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Sandra Day O'Connor headlines conference on judicial independence

Dean's perspective



s we approach the end of 2009 and the fall semester, I welcome the opportunity to reflect on this remarkable period in the history of the law school. It has been a profound privilege to lead Seattle University School of Law during these exciting times, and I am thrilled to report that Seattle University School of Law is flourishing, continuing our steep upward climb in both educational quality and reputation as we eagerly anticipate the appointment of our next permanent dean.

In the last several months, the School of Law has hosted a number of extraordinary events that have generated national attention. The State Judicial Independence Conference in September with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was a stellar day. Justice O'Connor and other notable speakers treated a packed auditorium to a spirited debate on the benefits and dangers of electing state court judges. It was truly one of the proudest days in my 21 years on this faculty. Much credit goes to David Skover, the Fredric C. Tausend Professor of Law, for his skill and work in putting together such an outstanding program.

Other noteworthy events this fall included the installation celebrations for Mark Chinen as the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence and Janet Ainsworth as the John D. Eshelman Professor; the launch of the Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Center on Corporations, Law & Society with a symposium and presentations by more than 30 national and international corporate law scholars on the past, present and future of corporate law; the Workshop on Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership - the only program of its kind in the country - which drew deans and aspiring deans from around the country; and most recently, the two-day visits by our outstanding finalists for the deanship, each of whom brings unique talents and genuine enthusiasm to the prospect of leading this remarkable law school community.

Another highlight this fall has been the opportunity to welcome into our community five new faculty members. Gillian Dutton has taken up the reins as Director of the Externship Programs and is providing outstanding mentoring and guidance to the many students who take advantage of externship opportunities to gain vital work experience during their second or third years under the supervision of seasoned and public-spirited minded attorneys. W.H. (Joe) Knight brings great joy and enthusiasm to his teaching in the Community Development & Entrepreneurship Clinic, and Jane Stoever brings an unrivaled level of commitment as she teaches her students equal doses of law, policy and compassion for victims of domestic violence in her Domestic Violence course. Heidi Bond and Brooke Coleman have hit the ground running, teaching large sections of 1Ls in Contracts and Civil Procedure respectively, and the student "buzz" regarding the quality of their teaching is very positive. As we experience the retirements of many of our founding faculty members, it is a testament to the institution that they built that we are attracting such able teacher-scholars, individuals who are committed to continuing the tradition of challenging our students to be outstanding lawyers who are leaders for a just and humane world.

On behalf of the entire law school community, I wish you a joyous and blessed holiday season. As always, we are grateful for the support of our alumni and friends.

Warm regards, Annette E. Clark '89 Interim Dean

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Justice Sandra Day O'Connor talks with students at the law school. Photo by Marcus Donner.

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Students took a Sunday morning bike ride on the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, constructed by Union Pacific Railroad in settlement of Superfund liability for their former railroad right-of-way across the panhandle of northern Idaho.

Class learns about environmental damage in Idaho

Cliff Villa doesn't want to just lecture his students about environmental protection. He wants to show them the difference they can make.

Villa, an adjunct professor and attorney with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, teaches a course on environmental enforcement. This fall, he took students on a weekend field trip to view the environmental degradation resulting from more than a century of mining activities in Northern Idaho.

"Part of my theme is bringing reality into the classroom and the classroom into reality," he said. "Given a clear view of the problem, we then consider the analytical question of, 'What legal tools can we use to fix this?""

Villa, who became an adjunct in 2006 and received the 2009 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award, has organized field trips in the Puget Sound area before. This year, he planned an excursion to Northern Idaho's Coeur d'Alene Basin, a region of natural beauty marred by massive contamination from historical mining activities. Many of the worst places, scenes of epidemic child lead poisoning in the 1970s, have recently been cleaned up, Villa said, but decades of cleanup efforts remain to restore the Basin to a safe environment.

Students traveled from the plush Coeur d'Alene Resort to the Old Cataldo Mission, sacred site to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe; to the former site of the Bunker Hill lead smelter, now cleaned up and redeveloped as a golf course; to the old mining districts in canyons of the Bitterroot Mountains, where contaminated creek water still runs a shocking orange. They heard from many local experts, including Earl Liverman '91, the EPA's on-scene coordinator. Students said seeing first-hand what they discussed in class was invaluable.

"It isn't until you see the abandoned mines, the piles of lead tailings, the fishless streams and front yards made of gravel that you begin to understand the complexity facing environmental lawyers and clean-up coordinators," 3L Kelsea Feola said.

3L Richard Andrews echoed that feeling.

"Reading about the scope of the problem in the Coeur d'Alene basin was harrowing enough. But actually seeing the magnitude of the problem in person was enlightening," Andrews said. "I will never forget the image of a small house, surrounded on three sides by 60-foot high piles of tailings, with a child's tricycle and toys outside. For those of us working with environmental enforcement, there could not be a much clearer reminder of what is at stake in this work."

Four dean finalists visit law school

The School of law held extensive interviews with four outstanding finalists and hopes to have a new dean named early in the new year.

The Dean Search Committee was impressed by the finalists' outstanding records of academic achievement and administrative experience and their enthusiastic embrace of the law school's mission to educate outstanding lawyers who are leaders for a just and humane world. The committee reviewed dozens of applications and nominations. Four stood out among the highly qualified pool.

The finalists are Karen Brown, the Phillip Rothschild Research Professor of Law at George Washington University School of Law; Michele Bratcher Goodwin, the Everett Fraser Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota; Barbara J. Holden-Smith, Vice Dean and Professor of Law at Cornell Law School; and Mark Niles, Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at American University, Washington College of Law.

Further details on the status of the search can be found at www. law.seattleu.edu/The_School/Dean_Search.xml.

Red Mass honors lawyers and judges

Hundreds of people, including faculty, judges, alumni and friends of the law school, gathered for the annual Red Mass, the traditional blessing of the judiciary and the legal profession, in October. The tradition honors the contributions of alumni, the bench, bar, legislators, law students and other members of the legal and legislative communities in our society. The Most Reverend Alexander J. Brunett, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Seattle, concelebrated with President Sundborg, Father Peter Ely, vice president of mission and ministry, and Father Frank Case, who is the Jesuit assistant to the School of Law.

The Mass was followed by a special ceremony and reception at Sullivan Hall that honored the legacy of the late Norm Maleng, longtime

King County prosecutor. Robert Lasnik, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, spoke fondly of Maleng. Representatives from McKay Chadwell PLLC presented the law school with a portrait of St. Thomas More, patron saint of lawyers, in memory of Maleng. Judy Maleng, the widow of Norm Maleng, and their son Mark, unveiled the print.

PILF auction set for March 6 on campus

The 17th Seventeenth Annual Public Interest Law Foundation Auction is set for March 6, 2010. at Seattle University's Campion Ballroom.

Last year's auction raised more than \$40,000, with all funds going to support summer grants for law students working in public interest internships. Students have worked in for a variety of Seattlearea organizations including the Northwest Justice Project and The Defender Association.

Anyone who would like to make a donation can contact Procurement Chair Emma Libby at *libbye@seattleu.edu*.

Tickets to the auction are available at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/89460

Read the inspirational journals from last year's PILF grant recipients at www.law.seattleu.edu/x1880.xml.

Legal Writing Institute founders honored



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The Legal Writing Institute, which was founded at Seattle University School of Law, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Professor Laurel Oates '78, now director of the law school's topranked Legal Writing Program, and Chris Rideout, associate director, founded the institute.

Both were honored at a symposium on Legal Writing in November as part of a 25th anniversary celebration at Mercer University School of Law, which has housed the institute since 2003.

Oates received the 2009 Rombauer Award, named for Marjorie Rombauer, one of the founders of the field of Legal Writing who taught at the University of Washington School of Law for more than 30 years. Rideout was the first recipient of the Mary Lawrence Award, established in 2009 in honor of Professor

Emerita Mary Lawrence of the University Oregon School of Law. It will be periodically awarded to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of legal writing.

The Legal Writing Institute, with more than 2,100 members, has become the world center for information and guidance on teaching legal writing and legal analysis. It publishes a newsletter, a journal, and holds a biennial conference. LWI has sponsored conferences on legal writing in Eastern Europe, East Africa, and Turkey, as well as an international conference series on applied legal storytelling.

Influential Voices series highlights installations throughout the year

This year's Influential Voices Lecture Series focuses on the research of several of the law school's nationally recognized scholars. The series highlights the installations of the law school's esteemed chair and professors.

Mark Chinen was installed as the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence, with his presentation, "Teaching as a Form of Love." Janet Ainsworth was installed as the John D. Eshelman Professor with "Linguistic Ideology versus Linguistic Practice."

Lectures this spring include:

Feb. 18: Empathy and False Empathy in Law and Politics University Professor Richard Delgado and Research Professor Jean Stefancic

March 4: Global Intellectual Property Governance Margaret Chon's installation as the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Chair for the Pursuit of Justice

April 24: Mania: The Story of the Outrageous and Outraged Lives That Launched a Generation

David Skover's installation as Fredric C. Tausend Professor



Mark Chinen smiles as Dean Annette Clark makes comments at his installation lecture. At right is Professor John Mitchell, who introduced Chinen. Photo by Matt Hagen.

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Artist's rendering courtesy of Olson Sundborg Kundig Allen Architects

Annex Construction accommodates growth

The School of Law Annex will provide a new home for the law school's thriving clinical and externship programs and needed classrooms and offices. The Annex, at 1215 E. Columbia St., also will have a multipurpose room for law school events and a larger space for student publications.

The space, which is less than a block from Sullivan Hall and had been used as a facilities warehouse, will be transformed into a state-of-the-art academic building in the coming months. Construction began Sept. 1, and is scheduled for completion in May.

With new programs and additional faculty, the School of Law has outgrown Sullivan Hall, which opened 10 years ago and has already been remodeled. The \$10 million annex remodel will add more than 20,300 square feet to the law school. The annex will have four new classrooms and workspace for the Seattle University Law Review and the Seattle Journal for Social Justice.

"This is a sign of the way legal education is changing and being delivered in a new way," University President Steve Sundborg, S.J., said. "It's a sign of the growing status and reputation of this law school."

You can follow the progress of the work at www.law.seattleu.edu/x6476.xml.

Gifts of more than \$700,000 ensure endowed scholarships for ARC, labor law students

Two recent generous gifts will ensure continued scholarships for students admitted through the Access Admission Program and those interested in labor and employment law.

The anonymous donor who has created an endowment of more than \$7 million for promising students supported by the law school's na-

tionally recognized Academic Resource Center added more than \$500,000 this fall. The endowment provides annual scholarships for talented ARC students and has helped countless individuals achieve success in both law school and the legal profession.

The Access Admission Program enrolls promising students who don't meet traditional application criteria, and the ARC ensures they succeed. ARC students and alumni excel academically and contribute to the law school and the profession. Many ARC students have been on the Dean's list and graduated with honors. Although ARC students make up 10 percent of the student body, they accounted for nine of the last 22 Student Bar Association presidents, five Faculty Scholars, four of the most recent graduation speakers, hold leadership positions in Moot Court, Law Review and the Seattle Journal for Social Justice. Graduates have gone on to great success in the legal field, the judiciary, business and public service. Both programs contribute significantly to the creation of a more diverse legal community.

The King County Bar Association also presented a gift of nearly \$209,000 to establish the Mary Ellen Krug Award, which will provide an annual scholarship to a Seattle University School of Law student who has both a strong interest in and ability or promise in labor and employment law. The late Ms. Krug, a Seattle attorney, was a distinguished labor law practitioner and chair of the Labor Law Section of the American Bar Association.

"The timing of both gifts is fortuitous, because the development of scholarships for our students is a top priority, particularly during these difficult economic times," Interim Dean Annette Clark said. "We are enormously grateful to the anonymous donor whose gifts have changed the lives of numerous students enrolled in our superb ARC program. It is also an honor to have the Mary Ellen Krug Scholarship housed at the law school."

Clinic team argues before international commission

Assistant Professor Thomas Antkowiak and three students from his International Human Rights Clinic presented oral arguments before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington, D.C., in early November.

3Ls Kimberly Curtis and Erin Jany and 4L Karin Tolgu and Antkowiak, along with the Instituto de Defensa Legal (a leading Peruvian human rights organization) and the Due Process of Law Foundation (based in D.C.), had petitioned the Commission in September for a hearing with Peruvian government officials. They challenged Peru's attempts to open up parts of the Amazon – including territories of indigenous communities – to resource extraction without duly consulting those communities. The state's actions incited nationwide protests and led to the resignation of Peru's prime minister.

The clinic team and its counterparts applied pressure on the Peruvian government, which was forced to respond for its illegal actions before an influential panel of commissioners and the international community. The State of Peru was represented at the hearing by several high-ranking officials, including the Minister of Justice.

Law school promotes diversity in deanships

Distinguished deans and aspiring deans from around the country convened at the law school in September for a groundbreaking national workshop, Promoting Diversity in Law School Deanships.

The only program of its kind in the country, the workshop is specifically designed to encourage and assist members of underrepresented groups in exploring the path to deanships and other university and law school leadership positions. It was sponsored through the law school's Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, partnered with the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT).

The first day of the workshop was devoted to examining such topics as the nature of the dean's job, the key areas of decanal responsibility, the joys and challenges of deaning, how to prepare for and succeed in the selection process, negotiating once an offer has been made, key first steps for a new dean, how deans interface with their university and external constituencies, and opportunities to move into other university leadership positions such as provost or president. The second day was dedicated to looking at institutional priorities and the budgeting process, how to secure and enhance revenue streams, development and advancement strategies, deaning during tough times, and how to work with search committees and search teams.

Read more at www.law.seattleu.edu/x6631.xml

Korematsu Center receives grant; files brief

A \$10,000 grant from the Dorsey & Whitney Foundation will help the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality continue its work to advance justice through knowledge and advocacy.

