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Summer greetings to our alumni and friends! Despite the spring showers, June is upon us and we have already celebrated a joyous Commencement with our 2010 graduates. With summer comes an opportunity to update you on the wonderful happenings in the School of Law. As I've reflected on our accomplishments this year, the following are just a few of the highlights that stood out to me:

- A highly successful dean search, culminating in the naming of Mark Niles as our next permanent dean;
- The opening of the beautiful new School of Law Annex, which we were able to showcase to great acclaim at the dedication celebration last month;
- The State Judicial Independence Conference, with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as our keynote speaker, attended by more than 400 people and reported on by the national media;
- The selection of Nicholas Allen '10 to receive the prestigious Equal Justice Works fellowship. Nick is one of only 54 law students in the country and the only one in Washington State to be named an EJW fellow;
- Our commitment to this year as the "Year of the Centers," highlighted by a national symposium launching the Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Center on Corporations, Law and Society; the deepened and expanded work of the Korematsu Center for Law and Equality within the local and national legal communities; and the reimagining of our Center for Global Justice to provide a vehicle for strengthening and enhancing our international law programs;
- The Influential Voices Speakers Series installations of four of our most talented faculty in chairs or professorships; and
- The recognition of the high quality of a Seattle University legal education by U.S. News & World Report's rankings: Our Legal Writing Program tied for first in the nation, the clinical program tied for 14th (the first time it has been ranked in the top 20), our part-time program ranked 20th, and we have the 21st highest diversity index of all law schools nationwide.

As I sign off at the conclusion of my year of interim dean, I want to thank the entire law school community for giving me this opportunity. It was a wonderful year, although I have to admit that it's a bit like flying from Seattle to my hometown of Spokane: steep upward ascent, barely leveling off, and then the descent begins almost before you know it. It's hard for me to believe that eleven months have passed and that there are only a few short weeks left in my interim year, but it's been precisely the sort of energizing and gratifying experience that I had hoped for when I agreed to be "dean for a year."

Our students and alumni have inspired me every day with their commitment, work ethic and dedication to being outstanding lawyers who are in service of others. Thank you so much for the support you have provided to me and to our institution in this year of transition. With you, I am looking forward to ushering in the next chapter in the law school's history, with Dean Mark Niles leading the way, and I am certain that our school will benefit greatly from his energy, enthusiasm and vision for the law school.

Good-bye for now!

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Abby Perkins, Associated Counsel for the Accused; Clinic students Meg Giske, Nick Allen and Andrew Rice, all '10; Clinic Fellow Jessica Mullan '09; and Distinguished Practitioner in Residence Russell Kurth, at Seattle City Hall. Photo by Marcus Donner.

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The exterior of the new School of Law Annex. Photo by Marcus Donner.

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Mark Niles looks forward to leading School of Law

Mark Niles will officially assume his role as dean of the School of Law July 1, but he has been a regular presence around the law school since his appointment was announced.

Niles has visited Seattle several times, meeting with faculty, staff, university officials, Interim Dean Annette Clark, students, alumni and members of the legal community.

"With every visit, I learn more about this remarkable law school and the people it draws to its student body, faculty and administration," Niles said. "I could not be more enthusiastic about the opportunity to help lead one of the most highly regarded and well-respected law schools in the nation. I am grateful for the warm reception I have already received from the law school community."

Niles is an outstanding legal scholar and experienced academic leader. He will join the law school from American University, Washington College of Law, where he is completing his tenure as associate dean for academic affairs and professor. He teaches and specializes in civil procedure, administrative law, constitutional law, governmental liability, and law and literature.

Dean Niles has published numerous articles and essays on subjects including the Ninth Amendment, federal tort liability, airline security regulation, the first decade of the tenure of Justice Clarence Thomas,



The law school's new dean, Mark Niles.

and the depiction of law and justice in American popular culture. As associate dean, he has spearheaded significant developments in the first-year curriculum and in academic skills instruction.

Earlier in his career, Dean Niles served as a clerk for the Honorable Francis Murnaghan, Jr., of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, as an associate at the D.C. firm of Hogan and Hartson, and as a staff attorney in the civil appellate division of the U.S. Department of

Law school sends off Class of 2010



Gretchen Hoog gets a kiss from her grandma Pat Ruecker after the May Commencement Ceremony at KeyArena. The School of Law graduated 263 this spring.



Braden Pence waves to members of the audience.



Kristen Tateishi was all smiles outside KeyArena after the Commencement ceremony.



Amalchi Okoro beamed as she received her hood.

Photos by Marcus Donner

Justice, where he argued cases in several federal circuit courts. He served as the Reporter for the Maryland Civil Pattern Jury Instructions Committee of the Maryland State Bar Association. He is a graduate of Stanford Law School and Wesleyan University.

Legal Writing Program again tops U.S. News rankings

Seattle University School of Law continues to be at the top of the rankings of Legal Writing Programs, and its part-time and clinical programs are also among the country's best, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2011 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools.

The Legal Writing Program tied for No 1. The program that has become a model for law schools nationwide has consistently been recognized as among the top in the nation. The clinical program at the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic tied for 14th in the country, and the law school's part-time program was 20th. The law school remains one of the most diverse law schools, with the 21st highest diversity index, and is among the top 100 law schools.

"We are proud of our outstanding faculty who work so hard to ensure the best program of legal education for both full-time and part-time students," said Annette Clark, interim dean. "The strength of our legal writing and clinical programs signifies our commitment to providing integrated skills education so that our students graduate as competent, ethical and reflective lawyers who are committed to serving others."

Justice Barbara Madsen named Woman of the Year

Judges, lawyers, alumni and students turned out in force to honor Washington Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen as Seattle University School of Law's 2010 Woman of the Year. The law school and the Women's Law Caucus presented the award on March 25.

Annette Clark, interim dean, said Justice Madsen is devoted to equal justice, diversity, and advocating for women and families.

"For her, leadership is a calling, not an ambition. She leads with directness, with integrity, with grace, and with humility," Clark said. "She leads not to achieve for herself but to serve others. Justice Madsen, you are the embodiment of leading for a more just and humane world, in working to enhance human flourishing."

Justice Madsen accepted the award to a standing ovation from the audience, which included her husband and three of her four children, including her daughter Hillary '08.

Madsen was touched by and grateful for the award, saying that while women have made great strides—even running for president—they still lag behind in salaries and positions of authority. But when women see others running for president, serving as governor or on the Supreme Court, she said, "they see hope and opportunity."



Chief Justice Barbara Madsen with the Women's Law Caucus Co-Presidents Michelle Hankins, left, and Monica King. Photo by Matt Hagen.

She said the work of the court and the establishment of commissions to explore gender, diversity and equal justice make her very proud and demonstrate the values she upholds.

"Diversity matters," she said. "Every voice has value, and justice belongs to all of us."

Madsen praised Seattle University School of Law, calling its outreach to the community, level of activity and work for justice "unprecedented."

"The law school is just alive, and we are so much better for it," Madsen said. "I look forward to hearing the voices of the students in this room."

Professor Ken Wing retires, receives emeritus honors



Professor Emeritus Ken Wing

Professor Ken Wing has retired after 20 years of teaching at the School of Law, and the university conferred the title professor emeritus.

Wing is a recognized expert in health law and constitutional law who has had a distinguished career in both teaching and public health. He joined the School of Law in 1990 after 13 years as a professor in the School of Law and the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina. He has also been a member of the faculty at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of Washington.

His broad experience includes serving as Deputy Civil Rights Officer for the California Department of Health from 1975-1977;

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three years at the National Health Law Program in Los Angeles; and teaching nationally on health law. Professor Wing was an associate editor for the Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law from 1990-1996, served on the Legal Advisors Board for Concern for Dying for many years and spent a term on the Board of Directors for the National Health Law Program. In 1989, he was named the Distinguished Health Law Teacher by the American Society of Law and Medicine.

He earned his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, in 1968, where he was a Regents Scholar; his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1971; and his M.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1972.

Two new professors join faculty in fall



John Eason

Two new professors will join the Seattle University School of Law faculty in the fall in the areas of trusts and estates and legal writing, further strengthening the outstanding pool of teacher-scholars available to students.

Professor John Eason comes from Tulane University Law School, where he has taught since 2000. Before that, he was in private practice for six years at a firm in Greensboro, North Carolina. His teaching and research interests are in the areas of federal taxation, trusts and estates, non-profit and tax-exempt organizations, asset protection, elder law and property. He graduated summa cum laude from Duke University School of Law and first in his class in his LL.M. taxation program at the University of Florida College of Law, where he also taught.



Sara Rankin

Eason was a visiting professor at the University of Leiden International Tax Center in the Netherlands and taught in Tulane's International Business Law summer program in London. His scholarly articles have appeared in prestigious publications, including the Cardoza, Fordham, UC Davis, Wake Forest and Washington and Lee law reviews. He has given more than 20 presentations at legal conferences at various law schools, including New York University School of Law, Marquette and Fordham.

Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills Sara Rankin has been a legal writing instructor at DePaul College of Law. Formerly a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, assistant general counsel for a national accounting firm, and associate at Sidley Austin, she has extensive experience handling complex commercial litigation matters.

Also an experienced immigration lawyer, she founded a program to support attorneys handling pro bono asylum and immigration law cases in partnership with the National Immigrant Justice Center. Her areas of interest include education reform, clinical education, immigration and asylum law, alternative dispute resolution, as well as the dynamics between law, race, culture and gender. She earned her J.D. from New York University and a M.Ed. from Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Law school starts medical-legal partnership

A new partnership between Seattle University School of Law and Swedish Medical Center will help connect elderly and disabled patients with vital home health services.

The Medical Legal Partnership Public Benefits Assistance Project is being piloted this summer. Four students are working with a Swedish social worker and attorney-coordinator Carla Calogero '09 to assist low-income patients who may be eligible for the Community Options Program Entry System (COPES).

The COPES program provides in-home personal care services, skilled nursing and other assistance to eligible patients. Many need help navigating the complicated system, said Diana Singleton, director of the law school's Access to Justice Institute, which is coordinating the program.

Law students will interview patients, help with applications, and follow up and provide referrals should the patients need legal assistance. The project, which started in early June and runs through August, will take place at Swedish/First Hill, just across the street from the west side of the Seattle University Campus.

"Helping vulnerable patients find access to home health services is particularly important, especially with the current changes in health care and insurance on top of the difficult economic environment," said Interim Dean Annette Clark, who also holds an M.D. "This pilot project reinforces our commitment to partnering with Swedish to serve our community and reflects our mission to work toward a more just and humane world."

Korematsu Center helps produce report, files brief warning of bias

The Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality helped produce a comprehensive report on the state of Asian Americans in Washington and filed an amicus brief warning of bias.

The center worked with the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs on "The State of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Washington," which examined the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Washington, healthcare and

human services, the criminal justice system, economic opportunities, housing, immigration, and political participation. (View the report at <http://www.capaa.wa.gov/>).

Professor Robert Chang, director of the Korematsu Center, and Associate Director Lori Bannai also joined the Asian Bar Association of Washington and the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington on an amicus brief in a child custody case warning against bias on the basis of national origin.

The brief was filed in the case *In re Marriage of Katare*, in which Brajesh Katare has been forbidden from traveling internationally with his children and ordered to relinquish his passport during visits with them. The brief argued that the decision was based on improperly admitted expert testimony and other evidence that relied on stereotypes, inaccurate characterizations of Indian civil process, and risk profiles that emphasized national origin and culture without sufficient safeguards to avoid bias.

School of Law offers certificate program in Indian law



Eric Eberhard

A new program will allow lawyers from around the country to gain valuable experience in Indian law.

The Tribal Governmental Business Law CLE Institute will benefit lawyers who represent Indian tribes and the financial institutions and businesses that are engaged in transactions with tribes. It will be offered through the law school's Center for Indian Law and Policy and Continuing Legal Education program. Courses will be available live

at the law school or via live webcast anywhere. It is the first certificate program of its kind offered in the country.

The program will prepare lawyers for tribal governments and those who do business with them for new legal challenges encountered as Indian tribes develop diversified economies and engage in increasingly complex commercial transactions both on and off of Indian lands. Eric Eberhard, a distinguished Indian law practitioner in residence at the law school who has broad experience in these areas, developed and directs the program. He has coordinated a faculty of nationally recognized practitioners and academics.

Classes will meet once a month, and participants may choose to enroll for one or two years, or take single classes of immediate interest. For registration and more detailed course information visit www.regonline.com/TribalBusLaw or contact the CLE office at 206-398-4092 or mennesr@seattleu.edu.

Alumni participation crucial to Annual Fund success

There are many criteria upon which to judge the value and effectiveness of a law school. Increasingly, alumni demonstrate their satisfaction with their education and the law school's mission with a gift to the annual fund.

Across the board, the most established law schools enjoy a high percentage of alumni participation in their annual fund. As a relatively young law school, Seattle University School of Law strives to educate alumni on the many benefits an annual gift can provide. By providing stability for today and the strength to plan for the future, annual gifts from alumni far exceed their immediate value, elevating our reputation and ranking while inspiring potential donors to give with equal generosity.

To address the philanthropic ability and interest of all alumni, the law school offers alumni several ways to add their support. In addition to traditional phone, email and mail campaigns, which allow us to efficiently communicate with alumni, additional giving programs have been created to engage alumni in the life of the law school, providing meaningful opportunities to see their gifts at work.

