book recalling his role in the acquisition of the Law School appears on page 4.



Maria Regimbal '80, WSBA senior disciplinary counsel, spoke at "Professional Ethics: Money, Sex, & Crime," a CLE given in conjunction with the National Alumni Council Meeting in June.

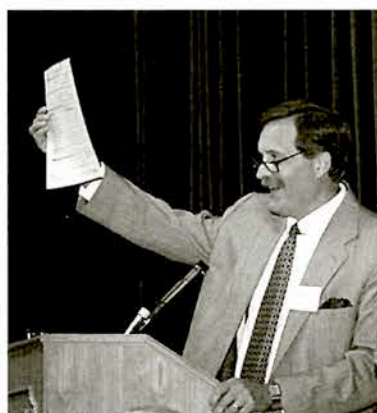
John D. Eshelman, provost, will serve as acting president until a successor to Father Sullivan is chosen. Eshelman has served as acting president on earlier occasions, most recently during the period last year when Father Sullivan was recovering from a mild stroke.

"I'm honored to be asked to serve in this capacity and pleased to be given the opportunity to lead Seattle University through this transition year," Eshelman said.

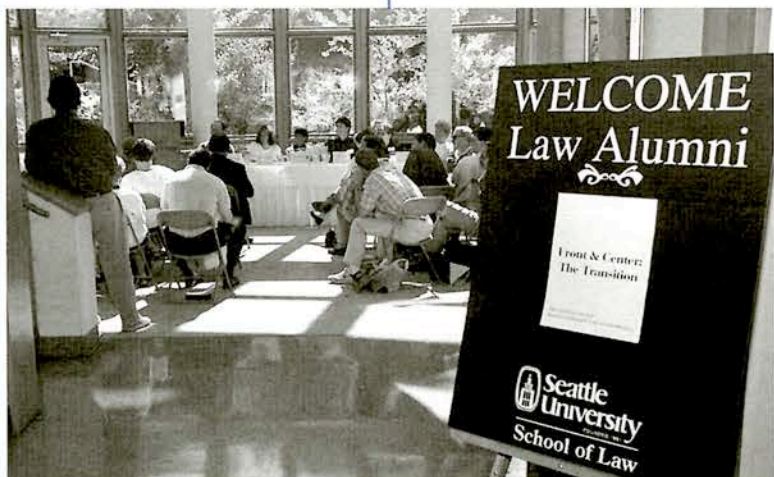
A native of Washington who holds a doctoral degree in economics from the UW, Eshelman was named provost of Seattle University in 1989. He had served earlier as the University's executive vice president and as dean of the Albers School of Business and Economics. He joined the economics faculty in 1969.

Eshelman, who has participated in numerous law school events, has been a good friend of the Law School from the outset. So has Jerry Viscione, dean of the Albers School, who will step up to serve as acting provost.

The board of trustees will conduct a search for a new president during the coming year. According to the University's by-laws, the president must be a Jesuit.



William Redkey '77, assistant U.S. attorney and past member of the Federal Bar Ethics Committee, addressed a full house at the ethics CLE.



A panel of Law School and University staff and former students gathered in the Casey Building Atrium to answer questions from National Alumni Council members about the transition.

PERSUASIVE CASE GAINS RESTORATION

Full ABA accreditation. . .

Seattle University School of Law has returned to the ranks of fully-accredited law schools.

In a move that waived the American Bar Association's formal rules requiring the school to remain on provisional accreditation at least another year, and possibly as long as completion of the move to Seattle, the ABA House of Delegates voted in August to accept the recommendation of the ABA Council to restore full accreditation to the Law School.

"This is really a very positive moment for us," said Dean Jim Bond, who last July declared his intention to pursue restoration of full accreditation as a major goal of his first year back in the deanship.

Following submission to the ABA of a petition for restoration, Seattle University Provost John Eshelman and Dean Bond appeared before the Accreditation Committee of the ABA Section on Legal Education in June and the ABA Council on Legal Education in August to answer questions and present the merits of the case.

The school was reduced to provisional accreditation in August, 1994, with the transfer of sponsorship to Seattle University because, under ABA rules, accreditation is not transferable.

"Under existing rules," Dean Bond explained, "a school reduced to provisional accreditation in circumstances like ours is treated as if it were a start-up school and must apply for full accreditation according to the same time line and according to the same procedures for new schools."

"Such transfers have occurred only recently and in most cases have been distress circumstances, where the schools were in some trouble," he said, adding that "our case is quite different. We believe we are the first case of two strong parent universities agreeing to transfer a very strong law school from one parent university to the other."

The ABA has inspected the school three times since the transfer, including a March,

1996 inspection that was "unusually positive and reflected a genuine sense that we are a quality institution and are providing our students with an excellent legal education," he said.

"Our position, and the position that the provost and I articulated, is that we are in full compliance with every substantive accreditation standard; that, but for the transfer, there would be no question but that we were entitled to full accreditation; that provisional accreditation was damaging us seriously in the admissions market, and the last two site teams that visited us both independently concurred in that judgment; and that justice and equity required full restoration of accreditation in these circumstances."

The ABA rule waived is one that indicates that unless a school is actually in a new building, its facilities are by definition inadequate.

"We are presently in a facility that has always been deemed adequate by every inspection team that has visited the school from 1980 to last spring, but we were being told that we are presumptively in inadequate facilities because the ABA has an interpretation of its facilities standard that says leased facilities can never be adequate."

"We never should have been reduced to provisional accreditation, and remaining on provisional accreditation any longer seemed not just unreasonable but unconscionable," Dean Bond said.

"I think the most persuasive argument for the Council was the quality of this program as the last two site inspection teams described it—and for that the faculty and staff deserve our thanks," he said.

The Law School was fully ABA-accredited from March, 1974—only 30 months after opening its doors in rented facilities on South Tacoma Way—until the August, 1994 transfer. Some 178 of the nation's 216 law schools are ABA accredited.

On the cover:

Appointed in 1994, **Linda Lau '83** is the first Asian-American woman to serve as a King County Superior Court judge. Elected to the King County District Court in 1992, she earlier served as a King County deputy prosecuting attorney and as a partner in a Seattle law firm. She will be unopposed for her District 49 Superior Court judgeship in the September primary. Other grads running—many not so fortunate—are listed on page 8.



Who is this and what's she suiting up for? See page 7.



Among the participants at the ethics CLE was **Jim Lygo '88**.

ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR THROUGH DECEMBER 1996

Mark these dates...

We hope this calendar will inspire you to join us in some of these Law School and University-wide activities.

SEPTEMBER

11 Wednesday
Alumni Board of Governors meeting
Seattle University
Casey Commons
4-7 p.m.
Our own **Tamara Chinn '93** serves on this university-wide board. All graduates are welcome to the meeting, which will include an extensive guided tour of the Seattle University campus.

16 Monday
JobWatch distributed to alumni subscribers
The Office of Career Services publishes this monthly newsletter to inform graduates of current legal employment vacancies. If you or someone you know is thinking about a job change—or you simply have an interest in what's "out there"—call Career Services at 591-2265 to receive your copy.

17 Tuesday
Primary Election Day
See page 8 for a roster of our graduates seeking some judicial offices.

21 Saturday
"Tacky Tropical" 10-year Reunion for the Class of 1986
Ray's Boathouse, Seattle
7 p.m.
All members of the Class of '86 are encouraged to attend this once-in-a-decade event. Tickets are \$40 per person. For more details, call the Alumni Office, 591-2288.

23 Monday
Fall on-campus interviews begin at the Law School
A special salute to our many graduates who represent law firms and legal agencies participating in this program.

OCTOBER

2 Wednesday
Seattle University guided campus tour
5:30 p.m.
Hosted by District 10 representatives of the National Alumni Council, campus tours—including a stop at the proposed law school site—are offered the first Wednesday of every month. Alumni should meet in the Casey Building Atrium. For more information and to sign up, call the Deans' Offices at 591-2273.



Barbara Patterson '89 got right to work at the business session of the National Alumni Council meeting.

3 Thursday
"The Transition: Nagging Questions & Dangling Issues"
School of Law
Weyerhaeuser Lounge
5-7 p.m.
Hosted by District 11 representatives of the National Alumni Council, this forum-discussion is intended primarily for South Sound alumni who are interested in finding out more about our new affiliation with Seattle University and the implications for them.

15 Tuesday
JobWatch distributed to alumni subscribers
See September 16 for complete details.

17 Thursday
Alumni Breakfast
Downtown Seattle
7:30-9 a.m.
Graduates in the area will receive details under separate cover.