The Dorsey & Whitney Foundation is the nonprofit foundation that represents the partners of the firm. Joe Gaffney, a partner at the firm and graduate of Seattle University, said the law school's work is "transformational."

"What you're doing off-campus like this is so healthy for our community," he said.

The School of Law and the Korematsu Center are grateful for the financial support. Center Director Robert Chang and Associate Director Lori Bannai said the support helps continue important work. In just its second year, the center has made great strides. It most recently filed an amicus brief in a case involving racial bias, hired three student fellows and is working on a book series.

The center, joined by the Asian Bar Association of Washington, the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, and Washington Women Lawyers, filed its first amicus brief in *Turner v. Stime*. The case involves racial bias during juror deliberations in a medical malpractice case that went to trial in Spokane County

Center honors legacy of Adolf A. Berle, Jr.

The School of Law hosted a symposium and naming ceremony to mark the launch of the Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Center on Corporations, Law and Society in early November. Members of Berle's family were present, as well as a distinguished group of corporate law scholars from around the country.

Adolf A. Berle, Jr. (1895-1971) was a practicing lawyer, a teacher, a scholar, and a public servant extraordinaire. His life is an example of the very best that a lawyer can hope to achieve over a lifetime of service. He was a member of Franklin D. Roosevelt's "brain trust" and was influential in shaping New Deal legislation to reform banking, the stock market, the bankruptcy system, and railroading. He became an expert on Latin-American affairs, serving as ambassador to Brazil, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs under Roosevelt, and Chair of President Kennedy's Advisory Task Force on Latin American Affairs.

As a scholar, Berle is most remembered for "The Modern Corporation and Private Property" (1932), co-authored with Gardiner Means.

Read more about the Berle Center at www.law.seattleu.edu/Centers and Institutes/Berle Center.xml



The family of Adolf A. Berle, Jr. were on hand for the launch of the center bearing his name. From left, Berle's grandson Frederick Adolf Berle Meyerson, daughter Beatrice Berle Meyerson, President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., and Beatrice's husband, John Lemoyne Ellicott. Photo by Jennifer Richard.

Meant to come here

Scholarship winners share passion, gratitude

or the first time this year, the School of Law awarded three full-tuition scholarships. In addition to the two annual Scholars for Justice Awards, the law school gave its first Native American Scholar Award. The law school established the scholarship to encourage more Native students to pursue legal careers. The Native American Bar is among the smallest in the country.

The full-tuition Scholars for Justice Award allows two of the most promising students who have proven their dedication to the important but traditionally lower-paying field of public interest law to earn their degrees without incurring the debt that is often an obstacle in choosing such a career. Scholars make a moral commitment to devote much of their careers to public interest law or to donate to the law school's scholarship fund an amount at least equal to the scholarship should their career paths change. All three scholars are grateful for the scholarships that allow them to focus on what they find most important and are eager to be involved with all the law school offers.

The law school's first scholars for justice graduated in May 2009, and both are working in the public interest. Amy Pritchard is a staff attorney for Legal Aid of Arkansas, where she is the only Spanish-speaking lawyer. Persis Yu won a coveted two-year fellowship with Empire Justice in Rochester, N.Y., to work on consumer protection and credit reporting issues.

This fall, the School of Law announced a fourth full-tuition scholarship, the Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Scholarship, which will go to a student committed to studying corporate governance, starting next year. Here's a look at the three recipients:

Stacy DeMass

Native American Law Scholar Stacy DeMass didn't always embrace her Native American ancestry and culture.

After living with her father in New York for most of her childhood, she moved to Washington to live with her mom, a member of the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, when she was 13. As a teenager, DeMass was more interested in typical high school activities than learning about her family history and traditions.

But as she grew closer to her mom, her curiosity and commitment to her tribal community deepened. Today, she is passionate about Indian issues and is the recipient of Seattle University School of Law's first Native American Law Scholar Award. She earned a full-tuition scholarship and plans to study Indian Law.

DeMass attended the First Nations powwow, meeting family and tribal members from across the country and Canada, and took part in the Tribal Canoe Journey, where 100 tribes from throughout the Northwest make an annual voyage. Last year, she paddled 30 miles per day in a cedar canoe with 17 of her closest family and friends to Cowichan, British Columbia, learning more about them along the way.

Those personal experiences, combined with her courses in American Indian studies at the University of Washington, brought her closer to her mother and her roots.



"This community has taught me to respect and appreciate the traditions that embody my culture and those of differing cultures," she said.

DeMass is grateful for the scholarship and looks forward to being involved in projects of the law school's Center for Indian Law and Policy.

"There is a real need for tribal attorneys," said DeMass, who worked for the Tulalip Child Support Program for a year before law school. "There are a lot of opportunities to learn and practice the law. I want to give back something to my community."

Meghan Casey

Scholar for Justice

As soon as Meghan Casey finished reading "Asylum Denied," which tells the story of a Kenyan refugee's struggle for safety in the United States, she started researching law schools and making plans to take the LSAT.

Later, as an Americorps volunteer with an immigration law clinic in Boston, she went to an event with one of the attorneys she worked with, Mariam Liberles, a 2007 graduate of Seattle University School of Law. There she met one of the book's co-authors, law professor Philip Schrag, and had the opportunity to tell him that his story was

instrumental in her decision to apply to law school.

This summer, having been chosen one of Seattle University School of Law's two Scholars for Justice, she received a book in the mail that would be the subject of the orientation program for new students. It was "Asylum Denied."

"I guess I was just meant to come here," Casey said, with a broad smile.

For a year after graduating from Boston College, Casey was an Americorps Volunteer with the International Institute of Boston, working with attorneys to assist immigrants, refugees, aslyees, and non-residents.

In college, she was an intern for the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, a volunteer with Habitat for



Humanity and wrote articles for a college journal. While studying abroad, she wasn't content to simply go to class and sightsee. Instead, she sought out service opportunities. Among them she was a volunteer with elementary and nursery classrooms at an orphanage for AIDS orphans and abandoned children in Tanzania; worked at

a homeless shelter in Florence, Italy; and went to El Salvador for an immersion program.

"Those experiences opened my eyes to greater questions of injustice," said Casey, who started as a premed major before deciding a career in law would better help her achieve her goals.

Annie DeVoe

Scholar for Justice

Annie DeVoe's mother served in the Peace Corps in Nepal. When DeVoe was just 4, they returned.

"It is one of my earliest memories," DeVoe said. "It definitely shaped me and my perspective. I assumed everyone does the Peace Corps and everyone lives their lives this way."

As she got older, she realized that's not so, but she never wavered from her own commitment to public service. She served in the Peace Corps twice. She was evacuated from her

first post in Morocco after the United States invaded Iraq in 2003, but returned to the Peace Corps a few years later in Guinea, West Africa. There she worked to educate high school students about HIV.

DeVoe also has been a health care associate for Planned Parenthood in Vermont and a volunteer for the Slum Doctor Program, an organization based in Bellingham, Wash., that supports a variety of health and education projects in Africa. Among her broad background in public service, she has served on the board of Vermont Refugee Assistance, an organization that supports people seeking asylum

and helps immigrants with legal assistance. She is devoted to improving the health and bettering the lives of the vulnerable around the world.

"It's my sole reason for going to law school," she said.

As a cultural anthropology

major at Western Washington University, she was drawn to study mass atrocities and was an intern for the Outreach Section of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the liaison between the court and its people.



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Sandra Day O'Connor headlines national conference exploring judicial independence

By Katherine Hedland Hansen

Photos by Marcus Donner

After decades as a jurist and nearly 25 years on the United States Supreme Court, it's no surprise that Justice Sandra Day O'Connor believes in the sanctity of the courtroom.

ow retired from the high court, she is free to speak her mind about a system she says threatens the independence of the judiciary. Justice O'Connor sparked debate across Washington and the country with her call for an end to judicial elections during an address at Seattle University School of Law this fall.

"There has to be a place where being right is more important than being popular, where fairness trumps strength, and that place in our country has been the courtroom," she told a packed house. "It can only survive so long as we keep out the worst of the political influences. In order to dispense law without prejudice, judges have to be assured they won't be subject to retaliation because of their judicial decision making."

But the corrosive influence of money has changed judicial elections and threatens that impartiality and independence, she argues.

"I want to recast our national discussion about judges and courts into something more constructive than just hurling labels such as 'activist' and 'elitist' at judges," she said.

More than 400 judges, lawmakers, attorneys, alumni and interested citizens attended the conference, *State Judicial Independence – A National Concern*, in September.

Since retiring from the bench in 2006, O'Connor has worked tirelessly to promote judicial independence and the restoration of civics education in public schools. The first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court, O'Connor clearly garners great respect and holds high authority. She can be stern, but she is also affable and warm, and she took the time before speaking to meet with women student leaders at the law school.

She greeted staff members with a cheerful, "Good morning," and her face lit up when she spotted her former clerk, Professor Heidi Bond.

"Heidi!" she said, wrapping Bond in a hug and taking her aside. "How's married life?"

Bond joined Dean Annette Clark '89 and the students for an intimate and enlightening lunch with O'Connor. She asked each of them about their backgrounds and goals, and encouraged them to do something with their lives that matters.





Justice O'Connor had lunch with Dean Annette Clark and women student leaders, from left: Malou Chavez, Dean Clark, Eva Wescott, Terra Evans, Reyna Ramolete Hayashi, Amber Greaves, Victoria Slade, Justice O'Connor, Professor Heidi Bond, Emily Gonzalez, Misha Ghoreishi, Loren Rigsby, Mary Beth Leeper and Monica King.

"Don't work for the money," she said. "Work for the good you can do."

Students were grateful for the chance to meet her.

"Meeting Justice O'Connor was amazing. For such a remarkable and accomplished woman, she was incredibly easy to talk to and down to earth – she had us all laughing on a few occasions," said 2L Victoria Slade. "I found her to be an inspiration for my own legal career, and I am honored that I got the opportunity to meet her."

O'Connor was likewise impressed.

"This is quite a law school," she said. "I think you've done something right by attracting so many good students. I really did enjoy meeting the students. They were an impressive group, to say the least."

Cleaning up 'infected courtrooms'

Justice O'Connor had a clear message for the audience: do away with judicial elections, which she says have become "nasty, expensive

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—Sandra Day O'Connor

and destructive" and instead create commissions to appoint judges who must face retention elections.

That would allow citizens to "vote up or down on a judge with a track record."

"That's better than a list of judges on a ballot and you don't know anything about them," she said. "It's a hopeless mess and people in many cases just don't vote at all."

She said there are greater threats to judicial independence than ever, with more opposition candidates backed by special interests taking on incumbent judges who have made unfavorable rulings.

"The single greatest threat to judicial independence is the flood of money coming into our courtrooms by way of increasingly expensive and volatile judicial election campaigns," she said.

"You haven't suffered too much of that in Washington – but you will if you don't think about this and change it," she warned.

She cited several cases – including the *Caperton v. Massey* ruling that was a cornerstone of the conference discussion – in which individuals or groups with cases pending made huge donations to a particular judge's campaign. Such instances cast the whole judiciary in an unfavorable light.

"You can blame the rule makers who allow this type of environment to infect our courtrooms," she said.

Of course, not everyone agrees with O'Connor, including the Chief Justice of

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the Washington State Supreme Court, Gerry Alexander, who argues against taking voters out of the judicial selection process. He would rather focus on improving the election system by addressing special-interest money and voter "falloff," rather than move to a less-transparent commission system that restricts voter choice.

The thought-provoking sessions, coordinated by conference Chairs David Skover, the law school's Fredric C. Tausend Professor, and Ron Collins of the First Amendment Center, provided compelling arguments



Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson, left, and Washington Chief Justice Gerry Alexander.



Professor David Skover, co-chair of the conference, thanks the justice.

from distinguished speakers on both sides of the issue.

Restoring civics education

But O'Connor was the star of the day. She argues that in addition to election reform, at the heart of the matter is the need to bring "real and meaningful civics education back into our classrooms."

"We are failing to impart the basic knowledge young people need to become effective citizens and leaders," she said to applause.

Only a little more than one-quarter of Americans can name the three branches of government, she said. And while two-thirds of Americans can name the judges on the popular "American Idol," only one in seven can identify the chief justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Nearly 80 years old, O'Connor recognizes that things have changed. When she decided to ramp up her quest for civics education in schools, she did so with the help of a web designer and online gaming expert. The result

was *ourcourts.org*, a site aimed at teaching young people about civic responsibility and providing lesson plans for teachers.

The site includes games like the animated, "Supreme Decision," in which players hear arguments and then cast the deciding vote in a case involving a student who was suspended



Justice O' Connor and Professor Heidi Bond, her former clerk, enjoyed a reunion at the law school.

from school for wearing a T-shirt from his favorite band. Students post questions to O'Connor in an online bulletin board – and she answers.

While the conference was aimed at lawyers, judges and lawmakers, one participant might have been the most important set of ears for O'Connor's message.

Morgyn Mills, a 12-year-old from Issaquah, heard the justice would be in town through some Internet research she was doing for a school project about important people. Registration was closed, but she was determined to win a seat.

"I had to call six different people," said Morgyn, a petite redhead dressed in a black skirt and jacket. "I had done research on her and knew about how important she was. She doesn't like to say it, but she was the swing vote on the court."

Morgyn was going to attend only the keynote address with her mom, but she was so interested she stayed for the whole afternoon and the post-conference reception. She says it's a day she will never forget.

"I think women's rights are really important," said the well-spoken seventh-grader, who is considering a career as a doctor or lawyer and, like O'Connor, doesn't appear to see any limits to how far hard work and determination will take her. "I've been told I would be a good ambassador."



Morgyn Mills, 12, talks about her excitement at hearing O'Connor speak.