- **Dean's Club** The law school's most generous alumni and friends who provide annual leadership support of \$1,000 or more.
- **Emerging Leader's Club** Honors those who serve as partners with the law school in creating the next generation of leadership in the legal community through an annual gift between \$100 and \$999.
- **SU Law at Work** Connects alumni at their place of employment encouraging their support to the Annual Fund for Excellence through friendly competition.
- **Class Gift Campaign** In its fifth year, the Class Gift Campaign, led by students in their final year of law school, has received overwhelming support with more than half of the 2010 graduates participating.
- **Designated Giving** Allows donors to designate their annual fund gift to the area that is most important to them. Designations include the school's general fund, scholarships, faculty support and academic or student programs.

Additional information on each of these programs is available on the Seattle University School of Law website (www.law.seattleu.edu/Giving.xml).

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Volunteers from the law school's Global Law Brigades chapter pose with community members in La Pacera, Panama.

Students make community connections in Panama

Six members of the Seattle University School of Law chapter of Global Law Brigades spent spring break living within a rural Panamanian community.

While dozens of skyscrapers including a Trump Tower are being erected in Panama City, many people just outside the city suffer from malnutrition. One such community is La Pacera, in the Coclé Province, three hours outside of Panama City, where students volunteered their time to facilitate the legal empowerment of the community members of the El Sombrerito farm project in La Pacera.

The group traveled with Professor Janet Dickson, their faculty advisor, and a Panamanian lawyer tasked to advise the community on the legal requirements for obtaining its own land for sustenance farming. Global Law Brigades partnered with a Panamanian non-profit organization, Patronato de Nutrición. Patronato has taught the community to support itself, and families there now grow citrus, plantains, pineapple, yucca, yams, rice, and beans. The farmers have

learned to compost, raise pigs, goats, chickens, cattle and tilapia. Now they must take legal control of their land. It was at this point the Global Law Brigades students stepped in to provide legal advice and put on workshops for the community members. Because funds are limited, the actual land transfer will have to wait for another group to provide the necessary capital.

The students approached the trip with the intent of doing good for their neighbors, but they returned with much more than they gave. While forgoing the luxuries of indoor plumbing and warm showers, they lived with people who are wonderful cooks and who gladly share their food and homes. The students saw the children of Sombrerito, in their school uniforms, journey 45 minutes on foot to and from the school bus every day.

"It was so rewarding to realize the difference we can make as future lawyers," Brigades President Jeremy Lehman said. "We are so fortunate to have what we have, and we feel obligated and privileged to share with others."

Farewell to Justice Stevens from those who knew him well

By Andrew Siegel, Joseph Thai and Eduardo Peñalver



With John Paul Stevens's retirement, the Supreme Court loses the historic experience and wisdom of its last member from the Greatest Generation.

We had the honor of serving as Justice Stevens's law clerks during the court's tumultuous 2000-01 term. That term, five justices effectively handed the presidency to George W. Bush by halting the recount of votes in Florida. Our boss dissented, concluding: "Although we may never know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's Presidential election, the identity of the loser is perfectly clear. It is the Nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the rule of law."

Yet our confidence in Stevens as a judge only grew as we worked with the man.

To prepare for oral argument in every case, Stevens meticulously read the briefs, reviewed the facts and studied the relevant law. He would then walk over to our office and plop down in a black leather armchair to chat.

Those discussions often began with baseball (Stevens still has his scorecard from the 1932 World Series game in which Babe Ruth made his "called shot" home run), golf (he plays weekly and hit a hole in one in 1990) or current events (we clerks were usually more cynical, though never more informed).

Turning to the cases, Stevens would gently probe for our preliminary views before disclosing his. If there were disagreements, he would explore it until we found common ground or a reasoned basis for our differences. If differences remained—and Stevens had occasions to chuckle that he was the "lone dissenter" in his own chambers—he always left his door open for a "petition for rehearing."

Stevens cared deeply about getting his reasoning right in each case. He thought that

the right reasoning would lead to the right result, not the other way around. And to test his reasoning, Stevens personally crafted the first drafts of all his judicial opinions, appreciating that what sounds good out loud may not work in writing.

This process may seem routine for a judge. In fact, Justice Louis Brandeis wrote that the public respects members of the court because "they are almost the only people in Washington who do their own work." Yet for decades, our boss has been the only justice who has not delegated to clerks the primary labor of drafting opinions that shaped the law of the land.

Those opinions—highly intelligent, honest and non-doctrinaire—earned this appointee of Gerald Ford an early reputation as a maverick whose judgments did not conform to any ideology.

Stevens's judgments were often ahead of the times. Dissenting in the 1986 case *Bowers v. Hardwick*, he argued that the "liberty" protected by the Constitution extends to the intimate choices of all persons regardless of sexual orientation. The court came around to that view in 2003. The court also took more than a decade to join Stevens in condemning the execution of the mentally retarded and juveniles as violations of the Eighth Amendment.

Sometimes, Stevens's judgment defied the times. Finding the military commissions President George W. Bush created at Guantanamo Bay to be illegal, the high court's only war veteran stated with clarity what should have been obvious even in a post-9/11 world: that "the Executive is bound to comply with the Rule of Law."

Sometimes, Stevens's judgment helped usher in the times. A seminal 1984 opinion in *Sony Corp. v. Universal City Studios Inc.* made legal room for the DVRs and iPods of today

by rejecting copyright infringement claims against the VCR.

Sadly, however, the times began falling behind Stevens. With three Republican presidents appointing seven more justices, an increasingly conservative court commenced rewriting the law in bold strokes. A consensus nominee of a moderate Republican from another era—confirmed 98 to 0 after Watergate—Stevens eventually acquired a media label as the court's "liberal" leader for staying the course against the unraveling of landmark decisions.

Having witnessed our nation's painful struggle against segregation, Stevens in 2007 condemned the "cruel irony" of invoking *Brown v. Board of Education* to strike down a modern school integration plan. With more common sense than ideological sense, Stevens in January decried overruling decades of cases to strike down bipartisan limits on corporate campaign spending that could upend elections nationwide.

We do not envy President Obama the task of finding a replacement for Stevens. At a time when confirmation hearings have embraced the orthodoxy that judges merely call balls and strikes—rather than actually interpreting the rules of the game or applying them to unforeseen circumstances—Stevens's tireless efforts to explain rather than mask his potentially fallible judgment calls seem almost heretical.

As heretical as "the Nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the rule of law."

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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** was chosen to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Society of American Law Teachers and received

a Seattle University 2010 Summer Faculty Fellowship for his sabbatical research on the home mortgage foreclosure crisis. His work, tentatively titled "Black-on-Black Crimes(?): The Foreclosure Mortgage Crisis and Intra-Racial Discrimination," examines subprime home mortgage lending between African-American female borrowers, lenders and brokers to determine the degree and contours of interpersonal affinity relationship development and how it may have played a role in those borrowers being placed into high-cost, sub-prime loans and loan products.



Janet Ainsworth, the John D. Eshelman Professor, was appointed to the Washington Supreme Court's Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions

and to a six-person editorial board for Oxford University Press' new series Language and Law. She also had several scholarly achievements this winter and spring, including an article, "A Lawyer's Perspective: Ethical, Technical and Practical Considerations in the Use of Linguistic Expert Witnesses," in International Journal of Speech, Language and Law; a book chapter, "Curtailing Coercion in Police Interrogation: The Failed Promise of 'Miranda v. Arizona,'" in Routledge Handbook of Forensic Linguistics; an edited version of her earlier published article, "Linguistic Ideology versus Linguistic Prac-

tice: The Cognitive and Cultural Challenges of Code-Switching to 'English Only' Rules in American Workplaces," in Curriculum, Multiculturalism, and the Law; and a paper, "Why Miranda Is No Protection Against False Confessions and What Might Work Better," delivered at Brooklyn Law School.

Tom Antkowiak, Assistant Professor and Director of the Latin America Program, was a panelist at the annual Conference for International Human Rights Clinic Professors at Northwestern, where he addressed the selection of human rights projects for clinics.



Joaquin Avila, Distinguished Practitioner in Residence and Director of the National Voting Rights Advocacy Initiative, was elected to the American Law Institute, where he will work on minority voting rights and related topics. He made several presentations, including one focusing on the congressional reapportionment and redistricting issues that will soon confront the Latino community at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund's 2010 Latino State of the Union; a panel that addressed issues of felon disenfranchisement and the restoration of voting rights of previously incarcerated persons at the Gateways for Incarcerated Youth program sponsored by Evergreen State College; and the keynote address on the importance of access to the political process for the creation of community-based

leadership at the 4th Annual Award Dinner of the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association in Portland, Oregon.

Lorraine Bannai, Professor of Lawyering Skills and Associate Director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, was honored at the Women of Color Empowered Lunch, themed "Women in Law."



Professor from Practice **Bob Boruchowitz** argued before the Washington Supreme Court in "Bellevue v. E.S.," a case that started in the Ronald A.



Peterson Law Clinic. He urged the Court to rule that children in truancy hearings should be provided lawyers. He gave many presentations, including "Counsel in Misdemeanor First Appearances and Arraignment" at the Open Society Institute in New York and at the American Bar Association Summit on Indigent Defense Improvement in Orlando, Florida. He served on two panels, "How Investigative Reports Can Support Defense Reform" and "The Right and Role of Counsel for Juvenile Status Offenders," at the Justice Department's National Symposium on Indigent Defense in Washington, D.C.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Deirdre M. Bowen** presented "Visibly Invisible: Stigma and the Intersection of Race, Class and Gender for Students of Color" at the Fourth Annual Critical Race Symposium at the UCLA School of Law. She



was also the Social Justice lunchtime speaker at the UC Berkeley School of Law Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice and was on a panel at the SALT Vulnerable Populations Conference at Golden Gate University School of Law. Her article “Brilliant Disguise: A Social Experiment Banning Affirmative Action” was published in the Indiana Law Journal.

Director of the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic and Clinical Professor **Lisa Brodoff**’s article, “Plan-



ning for Alzheimer’s Disease with Mental Health Advance Directives,” was published in the Elder Law Journal. Also, she and Assistant Professor **Dean Spade** participated in a panel, “Gender and Sexuality as Vectors of Distribution: Clinical and Non-Clinical Pedagogy,” at the SALT Vulnerable Populations and Interdisciplinary Law Teaching conference at Golden Gate University.



Visiting Assistant Professor **Patrick Brown**’s article, “‘Insight’ as Palimpsest: The Economic Manuscripts in the Text of ‘Insight,’” was accepted for publication by The Lonergan Review. He also chaired a panel on the topic of revolutions and the philosophy of history.

Professor **Robert Chang** received the Korean American Bar Association President’s Award. He presented “Ricci, Race, and Equal Protection” at the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations at the University of Florida Levin College of Law and



“Asian Americans and the Road to the White House: Musings on Being Invisible” at the 15th anniversary celebration of the launch of Berkeley’s Asian American Law Journal, which published his presentation. His article, “Making Up Is Hard to Do: Race/Gender/Sexual Orientation in the Law School Classroom,” with Adrienne Davis, was published in the Harvard Journal of Law & Gender.

Electronic Services Librarian **Tina Ching** was appointed vice-chair of the 2010-2011 Electronic Legal Information Access & Citation Committee, a standing committee of the American Association of Law Libraries.



Margaret Chon, Associate Dean for Research and Centers and the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Professor for the Pursuit of Justice, participated in “Foresight into the Future of WIPO’s Development Agenda,” a workshop in Geneva sponsored by the EDGE Network on the Emerging Global Dynamic Economies. She also made several presentations, including “Copyright History, Copyright Culture” in Tel Aviv, co-sponsored by the Cegla Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Law at Tel Aviv University and UCLA School of Law; “Global Intellectual Property Intersectionality” at the University of Ottawa; and “Global Intellectual Property (Under Governance),” based on a forthcoming article in Theoretical Inquiries in Law, at the Association for Law, Society and Property in Washington, D.C. Her book chapter, “A Rough Guide to Global Intellectual Property Pluralism,” was published in Working Within the Boundaries of Intellectual Property: Innovation Policy for the Knowledge Society.



Annette Clark, Interim Dean and Associate Professor, was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Merit Screening Committee for replacing U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Thomas Glover of the Western District of Washington. She spoke at the United States Air Force Academy as part of the Academy’s 17th Annual National Character and Leadership Symposium; on a panel on the future of legal education at the 9th Circuit Lawyers Annual Meeting; and on a panel, “Aging and the Judiciary,” at the Superior Court Judges Association Spring Conference.



Assistant Professor **Brooke Coleman**’s article, “Recovering Access: Rethinking the Structure of Federal Civil Rulemaking,” was published in the New Mexico Law Review.

University Professor **Richard Delgado**’s article, “Liberal McCarthyism and the Origins of Critical Race Theory,” published in the Iowa Law Review, was listed on SSRN’s Top Ten download lists for Discrimination, Law & Justice; Law and Humanities; Legal History; and Legal Education. Also, two of his articles, “Four Observations About Hate Speech” (co-authored with Research Professor **Jean Stefancic** and published in Wake Forest Law Review) and “The Law of the Noose: A History of Latino Lynching” published in Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review were included in La Verne Law Review’s Selective Bibliographic Index of Juvenile Law articles. Also, he and Jean Stefancic were



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awarded a book contract from NYU Press for a Tenth Anniversary edition of “Critical Race Theory: An Introduction,” the best-selling law book published by NYU Press. They were also featured in the article, “Living History Interview: Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic,” in *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems*, which discusses their lives, careers, and thoughts on the current U.S. political scene.