17 Thursday
Spokane alumni event
Graduates in the region will receive details under separate cover.

24 Thursday
Spokane alumni event
Graduates in the region will receive details under separate cover.

27 Sunday
Southern California alumni event
Graduates in the region will receive details under separate cover.

NOVEMBER

5 Tuesday
Election Day
See page 8 in this issue for a roster of our graduates seeking some judicial offices.

6 Wednesday
Seattle University guided campus tour
5:30 p.m.
See October 2 for details.

8 Friday
Complimentary CLE: "Ethics for Government Lawyers & Small-firm Practitioners"
place to be announced
1-4 p.m.
Sponsored by District 12 representatives of the National Alumni Council, this CLE is offered free-of-charge to Thurston County alumni. Look for specific details under separate cover.



Alums, including this group led by assistant vice president Paul Blake, were given tours of the SU main campus as part of the National Alumni Council meeting. See above for dates on which you can attend a guided tour.

13 Wednesday
Seattle University Alumni Board of Governors meeting
Stimson Room
4-7 p.m.

22 Friday
Complimentary CLE: "Professional Ethics: Money, Sex, & Crime"
Room 501, School of Law
1-4 p.m.
Sponsored by District 11 representatives of the National Alumni Council, this CLE features Professors John Strait and David Boerner, along with graduates who are experts in the field. The free-of-charge program attracted more than 250 alumni to the Seattle University campus last summer. Pierce County graduates won't want to miss it! Look for additional details & registration materials under separate cover.

21 Thursday
San Francisco alumni event
Graduates in the region will receive details under separate cover.

DECEMBER

8 Sunday
All-University Alumni Christmas Mass & Reception
Campion Hall & Pigott Atrium
5:30-8 p.m.
Additional information on this university-wide event will be made available at a later date.

12 Thursday
Annual Holiday Reception
Rainier Club, Seattle
5-8 p.m.
Back by popular demand, this holiday get-together honors Law School graduates and friends who have contributed in special and significant ways to the welfare of the School of Law. By invitation.
Information included in this calendar is subject to change. For an up-to-the-minute schedule of alumni events, you may contact the Alumni Office by phone at 591-2265 or via internet at lallard@seattleu.edu.

GREETINGS & GOOD-BYES

Prestigious appointment...

After two decades of teaching at our law school, Douglas M. Branson is leaving to become the first incumbent of the W. Edward Sell Professorship in Business Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Branson will join the Pitt law faculty this fall.

In making the announcement that Branson would fill the first endowed chair at the Pitt law school, officials cited Branson's "national stature as a scholar and superb record as a teacher," and his "enthusiastic encouragement of scholarship of colleagues, particularly new law faculty, all over the country."

They also noted that "because of his reputation as one of the country's most prolific business law scholars, Branson has assumed an especially influential role in framing the highly prestigious American Law Institute's recommendations for corporate governance."

Branson also holds a permanent faculty appointment at the University of Melbourne, Australia, at which he team-teaches

a Master of Laws Corporate Governance course each May.

A member of the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association's sections on business law and antitrust law, Branson is considered the world's leading expert on the corporate law aspects of Alaska native corporations.

The W. Edward Sell Professorship in Business Law is named for the former Pitt law dean who is considered the father of Pennsylvania's modern business corporation statute, passed in 1988.

In a note to faculty, staff, and students at Seattle University, Branson promised "to return to the Pacific Northwest and to this Law School frequently."

"At times," he added, "it may seem to some of you that I never left."

Dean Jim Bond, noting how much his colleagues at Seattle University will miss Doug, said that Pitt was fortunate to get "such a great scholar and distinguished teacher."



Professor Douglas Branson

A 1988 cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School who has spent the last eight years practicing with the Washington, D.C. firm of Covington & Burling is the newest member of the Seattle University law faculty.

Mark A. Chinen, who will teach contracts and international business law, also holds an M. Div. magna cum laude from Yale Divinity School (1984) and a B.A. cum laude in Asian Studies from Pomona College (1981).

While at Harvard, Chinen served as associate editor for the *Harvard International Law Review* and as a teaching fellow for Dr. Robert Coles.

While an associate at Covington & Burling, Chinen practiced securities, banking, international trade, and customs law, as well as corporate trans-

actions and public interest litigation. For four years he served as associate editor and contributor to the *Intellectual Property Fraud Reporter*.

He has also authored articles in the *American Journal of International Law* and the *Harvard International Law Review*.

Professor Anne Enquist, who chaired the search committee, said: "We conducted an extensive national search, and Mark Chinen was our first choice. We are delighted to welcome him to the faculty. He's a wonderful person who fits many of our academic needs, especially in international law."

Professor Chinen and his wife, Ruby, moved to Seattle in early summer. They are expecting their first child soon.



Professor Mark Chinen

CAPPING TWO DECADES OF GROWTH & PROGRESS, A WARM AND HEARTY GREETING FROM LAW STUDENTS HIGHLIGHTS THIS TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT SULLIVAN

How rumor became reality. . .

Earlier this year, the Board of Trustees and Board of Regents of Seattle University underwrote a commemorative publication to highlight "the milestones in Seattle University's renaissance during Father William Sullivan's 20 years as its 20th president." Written by Seattle author Walt Crowley and published by the Seattle University Publications Office, the elegant little history contained the following "behind the scenes" view of a year we'll all remember. The following is reprinted by permission.

On May 3, 1993, Father Sullivan's tenure as president passed the 17-year mark set by Father Lemieux when he retired in 1965. It offered a moment to reflect on the university's tremendous progress to date: enrollment had grown by nearly half to 4,880 students, the faculty had added 158 new positions, endowments had ballooned from less than \$3 million to \$46 million, and Father Sullivan had by now personally signed more than half of all the 33,407 degrees issued by Seattle University throughout its entire history.

Asked if he might be considering retirement, Father Sullivan replied with the metaphor of helmsman on a sailboat. "When you're in an ocean sailing race and you're on the wheel for several hours, at some point it becomes appropriate to let somebody else take the wheel. Then you trim the sails or fall into your bunk or do something else. I don't know exactly where that point is for me here at Seattle University." He added, "My only hope is

that I step down too soon rather than too late." Until then, Father Sullivan concluded, "I have the best job in Seattle." . . .

Persistent rumors had been spreading that Seattle University was about to take over the University of Puget Sound's School of Law in Tacoma. This was news to Father Sullivan, so he called the new UPS president, Susan Resneck Pierce, and suggested that they chat.

The two presidents met over coffee at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel in July. At the outset, they discussed how to deal with the law school rumor; by the end of their conversation, they were thinking about how to turn it into a reality. Pierce confessed that if UPS were ever to seek a new owner for the law school, Seattle University would be the only buyer it would consider. Father Sullivan reciprocated by admitting that if UPS ever decided to sell, he would be interested.

Afterward, Father Sullivan told his cabinet "the deal will never happen; it's too good to be true," but "ifs" quickly became more than mere possibilities because the transfer made sense for both schools. Although the UPS law school had achieved an excellent reputation and impressive enrollment since its founding in 1973, many of the UPS trustees regarded it as a distraction from the university's primary liberal arts mission.

For its part, Seattle University had dreamed of establishing a law school since the 1930s. Higher Jesuit authorities, however, had viewed such a development as wasteful competition

for Gonzaga's law school and forbade Seattle from pursuing any plans for its own. The possibility was revisited in the 1970s, but by then the cost of a new school was prohibitive. As a result, Seattle University was the only major Jesuit university on the West Coast without a school of law.

Father Sullivan was fortunate to have Denis Ransmeier as his vice president for finance.

Ransmeier had performed the same role for Georgetown University's School of Law for nine years, so it took him little time to crunch the numbers. It was clear that acquisition of an established school with 800-plus students and an \$11 million budget would be much cheaper than trying to build one from scratch. The staffs of the two universities began exchanging proposals within a few weeks of their presidents' kaffee klatsch. At UPS' request, both sides maintained absolute secrecy for fear that any leaks might incite a rebellion in Tacoma, which was rightfully proud of its home-town law school. Negotiations almost foundered over UPS' initial insistence that Seattle University purchase the law school's buildings in Tacoma, but this condition was finally dropped.