Ruth Walsh McIntyre, chair of the Walsh Commission, moderates the town hall session with panelists, from left, William Anderson, professor emeritus, University of Washington; Zaida Arguedas, League of Women Voters; Judge William Baker, retired from the Washington State Court of Appeals; Professor David Brody, Washington State University; Washington State Sen. Lisa Brown; Texas Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson, Kate Riley, Seattle Times; Ron Ward, Jones and Ward, and Utah Chief Justice Christine Durham.

Cover story

Compelling conference provides insight on 'Justice for Sale'

he conference provided the first in-depth discussion about the U.S. Supreme Court's June decision in *Caperton v. Massey*, which held that elected judges must step aside when large campaign contributions by interested parties create the appearance of bias. The case originated after a party with a case pending contributed \$3 million to the campaign of the judge who cast the deciding vote.

Coming directly on the heels of *Caperton*, the conference examined the symptoms of a serious national problem: the financial and political threats to state judicial impartiality and independence. Sessions throughout the day explored questions about the corrosive effects of campaign contributions made by interested parties to finance expensive judicial campaigns, what restrictions federal and state due process requirements place on the ability of judges to receive campaign contributions, and what kind of state statutory and judicial reforms should be considered. The conference drew experts from around the country to discuss *Caperton* and other pressing matters related to judicial independence.

Symptoms of a Serious Problem

Caperton v. Massey

With Caperton v. Massey, the U.S. Supreme Court explores the conflict between constitutional fairness (due process guarantees) and the reality and appearance of state judicial integrity and evenhandedness. The court recognized that one of America's most fundamental values is transgressed when campaign expenditures – because of their size, timing, and matter of making – threaten the state judiciary's duty to render due process.

With its striking facts – a corporation's exorbitant financial efforts to secure the election of a state high court judge who would inevitably sit on the appeal of its pending litigation – the Caperton case puts into bold relief a dilemma of national proportions. On the one hand, as long as states continue to elect their judges, campaign contributions remain a necessity; on the other hand, dramatic escalation in judicial campaign spending undermines the safeguards of judicial impartiality necessary to maintain the rule of law. *Caperton* thus affords an opportunity to consider an important aspect of the question of state court independence – namely, that relating to money and judicial elections. Whatever the limitations of its holding, *Caperton* supports the view that state judicial impartiality is not the sole province of the state government. Put starkly, "justice for sale" in a state court system is not only a federalism concern, but a federal concern.

Professor Skover moderated, and panel participants were:

- Bert Brandenberg, Executive Director, Justice at Stake Campaign
- · Professor Andrew Siegel, Seattle University School of Law
- Kathleen Sullivan, Stanley Morrison Professor of Law and Former Dean, Stanford Law School
- Richard Hasen, William H. Hannon Distinguished Professor of Law Chair, Loyola Law School at Los Angeles



Panelist Kathleen M. Sullivan, the Stanley Morrison Professor at Stanford Law School.



Professor Andrew Siegel makes a point during the session on the Caperton v. Massey ruling.



Mary McQueen '85, president of the National Center for State Courts, left, and Washington State Supreme Court Justice Debra Stephens.





University President Steve Sundborg, S.J., introduces Justice O'Connor.



Justice O'Connor laughs during her keynote address calling for an end to judicial elections.

A "Fred Friendly" Panel Discussion on **Judicial Selection via a Commission** System addressed questions such as:

- · What incentives and disincentives are there for shifting from judicial election to a commission system for judicial selection?
- · What would a commission selection system look like? How can one insure a diverse and disinterested commission that is unlikely to be captured by special interests?
- What are the legal and political barriers to achieving a commission system?
- · Where should Washington State and others go from here?

Professor from Practice John McKay moderated, and panel participants were:

- Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, U.S. Supreme Court (ret)
- · Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, Washington Supreme Court
- · Doug Lawrence, WSBA Task Force Chair
- Justice Hans Linde (ret), Oregon Supreme Court
- · Marty Brown, Legislative Director to Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire
- · Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson, Texas Supreme Court
- · Kate Riley, Seattle Times
- · Christian Sinderman, Northwest Passage Consulting

The day ended with a town-hall style discussion with questions from the audience. Ruth Walsh McIntyre, Chair of the Walsh Commission, moderated, and panel participants were:

- · William Andersen, Judson Falknor Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Washington Law School
- Zaida Arguedas, Director of the Global Democracy Program, League of Women Voters
- · Judge William Baker (ret), Washington State Court of Appeals
- Professor David Brody, Washington State University
- · Lisa Brown, Washington State Senator
- · Chief Justice Christine Durham, Supreme Court of Utah
- · Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson, Supreme Court of Texas
- · Kate Riley, Seattle Times
- Ronald Ward, Jones & Ward

The Problem of State Judicial Campaign "Arms Races" - What Can Be Done?

Then campaign expenditures threaten the state judiciary's duty to render due process, one of America's most fundamental values is transgressed. Ronald Collins, First Amendment Center Scholar, moderated, and panel participants were:

- · Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, Wisconsin Supreme Court
- · Justice Hans Linde (ret), Oregon Supreme Court
- · Jamie Pedersen, Washington House of Representatives
- · Judge David Schuman, Oregon Court of Appeals
- Charles Wiggins, Wiggins & Masters



Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerry Alexander and Justice O'Connor disagree on whether judges should be elected.



Ron Collins, a scholar at the First Amendment Center and conference cochair, asks the audience, "Is justice for sale?"

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Study by the midnight sun

Study in Alaska Program provides unique view of state's legal issues

rian Augenthaler admits it was the chance to experience the wonder of summer in Alaska that drew him to register for the law school's study away program in Anchorage.

He definitely savored the opportunity – halibut fishing, whitewater rafting, camping, backpacking in Denali National Park, visiting a musk ox farm and dogsled kennels and attending a baseball game under the midnight sun. But he says he gained much more than that through a course on Alaska law and internships with a Superior Court Judge and the FBI office in Anchorage.

"From a professional standpoint, working for a judge was invaluable, and working at the FBI in Anchorage offered me a whole different sort of experience," said Augenthaler, a 2L. "The class provided a one-of-a-kind survey of legal issues unique to Alaska. Since my return to

Seattle I have discussed a number of things I learned in the course with my friends and colleagues."

Augenthaler was so taken by the experience he is interviewing for jobs up north – which is part of what university officials and internship supervisors hope will happen.

"Our hope is to introduce future attorneys to the unique aspects of what we do here and that we see some students thinking about coming back and practicing," said Michael Driscoll, the provost at the University of Alaska Anchorage, which partners with the School of Law to offer the program. "That's a major value here."

Now in its eighth year, the summer program is a definite success, providing students with a legal education in the areas of Alaska Native law and environmental law and practical experience though a variety of summer internships.

The School of Law has many outreach programs with the state of Alaska, which has no law school. Among them are the Color of Justice Program, which brings diverse students from across the state together for workshops to encourage them to consider legal and judicial careers, and alumni outreach. Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell is a graduate of the law school. (See related story on page 26.)

ABOVE: In addition to studying and working, students enjoy Alaska activities like fishing. From left, 2Ls Yair Inspektor, Brian Augenthaler, Adam Woodford, Jeremy Lehman and Kim Tsaousis.

George Sundborg, father of University President Stephen Sundborg, who paved the way for Alaska statehood, and his wife Mary, established the Alaska endowment, which supports the Alaska Fund, providing scholarships to Alaska students to attend Seattle University School of Law.

But the Summer in Alaska Program is the most substantive. Stephanie Nichols '06 directs the Study Law in Alaska Program and is an adjunct professor for the Alaska Natives and Environmental Law course. She grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska, and was a recipient of a Sundborg Scholarship. Returning every summer to teach and work with students is gratifying for her.

"This program offers law students an opportunity to engage in substantive legal work in a state where unique issues exist," she said.

Plus, students get to see the majestic mountains and experience all the outdoor activities during the longest days of the year. The program is open to students from other law schools, but the majority come from Seattle University School of Law.

The University of Alaska Anchorage provides classroom space and housing, and makes parts of the course available to undergrads interested in law.

"We are blessed with the opportunity to have this strong partnership with Seattle University," Driscoll said.

The students work at a variety of internships with the city, judges and agencies.

"I had an amazing experience working in a legal community that was both inviting and active," said 2L Yair Inspektor, who worked with the Alaska Immigration and Justice Project.

Many interns have been placed over the years with the Municipality of Anchorage, working for either the civil or criminal division of

the city's law department. Students get to work with prosecutors on misdemeanor cases and with lawyers on a variety of civil matters.

Rhonda Fehlen Westover, the deputy municipal attorney who oversees the program for the city, said the internships provide great experience for students and great service to the city. About half of the city's summer interns come from the law school's program.

"It's a wonderful program. We find the students to be bright, energetic and well-prepared," she said. "Some of them write better than some attorneys in our office."

Superior Court Judge Stephanie Joannides has had summer interns from the law school for many years. She said interning with her court gives students a chance to see if clerking is right for them and provides experience they can't get in the classroom.

"It really brings the law to life," she said. "Students really appreciate the additional knowledge. It gives them a whole different perspective."

She has found students from the law school to be well-prepared for the amount of writing and analysis they have to do.

"I think that the Seattle U students have been better prepared than the others for legal writing," she said.

Her 2009 summer intern Kim Tsaousis impressed her.

"She did a wonderful job. I would have kept her if I could have."

Joannides said that kind of endorsement means a lot to potential employers and provides another benefit for students entering what can be a difficult job market:

"There are still jobs in Alaska," Judge Joannides said. "Firms and judges are looking for people who are dedicated and hard workers. If they work hard, a summer internship here is a great door-opener."

The School of Law is accepting applications for next year's program. For more information visit www.law.seattleu.edu/x1384.xml.

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Above the bar: faculty achievements

SEATTLE University School of Law is proud of its distinguished faculty and grateful for our professors' many scholarly pursuits and contributions to the legal and greater community. Here is a sampling of the numerous accomplishments of our faculty members this academic year.



Associate Professor Bryan Adamson's article, "The Muslim Manchurian Candidate: Barack Obama, Rumors, and Quotidian Hermeneutics," has been

accepted for publication by St. John's Journal of Legal Commentary. He made two presentations during the May 2009 AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education Conference: "Making the Most of the Carnegie and Best Practices Reports," and "Allowing for Student Learning Through Reflection on Culture."



Assistant Professor **Deborah Ahrens**' article, "Methademic: Drug Panic in an Age of Ambivalence," was accepted for publication by the Florida

State University Law Review. She gave a presentation "Thinking Outside the Cell, "in a panel on the future of United States drug policy at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference.



Janet Ainsworth, the John D. Eshelman Professor of Law, had several scholarly achievements this summer and fall. Among her recent publications are

"The Social Meaning of Apology," in "Criminal Law Conversations," Oxford University Press; and "'We Have Met the Enemy and He is Us': Cognitive Bias and Perceptions of Threat," in "Criminal Law Conversations," Oxford University Press. Her article, "A Lawyer's Perspective: Ethical, Technical,

and Practical Considerations Lawyers Face in Using Linguistic Experts," was accepted for publication by the International Journal of Speech Language and Law, and she published a short piece in The Child: An Encyclopedia Companion. She also delivered a paper, "Explorations of Courtroom Discourse: Expert Testimony in American Courts," at the 24th World Congress of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law held in Beijing, China.



Distinguished Jurist in Residence **Robert Alsdorf** was appointed chair of the ABA's Africa Law Initiative Council for 2009-2010. He also had two pieces pub-

lished: "Judicial Elections – A Personal View," in Aportes DPLF (Revista de la Fundacion para el Debido Proceso Legal), a Spanish language publication of the Due Process of Law Foundation in Washington, D.C., and "International Judicial Affairs" in the International Lawyer.

Assistant Professor Tom Antkowiak's presentation, "Un modelo innovador en materia de reparaciones: El esquema de la Corte Interameri-



cana de Derechos Humanos" ("An Innovative Reparations Model: The Scheme of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights"), was published in "El Derecho," the legal journal of the Catholic University of Argentina.

Professor of Lawyering Skills **Lori Bannai** and Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Mimi**

Samuel gave a presentation, "Positive Critiquing: A Contradiction in Terms?" at the Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference.





Professor from Practice **Bob Boruchowitz** helped organize the first Criminal Justice Summit meeting, at the law school in the fall.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Deirdre Bowen** contributed a chapter, titled "The Evolution of Affirmative Action in the United States," to "Affirma-



tive Action: A Legal Analysis," which will be published in Brazil, and her article, "Learning from Others: Preparing for the Aftermath of Post-Affirmative Action," was published in the August issue of Nebraska Lawyer. She also presented her forthcoming article, "Brilliant Disguise: A Social Experiment Banning Affirmative Action," at the Seminario Internacional Directos Humanos, Politicas Publicas e Relatcoes Raciais: Brasil & EUA. She presented her paper, "Operating on the Margins: Three Parent Families Inside and Outside of the Law," at the LatCrit Conference in Washington, D.C.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills Mary Bowman's article, "Truth or Consequences: Self-Incriminating Statements and Informant Veracity," was accepted for publication in the New Mexico Law Review. She also



gave a presentation, titled "Energizing Students (and Faculty) Via Social Justice Collaborations," at the Central States Legal Writing Conference.

Clinical Professor Lisa Brodoff's forthcoming article, "Planning for Alzheimer's Disease with Mental Health Advance Directives," was among



the top ten Elder Law Studies papers downloaded on SSRN.



Distinguished Scholar in Residence **Patrick Brown** gave a presentation, "History, Law, and Functional Collaboration," at a conference on Functional

Collaboration in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Reference Librarian Tina Ching gave a presentation at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The



program, "Making Your ILS Web 2.0 Happy," included panelists from across the country. She discussed how the library utilized web 2.0 strategies to enhance the law library website and catalog.