Gillian Dutton, Externship Program Director and Assistant Professor, presented “Government Benefits for Non-Citizens and for Citizen Children of Non-Citizens” at the American Association of Public Welfare Attorneys Conference in Portland. She also presented “Immigrants, Health Care Reform, and Reproductive Justice” at the Wing Luke Asian Museum sponsored by the Northwest Reproductive Justice Collaborative and the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum, Seattle Chapter.

Professor of Lawyering Skills and Associate Director of the Legal Writing Program **Anne Enquist’s** article, “The Role of Writing Specialists in the First 25 Years of the Legal Writing Institute,” was published in *The Second Draft*.



Associate Professor **Carmen Gonzalez** was appointed to the Research Committee of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Academy of Environmental Law. She also gave a presentation on global challenges to food security at the Yale Law School conference on Developing Food Policy.



Associate Professor **Christian Halliburton** was appointed to the City of Seattle’s Public Safety Civil Service Commission, which administers the Civil Service system for Seattle police officers and firefighters and hears appeals in disciplinary actions.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor **Paul Holland’s** article, “Schooling Miranda: Policing Interrogation in the Twenty-First Century Schoolhouse,” was quoted twice in a dissenting opinion by North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Robin Hudson. “Sharing Stories: Narrative Lawyering in Bench Trials,” was published in the *Clinical Law Review*.



Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Associate Professor **Lily Kahng’s** article, “One Is the Loneliest Number: The Single Taxpayer in a Joint Return World,” was published by the *Hastings Law Journal* and was featured in *PsychologyToday.com*.



Jack Kirkwood, Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Associate Professor, addressed “Enhancing Access and Controlling Costs: What Have We Achieved?” at the School of Law’s alumni weekend. He also co-authored “The Path to Profitability: Reinvigorating the Neglected Phase of Merger Analysis,” published in the *George Mason Law Review*; and “Rethinking Antitrust Policy Toward RPM,” published in the *Antitrust Bulletin*.

Professor **Paula Lustbader** received the Loren Miller Bar Association Ronald R. Ward President’s Award for her work as the co-founder and director of the Academic Resource Center and for mentoring so many diverse students. The award is in honor of her “dedication and profound impact upon the current and future lawyers of Washington State” and thanks her “for igniting that scintilla in all of us.”



Tayyab Mahmud, Professor and Director of the Center for Global Justice, was elected to a second term on the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the Society of American Law Teachers. His article, “Colonial Cartographies and Postcolonial Borders: The Unending War In and Around Afghanistan,” was accepted for publication by the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*. He made many presentations, including “PIGS & iTraxx SovX—All Greek or déjà vu all over again: Global Debt Crisis, Neoliberalism, and Accumulation by Dispossession” at the Mid-West People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference in Chicago; and “Not Quite/Not White: The Racialization of the ‘Muslim-looking’ Other” at DePaul University Law School.



Associate Professor **Natasha Martin** presented “Why Must I Uncover Myself? Professional Identity at the Intersection of Race, Gender and Religious Observance” at the UCLA critical race symposium as part of a panel on Regulation of Appearance in the Workplace.



Professor **Henry McGee** was appointed by Gov. Christine Gregoire to a panel of experts charged with studying how forest lands may help the state meet its goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



Professor **John Mitchell** was named the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence for the next two academic years.

Douglas Nash, Director of the Center for Indian Law and Policy, received the Northwest Indian Bar Association President's Award. He also gave a presentation on the American Indian Probate Reform Act at the 14th Annual Conference on Tribal Law and Government at the University of Kansas Law School and at the Prairie Band Casino and Hotel. He also testified before the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies.



Associate Professor **Catharine O'Neill** spoke on a panel, "Behavioral Economics and OMB under Sunstein," at the meeting of member scholars of the Center for Progressive Reform in New Orleans and at the Coast Salish Gathering Climate Change Summit in Tulalip on "Scientific Observations, Legal Implications." She also presented "The Tribal Legal Context: Honoring Tribes' Rights in Practice" at a conference at Oregon State University and "Cleanup Affecting Tribes'

Rights and Resources: Honor Obligations to American Indian Nations" at an interdisciplinary conference in Seattle.



Laurel Oates, Professor and Director of the Legal Writing Program, and **Mimi Samuel**, Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills, conducted a two-week course in Effective Legal Writing in English for Chinese students in the law program at Shanghai International Studies University. They also con-



ducted a similar course for trainee attorneys at the Jing Mao Partnership law firm in Shanghai.

Kara Phillips, Associate Director/Collection Development Librarian, contributed to an article, "Planning for Conservation of Shanghai's 20th Century Built Heritage," published in *Conserving Architecture: Planned Conservation of XX Century Architectural Heritage*.



Professor **Julie Shapiro** convened 13 feminist scholars from the U.S. and Canada at the Law School for the annual meeting of the Cascadian Socio-Legal Feminist Workshop. The Workshop provides a venue for the presentation of scholarly works in progress, with particular emphasis on the works of more junior colleagues and on issues that focus on trans-border and comparative U.S.-Canadian perspectives. She also delivered her paper, "Forging Fatherless Families," at the Motherhood Conference at the University of Denver.



David Skover, the Fredric C. Tausend Professor co-authored an essay with Ron Collins titled "'Ruthenberg v. Michigan': An Introduction"

for Harvard's Online Library. The essay appears as the overview to the recently digitalized drafts of Justice Louis Brandeis' unpublished opinion in the "Ruthenberg" case.

Professor **Ron Slye** gave a lecture on Kenyan Transitional Justice at the Nyerere Centre for Peace Research in Arusha, Tanzania. He also spoke on a panel on Diversity as a Human Right, in celebration of Human Rights Day, at the United Nations Environmental Program in Nairobi, Kenya.



Assistant Professor **Dean Spade** accepted an offer from South End Press to publish his book, "Beyond Recognition: Trans Politics and Law Reform" (working title). He also gave the annual James A. Thomas Lecture at Yale Law School, which is given by a scholar whose work addresses the concerns of groups or communities currently marginalized within the legal academy or society at large. His participation in a case about the NYPD's abuse of a transgender arrestee at the 2004 Republic National Convention was recently featured in an article in the New York Law Journal.



Tenure and promotions

Sidney DeLong, **Paula Lustbader** and **Catharine O'Neill** were promoted to the rank of professor of law, and **Kara Phillips** was promoted to librarian. **Lisa Brodoff**, **Paul Holland** and **Russ Powell** were granted tenure. **Ken Wing** was named professor emeritus.

A bold transformation

School of Law Annex now home to thriving skills programs

What started as a concrete, windowless building filled with university maintenance equipment and supplies is now the beautiful and functional Seattle University School of Law Annex.

“The School of Law is all about transformation: transformation of what was a warehouse, of our students’ lives and professional careers, and transformation of the world, with the work that we and our alumni do,” said Annette Clark, interim dean.

The School of Law Annex, at 1215 E. Columbia St., just a half-block from Sullivan Hall, opened June 1 after a dedication in late May. The 20,000-square-foot annex houses several programs that are key to the



Don Madsen, Managing Director of Associated Counsel for the Accused, far left, and University Trustee Don Horowitz share a laugh with Dean Designate Mark Niles, second from right, and Interim Dean Annette Clark, at the dedication of the annex. Above them is the glass bridge that connects the two sides of the second floor. Photo by Chris Joseph Taylor.



Eva Wescott, a May graduate, talks about the importance of the experience she had with student journals and the clinic, while President Stephen Sundborg and other law school supporters listen. Behind them are sliding glass doors that can close to provide a more intimate conference room separated from the larger multipurpose space. Exposed beams and tall ceilings create an open, light-filled space. Photo by Chris Joseph Taylor.

experiential legal education provided at the law school: The Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, the Externship Program, the Seattle University Law Review and the Seattle Journal for Social Justice.

It also includes two large high-tech classrooms, seminar rooms, and a multipurpose space that can be closed off with a steel and wood sliding wall for smaller meetings. The remodel opened up the building in the public spaces, exposed the original wood and finish where possible, and provided up-to-date formal finishes in the classrooms and faculty offices. A glass bridge connects the two sides of the second floor, leaving the main floor open and light.

“This gorgeous space is the perfect symbol of Seattle University’s deep commitment to our students, faculty, clients, and this community, and to the critical importance of clinical legal education,” Clinic Director Lisa Brodoff said.

The Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic offers 13 different clinics in which students apply what they’ve learned in their substantive courses and in legal writing to the representation of real people with real and often critical legal problems related to their access to food, shelter, housing, health care, protection from abuse, and denial of human rights. The Externship Program allows students to work in judicial chambers or other supervised practice settings to gain invaluable work experience before graduation.

Brodoff compared the clinic and other programs to the glass bridge at the Annex entry.

“When you walk across that bridge, you feel very exposed and maybe a tad insecure, and still excited to be in that place. But you know that you are really being fully supported by the glass and steel beams,” Brodoff said. “We, the faculty, are that bridge to practice for

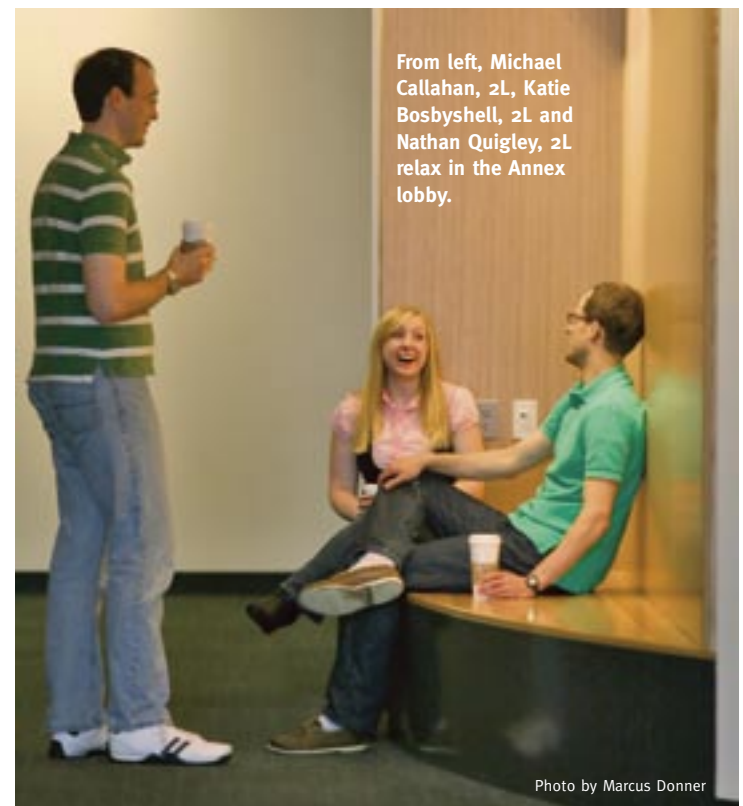
the students. We are there to support, cajole, question, guide, and encourage them every step of the way in their representation. And now we’ll be reminded of that role every day we walk under that lovely bridge.”

University President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., said the School of Law Annex is further evidence of the law school’s growing stature. He and Clark offered special thanks to the family of Ronald A. Peterson, for whom the clinic is named. Peterson was an attorney who taught in the business school. He established both the undergraduate alumni relations and admissions offices, and who was one of the early founders of the St. Thomas More Society in Seattle. Peterson was instrumental in urging the university to include a law school among its colleges and schools.

“Nobody was prouder than Ron Peterson when SU acquired the law school over 15 years ago,” Clark said. “We are both proud and humbled to carry on the Peterson legacy and Ron’s and his family’s commitment to social justice.”

The environmentally-friendly Annex was designed to meet LEED Gold certification. Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects designed the building, and Sellen Construction was the contractor.

You can view the construction from start to finish at http://www.law.seattleu.edu/The_School/Annex.xml.



From left, Michael Callahan, 2L, Katie Bosbyshell, 2L and Nathan Quigley, 2L relax in the Annex lobby.

Photo by Marcus Donner

REACHING FOR JUSTICE

Equal Justice Works Fellowship, summer programs allow public interest work

A 2010 graduate of Seattle University School of Law won a coveted Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work on projects aimed at ensuring that those convicted of crimes successfully re-enter society, and a student won a rare summer internship.

Nick Allen will work with Columbia Legal Services for two years to provide legal representation, community outreach and legislative advocacy for persons convicted of crimes with legal financial obligations. Under state law, all juveniles and adults convicted of a crime are assessed LFOs, including fees, fines, and/or restitution. They accrue interest at 12 percent from the date of sentencing. The goal of his project is to identify legal rights and options for people who have LFOs so that those debts can be made more manageable. This in turn will lead to reduced levels of recidivism and help those with a criminal history contribute to society.

"LFOs accrue from the date of sentencing, so it is highly likely that individuals will never be able to pay them off," Allen said. "It ends up pushing people back into the underground economy, preventing people from getting housing or a legitimate job. Most people want to pay off their LFOs, but if they can't, they can be re-incarcerated and end up with a lifelong attachment to the Department of Corrections."