A draft agreement was hammered out by October and shared with the trustees of both universities. The purchase was approved with surprisingly little

horse trading (the final price remains confidential by mutual agreement). One important condition imposed by Father Sullivan was a requirement for the deal's acceptance by the law school faculty, since their skills and reputation was the school's primary equity. This made "selling" the sale all the more crucial when it was announced in Tacoma on Monday, November 8, 1993. The local reaction was predictably one of shock, followed by cries of betrayal. Susan Pierce and interim law school Dean Don Carmichael were confronted by angry faculty members and students when they informed them of the transfer at a special meeting.

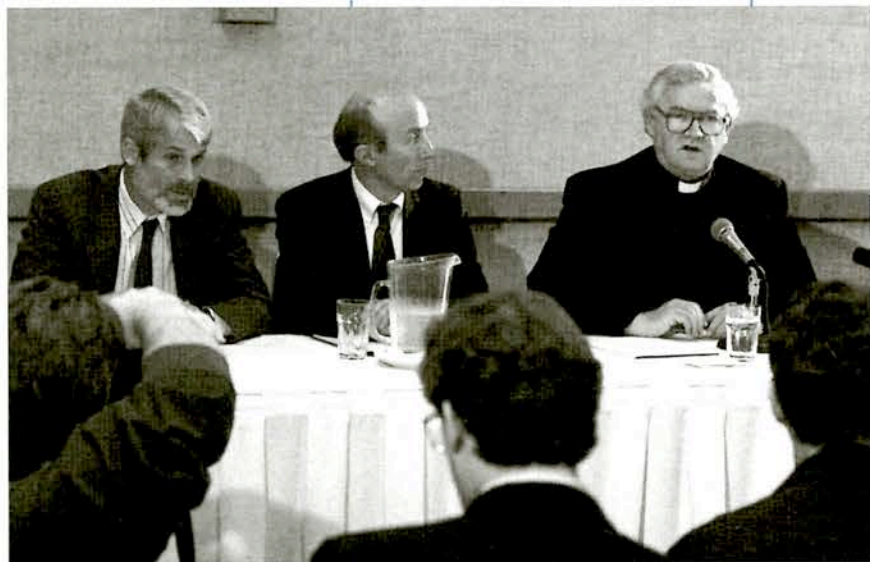
Father Sullivan, waiting outside the room, felt like he was next in line for an auto-da-fe. When his turn came, however, he was greeted with warm and enthusiastic applause. "Among many memorable days during my life at Seattle University," he later said, this moment "will remain the most memorable." When the crowd finally let him speak, Father Sullivan assured them, "I was not driving up and down I-5 looking for a law school, but if I had been, this would have been my first choice." He also declared that he was not there to rescue a

program, but to create "one of the premier law schools in the United States right in the heart of Seattle." This promise converted most critics within the law school into advocates, although a few Tacoma politicians later floated draft legislation to block the sale.

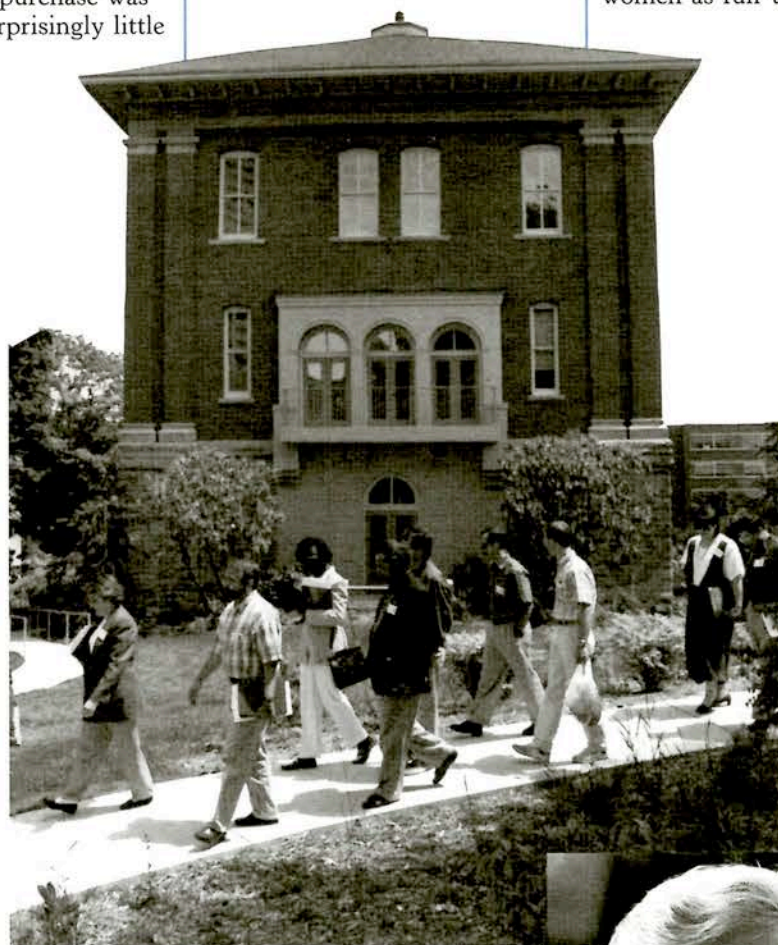
The reaction in Seattle was understandably positive, especially when Father Sullivan explained that the purchase was being financed from the university's reserve fund and would not impinge on established campus priorities. The law school is to be fully assimilated, not stand apart in some kind of academic exile, and construction of its new Seattle University home will be financed through a separate fund drive.

The final test came at commencement in June 1994. Law school graduates were given the option of receiving diplomas bearing the name of Seattle University or UPS. Everyone chose the former, and since then, two-thirds of law school alums have requested new certificates issued under Seattle University's imprimatur.

That fall, Seattle University enrollment topped 6,000, including nearly 900 law school students. The new academic year also marked the 60th anniversary of co-education at Seattle University, which was one of the first Jesuit colleges to admit women as full-time students.



On November 8, 1993, at a press conference announcing Seattle University's acquisition of the Law School, most of the questions went to President Sullivan, ably assisted by Provost John Eshelman (center) and Vice President Denis Ransmeier.



Led by Paul Blake, assistant vice president and director of public relations for Seattle University, alums viewed the highlights of the Seattle University campus, including the newly renovated Garrand Building, the oldest building on campus and now the home of the School of Nursing.



Father William J. Sullivan, S.J.

LAW ALUMNI SOCIETY NATIONAL COUNCIL

Your representative. . .

Following is the name of your representative on the Law Alumni Society National Council, along with a phone number. You'll be hearing from these people throughout the year, and we know they'd enjoy hearing from you.

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Lucy Isaki '77, chair of the Law School board of visitors and a graduate of Seattle University, gave National Council members a hearty welcome.

ENTHUSIASTIC REPORT FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL'S MEETING: "TIMES HAVE CHANGED"

Dear Friends:

I write to you with a sense of immense satisfaction and confidence following the inaugural meeting of the National Alumni Council June 14 and 15. I am satisfied that the Law School has finally found its proper home at Seattle University. I am satisfied that Seattle University is the type of caring community that will provide the support and guidance we need to accomplish the tasks that lie ahead. And I am confident that, with Seattle University, we may now begin to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of so many faculty, administrators, and staff who have long struggled to build a law school of pre-eminent quality and reputation.

My feelings come as no surprise. The weekend was a great success and a testament to the hard work of Ana Pierce, Lucy Allard, Linda Zahrlly, Dean Joan Watt, Dean Jim Bond, and others. I am inspired by what we experienced and what we learned.

We learned that the original faculty, administration, and especially students, deserve our deepest respect and admiration. The celebration of our past at the first night's reception captivated me with the tale of a few ambitious and dedicated professors, administrators, and distinguished attorneys organizing a Law School from nothing.

It was ironic that those founders originally solicited Seattle University as the parent institution for the law school, but SU was deeply in debt. Not until Father Sullivan put Seattle University back into the black would it be ready to accept our Law School. And it was inspiring to meet and converse with

those early students who came to a law school with no history and a questionable future, yet accomplished so much in their careers across the Northwest and the nation. It was the achievements of these first faculty, administrators, staff, and students that developed the solid reputation I inherited when I attended the Law School.

Then the Law School was abandoned, sold, or whatever. Suddenly, my diploma seemed worthless. I feared potential clients asking me why they had never heard of my law school. I dreaded having to mumble some explanation of the sale. I worried it would question my very integrity and competence as a lawyer. I was angry. I had questions, demands really, and I wanted answers.

The answers we received this weekend were comforting.

We learned only a handful of people knew of the sale before it was announced and no one at the school, especially the Dean, was informed beforehand. We discovered that few alumni felt attached to the University of Puget Sound. Rather, our loyalties were to our fellow students, to professors, to the staff, and, on those rare occasions when we were not protesting something, even to the administration.