Margaret Chon, Associate Dean for Research and Centers and the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Professor for the Pursuit of Justice, presented her arti-

cle, "Marks of Rectitude," at the first annual workshop of the International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property at the Universita Bocconi in Milan, Italy. She also, along with her four co-authors, received a \$25,000 grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), to complete the second edition of their textbook, "Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment."

Interim Dean and Associate Professor Annette Clark spoke at the United States Military Academy at West Point as part of West Point's National



Conference on Ethics in America. The title of her remarks was "Bioethics for the Twenty-First Century," and the audience members were military cadets and undergraduates from colleges across the country.

University Professor Richard Delgado's article, "The Law of the Noose, A History of Latino Lynching," was published in Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law



Review. The Harvard Latino Law Review published a symposium issue on his new casebook, "Latinos and the Law: Cases and Material," co-authored by Research Professor Jean Stefancic and Juan Perea. His article, "Liberal McCarthyism and the Origins of Critical Race Theory," was published in the Iowa Law Review, and his essay, "Rodrigo's Portent: California and the Coming Neocolonial Order" was accepted for publication by the Washington University (St. Louis) Law Review.



Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Janet Dickson** led a group of eight students from Seattle University and the University of Washington to the Canal Zone of Panama, as advisor to the undergraduate group Global Law Brigades. The group lived in the jungle with an indigenous tribe, the Emberá Drua, while working with a Panamanian attorney to help the tribe establish NGO status. The group also worked with the tribal youth to encourage them to accept leadership responsibilities within the community. Global Law Brigades is the 2009 winner of the Seattle University "Living Mission Award."

Anne Enquist, Professor of Lawyering Skills and Associate Director of the Legal Writing Program, was a plenary speaker at the AALS Beginning Legal



Writing Teachers Workshop in Washington, D.C. Her talk "Finding Your Voice in the Legal Academy" focused on writing and publishing legal scholarship. Also, two of her previously published articles, "Critiquing and Evaluating Law Students' Writing: Advice from Thirty-Five Experts" and "Critiquing Law Students' Writing: What the Students Say Is Effective" have been included in "The Art of Critiquing Written Work," the inaugural volume of a new monograph series published by the Legal Writing Institute.



Thomas Fischer, a senior scholar with the Center for Global Justice, had his book, "What's Wrong with Globalization?," published by the Carolina Academic Press.



Associate Professor Carmen Gonzalez gave a presentation at the LatCrit conference titled, "Squatters, Pirates, and Entrepreneurs: Is Informality

the Solution to the Urban Housing Crisis?"

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She also presented a critique of the work of Hernando de Soto using Bogota, Colombia as a case study.



Associate Professor Christian Halliburton gave a CLE presentation, "Tinker, Student Speech, and Technology," at the invitation of the Washington ACLU,

and in coordination with the ACLU Student Chapter at the Law School.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor **Paul Holland's** work in progress, "Developing Reflective Practitioners in Problem-Solving



Courts," was selected for publication by the Washington University Journal of Law and Policy. It will be published in a special issue containing articles presented at a roundtable, titled "New Directions in ADR and Clinical Education Theory, Teaching, and Practice."



Lily Kahng, Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Associate Professor, had her article, "Investment Income Withholding in the United States

and Germany," accepted for publication by the Florida Tax Review. She presented that paper at an International Tax Symposium at the University of Florida Law School. An excerpt of her article, "Innocent Spouses: A Critique of the New Laws Governing Joint and Several Tax Liability," was published in Critical Tax Theory: An Introduction.



Assistant Professor Won Kidane's article, "The Terrorism Bar to Asylum in the U.S., UK, Canada and Australia," was accepted for publication

by the Fordham International Law Journal, and his article, "The Alienage Spectrum Disorder," was accepted for publication in the Berkeley La Raza Law Journal.

Jack Kirkwood, Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Associate Professor, helped produce "Law & Economics: Toward Social Justice," a vol-



ume in the book series, "Research in Law and Economics," which he edits. The volume includes papers presented at a 2006 symposium held by the law school's Center on Corporations, Law & Society. He presented on "Antitrust and Sports: When Does Collusion Benefit Sports Fans?" at a CLE that benefited the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills Connie Krontz gave a presentation, "Teaching Students to Transition from Fact-Based to Principle-Based

Analogies" at the Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference.

Professor Tayyab Mahmud, director of the Center for Global Justice, presented a paper, "Exception as the Rule: Legal and Political Challenges Posed by Extra-



Constitutional Regimes," at the 38th Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin. He accepted an invitation to contribute a review article on the topic,

"Pakistani Supreme Court in Crisis," in the Annual Review of Law and Social Science, to be published in December 2011.

Associate Professor Natasha Martin's article, "Pretext in Peril," was accepted for publication by the Missouri (Columbia) Law Review. She gave a presen-



tation on "Affirmative Action in America: The Diversity Defense Meets Post-Racialism," at the conference, Equity in the Workplace: 25 Years After the Abella Report, at the University of Western Ontario. She also gave a lecture at Michigan Law School, titled "OMG, You Look GR8!: Textual Harassment and Employer Responsibility under Title VII."



Professor Hank McGee was the keynote speaker at the Seattle 2009 Race Conference, sponsored by the City of Seattle Office for Civil Rights. His

address was titled "From Central City to Inner-Suburbs: Portland, San Francisco and Seattle and their Exiled African American Communities."

Professor John Mitchell's text (with Rick Barron), "Evidence, LexisNexis Skills and Values Series," was released. The book contains a series of advo-



cacy situations correlated to seventeen particular issues in substantive evidence. Also, his book, "Understanding Assisted Suicide," was positively reviewed by the Journal of the American Medical Association

Associate Professor **Rafael Pardo** was invited to testify before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Commercial





and Administrative Law at its hearing on "Undue Hardship? Discharging Educational Debt in Bankruptcy." He presented his paper "Reconceptualizing

Present-Value Analysis in Consumer Bankruptcy," at the Emory Law School Faculty Colloquium and at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Law and Economics Association at the Notre Dame Law School. He also filed an amicus brief in United Student Aid Funds, Inc. v. Espinosa (No. 08-1134), a case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court that involves the discharge of student loans in bankruptcy.

Kara Phillips, associate director/collection development librarian, participated in the China-**United States Conference** on Legal Information and



Law Libraries in Beijing, China.



Associate Professor of Law Russell Powell delivered two lectures at Loyola University Chicago as part of the "Catholic Minds, Catholic Matters Lecture

Series." "Zakat: Drawing Insights for Catholic Legal Thinking From Islamic Jurisprudence on Tax Theory and Economic Policy," was based on his forthcoming article in the Pittsburgh Tax Review. "Paths to Muslim-Christian Dialogue: The Role of Forgiveness in Islamic Jurisprudence" was delivered on the main university campus. He also gave a public lecture in Seattle, "Models for Economic Justice in Islamic Jurisprudence," at the invitation of the Acacia Foundation.

Christopher Rideout, Professor of Lawyering Skills and Associate Director of the



Legal Writing Program, presented a paper at the Applied Legal Storytelling Conference titled "Aristotle Meets Sherlock Holmes: Truth, Probability, and

Narrative Coherence." Also, his article "Voice, Self, and Persona in Legal Writing," was published in Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute. His article "Penumbral Thinking: A Study of How Metaphors Work in Legal Argumentation," was accepted for publication in the Journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills Mimi Samuel gave a presentation, "Conducting Training Sessions for Legal Educators in Afghanistan," at the Cen-



tral States Legal Writing Conference, hosted by Marquette Law School. She conducted a session on Effective Legal Writing as part of the Washington State Paralegal Association's CLE program.



Professor Laurel Oates, Director of the Legal Writing Program, received the 2009 Rombauer Award, from the Legal Writing Institute at the 25th anni-

versary celebration for the organization she helped found. She, along with Mimi Samuel and Anne Enquist, made a presentation, "Outsourcing of Legal Research and Writing: Practicing in a Global Legal Community," at the Global Legal Skills conference hosted by Georgetown Law School.

Professor Julie Shapiro's book review, "Surveying the Legal Landscape for Queer Parents in the United States" (reviewing Professor Kim Richman's "Courting Change:

Queer Parents, Judges, and the Transformation of American Law") will be published by GLQ: A Journal of Gay and Lesbian Studies.





Fredric C. Tausend Professor David Skover and his co-author, Ron Collins, recently signed a contract with Cambridge University Press

for the publication of their next book project, "Dissent." They intend to interview distinguished American public intellectuals on the phenomenon of dissent.

Assistant Professor Dean Spade was invited to deliver the James A. Thurber Lecture at Yale Law School next year. He also spoke on two panels



at the annual Lavender Law Conference in New York City. One featured recipients of the Dukeminier Award, UCLA Law School's award for the best sexual orientation and gender identity law review articles, which Spade won for his article, "Documenting Gender." He delivered the 7th Annual Matthew Shepard Lecture at Whitman College.



Assistant Professor Jane Stoever's article, "Stories Absent from the Courtroom: Responding to Domestic Violence in the Context of HIV and

AIDS," was published in the North Carolina Law Review. She gave a presentation, "Legal and Advocacy Responses to HIV-Related Domestic Violence," to members of the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Save the Dates!

We invite all alumni to the New Year's Reception on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Sullivan Hall. This is a great chance to honor the contributions of alumni and get the year off to a festive start. Also, mark vour calendars for the annual Alumni Weekend celebration set for April 23 and 24. The many events and activities planned throughout the weekend will be designed to celebrate your connections to the School of Law. Watch for more details.

Join Your Reunion Committee

If you are a member of the classes of 1980, 1990 or 2000, we invite you to join the committee for your 10-, 20- or 30- year reunion. As a member of the committee you are in the best position to ensure the success of your reunion by encouraging your alumni colleagues to attend and support class efforts. Contact lawalumni@seattleu.edu to express your interest.

Law Alumni Board:

Stewardship, the Law School and You!



Dear Fellow Alumni,

ver the past four months, I have had the privilege of serving as your representative on the Dean Search Committee. We had the opportunity to interview remarkable candidates and introduce them to our wonderful law school and community. Our role on the committee served a dual purpose. Certainly we wanted to identify the next decanal leader of the law school (by the way, I think we have). In addition, we served as ambassadors and stewards of our institution.

As I met with the candidates, I was eager to share how the law school continues to maintain a strong upward trajectory of growth and momentum. Enrollment

is strong, and academic and financial support of students remains a top priority. Our centers and institutes are growing and producing scholarship that reflects the very core of our mission. The school is committed to diversifying the legal profession. I was also keen to discuss the law school's steadfast dedication to our alumni, the various bar associations and the greater legal community. All semester, Sullivan Hall is filled with the activity of our bar leaders working collaboratively with our students, centers and institutes.

I was pleased to relate that this is a dynamic period of alumni engagement, and that there has been a proliferation of alumni committee activity. The Law Alumni Board is reviewing nominations for the board; planning the New Year's Reception, an annual tradition to recognize and thank all alumni who are generously engaged with the law school; and, we've begun preparations for Alumni Weekend 2010 on April 23 and 24. As you'll see in this section, the Recent Alumni Committee and the recently launched Regional Alumni Program are successfully connecting alumni with one another and strengthening the relationship between the alumni community and the law school.

As I reflect on my experience, I would like to encourage each of you to remain engaged and support our institution. Each time you employ, mentor or provide an example for our students, coach and/or judge a Moot Court team, attend one of our programs or distinguished lectures, network and provide guidance to fellow alumni or make a financial contribution to support the Annual Fund for Excellence, you are ensuring the success of the law school and being a good steward.

To maintain our success, we require the engagement of our alumni. So for those of you who provide such stewardship, each according to his or her specific opportunities or interests, thank you. For those of you who are not yet engaged, I invite you to become involved and enjoy the rewards of stewardship. The School of Law is an enterprise worthy of our support, and in this time when we are meeting our next dean and learning of his or her vision, our responsibility to engage as alumni, to steward our law school, remains critical.

On behalf of the Law Alumni Board, I would like to wish each of you a happy and prosperous holiday season and New Year.

Sincerely,

Linda Strout '79 President, Law Alumni Board Founding Dean's Club Member

Recent Alumni Committee draws crowds at events

In little more than a year, the Recent Alumni Committee has grown to more than 40 members and hosted two wonderful events.

he first was a workshop in late August that focused on job strategies, paying particular attention to the challenges that many alumni are facing in the current economic environs. Co-chairs of the Program Development Committee Melissa Chin '08, Megan Gebhardt '06 and David Keenan '08 organized the event. Featured alumni speakers included Corey Parker '07 and Jenni Volk '04, who shared their experiences as solo practitioners, and Lucinda Dunlap '05 who spoke to her experience in a small firm. Seminars on pro bono opportunities and alternative careers rounded out the half-day workshop.

The second program was a networking event at Seattle City Hall in mid-November featuring a fun "get to know your alumni colleagues" game and wine and chocolate tasting, attended by more than 130 alumni. Hillary Madsen and Chris Wong, co-organizers of the event and both members of the Class of 2008, welcomed the boisterous crowd. The success of the Recent Alumni Committee, which meets monthly to identify ways to meet the needs of alumni from the past 15 years, demonstrates what can be accomplished through the commitment of alumni leadership partnering with the school. Brian Considine '07 chairs the committee with the help of Social Justice/Public Interest Awareness, Erin Shea '07, chair; Mentoring Programs, Mark Saku '06, chair; Networking, Hillary Madsen '08 and Chris Wong '08, co-chairs; Program Development, Melissa Chin '08, Megan Gebhardt '06 and David Keenan '08, co-chairs; and Leadership, Jeff Cox '05 and David Keenan '08, co-chairs.



Members of the Recent Alumni Committee celebrate at A Tasty Launch. From left are Hillary Madsen '08, Grace Wiener '08, Justin Walsh '08, Melissa Chin '08, Walt Williams '08 (a prospective member), Chris Wong '08, David Keenan '08 and Brian Considine '07.