Allen will create community legal clinics and conduct outreach to help those who are making payments prepare paperwork to ask



Nick Allen

Photo by Matt Hagen

a judge for a modification to make it more affordable or help those who have satisfied their debts go to court to get a certificate of discharge. Those who haven't paid can get direction about where to start with payments. He also will work on policy reform, such as proposing legislation to have some LFOs converted to community service hours.

He is one of only 54 law students in the country and the only one in the state to be named an EJW fellow. Because of his deep commitment to social justice, Allen also was the recipient of the law school's 2010 Dean's Medal, awarded to a student who the dean determines has the greatest potential to achieve the legal profession's most noble aspiration for justice and ethics throughout his career.

Allen's interest in social justice is deeply rooted, and the idea for this project started years ago. He worked for King County Councilman Larry Gossett for seven years before law school, and said he heard from people in the community that this is an issue that needs addressing. His law school experience, including an externship with Disability Rights Washington, an internship with Columbia

Legal Services and a semester in the Mental Health Court Clinic prepared him for this role. Many of his future clients likely will have issues related to disability or mental health, he said. (See related story, page 22.)

"We have to start from the bottom of the ladder if we want to make change," Allen said. "This project epitomizes that. There are not a lot of people looking out for people who have been incarcerated."

He is grateful for the opportunities he had at the law school and for the fellowship from Equal Justice Works, which creates partnerships among public interest lawyers, nonprofit organizations, law firm and corporate sponsors and other donors in order to afford underrepresented populations effective access to the justice system. His fellowship is sponsored by the Bill Brockett Public Interest Foundation.

"This is why I came to law school," he said. "It's really been a blessing."

Summer programs provide valuable experience

Students committed to working for justice after graduation like Allen will gain valuable

experience this summer through internships and fellowships.

Andra Kranzler, a 2L, is one of only four students in the country to receive a John J. Curtin Justice Fund Legal Internship to provide much-needed legal assistance to organizations serving low-income and homeless people, while gaining direct experience in a public interest forum.

Also, seven students were selected as Equal Justice Summer Corps members, and 18 received summer grants from the law school's Public Interest Law Foundation.

Kranzler will intern at West Tennessee Legal Services in Jackson, helping to develop strategies and write policies that will maximize client independence and autonomy that can hopefully be replicated in other low-income and rural communities. She has a degree in urban and regional planning, came to law school after working as a homeless family case manager and hopes to work as a housing attorney.

"I'm very excited about this internship, because I will have the opportunity to work in collaboration with community development organizations as they develop safe, affordable, and accessible housing," she said. "This internship will expose me to the different legal advocacy skills needed to effectively address rural communities' housing needs. This is the work I came to law school to do and I am very grateful for this amazing opportunity."

The internship is managed jointly by the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants. It provides a \$2,500 stipend.

Seven students also will work at nonprofit organizations as Equal Justice Works Summer Corps members.

Summer Corps members will provide critically needed legal assistance to low-income

and underserved communities around the country. In addition, Summer Corps members gain first-hand experience and legal skills in areas such as client intake, individual representation, research and writing. They are engaged with a broad range of issues, including civil rights, community economic development, death penalty, disability rights, housing, domestic violence, education, public benefits and workers' rights. With a record of 1,536 applications this year, the selection process was extremely competitive.

Each will receive a \$1,000 AmeriCorps education award voucher upon completion of a minimum of 300 hours of summer service. Selected as EJW Summer Corps members from Seattle University School of Law this summer are:

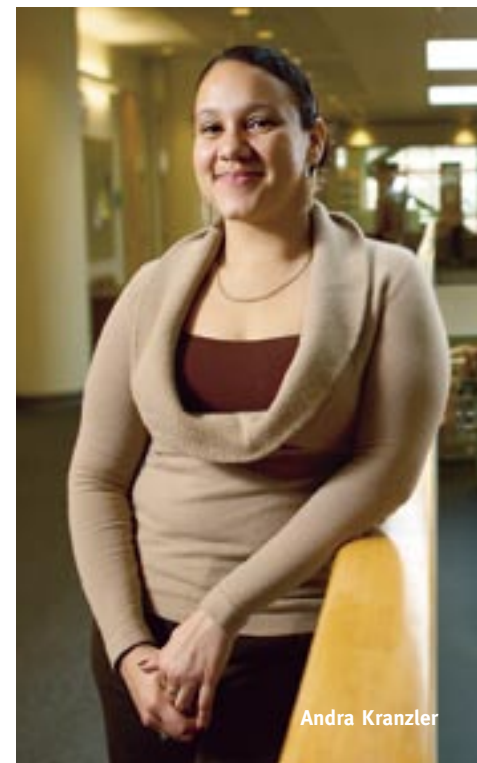
Eben Allen, Oregon Law Center; Kerry Clayman, Northwest Justice Project; Reyes Delos, The Defender Association; Whitney Knox, Associated Counsel for the Accused; Nina Scheel, Northwest Justice Project; Marie-Gabrielle Schneck, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project; Alex West, Seattle Community Law Center.

In addition, the law school's Public Interest Law Foundation funded 18 summer internships at agencies locally, throughout the country and abroad. Kranzler, Allen and West also received PILF grants.

Other PILF Grant recipients

Arcadia Corbett, Istanbul Kadin Kuruluslari Birligi, Istanbul, Turkey; Kevin DeLiban, LAW Advocates, Bellingham, Wash.; Javier Dominguez, Bay Area Legal Aid, Oakland, Calif.; Eric Holte, Snohomish County Public Defender Association, Everett, Wash.; Yair Inspektor, Alaska Public Defender Agency, Anchorage; Anupa Iyer, Mental Disability Advocacy Center, Budapest, Hungary; Justin Mathews, Associated Council for the Accused, Seattle;

Christopher Mihalo, Northwest Health



Andra Kranzler

Photo by Matt Hagen

Law Advocates, Seattle; Kathrine Price, American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, Seattle; Sandy Restrepo, American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, Seattle; Sascha Sprinkle, Disability Rights Washington, Seattle; Erik Steinecker, King County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, Seattle; Aileen Tsao, American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, Seattle; Meagan Tousey, Legal Aid South Africa, Johannesburg; Adrienne Wat, Unemployment Law Project, Seattle. Read about their work on their PILF Summer Journals page at www.law.seattleu.edu/x1880.xml.

Four students are serving international internships offered through the law school. Meghan Casey and Emily Varcalli were selected for the The Nicaragua Social Justice Project, and 1L Krista Nelson is working with the Documentation Center of Cambodia. Maria Bocanegra is interning with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San José, Costa Rica.

A meaningful

Pioneering Mental Health Court Clinic trains

By Katherine Hedland Hansen

Photos by Marcus Donner

ABOVE: Andrew Rice tries to persuade his client to voluntarily submit to a mental health evaluation to keep him from being sent to jail for an examination.

Seated at the counsel table, a young defender gently questions her client, a homeless and mentally ill man who has been arrested for trespassing.

She asks him if he knows why he was arrested, why he's in court and if he understands the process. Clad in a red jail jumpsuit, shackled at the wrists, his long, unkempt hair tucked behind his ears, he tries to answer.

"I was removed from the property," the man replies, as the judge watches, listens and takes note of the man's demeanor as well as his answers.

"Do you know what that's called?" asks Megan Giske, a third-year student at Seattle University School of Law appearing in court as a Rule 9 intern.

"Um, removal?" he guesses, becoming slightly frustrated and agitated at the questions.

Sensing the client's mood, Giske calms and reassures her client: "You doing OK? You're doing a good job."



collaboration

students to represent a vulnerable population

The client continues, explaining that he was sitting under an awning in front of a business in downtown Seattle.

“Why were you there?” Giske asks.

“Just trying to stay out of the rain,” he replies with a sad shrug.

After a few more questions, the judge says he has enough information to conclude that the client, who was previously declared incompetent to stand trial, cannot assist in his own defense. The charges are dismissed, and he will be detained until mental health professionals evaluate whether he can be released or if he needs in-patient treatment. Social workers will try to connect him with housing.

This client is just one of the thousands of mentally ill people who come through the criminal justice system every year. As courts throughout the state and the country struggle with how to deal with mentally ill criminal offenders, Seattle University School of Law has started a ground-

breaking clinic to train and inspire lawyers to work with this vulnerable population. Giske is part of the first group of students to have the opportunity to participate.

The Mental Health Court Clinic at the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic is believed to be the first of its kind in the country. Through an innovative partnership with Associated Counsel for the Accused (ACA), students get first-hand experience representing clients in Seattle Municipal Mental Health Court.

“Mentally ill people spend seven times longer in jail than others because the system doesn’t know what to do with them,” said Russell Kurth, an experienced mental health court practitioner at ACA and a Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at the law school who teaches the new clinic. “How can we make the system better? How do we help the legal system deal with the mentally ill?”

Students and graduates want to help find an answer to that question, and to help the mentally ill individuals who find themselves in court.

“In the Mental Health Court Clinic, I gained practical experience in everything from criminal procedure to client counseling,” Giske said. “But most importantly, I learned how to advocate for a very unique population.”

She previously spent a summer as a Pub-

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Cover story

“Clients have a group of people who care about them and are trying to help them navigate through life. That simple fact makes all the difference. A lot of these cases are a failure of our society to take care of its downtrodden.”

—Russell Kurth, Distinguished Practitioner in Residence

lic Interest Law Foundation intern for the Northwest Justice Project working on public benefits cases and was involved in community outreach projects targeted at homeless and at-risk youth. She hopes to continue working with the Mental Health Court. That’s just what the law school hoped for when it started the clinic.

“We need more astute, knowledgeable people going into this field to give a voice to those who have none,” said Karen Murray, municipal court supervisor for the Associated Counsel for the Accused and a 1991 graduate of the law school. “It’s humbling to know that we as attorneys can do so much if we use what we have learned in the right way, and with passion and not for personal gain.”

A court that people run to

Seattle Mental Health Court was the first municipal court of its kind in the country. Now in its 11th year, it is recognized as one of the leading and highest volume courts in the country dedicated solely to criminal cases involving mentally ill defendants. It is one of

the few that operates as a both a competency and a therapeutic court, protecting the rights of incompetent clients to not be prosecuted and offering those deemed competent assistance with housing, treatment, chemical dependency and other services. Prosecutors, defense attorneys, social workers, police and others work together to design a program of support and supervision that meets the goals of improving the quality of life for each client, protecting public safety and reducing system costs.

“We are more successful at achieving these goals when we work together,” Kurth said. “Clients have a group of people who care about them and are trying to help them navigate through life. That simple fact makes all the difference. A lot of these cases are a failure of our society to take care of its downtrodden.”

Instead of simply locking people up, the Mental Health Court helps get to the root of the problem. For instance, nearly 80 percent have drug or alcohol addiction in addition to a mental illness. Most have no transportation, and many are homeless.

Through the court, attorneys, social workers, psychologists and others direct clients who are amenable to treatment, counseling, housing and other benefits. Programs linked to the court have immediate beds for substance abuse treatment, spots in transitional housing, access to mental health care and other services. The Seattle Police Department has a crisis intervention team with officers specially trained to look for signs of mental illness, two of whom work directly with the court—also a first in the nation.

Even with the services it offers, Kurth said the court’s early intervention saves the city, county and social services agencies an estimated \$1 million per year. He said it’s an effective, if still limited, response to a significant social problem. As the number of inpatient hospital beds for the mentally ill in



Judge Michael Hurtado makes a point to a client in court.



Russell Kurth advises Rule 9 intern Meg Giske during a hearing at the Seattle Municipal Mental Health Court.

the country has decreased from 550,000 in the 1970s to fewer than 50,000 today, the nation's correctional system has been overwhelmed by the resulting untreated mental illness. The Department of Justice reported that in 2007, 64 percent of people incarcerated in local jails had a mental illness. The numbers for state (56 percent) and federal (45 percent) facilities are only slightly less alarming.

There were no mental health courts before 1997, but there are now more than 200, including others in Washington. While Kurth has made this his life's work, he envisions a day when people with mental illnesses will receive the treatment and care they need in the community and in hospitals before they ever see a jail cell or courtroom.

"The increase in mental health courts is a good thing," Kurth said. "On the other hand, they should not be needed to the extent they are. Morally, financially and in the interest of public safety, we must learn to care for our mentally ill before they are incarcerated."

Those who stay with the court program for two years have an 83 percent reduction in criminal behavior, Kurth said.

"We don't want people to run away," he said. "We're a court that we want people to run to."