We recalled proclaiming with our classmates that we would never give a penny to a law school that didn't care about us. But this weekend, we realized it was the University of Puget Sound that didn't care, and that sometimes our faculty and administration may have been too busy struggling with the main campus to show how much they cared about us. Times have changed with Seattle University.

First, Seattle University acknowledged and promoted our heritage. After all, the value of our Law School is inextricably linked to the reputation of the University of Puget Sound School of Law, its faculty, and its alumni.

Second, Seattle University honored the Pierce and Thurston County legal communities, whose support was so invaluable to our early survival. Seattle University demonstrated a sincere commitment to preserve the connection to these communities despite the move to the new location on the First Hill campus.

Finally, Seattle University expressed the encouragement and backing the National Alumni Council needs to reach out to the entire alumni and begin to build the spirit and tradition of a great law school.

For me personally, the weekend's events were particularly inspiring. Prior to law school, I was not very active on my undergraduate campus or otherwise. Since, I have enjoyed getting on my soap box for just about anyone who will listen. And I have been invigorated by the dedication and enthusiasm of the alumni I met that weekend and the commitment of all involved to the future success of the Law School.

Someday, I truly believe, graduates of the Seattle University School of Law will be welcomed at job interviews, on faculties, and on the bench with the same respect as those from the Ivy League—not because of an elitist reputation, but because of the quality of the Seattle University education and the character of its graduates.

We have spent 20 years as the unwanted child of an indifferent parent. Now, we have found a home. And we are welcome there.

—C. Chip Goss '92
Former President
Law Alumni Society



Chosen as Executive Council Members by the full Council during an organizing session were: (rear l to r) Judy Jasprica '89 of Tacoma, Joel Beerman '74 of Atlanta, (front l to r) David Acheson '88 of Salt Lake City, Anita Crawford-Willis '86 of Seattle, Sally Wise '76 of Lincoln, Neb., and (not pictured) Kathleen (Spong) Benedict '77 of Olympia and Chip Goss '92 of Renton.



DEAN JIM BOND DESCRIBES A MOMENT RICH IN THE PROMISE OF OPPORTUNITY

Committed to the values of access and excellence. . .

The final formal session of the first National Alumni Council meeting, held at Seattle University on June 16 & 17, featured a talk by Dean Jim Bond that was billed as "instructional and inspirational." Following is an edited transcript of his remarks on "Future Plans and Possibilities."

I did not realize that my presentation had been billed as an inspirational speech. Inspiration is not one of my areas of expertise, but I do welcome the opportunity to share with you my sense of the truly exciting opportunities that lie ahead for us, as well as some of the formidable challenges that we face.

I thought you might be interested, by way of beginning, in an incident that happened at a conference at Jackson Hole just last week. A group of the deans of the Law School went to the conference. In one of their workshops, they were asked to react to a hypothetical that involved how one builds an institution to conform to its mission. More particularly, this hypothetical, which was in fact a real story, involved a community college in the New York State system. They had decided to become a four-year institution. Consequently, they had to get rid of some programs that didn't fit with being a four-year institution. One of their existing programs was very profitable and highly regarded, but it didn't fit the mission of a four-year institution. It was a mortuary school. As the presenter was explaining the hypothetical, the deans from Seattle University began to laugh, much to the irritation of the presenter, who didn't regard himself as a standup comedian. Finally, one of my deans, Dean Deming, said, "I am sorry, but you have to understand, we were the mortuary school."

Well, we may be the mortuary school, but we are not dead. We are very much alive, and this is a critical moment in the school's history. It's a moment rich in the promise of opportu-

nities, and also in challenges. Let me describe for you what I think are the four major opportunities that we have in the next few years.

Exciting Opportunities

Opportunity number one: to build a state-of-the-art home, that will enable us to prepare our students for practice in the twenty-first century. Let me give you one example. We believe that within a very short period of time, every lawyer will have to have substantial skills in the new technology. We have always expected our students to write well, we have always taught them how to write well. Now we need similarly to prepare our students to use technology in the way that it is going to be used in practice. That is a whole new venture for us. It requires a particular kind of physical plant, and we are lucky enough to be building a new home at a time when we can in fact equip it and build it so that we can teach our students what they need to know in terms of technology. In fact, I've just appointed a committee, chaired by Annette Clark, which will identify the skills our students will need in that area and how we will teach them those skills. Additionally, the committee will recommend technology standards for staff and faculty. I repeat: the opportunity to build a new state of the art home that enables us to prepare people to practice law in the 21st century is an exciting opportunity.

The second opportunity is to develop an academic program that integrates clinical and substantive education in ways that enable our students to understand that knowledge and skills are inseparable, and that prepares them to use both. You heard earlier this week some descriptions of the integrated clinics, and we are going to expand what we're doing in that area. Within a very short period of time, we will probably require as a

condition of graduation that students take some specified number of hours in the clinical area. The point is we need to look seriously at what kinds of skills we expect our students to have when they graduate, as well as what body of substantive knowledge we expect them to have mastered by the time they graduate. Certainly, the McCrate Report, which is a major study by the American Bar Association, suggests that there are certain particular skills that all attorneys need, and I think that we have to be serious about preparing our students to use those skills effectively.

The third opportunity we have, particularly now in association with Seattle University, is to create an ethical ethos that encourages our students to understand and to embrace the practice of law as a calling and enable them to make a positive difference in the world. I am not, I think my staff will attest, a "touchy feely" person. I am an ENTJ. I am a "field marshal," and I don't think I am particularly naive. But I do feel that most of us want to make a difference. We want to do both good and well.

There is something about legal education that tends to make cynics of a lot of us, if the practice of law doesn't do it when we get out of law school. We have to combat that. We must encourage students to think about values, to think about why it is they want to practice law, why they think the practice of law will make them feel good about themselves, and what it is about the practice of law that will enable them to do what I said most of us want to do, which is to make a positive difference in the world in which we live.

And finally, **the fourth opportunity** we have is to become a vital part of a comprehensive urban university that is committed to both the value of access and the value of excellence. Access is so important in terms of what most of us see as the American Dream. Neither of my parents went to high school—my father drove a bread truck all of his life, my mother worked as a clerk in a grocery store. I wouldn't have the extraordinary, rich life that I have but for education.

And I wouldn't have gotten that education if lots of people, most of whom, quite frankly, I never met and don't know, hadn't created that opportunity for me. I was a scholarship kid. And because I was a scholarship kid, I had all sorts of opportunities that my parents could never have financed because they never dreamed that I might have them. I believe we have an obligation to open the door of opportunity to people who otherwise wouldn't have that opportunity and whose parents don't understand those opportunities, or if they do, don't have the resources to make them available for their kids. I believe in access.

But I also believe in excellence. It's not enough to give people an opportunity. We have to challenge them, we have to demand that they do the best, we have to be confident when they leave our school that they are in fact well-prepared to serve their clients. That's why John Mitchell says, "I care more about my students' future clients than I care about my students." After all, we're in the business of preparing people to serve other people's very important interests, and we have an obligation to those other people not to turn out people who can't do that. So we have to be committed to excellence. Part of the challenge is trying to figure out how to balance access and excellence. It's tough, but we've got to do it.

Quality, Cost-Effective Education

Now let me talk about the challenges we face.

You heard a lot from Jennifer Freimund this morning about the cost of legal education, and particularly about the crushing debt that our students now incur to finance their legal education. Figuring out how to provide a quality education at a cost that students can afford is the first challenge we face. We are a tuition-driven institution. We have to charge a tuition that generates the resources essential to providing a quality program. We know that the tuition we

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Paul Chuey '93 serenaded his fellow alums at the Alumni Leadership Recognition Dinner, held at the Woodmark Hotel, on the shore of Lake Washington.



Before the Recognition Dinner, Hal Bergem '89 and Bernard Broadous '90 enjoyed a splendid summer evening amid pleasure boats moored on Lake Washington.



John Worden '84 of San Francisco joined law grads from all parts of the nation at the ethics CLE and the National Alumni Council meeting.



Anita Crawford-Willis '86 at the Transition session.



Mike McKasy '76 of Tacoma was one of many listening with great interest at the Transition session.

AND DETAILS THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

We will need your help. . .

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have to charge is beyond the ability of many, many students to pay. So they either have to draw on resources from their families, or they have to work, or they have to borrow, or they have to do some combination of all three.