Lucinda Dunlap '05. In the background is Megan Gebhardt '06, co-organizer of the workshop, and Peter Roberts, Practice Management Advisor with the Washington State Bar Association.



During a workshop break, Katherine White '09 shares a laugh with fellow members of the Class of 2009.



Brandy Schwartz '08 and Casi Heintzman '08 sample wine at A Tasty Launch.



Christopher Cutting '09 and Pete Hapeman '08 seize an opportunity to talk during a break at the job strategies workshop.



Alumni colleagues from left, Monique Cohen '09, Jamie Polito Johnston '03, Joe Polito '09 and Teebah Alsaleh '09.

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Regional Alumni Program reaches out to alumni across the country

ith alumni living in all 50 states and abroad, programming for our alumni community has moved to a host of cities beyond Seattle. In October, the law school launched its first alumni regional chapter in Washington, D.C. at a reception on Capitol Hill with nearly 40 alumni living and working in the area. Interim Dean Annette Clark '89 and Director of Alumni Relations Grace Greenwich hosted the crowd, which included 12 students who were in D.C. for the Equal Justice Conference and staff from the Center for Professional Development.

The Regional Alumni Program lets alumni know who else in their area attended Seattle University School of Law. Programming in each region is created in conjunction with alumni leadership and works to address specific needs and desires of the alumni. We know from hundreds of conversations with individual alumni how meaningful it is to meet, network and interact with current students and former faculty. Alumni communities are gathering in Tacoma, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Anchorage, New York City and Washington, D.C.

Members of the alumni community are invited to serve as regional alumni representatives or to partner with the Office of Alumni Relations. Regional committees help provide connections to alumni colleagues in various regions of the country, while advancing the mission of the school. Often, regional committees join the school in hosting receptions to welcome prospective and incoming students to the law school community.



Students in Washington, D.C. to attend the Equal Justice Conference were warmly welcomed at the Alumni Regional Program. From left are: Grace Greenwich, director of alumni relations, Stacey Lara-Kerr, associate director of the Center for Professional Development, Javier Dominguez, Nathan Garcia, Interim Dean Annette Clark, Emily Gause, Jaspreet Chowdhary, Morgan Powell, Anne Powell, Jeni Garber, Naomi Strand, Andra Kranzler, Yair Inspektor, and Shawn Lipton, assistant dean for the Center for Professional Development. Photos by Greg Dohler



Kevin Harnisch '95 talks with Jeff Farrah '07 and Seth Cooper '03.



Alumni Paula Wood '08, Jessica Barkas Threet '05, Derek Threet '05 and Joe Gordon '08.



Roxanne Fuller 'oo provided a warm welcome at the launch of the D.C. Regional Alumni Chapter.



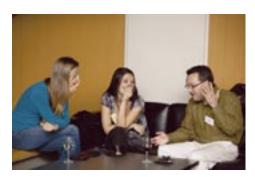
Tiffany Tull 'oo, left, talks with Megan McCloskey, friend of the law school who works with the Equal Justice Alliance Group in D.C.

Several events this fall brought alumni together to network, reminisce and celebrate their connections with Seattle University School of Law. We hope to see many of you at events this spring!

MENTOR/MENTEE RECEPTION



Jennifer Shaw '94, a member of the Law Alumni Board, with her mentee Lucie Bernheim.



James Pirtle '05 entertains two students with a story about his salsa company.



Students and alumni network at the Mentor/ Mentee Reception at Sullivan Hall in late September.

RED MASS



Faculty members greet King County Superior Court Judge John P. Erlick, who arrived just in time to join the procession of faculty and judges at the annual Red Mass. Photo by Jennifer Richard.



Members of the judiciary process into St. Ignatius Chapel for the annual Red Mass in October.



King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg greets President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., after the Mass. Fr. Case, the Jesuit assistant to the law school, and Andrew Prazuch, executive director of the King County Bar Association, are at left.

TACOMA SWEARING-IN



New members of the State Bar, including alumni of Seattle University School of Law, take the oath for State and Federal Court at a ceremony in Tacoma.



The Tacoma Swearing-In celebration was held at the historic Union Station courthouse.



Sarah Cho 'oo celebrates with her family at the reception sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations.





Sean Parnell is law school's first governor



Gov. Sean Parnell and his wife, Sandi, celebrated Alaska Day in Sitka. Photos courtesy of the Governor's Office.

hen he was growing up, Sean Parnell and his family shared nightly meals together around the dinner table, where the conversation often centered on topics related to current events, service and faith.

Parnell says his call to run for public office – which led to him being the first graduate of Seattle University School of Law to govern a state – was born out of the values his parents instilled in him as a child. His father, Pat Parnell, served as an Anchorage Assembly member and in the Alaska House of Representatives.

"It's a natural extension," he said. "Service above self was exalted."

Parnell '87, was elected Alaska's lieutenant governor in 2006 and became governor in July after former Gov. Sarah Palin's surprise resignation. The circumstances – and the fascination with Vice Presidential Candidate Palin – cast Parnell into the national spotlight as he took over for the woman who had attracted attention from around the world. When he was sworn in, reporters from the "Lower 48" as Alaska calls the contiguous United States, swarmed. While he handled it with grace, he's relieved to see the focus where he believes it should be.

"At this point, we' re back to Alaska issues and the Alaska press corps," he said.

His first 100 days in office have been productive and successful, he said, as he works on his priorities of strengthening the Alaska economy and families, including looking at expanded oil exploration and initiatives to eradicate domestic violence and provide college scholarships

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for talented students. Alaska's economy has not suffered as much as other states, but it is still a challenge.

Among his priorities, he proposed a sweeping new scholarship program for Alaska students to better prepare them for college, encourage them to stay in Alaska for college and careers, and help pay for tuition based on academic achievement. The Governor's Performance Scholarship would be available for study at accredited Alaska colleges and universities. The program awaits legislative approval.

Education was key to Parnell's success, especially his law school education. Preparing to graduate from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Parnell began to consider law school. But he wasn't sure he wanted a career devoted to practicing law. Deciding to enroll, with the encouragement of his father, was fortuitious.

He did in fact practice law in Anchorage for several years, and the skills he learned have benefited him in office. He was elected to the Alaska House of Representatives in 1992 at the age of 29. He was re-elected in 1994 and served one term in the Alaska State Senate from 1996 to 2000.

"The lessons I've learned in law school – the way of thinking and analyzing – have



Parnell discusses issues with U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski.

been invaluable," he said. "The governor doesn't have to know everything and can't, but a governor has to know what questions to ask. The law school education I received was very practical and useful to me."

While many of the federal representatives are lawyers, that's not the case in Alaska, where representatives from all parts of the state bring a variety of experience and backgrounds. While he was in the legislature, only five of the 60 legislators had law degrees, he said.

He fondly remembers Professor Emeritus Tom Holdych, who had high expectations of his students. When called on, Parnell said he or a classmate might stall for a little time saying, "That's a good question..."

"How about a good answer?" was Holdych's retort.

After graduation, Parnell returned to his home state. Many others leave for college and don't come back, and he hopes the Governor's Performance Scholarship can change that. The merit-based scholarships would be given to students who meet GPA requirements and pass a rigorous curriculum. It would cover a

portion of tuition based on performance at Alaska universities.

"Alaska employers are crying out for highly qualified and better educated workers. We are losing many of our young people to opportunities in the Lower 48 and abroad; and Alaskans need jobs," he said. "That can change the dynamic of our school system and certainly our economy 50 to 100 years in the future," he said.

Parnell says he's proud to serve the state that he says is full of wonder and promise.

"I love Alaska's people, and I love the land. It's about as simple as that," he said. "You can come here and set a course for yourself. Alaska is so young and rich with opportunity, and there aren't set social structures. Anyone can make it here."

Parnell is philosophical about his role and said he works to keep it all in perspective.

"It's important to understand that each of us is here for a reason, and it's bigger than ourselves," he said. "You can find that reason whether you're a governor or working in the trenches. It's about the heart, it's not about what we do."

On the Hill

Graduates share top-secret work and friendship

By Cheryl Reid-Simons

or most attorneys, keeping a lid on privileged information is all about professional ethics. But for recent Seattle University School of Law graduates Angela Rye and Jill Butler, it's a matter of national security.

Rye '05 and Butler '07, serve as staff attorneys for the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security. Rye is senior advisor and counsel to the committee, responsible for overseeing federal minority business contracting issues at the Department of Homeland Security, as well as broad-level political strategy for the committee.

Butler serves as investigative counsel to the committee, charged with investigating allegations of abuse and waste at the Department of Homeland Security. She also handles diversity training for the department.

Both are required to maintain top-secret security clearances. "If we told you something (confidential) we'd go to jail," Rye says.

Despite the seriousness of their jobs and the high-stakes environment they work in, it's clear that neither is in danger of buckling under the stress. If anything, they both seem to be having the time of their lives.

"We both do a good job of balancing work life and social life," Rye says on her way home from a School of Law alumni event she and Butler attended. "We're friends outside of the office so we hang out together."

And for young African American lawyers, serving in the nation's capital now is particularly gratifying. "That I get to be on Capitol Hill during the first African-American president's administration is amazing," Butler said.

"The energy is different," Rye said of the change President Obama has brought to her adopted city. "Tons of people moved here from around the country to work in an environment where change seems possible."

Butler agrees. "I really love D.C. and I enjoy working on the Hill," she says. "It's the caliber of people D.C. attracts, the intellectual capacity. It's a very fast-paced environment."



Angela Rye, left, and Jill Butler, both attended an alumni event in Washington, D.C. to meet other graduates working in the area. Photo by Greg Dohler

It's one Rye nearly missed out on. In her last year of law school, she had lined up a job at the Cochran Firm. "I was so excited," she says. However, when Johnnie Cochran died shortly before her graduation, Rye began to reconsider. "After a lot of prayers and counsel with my parents and friends, I decided to go to D.C."

Initially, she wasn't working on Capitol Hill, but was a lobbyist for historically black colleges and universities. When Democrats assumed control of the House, she decided it would be a good time to make her move to the Hill and went to work for the Homeland Security Committee, chaired by Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, D-MS.

"I love Capitol Hill," she says now. "I don't regret for a minute coming out here."

In her first year after law school, Rye also co-founded the non-profit IMPACT with four others. The organization is aimed at helping young professionals of color by encouraging civic engagement, political involvement and economic empowerment. Among its tools is a job site "to help folks get on Capitol Hill and into the executive branch and the private sector by helping them hear about jobs they might not otherwise hear about." Today, Rye serves on IMPACT's board as director of strategic partnerships.

Lending encouragement and guidance to those following close behind her is nothing new for Rye. It's how she and Butler originally met.

"We have a mutual friend who told me Jill was thinking of coming to Seattle U," Rye said of their original introduction. "I wanted her to come because I wanted to have diversity in her class. It's important to me that people of color realize what a warm and welcoming environment there is at the law school."

Butler recognized that quality right away. "I think SU does a good job of reaching out to its minority students and teaching students from diverse backgrounds in general," she says. The School of Law supports other types of diversity, Butler says. "There was a commitment to students drawn to the law to work on social justice issues as well as those who wanted to go into corporate law," Butler said. "They supported you, whatever your interests were."

Rye concurs. "I think they meet you where you are and do whatever they can to nurture you to get to the next level."

For both women, that meant being active members of the National Black Law Students Association. The law school was extremely supportive of their work with the organization, Rye says. "They understand the importance of connecting students beyond the four walls of the university and encouraging students to be involved in things like NBLSA. "I'm forever grateful."

Trips to the nation's capital for NBLSA work had a serious impact on Butler. "I fell in love with D.C. and moved here right after law school."

New in town and looking for work, she called Rye, who immediately encouraged her to look at the House Homeland Security Committee. The two had worked together on the NBLSA board, "so for me it was a no-brainer to have her on another team," Rye says.

That extends to IMPACT as well. Though she's not on the board with Rye, "I really like the mission of the organization so I'm a very dedicated volunteer," she laughs.

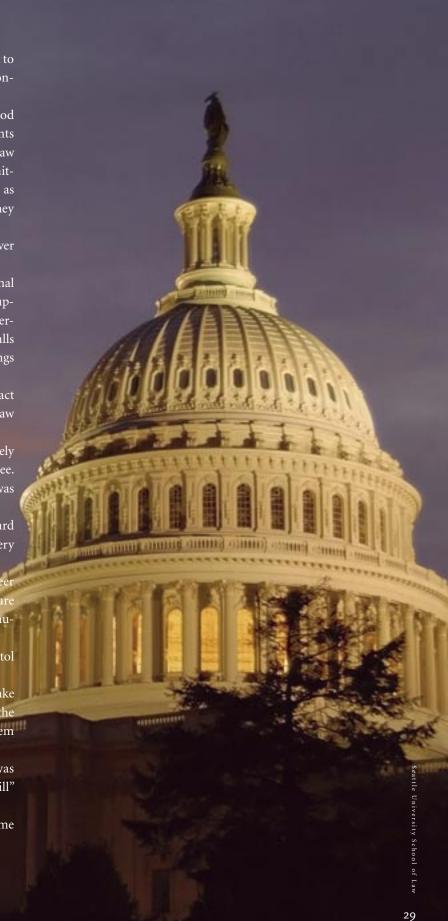
If their shared educational experience, workplace and volunteer efforts don't give them enough in common, Rye and Butler share another distinction. Each has been named as among the most beautiful people working in D.C.

Butler was named one of the 50 Most Beautiful People on Capitol Hill this summer by the Congressional newspaper "The Hill."

It's an honor she declined last year, but Rye convinced her to take it this time around. "I said, 'Sister-friend, you really should use the opportunity to highlight some of the work you do. Just don't let them put some crazy description on you."