Collaboration and compassion

In harmony with the collaborative spirit of the court, the law school requires students interested in the clinic to first complete the

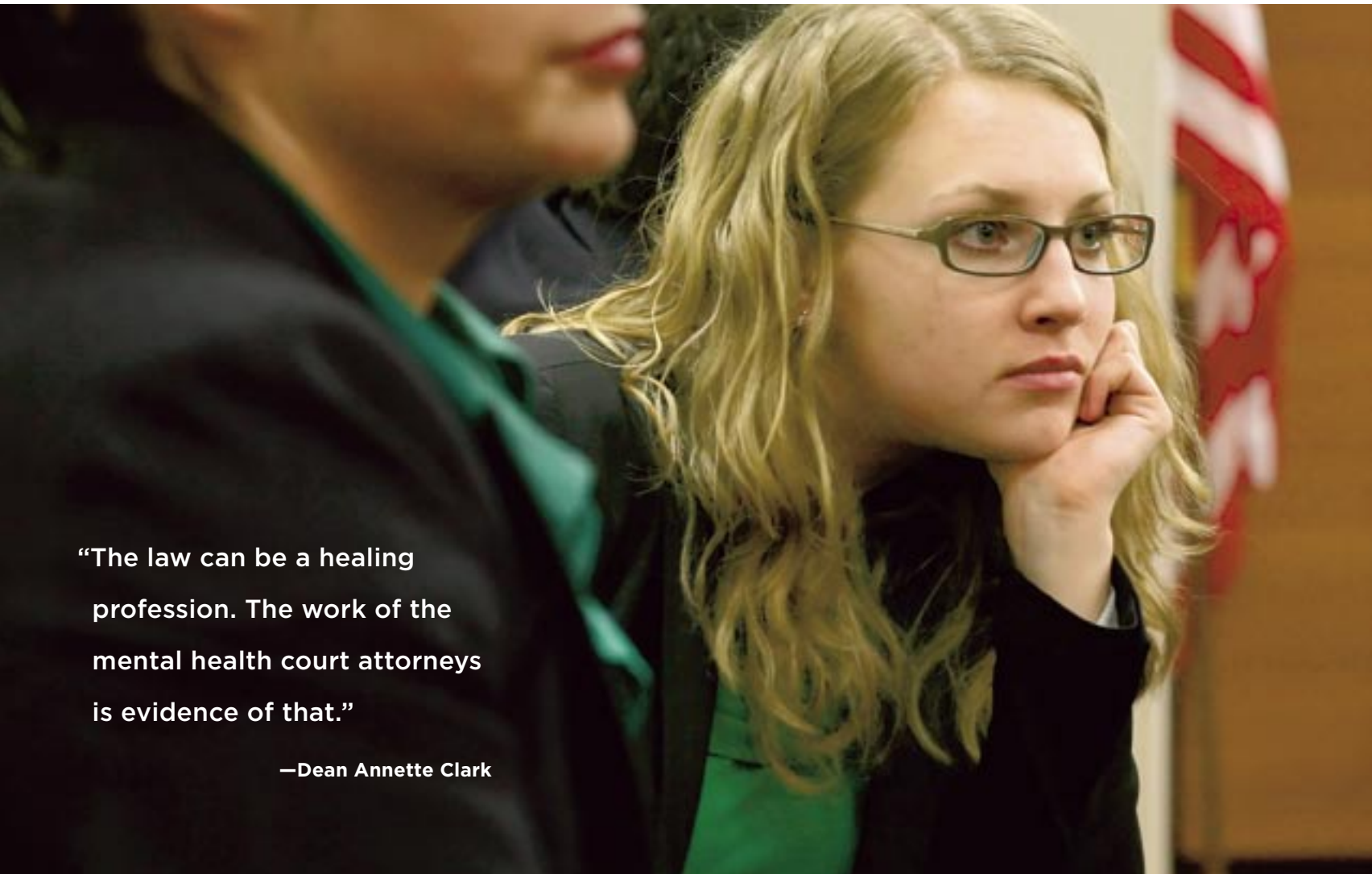
course in Law, Policy, and Mental Health taught by adjunct professor Mike Finkle, who was the lead Mental Health Court prosecutor for the Office of the Seattle City Attorney and was recently appointed a King County District Court Judge.

Before his judicial appointment, Finkle spent 24 years as a prosecutor. When he began working in the Mental Health Court 12 years ago he saw the benefits of a collaborative, rather than an adversarial, court for these cases involving often fragile people.

Though it's collaborative, defense attorneys still zealously advocate for their client, and prosecutors work in the interest of the community.

"The goal of the court was always to protect

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“The law can be a healing profession. The work of the mental health court attorneys is evidence of that.”

—Dean Annette Clark

Meg Giske listens intently to the proceedings.

public safety by addressing the unmet needs of the mentally ill,” Finkle said. “Russell and I didn’t always agree on the ‘how,’ but we did always agree that Mental Health Court was the right place for these cases.”

Jessica Mullan ’09 is a fellow with the Mental Health Court Clinic. After representing juvenile clients in the law school’s Youth Advocacy Clinic, she spent her final semester as an extern with ACA working with Kurth in the Mental Health Court. She found the court’s approach so rewarding that she volunteered with ACA after taking the bar

exam and before she was offered the fellowship. She serves as a role model to the clinic students as a member of the court team and someone who appreciates this alternative form of practice.

“It makes so much sense to have a collaborative court,” Mullan said.

That collaboration extends to scholarly and professional presentations as well. Finkle, Kurth and Mullan coauthored an article about competency courts for the journal *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, and Kurth and Finkle have given numerous joint pre-

sentations around the country. In addition to educating, they hope to encourage other jurisdictions to follow their lead.

Kurth was drawn to this assignment because of his personal experience with his sister. She was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and Munchausen by proxy syndrome, in which a parent will fabricate or induce symptoms or illness in a child in order to gain attention and sympathy. His parents have custody of his nephew.

Though he is estranged from his sister, his experience made him more comfortable deal-

ing with mental illness and more determined to seek solutions for those who suffer.

“Mental illness changed the landscape of our family,” Kurth said. “I tried to help my sister and I couldn’t, but I had to help her son. I’d like to lessen the impacts on other families.”

Chris Browning and his wife, Liz, know well the pain that mental illness can cause a family, and the difference a mental health court can make. After years of struggling to deal with their son’s schizophrenia, they met Kurth when he was appointed to represent their son after he was accused of assault. Kurth’s efforts diverted their son from jail and helped him get the treatment he needed.

“It was a life-saving turning point for our son,” Chris Browning said.

The clinic is funded in part by grants from his family’s foundation, the Val A. Browning Charitable Foundation, and the Nesholm Family Foundation.

“We were fortunate to have the Browning Foundation’s support in spearheading this effort to keep our most vulnerable out of the criminal justice system,” Chris Browning said. “We were doubly fortunate to collaborate with Seattle University School of Law’s Clinic faculty and administration to found this clinic.”

It definitely takes a certain type of lawyer to take on this job.

“This is difficult work, full of challenges, but also great rewards,” Kurth said. “We’re not just advising them. You have to want to talk to them, and to be patient and develop a rapport. You are their counselor and their advocate.”

“Nothing to be ashamed of”

The Mental Health Court Clinic exposes students to many cases that are difficult, both legally and emotionally. Before the afternoon court hearings, defense attorneys, the prosecutor, social workers, probation officers and

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—Karen Murray ’91, Municipal Court Supervisor,
Associated Counsel for the Accused

others with knowledge of the clients and the cases meet to discuss the day’s docket. They drink Diet Dr. Pepper, eat lunch and talk about what’s ahead to try to determine the best way to address each case on that day’s docket. They don’t always agree, but they hear each other out before heading into the courtroom.

Each client has different needs, obstacles and support systems, and representing them provides students invaluable experience and insight. One day, Giske again sat before the judge questioning a client who had experienced a clear break from reality.

“I don’t recognize this court as being an authority over the universe...” the woman said. “All laws are written by Satan, and you’re trying me by Satanic laws.”

Student Nick Allen represented a pretty, soft-spoken woman who was accused of stalking and violating an anti-harassment order. She quietly explained that she didn’t understand why the person has filed such an order against her, when she only wants to share God’s love.

Both women were detained for further evaluation.

Student Andrew Rice struggled to get through to another client who had refused to take part in a mental health evaluation. The client appeared for court wearing a tie, and sat quietly awaiting his turn to speak to the judge. Rice, Kurth and the judge tried to persuade him to agree to an evaluation, but the man continued to decline, using a nonsensical jumble of legalese as explanation. Eventually the judge ordered him to jail to be examined by mental health professionals.

Municipal Court Judge Michael Hurtado

presides over Mental Health Court. Firm but compassionate, he demands respect for all defendants.

“No one will ever be berated in this court,” Hurtado said. “A mental illness is nothing to be ashamed of.”

There are many success stories. Clients who are in compliance with the conditions imposed by the court check in and get encouraging words from the judge.

“I hope you look at this as a way of getting help,” Hurtado told one woman who was doing well in the program. “We all need a little help one way or another.”

Another woman who had met her court-ordered obligations for two years proudly accepted a certificate showing she had graduated from the court.

“You’re the one who decided to take advantage of the services this court offered to make yourself well,” Hurtado said as he shook hands with the client.

She thanked everyone for the support along the way.

“It’s good to have a court that supports equal human rights for all,” she said.

Annette Clark, interim dean at the law school who also holds a medical degree, said it’s fitting that such a clinic found a home at Seattle University School of Law, which strives to educate outstanding lawyers to be leaders for a just and humane world. The law school has high hopes for the clinic and related courses to expand to include other problem-solving courts.

“The law can be a healing profession,” Clark said. “The work of the mental health court attorneys is evidence of that.”

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 David Keenan '08
 Dale L. Kingman '76
 Leslie Meserole '02
 Mark O'Halloran '02
 Joanna Plichta Boisen '06
 Shahzad Qadri '99
 Michele G. Radosevich '94
 Sharon A. Sakamoto '84
 Jennifer Shaw '87
 Craig A. Sims '97
 Linda J. Strout '79,
 Past-president
 Art Wang '84

Important Dates

July 29 Bar Exam
 Conclusion Celebration

October 4 Red Mass

October 13 Law Alumni
 Board Nominations due

November 15 BLSA and
 Latina/o Alumni Award
 Nominations due

November 18 Alumni
 Networking Event

December 1 Law Alumni
 Awards Nominations due

Law Alumni Board: Passing the Gavel



Dear Fellow Alumni,

For those of you who were able to join in the Alumni Weekend 2010 celebrations, I ask you to help me share highlights of this transformative weekend. It was a celebration of the law school's leadership and of the accomplishments of some of our outstanding alumni. With particular gratitude, we recognized our fellow alum, Interim Dean Annette Clark '89, for her energy, vision and steady navigation over the past year while simultaneously embracing our future and preparing to Turn the Page to new leadership this summer.

For me, it has been a privilege to serve as president of the Law Alumni Board representing more than 9,000 alumni across the world. When first approached by the dean, I was excited by the promise of all that could come with restructuring the Law Alumni Board and building a comprehensive alumni program in close partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations. I am pleased with the progress we've made.

The restructuring created a framework and focus allowing the Law Alumni Board to serve an active, strong leadership voice for our alumni. We have established four thriving committees to help accomplish our work. The Program Committee is creating recurring programs we can look forward to each year—Alumni Weekend, including the Distinguished Speaker Program, and New Year's Reception—and collaborating with the Office of Alumni Relations to develop other internal and community outreach activities. The Awards Committee is responsible for the yearly selection of alumni award recipients to be presented during Alumni Weekend. The Development Committee partners with the school to provide critical private support to the law school, and our Board Development Committee ensures our nominations process will bring broader representation, diversity and energy to the board.

The board, in collaboration with the Office of Alumni Relations, is focused on increasing national visibility of the law school through the development of our regional alumni programs. We now have an official alumni chapter in Washington, D.C., and alumni groups in Texas, New York, California and Alaska.

Most importantly, we have strengthened our engagement with you, and the law school on your behalf. With our framework and vision on course, I now look forward to passing the gavel to Don Black, Class of 1995, whom I'm proud to call a colleague and friend.

Don has been an active member of the alumni community and the Law Alumni Board for many years. Over the past two years, he has been president-elect and Board Development Chair, providing invaluable service. He is the managing member of the firm Ogden Murphy and Wallace PLLC, practicing in the areas of business and healthcare with extensive experience representing public hospital districts, non-profit hospitals, physician and physician groups.

Don has met with Dean Designate Mark Niles, who has charged Don and the board with maintaining the new board structure and continuing to strengthen the engagement and support of the alumni community. Don and Dean Niles, together with all of us on your board, look forward to working with you to write the next chapter in the history of our law school.

I am honored to have served as your Law Alumni Board President and thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

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

Leadership Seminar tackles the topic of academia as a career

The Recent Alumni Committee hosted a seminar “*Making the Transition from Practice to Academia: Putting Your JD to Work in the Education Field*” during Alumni Weekend. The agenda showcased an in-depth look at the faculty hiring process and what a professor’s job is really like. Panelists also discussed professional development opportunities that alumni should take advantage of now to raise the profile of applications to potential employers.



At left is Art Wang '84, a newly appointed member of the Law Alumni Board with Karen Tokita '07.

Panelists shared their journey to teaching and education as a career. The stories were personal, insightful and most importantly, provided the audience with a lens through which to view their own path. The honest dialogue was completely eye-opening for all in attendance, and helped break down perceived barriers to the pursuit of an academic career. One alumna in attendance was overheard to say that “...this was the best panel I’ve attended in Sullivan Hall,” and “I can relate



David Lance '07, George Alabi '04, David Keenan '08 and Brittinity Carter '08 stayed after to speak with members of the leadership panel.

to the panel in a way that has provided me with inspiration.”

The genesis of this seminar was a response to the alumni community that was calling for more tools and information on how to succeed in the current economic environment. Adjunct teaching can provide a creative outlet and opportunity to connect with students while earning some supplemental income. Whatever their role teacher or administrator, part-time or full-time—panelists shared the immense satisfaction they experience daily in working directly with students, staff and faculty, and interfacing with the larger community as a member of a higher learning institution.