This challenge requires of us two things: We have to be very, very cost-effective in terms of the quality of the education we provide. We have to work to make sure that we are as efficient as we can possibly be, that we are not wasting student dollars. And we also have to raise scholarship dollars. That is a long term and ongoing goal. We have to do that, because unless we can keep tuition down, and raise the amount of money we can give to students to help them pay that tuition, we are not going to be able to keep our promise of access.

To Finance A New Building

Second, we've got to finance the new building. We expect the building to cost approximately \$35 million dollars. We are going to have to borrow a substantial portion of that cost. While we are going to work very hard to raise as much in gifts as we possibly can, we know that we are in a market where building new law schools to turn out more lawyers is not at the top of everybody's list of charitable priorities.

We have a relatively young alumni population, most of whom are not in a position to make large gifts. Seattle University has just finished an extremely successful \$68 million dollar campaign, which tells you they know how to raise money and they've got people who want to support the university; but it also tells you that some of those people may have reached, for the time being, as deep into their pockets as they want to reach. Thus, we face a major challenge in raising gifts for the new law school. We do have some reserves, and the University has some reserves, so we will not have to borrow the total cost of the new building, but we will have to borrow a very substantial amount.

Fortunately, as it turns out, we were paying off a mortgage on the old build-

ing, and we are now paying a lease payment out of the current budget of almost \$1.5 million dollars. \$1.5 million dollars enables you to borrow a lot of money. We have assumed that money is available, because it is currently in the budget and it's not being used for programs to service debt, but that will not do the whole job that needs to be done. We expect that the University will step up and help us with the debt service on the new building. But working out the precise formula for Law School and University contributions is going to be a challenge.

To Maximize Mutual Benefits

Challenge number three is to maximize the mutual benefits of the Law School's new relationship with the University. Thus far, the transition has gone very, very well. Because we're not yet on the campus, we don't have as many opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary seminars and team teaching as we will have once we are here. But there are so many multiple dimensions of being, for the first time in our history, on a university campus where there are other graduate and professional programs, that the opportunities are virtually unlimited. For the moment, those opportunities are mostly in the planning stage, and we're just beginning to build tentative relationships with persons and departments who appear to have interests that correspond with some of ours, whether we're talking about teaching or whether we're talking about research.

To Walk the Talk

The fourth challenge is to walk the talk of our mission statement and thereby build an institutional reputation that debunks so many of the popular myths about lawyers and the law. Look at our mission statement. Like all mission statements, it's general, it's rich in adjectives and action verbs; but, boiled down to its essence, it says that we want to train and prepare men and women to practice law in a way that both benefits their clients and, as a consequence, benefits the society in which we live.

We see law as a noble calling. We see law, as we say in our mission statement, as the centerpiece of a just society. We don't think that this country can have a truly good society, a truly just society, without the rule of law. Lawyers are the custodians of the rule of law, and lawyers are the people who make the rule of law a reality in everyday life. I believe that. I believe that passionately. But much of the rest of the world doesn't. The rest of the world thinks we're a bunch of connivers and ambulance-chasers. We've got to do our little part to debunk that myth. And we've got to do that by walking the talk, by preparing people who at least have been exposed to that sense of what it is to be a lawyer.

I do one "civic speech" every year. I prepare it and I give it wherever I'm asked to give a civic speech. The civic speech this year is, "Is the good lawyer an oxymoron?"

Well, you will not be surprised that my answer is no, it's not an oxymoron. There are good lawyers, and they do do good. But we've got to inculcate that philosophy in our students and we as staff and particularly as faculty have to model that. That's a major challenge.

Those are, then, the opportunities and challenges we face.

A Shared Conclusion

I wouldn't have taken this job if I didn't think that we could meet those challenges and realize those opportunities, but we will need your help. I hope that over the course of this weekend you have come to the same conclusion that I came to probably about a year after the sale was announced. Those of you who were in the Tacoma community and maybe even in the Seattle community know that I was not a quiet wallflower with respect to the sale of the Law School. Don Carmichael counseled us to keep our unhappiness to ourselves, and that was very wise counsel, and I tried.

But I went into Don's office, and I said, "Don, I know you're right. But I simply cannot not speak my piece."

So, I wrote a letter to the board of trustees, telling them what I thought of their decision and their treatment of the Law School, and its students, staff, and faculty, and it was picked up in the local press. I was on public record as having suggested that the board of trustees and the president of the University acted in a very shabby way toward the Law School.

As I worked through my anger, I realized that my loyalty, at least, did not run to an abstract institution. When I thought about what it was that I prized about the law school, I realized that it was people. I cared about staff, I cared about faculty, I cared about the students I had taught, I cared about the alums I had gotten to know in the process of representing the school to them. I realized that none of that had changed. My colleagues were still my colleagues, the staff I worked with were still my friends, my students were still my former students, and I hoped at least that the alums that I had gotten to know, several of whom are in this room, would still consider me a friend. And it was to them that my loyalty ran. The fact that the name of the institution had changed hadn't changed the Law School for me. But it took me a year to get to that point. And I'm glad I did, because at about that time the faculty came to me and said, "Would you do this again?"

Because I had reached that point, because I thought there were some clearly identified opportunities and challenges, because I thought it would be exciting to help my colleagues exploit those opportunities and meet those challenges, I signed on for a second term. I'm delighted to have this personal opportunity, and I hope that you are equally delighted to have the opportunity to help us.



A group of National Alumni Council members heard Dean Jim Bond talk about the future of the Law School. The text of his speech appears above.



Alums representing each district brought ideas on how to organize to the business session of the National Alumni Council.



Brainstorming at the business session of the National Alumni Council meeting were Washingtonians Rod Fleck '94 of Forks and Peter Matty '77 of Silverdale.



Patrick Oishi '96 offered reflections on his undergraduate years at Seattle University and his recent Law School experience.



Bob Cumbow '91 and Linda Moran '86 enjoyed music and company at a picnic held in the Japanese Tea Garden at the close of the National Alumni Council Meeting.



This group of good sports all succumbed to Dean Joan Watt's plea to buy and wear this classy sweatshirt: (rear l to r) Peter Butch III '84, Mike McKasy '76, David Acheson '88 (with son), Rod Fleck '94, Judy Jasprica '89, Anita Crawford-Willis '86, Gregg Rodgers '83, (front l to r) Mike Hayden '76, Dean Jim Bond, Peggy McKasy, Patricia Moran-Mahre '91, and Geraldine Simon '93.



Judge Mike Hayden '76 and Professor Richard Settle feasted at the picnic.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR HOPEFUL GRADS

Many running. . .

As the number of Seattle University law grads increases (we're past 5,800 now), so does the number running for judicial office. According to the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, competition for seats on the King County Superior Court is much greater this year than in the past, and we believe that's true throughout the state. When the dust cleared after the week allowed for filing in late July, we learned that the following alums were running for positions at the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Superior Court levels throughout the state. We checked our records for every name that appeared on lists we received from Olympia, so if we missed your name, we're truly sorry. And next time, tell us first.

State Supreme Court

Position No. 3:

Charles W. Johnson '76 (i)-Gig Harbor
Barnett N. Kalikow '86-Federal Way

State Court of Appeals

Division II, District 1, Position 1:

Elaine Houghton '79 (i)-Puyallup

Asotin/Columbia/Garfield Counties

Superior Court:

Ray Lutes '77-Clarkston

Clark County

Superior Court Department 1:

Roger A. Bennett '75 (i)-Vancouver

Island/San Juan Counties

Superior Court Position 2:

Vickie I. Churchill '86-Oak Harbor

King County Superior Court

Department 2:

Harriet Cody '75 (i)-Seattle
Bruce Gardiner '76-Kirkland

Department 9:

Jo Anne Alumbaugh '78 (i)-Seattle

Department 16:

Michael Hayden '76 (i)-Seattle

Department 22:

Jim Street '76-Seattle

Department 27:

Joan E. DuBuque '77 (i)-Shoreline

Department 37:

Nicole K. MacInnes '78 (i)-Seattle

Department 47:

Deborah D. Fleck '76 (i)-Seattle

Department 49:

Linda Lau '83 (i)-Seattle

Kitsap County

Court 2:

Ron Meyers '82-Port Orchard

Court 7:

M. Karlynn Haberly '78 (i)-Seabeck

Kittitas County

Superior Court:

Jim Maloney '86-Ellensburg

Pierce County Superior Court

Department 1:

Steven Quick-Ruben '83-Tacoma

Department 2:

Ken Nichols '81-Tacoma

Department 3:

Christine Quinn-Brintnall '80-Tacoma

Department 4:

Bryan Chushcoff '77-Tacoma

Sandra Mostoller '82-Tacoma

Art Wang '84-Tacoma

Department 11:

Day H. Bon '80-Tacoma

Department 17:

Terry Sebring '74 (i)-Tacoma

Snohomish County

Superior Court Position 8:

J.C. Becker '89-Mill Creek

Thurston County

Superior Court Position 6:

Christine A. Pomeroy '77 (i)-Olympia

Yakima County

Superior Court Department 1:

Dorothy Brodrick '86-Yakima

Also listed were these grads who are running for a variety of offices in Washington:

Lieutenant Governor: **Bambi Lin Litchman '97** (D-Tacoma) & **Bruce Buckles '88** (R-Redmond)

Attorney General: **Richard Shepard '86** (Libertarian-Tacoma) & **Luanne Coachman '88** (Natural Law-Kent)

Legislative District 26, House No. 1: **Patricia Lantz '80** (D-Gig Harbor)

Legislative District 30, House No. 1: **Tim Hickel '87** (R-Federal Way)

Legislative District 33, House No. 2: **Claire Drosdick '77** (R-Normandy)

And running for Senate District 27 is long-time faculty member **Wallace Rudolph** (R-Tacoma).



Ken Masters '92 helped provide musical entertainment for the Recognition Dinner.



Attorney **Mary Wechsler '79** and board of visitors members **Matthew Sayre** (center) and Justice **Charles Johnson '76** were among those honored by the Recognition Dinner.

JUDGE ELAINE HOUGHTON HAS BEEN A STAR IN MANY WORTHY ROLES

Let the credits roll. . .

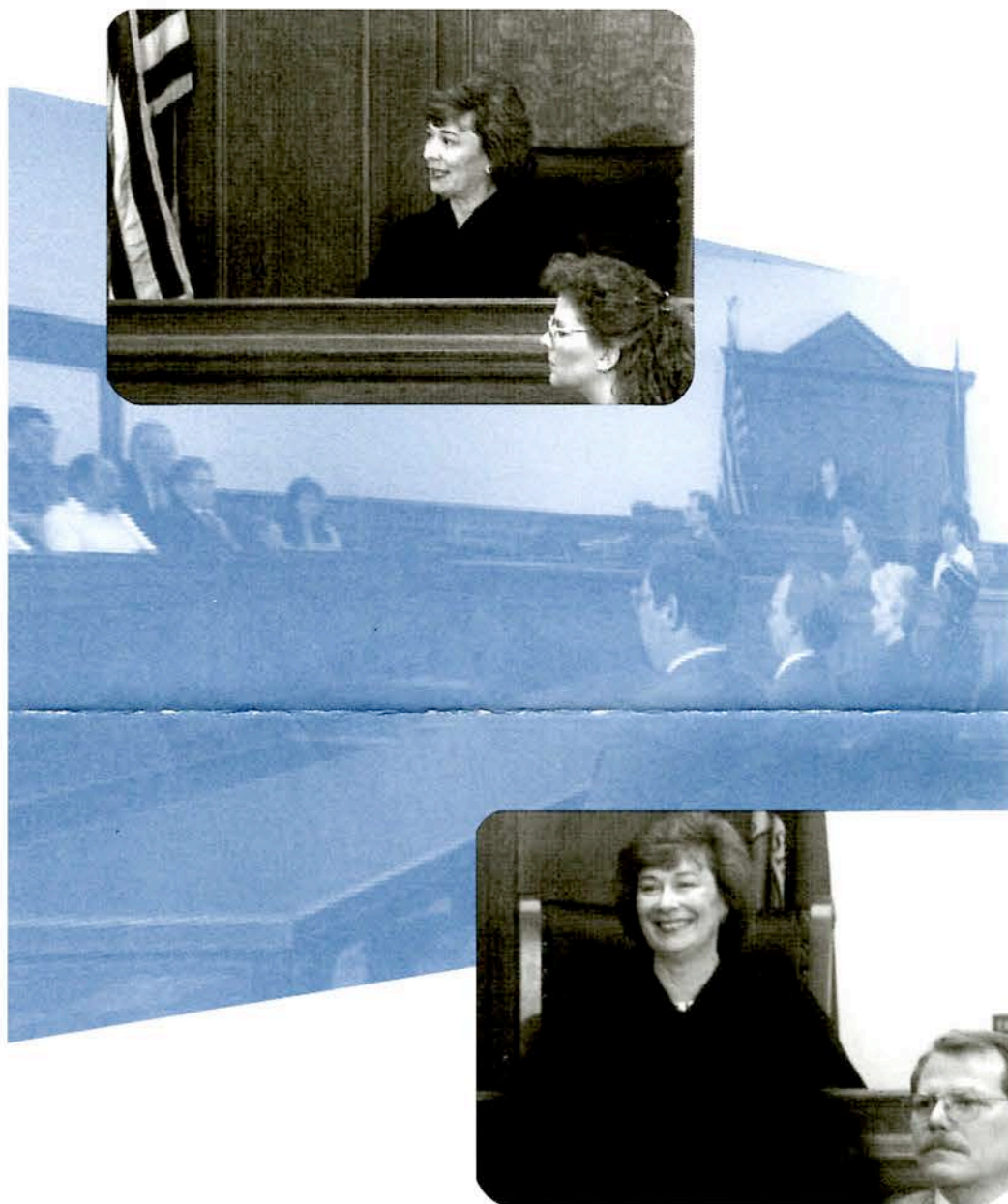
Pictured below is the Hon. **Elaine Houghton '79**. She's starred in the E.R. (during her first career as an emergency room nurse), as a student (a *cum laude* history graduate at UW, a nursing degree from Shoreline Community College, and a J.D. from our Law School), as an attorney (rated by Martindale Hubble among the top 10 percent of attorneys in the nation), as a litigator (the

only woman named "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association), as an alum (serving as one of our first "Distinguished Graduates in Residence"), and—as seen here for the first time (drum roll, please)—in the soon-to-be-released remake of "Welcome to Jury Duty."

The film, produced by Richard Kraemer of PS Media in Tacoma, will be used in jury instruction throughout the state.

In her reel life, Houghton presides over a make-believe case as a way to show various aspects of a jury civil case, including voir dire, the swearing-in of jurors, witness testimony, and the rendering of a verdict.

In her real life, Houghton is Acting Chief Judge of the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II. First elected in 1993, she hopes to star in a remake of that victory as well by winning in the primary on September 17.



Former deans **Wallace Rudolph** and **Fredric Tausend** joined the dinner celebration.



Jim Rupp '77 told the dinner guests about earlier days at the Law School.



Professor **John Strait** greeted board of visitors member **Darcia Tudor '81** at the Carillon Point event.

LOS ANGELES DAILY JOURNAL FOCUSES SPOTLIGHT ON "BEST PREPARED & MOST TENACIOUS" LITIGATOR, ENTERTAINMENT ATTORNEY JOE SCHLEIMER '86

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CASE IN FOCUS

LITIGATOR PROFILE

Film Background Set Him Up for Entertainment Practice

Name: Joseph D. Schleimer.

Name of firm: Law Offices of Joseph D. Schleimer.

Location of firm: 2029 Century Park East, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

Education: University of California, Santa Cruz (B.A. Communication Arts and Environmental Studies, 1976); University of California, Los Angeles (Master of Fine Arts in Film, 1980); and University of Puget Sound School of Law (J.D., May, 1986).

Affiliations: State Bar of California, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Consumer Lawyers of Los Angeles, American Bar Association and Pacific Coast University School of Law (Regent and Adjunct Faculty Member).

Length of time practicing law: Approximately 10 years.

Types of cases: Contract disputes in the motion picture, television and music industries; profit participation and royalty litigation; copyright infringement; artist/manager disputes; guild and talent agency arbitrations; right of publicity and privacy (including name and likeness infringement); defamation; malpractice defense of entertainment industry professionals; and general commercial litigation.