That last bit of advice came from personal experience. Rye was featured in BET's "The 14 Hottest Blacks Working on Capitol Hill" and dubbed "Homeland Security Hottie."

Rye wasn't amused. "It's very important that people don't look at me for what they see on the outside, but for the substance," she says.



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1974

Catharyn Baird retired after teaching law and ethics at Regis University-Denver for 23 years. She has launched a company called Ethics Game, which provides web-based ethics simulations for universities and corporations.

Nevin Harwood is a principal at Gray Plant Mooty in Minneapolis, Minn. His practice focuses on business law in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate, partnership, limited liability company law and related matters.

1975

Robert Russell received the 2008 Colorado Judicial Institute Judicial Excellence Award in the District Court category. He was appointed to the District Court in1998, and has served on numerous Supreme Court Committees, including those on Jury Reform, Judicial Department Leadership Development, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Gender and Justice.

1976

The Honorable Deborah Fleck received the Washington State Bar Association's highest honor, the Award of Merit, for her leadership as co-chair of the Justice in Jeopardy Implementation Committee. The committee is part of the larger Justice in Jeopardy Initiative, which advocates for adequate funding for Washington state courts and promoting access to justice for all. She has been a King County Superior Court Judge since 1992, serving as chief judge of the Regional Justice Center and in the criminal, civil, and juvenile departments. In addition to being a frequent speaker and panelist, and author in local news and legal publications, Judge Fleck is active with several legal and community organizations, such as the Board for Judicial Administration, the Minority and Justice Commission, and We the People, a civics program run by the Center for Civic Education and in collaboration with the Seattle School District. She has served on the law school's Access to Justice Community Advisory Board and has been honored with numerous awards.



Rufus Yerxa, deputy director general with the World Trade Organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, was in Seattle on business

recently. During his visit, he met with Dean Annette Clark and the law school's international law faculty including Professor Tayyab Mahmud, director of the Center for Global Justice. In the afternoon he held informal meetings with faculty and students in Sullivan Hall and was a guest lecturer in the international trade class taught by Mark Chinen, the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence. Earlier this year, Seattle University honored Rufus with the 2009 Professional Achievement Award.

1977

Tom Clerkin joined The Mercanti Group as managing director in the firm's Los Angeles office. He has more than 25 years of industry experience, most recently as a partner at private equity firms Yucaipa Companies and Leonard Green & Partners, LLP. Tom earned his LLM from New York University and an MBA from Columbia University.

Fred McKinnon is an assistant general counsel for Sun Microsystems, Inc, in Menlo Park, Calif., with an office in Bellevue. He is responsible for the finance operations of Sun in the United States, Central America and South America.

1980

Randy Aliment, a member in the Seattle office of Williams Kastner, was elected vice-chair of the American Bar Association's Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS). The section

has 32,000 members and 34 general committees, which provide members opportunities to interact with one another and share information on relevant issues. In his role at TIPS, Randy recently helped host the Beijing program "Legal Challenges to Chinese Companies Doing Business in the United States," which addressed the U.S. legal system and its applications to Chinese businesses operating in the U.S.

1982

Peter Camiel was one of two recipients of the 2009 William O. Douglas Award, presented by the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the association's annual conference. The award is WACDL's most prestigious award, and is given in recognition of extraordinary courage and dedication to the practice of criminal law.

Theresa Doyle is in her fifth year as a King County Superior Court Judge. She is assigned to the downtown courthouse and the criminal trial department.

Marc Silverman was elected the new Washington State Bar Association governor representing the First Congressional District. He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Washington State Association for Justice (formerly Washington State Trial Lawyers Association), and has been a speaker and presenter for numerous continuing legal education seminars, including insurance law, litigation practice, ethics, and bankruptcy issues.

1983

Hal White wrote a collection of shortstory mysteries titled "The Mysteries of Reverend Dean."

1984

Robert Curran was named managing director and a member of the executive committee at Ryan, Swanson &

Cleveland, PLLC, in Seattle. Robert's 25 year litigation practice focuses on commercial disputes that involve business torts, construction defects, real estate transactions and insurance coverage issues. He has tried numerous cases in state and federal court and has successfully handled appeals before state appellate courts and the Ninth Circuit.

1985

Marla Prudek was appointed an El Paso County Court Judge by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter.

1986



Kristin Hannah is a multi-published, award winning author, whose latest novel, "Firefly Lane," spent more than 30 weeks on the New

York Times Bestseller list this year.

Tracy Johnson is the CEO of The Comanco Group, Inc., a nationwide environmental protection construction company headquartered in Plant City, Fla.

1987

Kelley Lee received her national board certification in teaching and her Washington State Educational Administrator's Certificate from the University of Washington-Tacoma.

Bill Marler was a guest on Larry King Live discussing the question, "Is Meat Safe?" Bill, an accomplished personal



injury and products liability attorney with his firm Marler Clark PLLC, began litigating foodborne illness cases in 1993, and has since testified before Congress as well as State legislatures on the topic. He is also a frequent writer on topics related to foodborne illness and was quoted in

a New York Times article published October 3 titled, "E-coli Path Shows Flaws in Meat Inspection." He will be featured at a Food Safety Conference in Washington, D.C. next spring cosponsored by the Law School. He is under consideration for the position of Under Secretary for Food Safety in the Obama administration.

Andrew Schwarz is utilizing his skills as a trained mediator to shift the focus of his practice to include collaborative family law. He still maintains his criminal and civil trial practice, recently posting a win in *Rollins and Hendershott v. King County Metro* in the Washington Court of Appeals.

1988

David Acheson was appointed director of Sales and Marketing, North America, for Linux Professional Institute. He joins LPI after his position as vice president of Marketing for Vital-Smarts, a privately held professional training and coaching firm.

Linda Pierce accepted a position as public safety director with the Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation. She formerly commanded the Special Operations Bureau of the Seattle Police Department, overseeing operations and planning, and the arson, bomb and Harbor Patrol, operational support and criminal intelligence sections.

W. Michael Targett returned to Seattle from a two-year assignment in Vienna, Austria, as vice president for legal affairs for Clearwire International. He was responsible for all of the company's legal and regulatory affairs throughout Europe, where it quickly became the continent's largest owner and operator of "WiMAX" 4G wireless broadband systems with assets and operations across multiple western, central and eastern European jurisdictions. Michael is currently providing outsourced general counsel services to small and mid-market telecom and technology companies.

1989

Jason Kays is the author of "Virtual Vice," a legal thriller released earlier this year. The technology crime novel is based on true events.

1990

Richard Roberts is a senior staff attorney with The Hartford Insurance Company in Seattle. His practice focuses primarily on defending personal injury lawsuits and some premises liability claims in courts around the state. He served as president of the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association in 2007–08. He lives in Bellevue with his wife, Teri, and children Matthew and Megan.

1992

Thomas Bogar is associate deputy general counsel for international affairs with the Office of the Secretary of Defense. His article, "Unlawful Combatant or Innocent Civilian? A Call to Change the Current Means for Determining Status of Prisoners in the Global War on Terror," appeared in the April 2009 edition of the Florida Journal of International Law with the forward written by Israel Supreme Court Associate Justice Rivlin.



Lee Lambert, President of Shoreline Community College since 2006, was named one of the top five community college leaders

in the country. The Association of Community College Trustees also selected Lambert as the recipient of the 2009 Pacific Regional Chief Executive Officer Award for his regional, national and international efforts. At Shoreline, Lee has fostered programs such as the Clean Energy Technology Program and the General Service Technician Program, which earned a Governor's Award in Best Practice. This past spring, Lee testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and

Pensions about the education and training that colleges provide for the emerging green-jobs market. He is a graduate of the law school's Academic Resource Center.

Ken Masters was chosen to chair the Washington State Bar Association's Rules & Procedures Committee for 2009-2010.



Brad Moore was named Washington state coordinator for the Public Justice Foundation, the Washington, D.C.-based

national organization known for championing public interest litigation across the country. He will be responsible for helping expand the organization's visibility, support and impact in the state, identifying important cases that fall under Public Justice's broad portfolio – consumers' and victims' rights; civil rights and liberties; environmental protection; workers' rights; toxic torts; prisoner and detainee rights; and access to justice.

1993



Diana Dearmin was elected Magnolia Community Club President for 2010.

1994

Joanna Monroe, vice president, deputy general counsel and chief compliance officer for True-Blue, Inc., was elected to serve



as a director for the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, she was appointed chair of the Public Policy Committee for the YWCA of Pierce County, and has served on that board for the last two years. In addition to running the legal department for TrueBlue, a nationwide, publicly traded staffing company, Joanna was given responsibility for internal audits, and implemented the company's Enterprise Risk Management program this year.

1995



Aaron Lovaas is a principal of the Las Vegas-based international business law firm Lovaas & Lehtinen, P.C. Prior to the formation of

Lovaas & Lehtinen, P.C., Aaron was a shareholder with the firm of Shimon & Lovaas, A Professional Corporation, for four years, and a partner with the large Las Vegas law firm of Alverson, Taylor, Mortensen, Nelson & Sanders, prior to that.

Freeda Warren accepted the position of vice president of marketing and fund development for the National Black MBA Association located in Chicago.

1996

Katrina Anne Foley formed a new firm, The Foley Group, A Professional Law Corporation, in Newport Beach, Calif. She will continue her employment litigation practice, and plans to grow her practice to include artist and athlete management, as well as non-profit corporate organization and compliance services for organizations working with children and youth sports.

Jennifer Johnson Grant received the 2009 President's Award from Washington Women Lawyers.

David Green spent the last year advising Microsoft in copyright and trade secret issues impacting Windows, Bing, and many other divisions. After 10 years as a member, he was also appointed as trustee to the Copyright Society of the United States of America, which is the oldest and largest membership of copyright

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lawyers in the country and includes top practitioners, in-house counsel, professors, and members of the Copyright Office. He and his wife of 10 years have two sons.

Ric Hulshoff transferred from the Small Business/Self-Employed Division of the Office of Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service to the Large & Mid-Size Business Division. He lives in Mesa, Arizona, with his wife and four daughters.

Connie Sue Martin, of counsel in Bullivant Houser Bailey's Seattle office, was appointed the 2009-2010 Chair of the American Bar Association Superfund and Natural Resource Damages Litigation Committee, housed under the ABA's Section of Environment, Energy and Resources (SEER). As chair of the committee, Connie will be responsible for directing the content and priorities of the committee, including all education programs and national conferences. She also was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America, 2010, Environmental Law. She has been a guest lecturer at Seattle University School of Law.

1997

C. Edward Adams has maintained the private general law practice, Adams & Associates, PLLC, since 1997. The firm emphasizes the representation of injured plaintiffs in aviation-related cases and the legal defense of pilots, mechanics and airport operators in cases before the FAA, ALJ Hearings, NTSB, Federal District Courts and Federal Courts of Appeals.

Brandee Faria represented would-be concertgoers in a class-action lawsuit against Aerosmith that alleged the band pulled out of a Maui show in favor of a larger concert in Chicago. The case has been settled and Aerosmith has agreed to perform on Maui and pay all expenses.

1998

Steve Galgoczy started Fortress Financial Services, Inc., in 2003. The company represents businesses and individuals who are in collections with the IRS and various state taxing authorities all over the United States and now employs 35 people, including seven attorneys.

1999

Laura Anglin is in her 11th year of clerking, and is currently a clerk for Washington State Supreme Court Justice Tom Chambers. She has also taken up amateur photography.



Linda Chu married John M. Clyman IV Aug. 1, 2009, at Canlis in Seattle. She is firm counsel for an international architecture firm, NBBJ. The groom

is a partner at Cascadia Labs and co-founder of SiteScout. They live in Seattle.

2000

Jennifer Gellner is the director of the Federal Tax Clinic at the Gonzaga University School of Law. The clinic recently settled three cases and helped six pro se taxpayers during the week that the United States Tax Court Calendar was in Spokane.

Wendy Miki Glaus was named a partner in the estate planning firm Sterling & Tucker LLP in Honolulu. Her area of focus is elder law dealing with issues related to disability, long-term care, Medicaid and other government benefits, taxation, business formation, and real estate.

Brett Herron was voted the 2009 best attorney of Bellevue by the readers of The Bellevue Reporter.

Kathleen McRoberts transferred as a deputy attorney general for the Idaho State Tax Commission to the Public Employee's Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) in September. She received her LL.M. in taxation from the University of Florida in 2001. She lives in Boise with her husband and three children.

Dominik Musafia joined the law firm of Reed, Longyear, Malnati & Ahrens, PLLC, in Seattle as an associate. His practice will focus on family law, real estate transactions and general business law.

2001

Farah Emeka passed the Ohio State Bar.

Legrand Jones is co-founder and managing partner of The Evergreen Law Group P.S. in Olympia, which represents people who have been accused of criminal activity, injured due to another's negligence, and those seeking redress for governmental misconduct.

Matthew King published a new, authoritative law volume titled "The Washington Construction Law Manual." Written as a comprehensive, how-to practice guide, the manual provides a background of current case law involving most areas of construction law. It includes information regarding the formation of contracts, dispute resolution, and construction litigation. It also provides practical guidance for the construction contractor or lawyer on how to handle a variety of construction disputes.



Thuy Nguyen-Leeper was a co-recipient of the Washington State Bar Association's 2009 Excellence in Diversity Award for her work on

the Minority Bar Association's Joint Committee on Law Firm Diversity. She is a past president of the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington and will be co-presidentelect of the Asian Bar Association of Washington in 2010. She is actively engaged with the students at the School of Law and has dedicated hundreds of hours to various mentorship programs. Thuy is co-chair of the Minority Bar Associations of Washington Joint Committee on Law Firm Diversity. Committee members created and distributed a law-firm diversity questionnaire to the 50 largest law firms or law offices in Washington State, which will now be an annual survey by the Washington Minority Bar Associations as they work to better diversify the legal profession in Washington.