Distinguished panelists included Annette Clark '89, Interim Dean and Associate Professor of Law; Janet Dickson '88, Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills; Christian Halliburton, Associate Professor of Law and Faculty Fellow, Korematsu Center for Law and Equality; Jack Kirkwood, Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Associate

Professor of Law; Lee Lambert '92, President, Shoreline Community College; Paula Lustbader '88, Professor of Law and Director, Academic Resource Center; Stephanie Nichols '06, Director, Study Law in Alaska Program,



Professor Paula Lustbader '88 talking about the formation of the Academic Resource Program and about “...teaching who we are.” Lee Lambert '92 and Stephanie Nichols '06 also spoke about their love of working in the academic arena.

Attorney for Native American Projects, and Adjunct Professor; and Diana Singleton '98, Director, Access to Justice Institute.

A video recording of the seminar can be found at <http://medialaw.seattleu.edu/alumni/index.htm>.

TURNING THE PAGE | Alumni Weekend 2010

Alumni were welcomed back to Sullivan Hall to celebrate the next chapter in the story of Seattle University School of Law.

The newly dedicated School of Law Annex was open for tours, and Dean Designate Mark Niles joined the alumni community to mark this significant point in the school's history.

Alumni Weekend is an annual tradition designed by the Law Alumni Board, and supported by the Office of Alumni Relations and the dean of the law school. Its purpose is to provide alumni with engaging programming that meets alumni needs and honors the alumni community.

Professor David Skover's exciting lecture "Mania: The Story of Outrageous and Out-

raged Lives That Launched a Generation," presented during his installation as the Fredric C. Tausend Professor of Law, provided a poignant start to the Weekend festivities. A donor breakfast saw the pairing of student leaders with alumni donors, offering alumni a clear view of the impact of their gifts. After the Recent Alumni Committee's Leadership Seminar and the Law Alumni Board-led Alumni Association Luncheon and Meeting, distinguished panelists gathered for a CLE on the new healthcare legislation, reviewing both policy and transactional issues.

Sullivan Hall was packed Friday evening as members of the alumni and larger legal communities came out to honor three distinguished law graduates whose contributions to the school and the legal field are considerable.

Read more about this year's honorees The Honorable Deborah Fleck '76, The Honorable Anita Crawford-Willis '86, and Brian Considine '07 on page 30.

For the second year, the alumni celebrations for Law Review and the Seattle Journal for Social Justice were folded into the Weekend, and for the first-time, the Dispute Resolution Board was as well. At the heart of Alumni Weekend is the alumni community and the individual alumni who biked, walked, drove, sailed and flew to be a part of SU Law's vibrant story, to witness history in the making.

More photos from all the Alumni Weekend programs can be found at or gallery at www.law.seattleu.edu/prebuilt/gallery/2010AlumniWeekend.html.



The law school community—alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of SU Law—at the Alumni Awards Reception and Reunions. All photos by Jennifer Richard.



Professor David Skover shares a laugh with his co-author Ronald Collins, who introduced Skover at his installation as the Fredric C. Tausend Professor of Law.



The Honorable Jeanette Dalton '84 speaking to members of the DR Board. Judge Dalton served as the keynote speaker at the event.



Michelle McCarthy '00, who flew in from New York, talks with Interim Dean Annette Clark '89 prior to the start of the Alumni Association luncheon.



Law Review past and present members turned out en masse for the 34th Annual Alumni Dinner.



Michelle Fontenot '09 was delighted to return to Sullivan Hall post-bar exam and offer her support to the DR Board.



Laird Pisto '81, a Distinguished Law Graduate Award recipient, was a panelist for the Distinguished Speaker Series "Navigating the Waters of Healthcare Reform: What Lawyers Need to Know." At right is Paul Guppy of the Washington Policy Center.



Aimee Iverson '98, right, sharing a laugh at the break during the Distinguished Speakers CLE program.



Leanne Zobrist '07 catches up with two former classmates.



Law Alumni Board member Sharon Sakamoto '84 speaking with Maki Imakura '11 at the donor breakfast.

The Law Alumni Board poised to work with Dean Mark Niles

One of Seattle University School of Law's institutional goals is to build, strengthen and nurture the connections with its alumni. The Law Alumni Board (LAB) mission is at the heart of the relationship the school enjoys with its alumni. Through the board's creative and traditional programming, board members, together with the dean and Office of Alumni Relations, are forging many new opportunities in which alumni can engage with the law school and each other.

After two years of growing the board and formalizing its function, the six new mem-

bers to the Board, whose terms begin on July 1, bring it to its full size of 21 distinguished alumni. The new members are:

- **Jill Butler '07**, Legislative and Policy Counsel for the National Bar Association, Washington, D.C.
- **Thomas Clerkin '77**, Managing Director of Imperial Capital, LLC, Los Angeles
- **David Finger '04**, Assistant Clinical Professor, Loyola University Law School Clinic, New Orleans

- **David Keenan '08**, Associate with Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, Seattle
- **Shahzad Qadri '99**, Partner at Adorno Yoss Caley Dehkhoda & Qadri, Bellevue
- **Art Wang '84**, Special Assistant for Unemployment Insurance Taxes of Washington State, Olympia

During Alumni Weekend, the new board members were introduced, only David Finger was unable to attend. The outgoing board members—Sandra Brown '98, M. Lorena Gonzalez '05, Grace Han Stanton



The newly appointed members were introduced by President-Elect Don Black '95 and given certificates acknowledging their service. From left: Art Wang '84, Shahzad Qadri '99, Thomas Clerkin '77, Jill Butler '07 and David Keenan '08.



Craig Sims '97 of the Law Alumni Board shares a laugh with Dean Designate Mark Niles, who addressed the alumni in attendance at the Alumni Association Luncheon.

'98, Jeffrey Sayre '89, and Kalai Wineland '99—were acknowledged and thanked for their dedicated service.

In the coming year, Don Black '95 will begin his three-year term as board president, taking over the gavel from Linda Strout '79, who will serve on the board for one more year as past-president. A call for nominations to the board will be made this fall and the alumni community will again be asked to consider members of the exceptional and diverse alumni community to be candidates to join the board. Also, the board is actively seeking interested alumni to serve with the

LAB on three committees—program, awards and development.

The Law Alumni Board is now turning its sights to the year ahead as the entire law school community and the larger legal community welcomes Dean Designate Mark Niles to Sullivan Hall and to Seattle. “The Board represents the extraordinary achievements of SU Law alumni,” said Grace Greenwich, director of Alumni Relations. “It is with great anticipation that the members welcome the opportunity to serve the law school and the new dean in this next chapter of the law school’s history.”



Tom Clerkin '77, who is joining the board, talked with Anupa Iyer, Class of 2011; Michael Sclafani, director of annual giving, looks on.



Jill Butler '07 joined friend and classmate Lupe Ceballos '08 at the Award Reception and Reunion Celebration during Alumni Weekend.



Linda Strout '79, outgoing President of the Board, passes the ceremonial gavel to Don Black '95, whose term as President begins on July 1.



David Keenan '08, one of the new members of the LAB, made introductory remarks at the Leadership Seminar during Alumni Weekend.



LAB member Willie Gregory '89 with Associate Dean for Advancement Susan Ahearn.

2010 Alumni Awards

Three outstanding graduates who have devoted themselves to the legal profession, their communities and the law school were honored during Alumni Weekend 2010. The School of Law is proud of and grateful for the contributions and commitment from all alumni, and the Law Alumni Board appreciates the opportunity to publicly honor those whose achievements and dedication deserve special recognition. This year's Alumni Award winners are:

The Honorable Deborah Fleck '76 Distinguished Law Graduate Award

King County Superior Court Judge Deborah Fleck is committed to improving the justice system and has been a leader on race and justice issues, including ensuring stable funding for trial courts and working to protect children and families. For her commitment to access to justice and Seattle University School of Law, the law school bestowed the Distinguished Law Graduate Award.

Judge Fleck has served as a King County Superior Court judge since 1992 and is chief judge of the Regional Justice Center in the criminal, civil and juvenile departments. As president of the Superior Court Judges' Association in 2002-

03, she was instrumental in establishing the Task Force on Trial Court Funding through the Board for Judicial Administration to promote adequate and stable funding for Washington's trial courts. Legislation proposed by the resulting Justice in Jeopardy Initiative—which has been characterized by Washington State Supreme Court Justice Gerry L. Alexander as the most significant reform of judicial branch funding since statehood—received bipartisan and near unanimous support in the Legislature. In addition, she is a frequent writer, speaker and panelist on legal issues.

"Judge Fleck's entire judicial career shows that she is dedicated to maintaining and improving our court system," said Federal Way attorney Laura L. Jaeger '75. "When Judge Fleck takes on a cause, she applies herself 100 percent."

In nominating Fleck for this award, Seattle attorney and past WSBA President M. Wayne Blair wrote, "In addition to... her dedicated work and commitment to improve the judiciary and the courts, she is also a warm and engaging person who leads not only from her head, but also from her heart."

Fleck served as chair of the Minority and Justice Commission's Workforce Diversity Subcommittee, chair of the Superior Court Judges' Association Legislative Committee, and co-chair of the Board for Judicial Administration's Justice in Jeopardy Implementation Committee. She sits on the Board of We the People, a civics program run by the Center for Civic Education, and has served as a member of the law school's Access to Justice Community Advisory Board.

She has received numerous accolades, including the 2009 Washington State Bar Association's Award of Merit, the organization's highest honor. She was named Jurist of the Year by WSBA's Family Law Section in 1999 and Judge of the Year by the State Trial Lawyers Association in 2000. She received the 2004 King County Washington Women Lawyers Vanguard Award, the 2005 King County Bar Association's President's Award and 2005 WSBA Outstanding Judge of the Year Award.

The Honorable Anita Crawford-Willis '86 Alumni Service Award

Judge Anita Crawford-Willis has been a respected member of the Seattle University and legal communities for more than 20 years. She has served on the Seattle University's Alumni Board of Governors, the School of Law's Access to Justice Board, Board of Governors, and the current Law Alumni Board. She was appointed to the University Board of Regents and works diligently to recruit and mentor students.

Her spirit of public service coupled with her commitment to inspire young people to pursue their scholastic dreams makes her a highly sought mentor. She has mentored hundreds of young people over the years, working with high school students, college students and law students to help them achieve their goals and make a difference in their communities.

"That is just the beginning of your seemingly endless contributions to our community. You are a true university citizen," said her friend and former mentee Rashelle Tanner '98, when



The Honorable Deborah Fleck '76



The Honorable Anita Crawford-Willis '86

presenting the award. "You are among our truly beloved and most devoted alumni of the law school and the university. A distinguished alumna recently credited you for her success in the legal profession, and we know her sentiment is shared by others. You have forged a pathway for others to follow. You have illuminated the possibilities for all of us, and we all are grateful."

Judge Crawford-Willis is the Assistant Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge at the Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings Seattle Office, responsible for day-to-day operations, including supervising 25 full-time judges, 16 pro-tem judges and 20 support staff. She supervises the Externship Program, which has provided 30 students with an extraordinary opportunity, and coordinates the Take Our Daughters to Work Day. In addition she serves as a pro-tem judge for Seattle Municipal Court and King County District Court. She also serves on the Bar Leaders Committee and the State Bar Committee for Public Legal Education.

She gives generously of her time to current law students and law school activities. She remains devoted to the Black Law Student Association (BLSA), a group she belonged to

as a student, and in 2008, received the BLSA Alumni Award. Other law school programs she is active with include Alumni Ambassadors, Informational Interview, and the Adolf A. Berle Center on Corporations, Law and Society. She also serves as a coach and supporter of moot court competitions, traveling with her team across the country when necessary.

For the past nine years, she has co-hosted, with the undergraduate Admission Office, an African American Accepted Student Reception and has many times been an exuberant emcee and keynote speaker at the annual Graduation Brunch at SU.

Brian Considine '07 Recent Graduate Award

Brian Considine first advocated for alumni while he was still a student. His article in the student newspaper the Prolific Reporter calling for a more robust alumni program definitely got the attention of the administration and the Alumni Relations Office.

Right after graduating Considine began to work with the alumni office. He served on an ad hoc committee with alumni, faculty, staff and students to develop an online community and passionately ensured that the needs of alumni were directly addressed. The law school officially launched this online community in fall 2009, and he continues to enlist alumni as members.

As head of the Recent Alumni Committee, which was formed two years ago, Considine spearheaded the establishment of an engaged and committed group eager to help with alumni programming and the advancement of their law school. He brought several recent graduates back to the law school and encouraged their engagement. He oversees five vibrant committees—social justice/public interest, networking, leadership, program development and mentoring—which have resulted in the development of programs targeting the needs of recent graduates. The Job

Strategies Program and Alumni Networking event at Seattle City Hall, both in 2009, had record numbers of alumni in attendance. The committee also is dedicated to involving and supporting students. The 300 in 30 Campaign, fueled by the leadership of the Recent Alumni Committee, aims to galvanize the participation and engagement of the alumni community in its support of students by generating 300 gifts in the month of June.

Considine is an assistant attorney general for Washington State, practicing in the areas of government, civil litigation and administrative law. He interned in the Governor's Executive Policy Office and served as a 2008 Session Counsel for the Human Services, Early Learning, and Commerce and Labor Committees. He is an active member of the Washington State Bar Association and the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division.