Background: Schleimer was born in New York City but grew up in Long Beach, Calif. He went to college with the intention of becoming an attorney but became enchanted with the allure of the movie industry. He "kicked around" the movie and television industry where he wrote screenplays and tried to break into directing. He was a grip on the movies "1941" (where he met Steven Spielberg), "Time After Time," the television special, "Battle of the Network Stars" and other television and movie projects. During the same time, he worked on documentaries as a cameraman and editor. He also wrote magazine exposés on the nuclear industry as well as articles for the Calendar section of the Los Angeles Times. Although he enjoyed working in



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LAWYER AND CLIENT — Attorney Joseph D. Schleimer with actor Sherman Hemsley, one of several Hollywood figures Schleimer represents in his Los Angeles entertainment law practice.

the entertainment industry, having always desired to be an attorney, he returned to school and obtained a law degree. After passing the bar examination, Schleimer went to work for a two-man firm in Los Angeles. That same year, he was retained by Harland Braun as a defense consultant on the "Twilight Zone" manslaughter trial. He spent the next eight years at a boutique entertainment litigation firm, Lavelly & Singer, where he represented major film stars such as Michael Jackson as an associate. In recent years, he has been lead counsel representing various actors, musicians, producers and other entertainment professionals such as Sigourney Weaver, Thomas Haden Church, director Walter Hill, director David Zucker, Rodney Dangerfield, Sherman Hemsley, The Spin

Doctors and ZZ Top. He enjoys his work because he is able to provide his clients with "good advice and someone they can trust." His advice to lawyers who want to enter the entertainment industry is to gain as much experience as possible, know which of the types of entertainment law firms (litigation and transactional) you want to work in and recognize that there are not a lot of openings in the field.

Keys to success: Schleimer attributes his success to his knowledge of the law, hard work and background in the entertainment industry. He directly traced his victory in a 9th Circuit copyright case for ZZ Top to finding an obscure legal doctrine that supported a 12(b)(6) motion. Schleimer also tries to out-

work opposing counsel. In accounting disputes, he obtains the opposing party's documents and often finds that he can "get an element of surprise" when cross-examining the opposing party's witnesses at trial. Schleimer also credits his success to having "been around the motion picture industry for 25 years," which has provided him with an understanding of the needs of his clients.

Favorite trial moment: Schleimer's favorite moment came in a case where he was representing a television producer. He had just finished voir dire when the producer arrived in the courtroom after flying in from New York. The client had produced hundreds of courtroom dramas on network television and cast at least one "jury" for his televi-

sion show each week. Upon entering the courtroom, he looked at the jury — which had just been selected, took a deep breath and whispered "Oh my God — that's a real jury."

Personal: Schleimer has been married to Robin E. Schleimer, a teacher, for nine years. They have two children; David, 8, and Laurie, 6. In his free time, Schleimer enjoys camping, participating in water sports, and watching movies.

What other lawyers and judges say about this attorney: The Hon. Robert Wenke, retired Superior Court Judge, described Schleimer as "among the best prepared and most tenacious lawyers that ever appeared before me. He's very bright and very insightful."

THE CASE

Jury Awards Sherman Hemsley \$2.8 Million in Movie Dispute

Type: Entertainment law, fraud, motion picture profit participation.

Verdict: \$2,800,000.

Case/Number: Infinite Productions v. Kodiak Films, Inc., et al. / C670195.

Court/Date: L.A. Superior Central / March 1, 1996.

Judge: Hon. David A. Horowitz, Dept. 30.

Attorneys: Plaintiff — Joseph D. Schleimer (Law Offices of Joseph D. Schleimer, L.A.). Defendant — Joseph A. Davis (Davis & Winston, L.A.).

Technical experts: Plaintiff — James Perry, CPA, motion picture forensic auditor, Woodland Hills. Defendant — Williams Shields, motion picture distributor, L.A.; Lou Horwitz, motion picture banker, L.A.; Michael Goldman, motion picture distributor, L.A.

Facts: In 1984, the plaintiff, Infinite

Productions, and its owner, Sherman Hemsley, began production of the motion picture, "Benny and Buford," which was later called "Ghost Fever." The plaintiffs entrusted the film to the defendant, Wolf Schmidt, and his company, defendant, Kodiak Films Inc., to do a rewrite, partial reshoot and then distribute the motion picture. The defendants distributed the picture worldwide but kept 100% of the proceeds. Kodiak Films filed for bankruptcy, and the action proceeded against defendant Wolf Schmidt, who also filed for bankruptcy prior to trial. The plaintiffs brought this action against the defendants based on fraud and deceit theories of recovery, which are not dischargeable in bankruptcy.

Contentions: The plaintiffs contended that the defendants acted with

fraud and deceit. The plaintiffs also contended that the defendants inflated cost deductions and underreported revenue through the use of "side deals" and "creative accounting" tactics. Defendant Wolf Schmidt contended that the motion picture was not successful.

Damages: \$5,000,000 (in original prayer). At trial, the plaintiffs asked for \$2,800,000.

Trial jury: Length 6 weeks; Poll 12-0; Deliberation 4 days.

Settlement discussions: The plaintiffs demanded \$800,000 (cash) and the defendant offered a structured settlement of \$500,000.

Post trial motions: The defendant intends to file a motion for a new trial on the basis that the jury awarded approximately \$1,000,000 in legal and ac-

counting fees, which are not permissible, and that the trial judge erred in giving pre-instructions to the jury, which misstated findings of a reference four years earlier. It is the plaintiffs' contention that the pre-instructions were more favorable to the defendants and that the courts' findings on the accounting reference as well as the award of \$2,800,000 were supported by the evidence as compensatory damages.

Other information: The verdict was reached approximately eight years and four months after the case was filed. An accounting reference by the court (C.C.P. §639(a) and (b)) determined that defendants had underreported revenue and taken excessive cost deductions. The jury was pre-instructed on these findings.

ALUM NOTES: APPOINTMENTS & HONORS NEW OFFICES & NEW ASSIGNMENTS

We'd like to hear from you. . .

1970s

Serving as Federal Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals has given **Cheri L. Filion '78** independence and responsibility. Filion moved to Sacramento, Calif., in 1994, shortly after she was hired.

Charlotte Chalker '77 has been elected chair of the Western Washington University board of trustees in Bellingham.

Chuck Szurszewski '77 is the new president-elect of the Thurston County Bar Association. Also serving this year are: **Martin Meyer '88**, secretary/treasurer, and trustees **Dale Kamerrer '77**, **David Klumpp '80**, **Jay Goldstein '91**, and **Elizabeth Morgan '93**.

1980s

Linda J. Strout '79, general counsel for the Port of Seattle, was recently elected second vice-president of the King County Bar Association. **Lucy P. Isaki '77** continues in her second year of a two-year term as treasurer.

Renton Technical College recently granted full tenure to **John M. Newcome '86**, who teaches accounting and business law. In April, Newcome and his wife, Ann Marie, celebrated the birth of a daughter, Lesley Ann.

The Seattle office of Miller, Nash, Wiener, Hager & Carlsen LLP welcomed **James L. Phillips '82** as a new partner. Phillips, a civil litigator, represents private and public clients on a broad range of business-related disputes. Formerly, he was a partner with the Seattle firm of Preston Gates & Ellis.

A member of the Political Science Department at Pacific Lutheran University since 1984, **Susan Adair Dwyer-Shick '86** was recently elected by her colleagues to serve as chair of the

department. Since 1994, Dwyer-Shick has been chair of the Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Program and will continue in that position through the 1996-97 academic year. Additionally, Dwyer-Shick spent the summer as a visiting research faculty associate in the Department of Politics at Princeton University under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

From Fresno, Calif., where she has lived for the last four years, **Audrey Ross '88** reports: "I have three wonderful children and haven't looked at a law book since the U-Haul left the state." She is, however, taking the California bar this year.

While staying active in the local bar association and numerous civic and community organizations, **Mark L. Gelman '89** continues to practice family law and civil litigation in Tacoma, focusing on ERISA and pension-related work. Gelman also celebrated the birth of his third daughter, Gretchen.

After ten years prosecuting cases in various courts (District, Juvenile, Superior), and acting as civil advisor to county departments, **Jean E. Meyn '85** opened her solo practice in Olympia, Wash., in June. Meyn's office handles cases spanning the legal spectrum.

In addition to his current position as municipal court judge for the City of Puyallup, **Stephen R. Shelton '81** was recently appointed as municipal court judge for the town of Ruston and as a deputy hearings examiner for Pierce County.

After the demise of Culp, Guterson & Grader, Union Bank of California in Seattle invited **J. Thomas McCully '80** to manage its personal trust shop. McCully, who was overseeing tax, estate planning, and probate work, says he appreciates not having to bill hours any more. His free time will soon be devoted to his newest family member, due this summer.



Cheri Filion '78



James Phillips '82



Peter Schalestock '96 took time out from studying for the bar, managing the re-election campaign of U.S. Rep. Rick White, interviewing for a law-firm position, and being featured in a front-page story in the *Washington Journal*, to stop by for a chat with **Bob Cumbow '91** and **Mark Rosencrantz '96** at the Alumni Weekend picnic.