Naoko Inoue Shatz joined Williams Kastner as of counsel. Naoko will focus her practice on international business transactions and assisting foreign entities conducting business in the United States.

2002

Julie Bahner was sworn in as the 2009-2010 president of the Washington State Bar Association's Young Leaders Division. She previously served for two years as the co-chair of the WYLD membership committee, has been involved in many WYLD programs and committees and has regularly written articles for the WYLD newsletter, *De Novo*. Julie joined The Garden City Group, Inc. as a bankruptcy consultant.



Angela DeWig founded The Law Offices of Angela L. DeWig, PLLC, in 2004. She focuses her efforts on help-

ing those who have been injured in automobile accidents across the state. Angela is also an active Eagle member of the Washington State Association for Justice and a member of the American Association for Justice.

Andrew Green started his own practice in Tacoma focusing on helping small businesses and individual employees



with employment law issues.

Rajiv Nagaich was featured in a recent issue of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys magazine. He is a principal attorney at the law firm of Johnson & Nagaich PS, in Federal Way, Wash., and has started a non-profit organization, Washington Elder Care, which is in the process of developing an adult day health facility.



Jonathan Yeh has received the 2009 Washington State Bar Association's Pro Bono Award. He is a principal attorney at Blank Law and

Technology P.S., where his practice includes general commercial transactions and litigation, computer forensics, electronic evidence, technology risk management, and intellectual property. In addition to his work, he serves on the Washington State Bar Association's Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee, and takes on several pro bono cases each year. As a law student, he volunteered as a clinic administrator with the International District Legal Clinic, beginning a relationship that continues to the present day. He later volunteered as an attorney, and has served for the past four years as the clinic coordinator. In 2008, he organized the clinic's expansion to a second site, the Chinese Information and Service Center branch, which he also coordinates. Jonathan was back in Sullivan Hall the last week of October as a panelist for the American Bar Association's "Celebrate Pro Bono Week" CLE. His comments spoke to professionalism and ethics considerations and pro bono service as hallmarks of professional responsibility.

2003



James Bible received the 2009 Champion of Justice Award from the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for his com-

munity organizing and related work as

president of the Seattle King County NAACP. The award recognizes an individual who – through legislative, judicial, journalistic, or humanitarian pursuits – has staunchly preserved or defended the constitutional rights of Washington residents and endeavored to ensure justice and due process for those accused of crime.

Tina Bondy joined the Big Fish Games team as in house IP/commercial corporate counsel. Based on the Seattle waterfront, Big Fish Games is the leading global provider of online and downloadable casual video games.

Seth Cooper was named a 2009 Lincoln Fellow by the Claremont Institute. Lincoln Fellowships are offered to professionals serving elected officials or appointed policy-makers in the federal government, as well as staff members of national political parties, non-profit institutions that research and publish on public policy and constitutional issues, political editorialists in the media, and state policy professionals and politicians. Seth is the Telecommunications & Information Technology Task Force Director and Amicus Counsel at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), and is also an adjunct fellow with the Free State Foundation. Prior to his position at ALEC, Seth was staff counsel to the Washington State Senate Republican Caucus, clerked for Justice James Johnson at the Washington State Supreme Court, and was a law and policy analyst at the Discovery Institute.

Dalynne Singleton and Jean Jorgensen formed a new firm, Singleton & Jorgensen, Inc., P.S. The firm has offices in Port Orchard and Renton, Wash., and focuses on personal injury, wrongful death, employment/wage claims, commercial/real estate/business, civil litigation and estate planning/probate.



2004

Angela Carr Baker and Warren Baker, welcomed their son, Owen Ray, Oct. 2, 2009.

Elizabeth Baldwin is teaching English and Legal Writing to the Afghan visiting scholars participating in the Afghan Legal Educators Project at the University of Washington School of Law.

Mason Boswell and his wife (above) welcomed their second child, Matthew Robert Boswell, Oct. 20, 2009.

2005

Jason Amala started a new firm with seven attorneys that he practiced with at Gordon Thomas Honeywell. The firm, Pfau Cochran Vertetis Kosnoff PLLC, focuses on complex personal injury cases.



Tim Ashby is the head of Sonnenschein Nath Rosenthal's "Cuba Emerging Markets Practice" based in Miami. He advises

U.S. and international clients on current and future business opportunities in Cuba and travels to the Caribbean island frequently.

Tyler Hinckley and Katie Elaine Orgill were married July 11 at the Yakima Convention Center.

Sarah Laufer, along with husband, Justin Rae, owns and operates Play Outdoors, a Bend, Oregon, store that aims to help keep family memories positive by providing stylish and functional outdoor clothing and accessories for newborns through 14-year-olds.

Capt. Alexander Straub received the Washington State Bar Association's 2009 Community Service Award. He is an assistant fulltime judge advo-



cate at the Washington National Guard Legal Office in Tacoma, where he serves as a legal advisor to the Washington National Guard and provides legal assistance to National Guard members and their families. In spring 2008, Captain Straub conceptualized Attorneys Assisting Citizen-Soldiers and Families (AACF) as a collaboration between the Washington State National Guard and the Washington State Bar Association's Legal Assistance to Military Personnel (LAMP) Section to provide pro bono assistance to members and families of the Washington State National Guard deployed to Iraq. With assistance from the LAMP Section and volunteers, the AACF developed and recorded training sessions for use by new recruits; training CDs were distributed throughout the state to interested law firms and legal clinics. Capt. Straub developed processes to screen clients and match them with volunteer attorneys in the client's geographical area, coordinating efforts with National Guard Family programs, the WSBA, and JAG attorneys' offices.

2006

David Cohen is general counsel at DCMI, an alternative investment firm in Dallas, Texas. Aside from his general corporate in-house duties, he is mainly immersed in the aviation, international maritime, oil and gas, and real estate facets of the law. David is responsible for the transactions surrounding the company's ownership of helicopters, anchor handling tug supply vessels, chemical tankers, Overriding Royalty Interests in oil and gas, and shopping centers/restaurants.

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Class notes

David also is the legal counsel for a public charitable organization he started, Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS-USA). In addition, David provides pro bono work as counsel for college basketball coaches and European basketball players. He also works with an Atlanta, Ga., ministry, Triumph Ministry, and its production of, "Triumph-The Magazine", its monthly publication. When he is not working, he is coaching a Highland Park High School basketball team as well as a seventh-grade all-star/select team.

Brad Doll welcomed son Samuel on May 6, 2009. Brad clerked for Justice Charles Johnson after graduation and is an associate with the land use and environmental law firm Tupper Mack Brower in Seattle.

Alexandra Filutowski opened her own law practice, The Filutowski Law Firm, PLLC, a plaintiffs' civil litigation practice in Seattle focused on personal injury, employment and landlord-tenant law. She has also started teaching Introduction to Law at the University of Washington.

Eric Norman joined the Mercer Island firm Lybeck Murphy, LLP as an associate. Eric will focus his practice on civil litigation and representing a broad range of corporate and individual clients in matters involving employment law/employer liability, health care, professional liability, real property, contractor liability/defect, and products liability. Prior to joining Lybeck Murphy, Eric was an associate at Scruggs Law Offices and served for two years as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Pierce County.

Lindsay Saville married Garrett Camandona on July 11, 2009 in Dash Point, Wash.

Kendee Yamaguchi was appointed by Gov. Chris Gregoire as the executive director of the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs. She was a director in the Office of Management and Admin-



istration at the White House and worked in the Office of Public Liaison on the signing of the executive

order establishing the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. She has experience working as a television executive and a staff member in the Legislature. More recently, she worked as an attorney in private practice.



Rebekah Zinn (above) and her husband, Zakk, welcomed daughter Dahlia Zinn Sept. 4, 2009. Rebekah accepted a position as the staff attorney and pro tem commissioner for Thurston County Superior Court.

2007

Darren Digiacinto joined Stamper Rubens, P.S. in Spokane as an associate. Darren previously worked as a clerk at Division II of the Washington State Court of Appeals for the Honorable Judge C.C. Bridgewater and the Honorable Judge Marywave Van Deren.

David Lance, an associate at Miller Nash and a member of the Recent Alumni Committee at SU School of Law, has been



accepted as a member of *Leadership Tomorrow's* Class of 2010. *Leadership Tomorrow's* mission is to develop effective community leaders who work to strengthen the Pacific Northwest region.

Ernest Radillo received the Washington State Bar Association's 2009 Courageous Award in recognition of his courage in the face of adversity, thus bringing credit to the legal profession. He has been a staff attorney at Columbia Legal Services in Wenatchee, a statewide law firm that provides free legal aid in civil matters to low-income people throughout Washington. He primarily focuses on representing farm workers and other low-wage workers in classaction cases involving employment discrimination and civil-rights violations. Earlier this year, he worked in the legislative arena as a registered lobbyist with a team of Columbia attorneys to increase protections for farm workers by proposing updates to the Farm Labor Contractor Act. Ernest has also given several live English- and Spanish-language radio interviews regarding employee rights and responsibilities, and his advocacy has been featured in numerous newspapers. He has also appeared on KUNS TV Univision, the leading Spanish-language media company serving the Hispanic population in the United States. He is presidentelect of the Chelan-Douglas County Young Lawyers Division.



Anthony (Tony) Ravani won asylum for a young woman living a torturous existence in her home country and reunited her with

her mother in Seattle. He took the pro bono case when approached by the woman's mother, who had come to the United States seeking asylum from religious persecution because she was a converted Christian in a Muslim country. She applied to bring her daughter to the United States in 2005, but the young woman's Muslim father found out and imprisoned her for nine months. She was barely alive when the father came back after nine months and took her to serve her stepmother, who beat her. After much abuse, she finally escaped in October 2008 and made her way to a

U.S. Embassy. It took Tony more than a year and much work, including traveling to the woman's home country to meet her and gather evidence, but the woman was granted asylum and arrived at Sea-Tac Airport to meet her mother on Oct. 7.

2008

Joshua Camp joined the District Court Division of the Yakima Valley Prosecutor's Office.

Jamie Keller graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Sciences with a master's in library and information science. She lives in Pittsburgh and is a market researcher for SYSTRA, an international transportation engineering and consulting firm.



Ally Kennedy (above) married Henry Cruz Oct. 17, 2009 on Lake Crescent in the Olympic Peninsula. Three of her bridesmaids were fellow '08 graduates: Casi Heintzman, Carla Perez, and Brandy Schwartz. Ciarelle Jimenez Valdez '05, presided over the wedding.

Kathryn Knudsen Smith joined the Yakima firm Velikanje Halverson as an associate. Before joining Velikanje Halverson, she clerked for Judge David H. Armstrong of the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II.

John Laney joined the Seattle office of Stoel Rives LLP as an associate in the Corporate practice group.

Stephanie Meier joined the Seattle office of Stoel Rives LLP as an associate. She will practice food and beverage and hospitality law.

2009

Andrew Grant is an associate at Perkins Coie in the Business Group and is currently engaged in a fellowship in the firm's Interactive Entertainment Industry Group, where he focuses attention on issues related to video games and other interactive entertainment.

Joshua Lane is clerking for Washington Supreme Court Justice **Charles Johnson** '76.

Brian Rowe was selected for a Google Public Policy Fellowship to work at Public Knowledge in Washington, D.C., for summer '09. Rowe was one of 15 fellows selected from more than 600 applicants. Public Knowledge is a nonprofit that works on access to knowledge and technology issues including broadband, copyright, public domain and net neutrality.

Jeremy Snodgrass has joined the Chicago intellectual property law firm Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione.

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In Memoriam

1977

Steve Moriarty died in August 2009. A skilled trial attorney, Steve grew up on Queen Anne Hill and never seriously thought about living anywhere else. He was a lifelong soccer player and shaped countless players into future soccer coaches through his years on the sidelines. Steve, a family man to his core, was genuinely interested in others, and his wisdom, intellect, strength and irrepressible humor will be greatly missed.

1978

Barbetta Ralphs, died Feb. 27, 2009, at Central Washington Hospital. Born and raised in South Dakota, she had lived in Seattle, Spokane, Olympia, Cashmere, Enumclaw and Renton before moving to Chelan in 2004. Her family shared that her most significant achievement was earning her law degree at age 50 and passing the state Bar exam while undergoing breast cancer treatment. Barbetta was a lawyer for 24 years.

1983

John B. Van Derbeek IV died June 1, 2009, at his home on Mercer Island, Washington. John had been self- employed in commercial real estate, as a private lobbyist, and as an investor. He had also volunteered in numerous environmental causes including the Raincoast Organization in British Columbia, was a contributing author in Environmental Law Quarterly, worked on the King County Farmlands Preservation bill, and was a strong supporter of the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend, Washington.

2001

Linda Wells died in hospice after a long illness, surrounded by her family and her classmate and dear friend, **Mary Beth Short '01**. Linda practiced law in Washington and Texas before her illness. She was a loving mother, grandmother and friend.

2009



Mathew Jibbensmith died September 21, 2009, after suffering anaphylactic shock from a bee sting while running in a marathon with his wife, Greta Smith '09 and sister-in-law. Mat was an avid runner, enjoyed travel, time with friends and family, and freestyle baking. He was a devoted husband, warm friend, and enthusiastic employee at the Curran Law Firm in Kent. While in law school, he worked for both the admissions and alumni relations offices.

A great story

Prosecutor and novelist combines truth and fiction

By Katherine Hedland Hansen

Photos by Sara Montgomery



Mark Lindquist '95

"It's a perfect job. I get to do public service, feel the rush of adrenaline, and enjoy the camaraderie of good people.

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all, handsome man who has a way with words and a love affair with music leaves the rainy Northwest for sunny Southern California and finds success as a writer. He works on scripts for Hollywood studios, interviews – and dates – celebrities and wins raves for his novels.