"You are undoubtedly a proud member of the Class of 2007," classmate Melissa Chin '08 said when presenting the award. "For your leadership and dedication to the alumni of Seattle University School of Law, we are honored to recognize you as the inaugural recipient of the Recent Graduate Award."



Brian Considine '07 with Melissa Chin '08

1976



Greg Anton has an active private practice in Sonoma County, California, focused on personal injury/consumer litigation and criminal defense. On

the civil side, he has litigated numerous small injury and consumer claims as well as plaintiff's work against large corporations such as Caterpillar and Burlington Northern. On the criminal side, he has focused on medical and non-medical marijuana issues. He represents the longest running cannabis dispensary in California and has litigated marijuana issues through the Ninth Circuit and up to the U.S. Supreme Court (cert denied). He is also a professional musician, having performed as a drummer at hundreds of concerts with well-known artists worldwide, recorded on more than 40 albums, and published more than 50 original songs.

William Clarke Brant was elected to a second city council term and currently serves as Mayor Pro Tem for 2010-2011 by the Normandy Park City Council. He retired from flying in 2005 and more recently from his limited law practice in 2009. He is an avid volunteer for stewardship of parks and salmon restoration projects.



Deborah Fleck, King County Superior Court judge, received the 2010 Distinguished Law Graduate Award from

the law school during Alumni Weekend. She was honored for her commitment to fighting for adequate funding for Washington State's Courts, to access to justice and to Seattle University School of Law. (Read more on pg. 30)

1977

William Dean Johnson was appointed to the San Joaquin County Superior Court by California Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger. Johnson has been a staff attorney for the McGeorge School of Law California Parole Advocacy Program since September 2009 and a sole practitioner since 2000. Previously, he was an attorney for Diehl, Steinheimer, Riggio, Haydel and Mordaunt from 1984 to 2000 and a deputy public defender for the San Joaquin County Public Defender's Office from 1977 to 1984.

Girard Miller, a partner at the Minnesota firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, was featured in Finance & Commerce for his work on alternative-energy projects.

Jenny Rydberg enjoys estate planning, trust and probate in Kent. Her husband, Ray, retired from Boeing two years ago, and son, Rob, finished his Ph.D. and married last year. She is active with the local Boy Scout District and recently coordinated an event at the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent during which 19 boys earned their law merit badge.

1978



Joseph Henninger, Jr. practices in the field of estate planning and probate in the Charlotte, North Carolina, office of

Wishart Norris Henninger & Pittman.

1980

Pat Lantz, former state representative, was appointed by Gov. Christine Gregoire to serve a six-year term on the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.



Mark A. Lester is a California Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law at Jones & Lester, where he

focuses on trusts and estates litigation and contested conservatorships. He was appointed as the First

Assistant Scoutmaster for National Jamboree Troop 831 from the Western Los Angeles County Council. An Eagle Scout, he and three of his sons, Star Scouts, will be attending the 2010 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, this summer.



Charles Shotwell assumed the post of director of the Office of Defense Trade Controls Policy (DTCP) in January.

He oversees policy for \$43 billion in international defense trade. DTCP provides national security and foreign policy oversight for exports of defense articles, particularly as it affects the proliferation of conventional, chemical, and biological weapons and related technology. DTCP is also responsible for the review of the U.S. Munitions List, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and determinations of commodity jurisdiction.

1981



Thomas C. Galligan Jr. testified before the House Judiciary Committee about the complex legal liability issues arising from

the Gulf Coast oil spill. The committee invited Galligan, president of Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H., to speak about the legal liability statutes of maritime law. He addressed the availability of punitive damages in maritime disasters, the availability of damages for economic loss under maritime tort law, and the potential applicability of the maritime doctrine of limitation of liability to these events. He also pointed out that the relationship between maritime law and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, created in response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill, could lead to inconsistent and even unjust results when applied to the Deepwater Horizon disaster. Thomas has spoken exten-

sively, published numerous books and articles, and taught classes on maritime law. His scholarship on the subject has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and federal and state appellate and trial courts, as well as by legal scholars. He joined Colby-Sawyer College as its eighth president in 2006 and previously served as the dean of the University of Tennessee College of Law.

Hester Mallonee is a full-time artist who depicts caves, only one of about 15 artists in the world who do. She works in the alternative dispute resolution area. In 2009, the Oregon Caves National Monument celebrated its Centennial, and they chose a seven-year retrospective of her paintings to be displayed at the Visitor Center to mark the event. This summer, she'll be doing a large painting over a three-day period on-site at the bottom of Valhalla Pit in Alabama.

1982

Dennis McLerran was selected by President Barack Obama as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator for the EPA's region 10, which encompasses Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Pacific Northwest Indian Country. Regional administrators are responsible for managing the agency's regional activities under the direction of the EPA administrator, and they promote state and local environmental protection efforts and serve as a liaison to state and local government officials.

Julianne Splain, who was vice president for Professional and Management Liability Claims with Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd., was promoted to senior vice president, Farmington Claims Manager, and will assume responsibility for Allied World's U.S. claims department in June. She has spoken on claims and management issues at the PLUS International Conference and various other insurance and legal conferences.

1983

James Orlando of the Pierce County Superior Court received the 2010 Washington State Association for Justice Judge of the Year award. The award is presented to a judge, "who through the exercise of outstanding judicial ruling or leadership promotes our civil justice system to serve the people." He began service with Pierce County Superior Court as a Commissioner in 1995. In September 2000, then-Governor Locke appointed him a Judge of the Superior Court. Judge Orlando served as the court's Presiding Judge in 2003 and 2004.

1984



Kate Flack, strategic advisor for the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, is working toward certification as a mediator through the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service. She is also exploring her interest in volunteering overseas to do community level work with an NGO concentrating on anti-corruption and good governance. She is an avid skier and gardener, and has three children.

Stuart Heath recently returned from a small village in Jordan near the Israeli border, where he participated in his fifth "Global Village" home-building trip with Habitat for Humanity International. He was joined on the trip by Kate Hudson, current Seattle University student and recipient of the 2009 Elliott Bay Community Service Scholarship—a community service program he established on behalf of his company, Elliott Bay Real Estate. The scholarship program benefits HFHI's work in developing nations and offers practical service experience to promising young adults from the Seattle area who have demonstrated a commitment to community service. He is president and designed broker



of Elliott Bay Real Estate, owner of Elliott Bay Law Group, and principal of Partners Real Estate Funds.



Sharon Sakamoto was honored at the Women of Color Empowered Luncheon. She was honored by the law school last year with the Distinguished Graduate Award.

1985

Kenneth Hart joined the law firm of Carney Badley Spellman, P.S. as a principal. His practice focuses on commercial and business transactions, business startups, real estate transactions and related litigation.



1986



Kristin Hannah published her latest novel "Winter Garden," which debuted at No. 4 on the New York Times List.

Anita Crawford-Willis received the Alumni Service Award from Seattle University School of Law during Alumni Weekend. A member of the Law Alumni Board, she was given this award for her dedication to Seattle University, the law school, and the students. (Read more on page 30.)



1987

John Knudsen, a partner with the aviation law firm of Byrne Knudsen & White LLP, and a former U.S. Navy aviator, joined the Strategic Advisory Council for Bye Aerospace, Inc.

1988

John Bacofner, a shareholder at Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, was selected for Oregon's Council on Court Pro-

cedures by the Oregon Board of Bar Governors.



Virginia DeCosta continues to have a passion for representing individuals in discrimination, retaliation and harassment cases as well as in personal injury cases. Most recently, she was a contributing author to two treatises: Washington Motor Vehicle Accident Insurance Deskbook published by the Washington State Bar Association, and the Employment Law Deskbook, published by the Washington State Association for Justice. She is frequently asked to speak at seminars and presentations.

Gail Kezer was hired by the JTG Foundation as its first program manager. The JTG Foundation is a private foundation established by Tom Gorman of Yarmouth, Maine.

Scott Olson received the National Intelligence Exceptional Achievement Medal from Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair. A Supervisory Special Agent assigned to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he accepted the award on behalf of the Counterintelligence Squad, which he led in a series of classified operations over an 18 month period.



1989



Holly Hohlbein was elected vice president/president-elect of Collaborative Professionals of Washington. CPW is a statewide umbrella organization for collaborative law professionals including lawyers, financial specialists, divorce coaches, child specialists and mediators. She transformed her family practice to collaborative law/non-litigation about seven years

ago, and was one of the first collaborative lawyers in Washington. She is also a founding board member of the non-profit organization Stories of Autism, where she helps promote awareness, inclusion and acceptance of children and adults on the autism spectrum.

1990

Michael Vranizan joined Frontier Bank as senior vice president and private banking relationship manager.

1991



Barbara Harris was honored at the Women of Color Empowered Luncheon. She is the senior managing attorney for the King County Bar Association Housing Justice Project. She previously served for nearly 10 years as a King County Superior Court judge pro tem and as a staff attorney for Associated Counsel for the Accused.

1992

Andrew Fitz is senior counsel at the Washington State Attorney General's Office, where he has been since 1992. He has represented the Department of Ecology since 1999, and since 2004 has been lead counsel to Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program, which oversees cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. He received the AGO's Outstanding Employee award in 2005. He is currently lead counsel for the state in consolidated cases before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals challenging a federal decision to terminate development of Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as a geologic repository for the disposal of high-level nuclear waste and spent nuclear fuel.

1993

Ellen Bierman relocated her IP practice and is now a member of Black, Lowe & Graham PLLC in Seattle.

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Class notes

Ed Comitz opened Comitz | Beethe, an AV-rated boutique litigation and transactions law firm in Scottsdale, Arizona. Members of the firm have earned a national reputation for prosecuting first-party disability insurance bad faith cases and representing physicians and other professionals in reversing denials of their private disability insurance claims. In addition, members of the firm are regularly retained on large real estate development, corporate and healthcare transactions.



John Klassen founded his own firm specializing in employment and civil rights litigation in Minneapolis. He represents clients across the country in the areas of harassment and discrimination, False Claims Act/Qui Tam, whistleblower, FLSA collective actions, employment contract claims, and police misconduct. His cases have received local, national and international press coverage, including stories by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post* and the *International Herald Tribune*. He recently concluded two race discrimination and defamation cases involving five African-American police officers against the City of Minneapolis Police Department, which settled for a combined \$825,000. He presently serves on the Minnesota State Bar Association's Governing Council of the Labor and Employment Law Section. He and his wife, Amy, and their two children, Jack and Clara, live in the heart of Minneapolis.

1994



Leta Gorman has been selected to serve on the faculty of the 2010 IADC Trial Academy. She will apply her skills and experience as a successful litigator to demonstrate different approaches and ideas to solving common trial problems.

She is a shareholder in the Bullivant Houser Bailey Portland office.

Chris Kadas lives in Austin, Texas, with his two children, Dylan, 7, and Nora, 5. He is special counsel for Tax Hearings with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and is board-certified in administrative law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.



Mark McLaughlin became president and CEO of VeriSign, Inc. last August. He sat down with former President Bill Clinton

to mark the 25th anniversary of .com, which VeriSign runs, and discuss the next 25 years of the Internet. His new position requires him to split time between Silicon Valley and the home office in Northern Virginia. He and his wife, Karen, welcomed their third child, Alexander, in February.

Joanna Monroe, vice president and deputy general counsel for TrueBlue, Inc., was appointed by Gov. Chris Gregoire to serve as director on the Jail Industries Board. In addition, she was appointed to the Board of Directors for Frank Tobey Jones, a continuing care retirement community in Tacoma.



Dan Slayton was appointed to the Coconino County Superior Court by Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer.

1995

Aaron Lovaas co-authored a feature article in the October 2009 North American South Asian Bar Association newsletter. The article, "Indian Protectionism in the Global Market," outlines various justifications for Indian economic protectionism, especially in the field of law. It proposed possible solutions to dissolve these incumbent barriers while offering insight regarding benefits that would stem from liberalization.

1996



Joel Kent is head coach of the Rimrock Volleyball team from Central Oregon. Players from his team have achieved six state championships

in two different divisions in the last four years. Beyond their success on the volleyball court, he has assisted the team in obtaining scholarships for their collegiate careers. All six graduating seniors will be attending prestigious universities in the fall, on full or partial volleyball scholarships. He is the managing shareholder for the Central Oregon branch of Stahancyk, Kent, Johnson & Hook. His specialty is complex divorce litigation, custody matters and estate planning.

Patrick Oishi was sworn in as the Pierce County Superior Court Criminal Court Commissioner. His duties are exclusively focused on adult criminal cases. He previously served 12 years as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Pierce County, where he worked on teams that focused on a broad range of criminal offenses.

Kathryn Salensky and Esmeralda "Essie" Musailov '03 founded the Slavic/Eastern European Bar Association to help to address the needs of New York's Slavic/Eastern European immigrant communities, especially immigrants from the former Yugoslavia and Armenia as well as any other countries impacted by war and ethnic cleansing. Kathryn has been elected first vice president of the Network of Barleaders, a bar consisting of the presidents of the 46 diverse bar associations located in the greater New York area. She is principal court attorney to New York State Supreme Court Justice John Byrne.