West Publishing Company has published a book by **Edward H. Hein '80** titled *Legal Research for Paralegals*, an introductory textbook for paralegal programs. Hein is the chief appeals officer with the Office of Administrative Appeals, National Marine Fisheries Service, in Juneau, Alaska.

Giuliana (Danon) Vural '85 recently began a new career as an investment banker for Dean Witter Reynolds in Seattle. She spent the last nine years as vice president and in-house counsel for a local company. Other lifestyle changes for Vural included getting married and giving birth to a son.

After graduating from a union carpentry apprenticeship program and working as a carpenter for the City of Seattle, **Elizabeth G. Brooks '85** currently enjoys the position of executive assistant to the director of water systems services for the City of Seattle. The position draws on both her legal and construction backgrounds.

Brooks was selected to attend the city's first NOVA program, a facilitative leadership course composed of city workers committed to organizational change.

Washington Women Lawyers recently presented **Nancy Bradburn-Johnson '83** with their 1996 Special Contributions to the Judiciary Award. This honor was a result of Bradburn-Johnson's role as a program attorney for the King County Superior Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Family Law Program.

1990s

In June, **Laura VanderVeer King '93** became a member of the first class to graduate from the University of Washington School of Law's LL.M. taxation program.

Dan Menser '96 has a new position with The Walter Group in Seattle, which requires him to develop wireless PC systems in the Puget Sound area.

The United States Army reassigned **Steve Engle '91** to the Judge Advocate General's Office in Heidelberg, Germany. Engle plans to return to Tacoma in early 1999 to practice public sector labor and employment law.

Dick Dorsett '93 and his daughter, Kate, worked for the Madaba Plains Project in Amman, Jordan, this summer. They were part of an excavation team at the Tell Jalul site looking for artifacts and architecture dating back to the Iron Age.

KELLER CHAIRS COMMISSION

A Seattle University law grad has become the first woman attorney ever elected to chair the Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Margo T. Keller '82, of the Seattle law firm of Lasher Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson, was elected in June to chair the eleven member commission, composed of six non-lawyer citizens, three judges, and two lawyers.

The Commission, formed to protect the integrity of the judicial process and to promote confidence in the courts, investigates and acts on complaints of judicial misconduct or disability.

Keller expressed gratitude for "the opportunity to serve on such a hard working commission." She called it "an honor to be elected chair by this group of judges and gubernatorial appointees."

Keller has extensive trial and mediation experience in the areas of securities fraud, contracts, disputes regarding the sale of businesses, marital and business dissolutions, bankruptcy, and federal and state arbitration.



Margo Keller '82



Laura VanderVeer King '93

Monica (Weyer) Reisner '93 works as in-house legal counsel and contract administrator for AEI Music Network Inc. in Seattle. Reisner handles AEI's contracts, commercial transactions, and corporate legal needs.

Just four months after being sworn in, and while working part-time for attorney **Gene Bolin '80**, **Karen Kalzer '95** argued in the Division I Court of Appeals, challenging a statute under Washington's ERA. Kalzer now works full-time at Seattle's Lee Smart Cook Martin & Patterson, where she spent five years as a paralegal.

Bogle & Gates recently awarded **Paul M. Nordsletten '91** the Robert W. Graham Public Service Award in recognition of the more than 100-hour commitment to civic and charitable causes that Nordsletten donated in guardian ad litem cases.

In February, **Shawna M. Mirghanbari '95** and **Stephen Ryan Lankton '95** formed Mirghanbari & Lankton, a general practice law firm in Puyallup.

Opening her own practice in Tacoma, **Christina L. Misner '94** is sharing office space with **Steve Johnson '94** and **Bayly Miller '91**. Misner's practice focuses on immigration, criminal defense, employment discrimination, civil rights, and family law. She says she is utilizing her Russian language skills by concentrating part of her marketing on the growing Russian community.

Robert Richardson '95 recently accepted an associate position at Christensen O'Connor Johnson & Kindness in Seattle. Richardson will practice all areas of intellectual property law, focusing on the preparation and prosecution of electrical and electronics patents.

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Tracy Fisher Staab '93 recently opened her own practice in Ellensburg, Wash. Her husband, **Scott Staab '93**, is working for the Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office as a deputy prosecutor.

From Mount Vernon, Wash., **John A. Christopherson '94** announces the opening of a newly formed partnership with veteran lawyer Joseph Barcott. The firm of Barcott & Christopherson will focus on civil litigation with expertise in real estate, construction, contract, and business litigation.

After working as a floater deputy prosecutor for King County from August 1995 to February 1996, **Mark C. Blair '95** now prosecutes cases in Yakima County.

In December, **Janetta E. Sheehan '92** left the Thurston County Prosecutor's Office to begin her own firm with **Linda Whitt '91**. The Olympia firm of Whitt and Sheehan focuses on criminal defense, consumer law, employment law, and defense of women's rights.

In January 1996, Lifetime Advocacy Plus welcomed **Andrea Logue (Passer) Nicolaisen '93** as its in-house counsel. This United Way non-profit agency provides guardianship and fiduciary services statewide for the elderly, developmentally disabled, and mentally ill.

Kevin Richardson '91, an associate with McCormick Hoffman in Lakewood, Wash., celebrated the birth of his first-born son, Kallen, on May 5, 1996.

After four years with the appellate section, tax division, U. S. Department of Justice, where he argued cases before the 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 11th Circuit Courts of Appeals, as well as the state supreme courts of Washington, North Dakota, and Minnesota, **Bob Lyons '90** transferred to the trial section. In his new position, Lyons will practice before Federal District Courts in Ohio and Indiana. Lyons also reports he is getting married in September.

Angela Carlson-Whitley '94 is enjoying her first child, Hallie Drew, while living in Pensacola, Fla. Her husband, James, attends flight school as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

IN MEMORIAM

Martin B. Wilson '74

March 1996

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April 19, 1996

Frederick V. Kiefer '83

July 24, 1996

HONORED FOR HELPING TEENS

For his work on a program that teams doctors with lawyers who teach young teens to develop skills that will enable them to resist drug and alcohol use, **Stephen VanDerhoef '90** recently received the "Outstanding Young Lawyer Award" from the King County Bar's Young Lawyers Division. Almost single-handedly, he "organized and coordinated the program for middle school students, including recruiting schools to host the program, developing curriculum and materials, recruiting and training doctors and lawyers, and scheduling the educational programs in the schools," bar officials said, noting that nearly 200 students had attended programs this year. VanDerhoef also chaired the YLD's Youth and Law Committee and was active in judging high school moot court competitions and in recruiting lawyers to speak to various high school classes. A commercial litigator at Cairncross & Hempelmann in Seattle, VanDerhoef began practice as a prosecuting attorney with the King County Prosecutor's Office.



For her numerous contributions to the local community, **Katrina Foley '96** (center), was awarded the 1996 Washington State Trial Lawyers Association Public Service Award. Receiving honorable mention for their work were **Timothy Geraghty '96** and **Carla Kiiskila '98**. **Kathleen Steed-Luick '91** (not pictured) presented the award at a ceremony in Weyerhaeuser Lounge.

USEFUL TIPS FOR LAWYERS

Kimm Alayne Walton, author of *Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams*, will be visiting the SU Law School for a seminar on Thursday, September 19, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Guerrilla Tactics has been described by *Lawyers Weekly USA* as a resource that even "senior law partners 40 years out of law school will want to get." In her book, Walton provides information on resume writing and interviewing skills (including sections such as "My Favorite All-Time Resume" and "Killer Answers to the Toughest Interview Questions They'll Ever Ask You") which is helpful to first-time job applicants and hiring partners alike.

Guerrilla Tactics, published by Harcourt Brace Legal & Professional Publications, also contains advice for practitioners who may be looking for a career change.

"Unless you plan to stay with the same firm for your entire life, you had better learn to get over your shyness about networking now because it is virtually the only way you will get other jobs down the road," says Emmett McAuliffe, reviewer for *Lawyers Weekly*, noting that Walton's book includes an entire chapter on networking that is filled with excellent ideas.

Walton also "presents clear, accurate surveys of practice areas (from admiralty to workers' compensation) and job settings (from government to private firms to public interest groups)."

Alums and current students are invited to hear this informative and humorous speaker and to talk with her at a reception hosted by our Career Services Office. Questions? Call 591-2265.

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