But after a few years, the shine wears off the bright lights of Los Angeles, and he decides to make a change. He goes back to his home state to pursue an earlier goal of law school, and discovers better stories and greater satisfaction in the courtroom, putting away child molesters, meth dealers and cold-blooded killers.

Another novel follows, along with interviews in national magazines and the distinction of being dubbed one of the country's most eligible bachelors.

He works his way up to the top spot at one of the busiest prosecutor's offices in the state and takes over a corner office with a view of the industrial Tacoma tide flats, a worn-out desk and hand-me-down chairs. Personal touches in the Spartan office include a photo from his wedding in Hawaii.

Having found the right woman and the right job, he lives in a historic home near downtown Tacoma and relishes the opportunities ahead.

Kind of reads like a best-seller.

In fact, it's a brief bio of Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist '95. He took over as prosecutor this fall, after Prosecutor Gerry Horne retired. The Pierce County Council voted unanimously to promote Lindquist, 50, to the top spot. He will stand for election next year.

"It's a perfect job," he says simply. "I get to do public service, feel the rush of adrenaline, and enjoy the camaraderie of good people. And you cannot find a job with better stories."

Trying times

Lindquist looks the part of both crime-fighter and celebrity. He stands 6 foot 6, and is self-assured and serious, yet approachable, and has a dry sense of humor.

Being a prosecutor is the only legal job he's ever had. He started as an extern while in law school, and he was hooked. Like most young deputies, he started out prosecuting misdemeanors and worked his way up, serving in the special assault unit, as trial team chief of the drug unit and eventually chief criminal deputy.

Hundreds of cases over the years have left an impression on him, and many moments stand out – from the stoic bravery of an 8-year-old rape victim on the stand to the frenzy that erupted when a madman opened fire at the Tacoma Mall.

He calls the prosecution of Tacoma Mall Shooter Dominick Maldonado one of his most significant cases. Maldonado wounded seven people, held four others hostage and terrorized thousands more on a busy Sunday before Thanksgiving 2005. He was convicted of 15 crimes and sentenced to 163 years in prison.

Lindquist and Deputy Prosecutor Phil Sorensen '86 had a strong case thanks to the work of the Tacoma Police Department. Ensuring a life sentence was important, Lindquist said, because Maldonado was so dangerous – walking into a crowded mall and shooting at strangers.

"The crime had an exceptional impact on the entire community, and I felt that justice in the case would give the community some closure on a crime that had caused so much upset and anger," Lindquist said. "It spooked people about the mall for months."

He admits the job can be wearying, "emotionally overwrought and drama-filled," but he has learned to manage the stress.

"You learn from this job that some people become jaded and some become Zen," he said. "You have to be even-keeled or it makes you crazy. I go home and I talk about it. My wife, Chelsea, loves the stories. And I write about it. That helps keep it in perspective."

He has his hands full. Pierce County still has a disproportionately high crime rate, a shortage of resources and the dubious distinction as one of the meth capitals of the country.

He supervises a staff of 240 and a budget of \$27 million. In addition to the Criminal Division, Lindquist oversees the Family Support Division, the Juvenile Division and the Civil Division. The county has faced a backlog in the courts with fewer judges than it needs, and civil attorneys are clamoring to get on the court calendar.

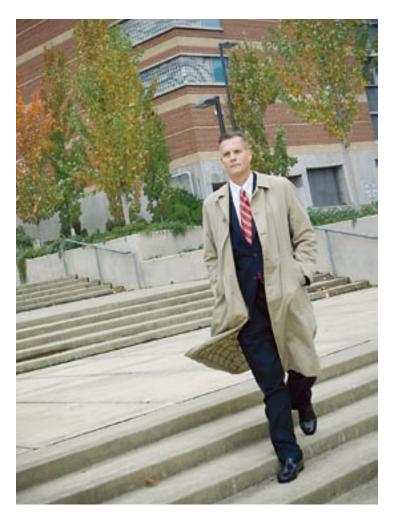
One of his goals is to reduce the number of felons released to halfway houses and work release programs in Pierce County. He says the state Department of Corrections should place people where they lived when they were incarcerated.

He's proud that while he was in the drug unit, the number of toxic meth labs in the county dropped 90 percent from 2004, when it was in the top five nationwide for meth manufacturing. There has been a concerted effort by police, prosecutors and the community he said. While the meth problem remains, the danger of small-time dealers cooking up the hazardous drug in the woods and trailers of rural Pierce County has been greatly diminished.

One of the few things hanging in his office is a plaque given to him by his colleagues in the drug unit, bearing the message, "The druggies will miss you."

He is quick to give credit to his colleagues.

"All the attorneys, including the top staff, are excellent trial attorneys," he said.



Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist '95 descends the steps in front of the county jail.

Among them are several graduates of the law school including Assistant Chief Criminal Deputy Phil Sorensen '86, Chief of Staff Dawn Farina '88, Chief Criminal Deputy Mary Robnett '91 and Chief of the Family Support Division Sarah Richardson '95.

Life before law school

Though Lindquist said he always wanted to be in the courtroom, he didn't take a direct route.

After graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in literature and cinema, he made a living as a writer, working on scripts for Hollywood studios, freelancing articles and publishing novels.

He interviewed celebrities such as Drew Barrymore ("charming and not-at-all spoiled") and Goldie Hawn ("hilarious and upbeat") and moved in celebrity circles. A star in his own right after the success of his books, he was grouped with other contemporary writers including

Feature



Lindquist talks about his experience in his sparsely decorated office. His novels are among those on his bookshelf.

Bret Easton Ellis ("American Psycho") and Jay McInerney ("Bright Lights, Big City") as part of the "Literary Brat Pack."

But he was "burned out on screenwriting," and gave up what sounds like a glamorous life.

"It seems glamorous when you're in your 20s," he says.

He moved to Tacoma and swapped his screenplays for law books. He continued writing, and he was featured in Details, Vanity Fair and numerous other publications. And yes – he really was one of People Magazine's "100 most eligible bachelors" in 2000.

Though he says his books aren't autobiographical, he definitely writes what he knows, and he draws on real-life experiences for themes and characters. "Sad Movies," was a fictional account of his experiences as a studio writer, and "Carnival Desires" is about a young man trying to jump out of the Hollywood Fast Lane.

"Never Mind Nirvana" centers around a former grunge musician-turned-prosecutor and is set against Seattle's electrifying music scene.

And the most recent, "The King of Methlehem," is about a cop and prosecutor working to catch the biggest meth dealer in Pierce County. Parts of the story and some traits of the characters resemble Lindquist and the cases he's tried. Anyone who has spent any time in the Northwest will recognize names and places throughout his latest novels.

He doesn't do a lot of research for his novels, but he compulsively takes notes, on yellow pads, napkins or scraps of papers, so he can remember details that fit into a story.

Work at the prosecutor's office and writing have taken over his life, he said.

"A lot of my hobbies have fallen to the wayside," he said. "I used to snow ski, play tennis, sail...I don't have time for it anymore."

He continues to be an avid reader and says

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music is the "greatest of the arts." He listens to old favorites like R.E.M., U2, the Replacements and Nirvana.

"My wife Chelsea is pretty hip and keeps me up to speed on new music," said Lindquist, who for years lived in a downtown Tacoma loft previously owned by Nirvana's Krist Novoselic.

But he's not complaining. He's grateful to have two jobs he loves and to live in a town that feels like home.

He's never had to campaign before, but he's already started working to keep his job. He says it comes naturally to him – "listening to people and talking to people" – which is what he's always done as an interviewer and investigator.

Lindquist has worked with the law school on recruiting students and graduates. He encourages anyone interested in trial work to apply for externships with his office.

"We view our externships as nine-month job interviews. We look at them as potential deputy prosecutors," he said. "The best way to get a job here is to be a good intern."

And externs soon learn if it's the path they want to pursue.

"It's definitely not for everyone, but I love this job," said Lindquist, who intends to try at least one case a year even as the elected prosecutor. "I always wanted to be in a courtroom. It is high-volume, it is high stress, it is high-drama. It's also a lot of fun."



Report of Giving July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Thank you so very much for your generosity this past year. In a time when everyone has been affected by the severe economic downturn, your support was unwavering. We raised \$206,411 through the annual fund, just shy of fiscal year 2008's record-breaking \$210,624. Special gratitude goes to the law school's Distinguished Practitioner in Residence Ted Collins, also a SU trustee, who chaired the Law Firm Challenge initiative, and the lead partners and associates at the six pilot firms.

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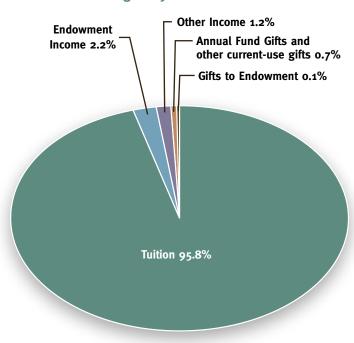
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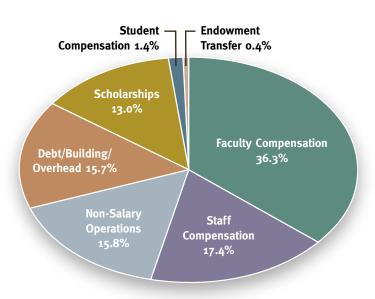
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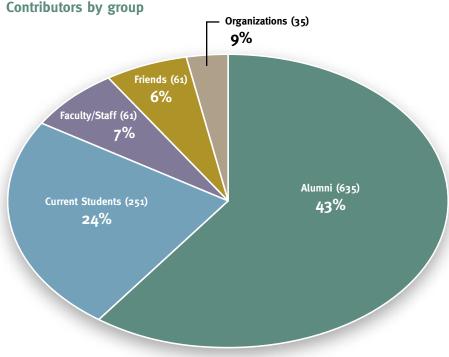
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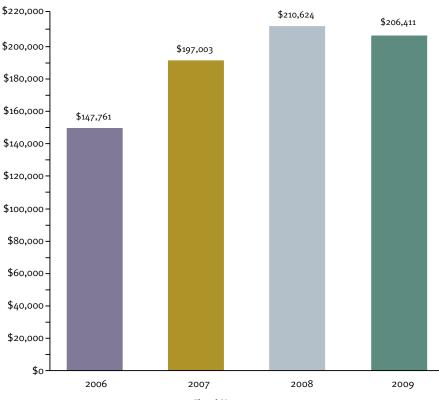


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Established by Bryant Reber '74 to honor the law school's founding faculty.

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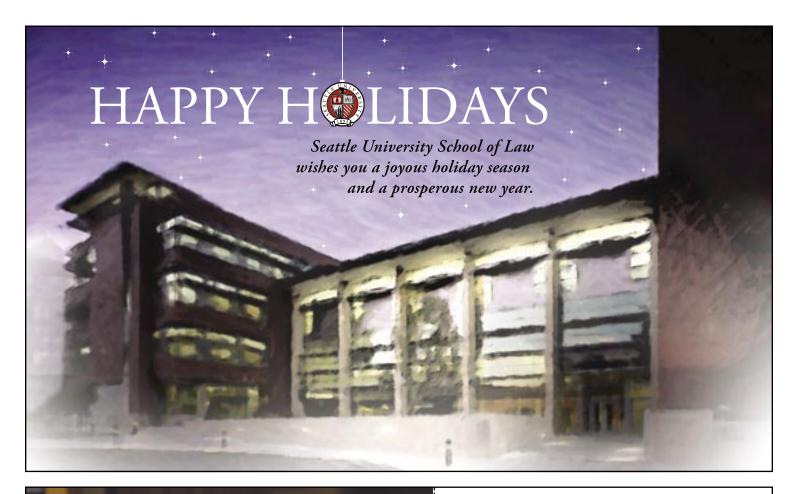
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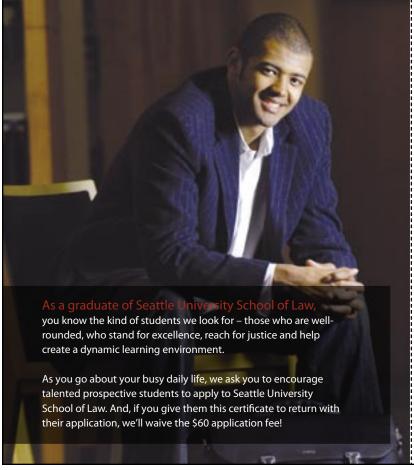
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January 15

CLE: The Three Strikes Law

January 15

CLE: Discovering and Creating Your Ideal Practice

January 27

New Year's Alumni Reception

February 4

Black Law Student/Alumni Reception

February 11 - 12

CLE: AILA's Comprehensive Annual Northwest Regional Immigration Law Conference

February 18

"Empathy and False Empathy in Law and Politics" Professors Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic

February 19 - 20

CLE: Civil Legal Representation and Access to Justice: Breaking Point or Opportunity for Change

February 25

CLE: The Initiative for Diversity Governing Council and the Minority Report Card

February 25

Diversity Reception

February 26

CLE: Legal Implications of Social Media

March 4

"Global Intellectual Property Governance" Installation of Margaret Chon as the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Chair for the Pursuit of Justice

March 6

PILF Auction
Campion Ballroom

March 11

Latina/o Law Student/Alumni Reception

March 12

CLE: The New Lawyer: Emerging Perspectives for a Noble Profession

March 26

CLE: Holman Seminar on Restorative Justice

April 7

ATJI Celebration of Social Justice Campion Ballroom

April 23 - 24

Alumni Weekend

April 24

"Mania: The Story of the Outrageous and Outraged Lives That Launched a Generation" Installation of David Skover as the Fredric C. Tausend Professor

April 30

CLE: Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys Spring Seminar

May 15

Spring Commencement Key Arena