Jonathan Thames has been promoted to special counsel at Archer Norris in Walnut Creek, Calif. His practice encompasses trial work in the areas of marine

insurance coverage, product liability, catastrophic personal injury and death claims, regulatory violation claims, and pollution/chemical exposure claims.

1997

Craig Sims was named Criminal Division Chief in Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes' office.

1998

Patricia Paul was appointed a 2010 Fellow to the WSBA Leadership Institute.

1999

Lynn Fleischbein, after 10 years in firm-practice, opened her own office, the Law Office of Lynn K. Fleischbein, P.S., in Silverdale, Wash., and will continue her focus in family law, estate planning, probate, and traffic citation defense. Lynn was also the recipient of the Local Hero Award presented by the WSBA Board of Governors to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities.



Laurel Parrish Hook is a managing shareholder of the family law firm Stahancyk, Kent, Johnson & Hook's Portland office. She

specializes in complex divorce litigation, custody matters and estate planning, and exemplifies a spirit of service to the community in which she serves, practicing the firm's belief that "for everything you take from the community you should give back three times."

2000

Nicole Scott Ewing was named one of the Charleston (SC) Regional Business Journal's "Forty Under 40." She works as a lead attorney for the Berkeley County Gov-



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ernment, negotiating and drafting development agreements, researching legal issues and draft ordinances, and representing the county in federal, state and local courts. She's an avid ballroom dancer, especially tango.

2001

Matthew King authored an Insurance Law treatise as part of the Washington Practice series. The volume will be available in the beginning of 2011. His insurance law treatise joins his two other works on Washington Environmental and Land use, and Washington Construction Law manuals.

Jennifer Mackay is the director of Estate Planning Services at the Amicus Law Group. She and her husband, Chad, recently celebrated their 12th Anniversary and they are proud parents to Eliot, 5, and Owen, 2. Mackay Restaurants have assisted many charitable organizations with their fundraising efforts. In May, she and Chad chaired the Celebrity Waiters Auction for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Delaney Miller started his own firm, the Law Office of Delaney L. Miller, P.C., in Portland, Oregon. His practice focuses on civil litigation, with an emphasis on personal injury, property damage, and trust and estate disputes.



Thuy Nguyen-Leeper is program manager for Washington Attorneys Assisting Community Organizations. Founded in 2004, WAACO's mission is to promote community development and organizational capacity-building in Washington State by helping charitable and community-based nonprofit organizations and low-income microentrepreneurs obtain free legal assistance on business-related matters. She will also be the co-president of the Asian Bar Association of Washington in 2011.

Andrew Stines joined Sunwest Bank, based in Tustin, California, as senior vice president and chief risk officer. A member of the Washington State Bar Association since 2001, he is also a certified anti-money laundering specialist. He has previously served as principal and consultant for the Regulatory Compliance Group of Free Vector Advisors, LLC and spent six years as a manager in the Financial Services Regulatory Practice team with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, headquartered in New York.

2002

Ericka Curran is an assistant professor of clinical skills at Florida Coastal Law School in Jacksonville and runs its immigrant rights clinic.

Kristine Kuzemka, works in the Clark County Public Defender's Office in Las Vegas. Previously, she served as law clerk to District Court Judge David Wall and was a board member of We Care—Recovery Center, a program that intervenes to assist people fighting drug and alcohol addiction. She is a panel member for the Lawyer's Assistance Program, which aids attorneys with alcoholism, substance abuse and other addictions become productive and effective representatives for their clients.



Jonathan Rands opened his own law practice in Bellingham, Wash., which focuses on criminal defense for clients charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Jennifer Sanscrainte was named a partner at Short Cressmen & Burgess PLLC in Seattle. She concentrates her practice on environmental, Federal Indian, and municipal law, with a special emphasis on water law issues, hazardous waste clean-ups, environmental insurance claims, and environmental claims in bankruptcy.

2003

Jonathan Dichter opened a new firm, the Dichter Law Office in Mill Creek, Wash., which will focus on criminal and DUI defense. He and his wife, Amber, welcomed their first child, Elizabeth Noelle, Oct. 18, 2009.

Dylan Eaton and Whitney Faulkner Eaton welcomed their son, Alexander Eaton on February 27, 2010. Dylan is an Associate at Hall, Farley, Oberrecht and Blanton, P.A. in Boise, Idaho, and Whitney is a Deputy Ada County Prosecutor.

Jean Jorgensen and Dallyne Singleton formed a new firm, Singleton & Jorgensen, Inc.

P.S. with two offices—one in Renton and one in Port Orchard. Jean emphasizes all areas of employment, real estate, civil, commercial and general litigation; Dallyne emphasizes all areas of personal injury law, including automobile injuries, insurance claims, wrongful death, probate and estate planning. The firm's one year anniversary was March 1.



Esmeralda "Essie" Musailov and Kathryn Salensky '96 founded the Slavic/Eastern European Bar Association to help to address the needs of New York's Slavic/Eastern European immigrant communities, especially immigrants from the former Yugoslavia and Armenia as well as any other countries impacted by war and ethnic cleansing. Essie is a criminal defense attorney.



Shyrell Reed was promoted to partner at the law firm of LeClair-Ryan in the Richmond, Va., office. She concentrates her practice in the area of medical malpractice defense. She defends physicians, nurses, hospitals, nursing homes and other health care providers against

medical malpractice, catastrophic injury, and wrongful death claims in both state and federal courts throughout Virginia. She also represents health care providers before various state licensing boards of the Virginia Department of Health Professions.

Jerry Sprute joined the Edmonds office of Johnson & Nagaich as an attorney and counselor at-law.

2004



George Alabi was elected to the Executive Development Institute's Board of Directors. EMI is a non-profit agency with a mission of developing culturally diverse leaders.

Brian Beattie is an attorney for the Seattle public defender agency Associated Counsel for the Accused (ACA). He just had his first novel published, "Off Locusts and Wild Honey."



Justin R. Boland, a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, accepted a one-year assignment to Iraq with DOJ. He has been assigned to the Iraqi province of Najaf and is engaged in assisting the Iraqi judiciary and police to transition from a confession based investigation methodology to an enhanced reliance on documentary and forensic evidence. He is managing a criminal defense project for incarcerated Iraqis and a program that provides free legal services to Iraqi widows seeking financial benefits owed to them by the Government of Iraq. His assignment to Iraq follows over two years of successful Rule of Law development work throughout Afghanistan in 2007-2009 on behalf of the US Department of State and work as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Snohomish County in 2004-2007.

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Class notes



Jonathan Palmer had his first Washington State Supreme Court victory in "State v. Hall."

2005

Lucinda Dunlap moved to Chihak & Gustad, LLC in Seattle, which specializes in Social Security Disability law. After working with the Seattle Community Law Center's (SCLC) Disabled Homeless Advocacy Project since 2006, she now enjoys this work that is a means of promoting systemic change throughout the Social Security Administration.



Laura Morrison has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the YWCA Maricopa County. The YWCA of Maricopa County is a non-profit organization that has served Maricopa County, Arizona since 1914. The YWCA improves the quality of community life by promoting racial justice and economic advancement of women. The YWCA provides essential services to disabled adults, abused and homeless women, children, seniors, as well as those seeking respect in a multicultural community.

Sarica Parton accepted a position in the Legal Contracts department at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



Capt. Alex Straub has been selected to attend the 2010 Judge Advocate Officer's Graduate Course/LL.M.

program accredited by the American Bar Association, where he will earn a Master of Laws degree in Military Law. Selection is competitive, and each class is comprised of attorneys from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, as well as international military students and Department of the Army civilian attorneys.

Rachel Winship opened Tarascio & Winship, a family legal-services center in Mesa, Arizona. The business is dedicated to helping the poor get access to justice and offers limited representation to clients with low to moderate incomes.

2006

Kathleen (Hammer) Casper moved across the country with her four children, multiple pets, horses, and husband, Brad. She now spends her days teaching writing at a school

for gifted students in Largo, Florida, and her evenings working long-distance as a contract attorney for Washington State attorneys and clients in the areas of family law and estate law. She also assists with bankruptcy cases at the Brunoforte Law Firm, P.A. in Clearwater, Florida.



States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Christine Radocha was promoted to associate director of Business and Legal Affairs in the legal department at Demand Media, one of the fastest growing Internet companies, based in Santa Monica, Calif. Demand Media is emerging as one of the leading content providers on the internet, the second largest domain registrar in the world, and a top player as a social media application service provider with more than 600 employees worldwide.

Catherine Vuong is an associate at Helsell Fetterman LLP in Seattle. Her areas of practice include business and real estate transactions, commercial disputes and class actions. She is also a member of the Washington State Bar Association, Asian Bar Association of Washington, and Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington.



Davin Chin joined the Seattle office of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt as an associate. His practice will focus on intellectual property.

Brad Doll practices in the areas of land use, natural resources and environmental litigation at Tupper Mack Brower in Seattle.



Elizabeth (Alvarado) Garcia and Carlos Garcia '08 welcomed their

first child, Gael Moctezuma Garcia, April 14, 2010, in Edinburg, Texas.

John Kendall was named a partner at the West Linn, Oregon, firm Blunck & Walhood, LLC. His principal areas of practice include construction defect litigation, construction work-site injuries, auto accident defense, and general liability. Prior to entering the legal profession, he was the president for nine years of Kendall Homes, Inc., a residential general contractor located in Seattle.

David Ko joined the law firm of Keller Rohrback L.L.P., where he practices in the firm's nationally recognized complex litigation group, and represents plaintiffs primarily in federal courts in the areas of ERISA-related class action, securities fraud, and consumer protection. Prior to joining Keller Rohrback, he completed a two-year clerkship with the Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez, United

2007



Hozaifa Cassubhai is an associate with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. He maintains a diverse litigation practice and remains active in several organizations including the King County Bar Association and the South Asian Bar Association of Washington.

Brian Considine received the inaugural Recent Graduate Award from Seattle University School of Law during Alumni Weekend, honoring for dedication and leadership to the alumni of SU Law. (Read more on pg. 31)



Amie (Hirsch) Lindenboim passed the Massachusetts Bar Exam in February. She has recently moved with her husband to Brookline, which neighbors Boston, and is researching opportunities there.

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Tony Ravani has been named to the LSU E.J. Ourso College of Business Dean's Advisory Council and will serve on its globalization committee; he earned his MS degree from there in 1980. He is the principal attorney with Lotus Law Group, has built three successful start-up companies sold through mergers/acquisitions, and was a former executive of Microsoft and Exxon Mobil.

Jamal Whitehead left the Seattle office of Garvey Schubert Barer after a three-year stint, to work for the federal government as an EEOC trial attorney in the Seattle field office. In his new role, he'll be responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against job applicants or employees because of their race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information.



2008



Mark Arend is an associate at Nelson Carver in Tacoma, where his practice focuses on Real Estate, Business, Tax, and Estate Planning. He is a member of The Honorable Robert J. Bryan Inn of Court, the Washington State Bar Association's Professionalism Committee, the Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association's Convention Committee, and the Federal Bar Association's WDWA Ethics and Practice Committee. He volunteers with WSBA's Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project and also serves with TPCBA's Volunteer Legal Services.

Lyn Arnold passed the Maryland State Bar and joined the Society for Conservation Biology as a Policy Assistant.

Stacey Michelson joined the Bexar County District Attorney's Office in San Antonio, Texas, as a prosecutor.

Matthew Sullivan is an associate at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, where he handles a range of complex legal issues.

Tracy Thompson Grant married fellow graduate **Andrew Grant '09** on Sept. 19, 2009, at the Woodmark Hotel, in Kirkland. Following the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Mazatlan, Mexico. She practices law at Ogden Murphy Wallace and he is an attorney at Perkins Coie, both in Seattle.

Linda Worthington is the directing attorney for the Disabled Homeless Advocacy Project at the Seattle Community Law Center. She manages a program that assists homeless individuals with mental illness in establishing eligibility for federal disability benefits. This includes helping them with the initial application paperwork, filing timely appeals, and providing direct representation of her clients at Administrative Law hearings.

2009

Anna Cashman will graduate this June with her LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Washington.



Megan Hale joined Tamaki Law as an associate attorney in its Yakima office. A Chicago native, she also has a bachelor's degree with a dual concentration in psychology and criminal justice from Indiana University.

Scarlett Hunter joined the Seattle office of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt as an associate. Her practice will focus on products liability.



Rachel Luke opened her own firm, The Law Office of Rachel Luke, in Seattle. Her practice focuses on

estate planning, elder law and family law.

Sarah Lysons was appointed the new project coordinator attorney at the Center for Children and Youth Justice, working on the Lawyers Fostering Youth program.

Jeffrey Schaap joined the Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney's office as a deputy prosecuting attorney in the district court division.



Jennifer Smith is an associate at Lane Powell PC, where she focuses her practice on insurance and maritime litigation.

Alexis Vermaas was selected as a U.S. Marine Corps Judge Advocate.

Wendy Winfield joined the Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney's office as a deputy prosecuting attorney in the district court division.

In Memoriam

1982



Carolyn Howser Williamson, beloved wife and mother, and a retired Pierce County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney who worked to help improve the legal process of mental health involuntary commitments in Pierce County died Dec. 17, 2009, after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 67.

Carolyn practiced law for 24 years in the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office and was a member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar and the Federal Bar. In the early 1990's, Carolyn became an advocate for mental health issues and served on the boards of local and state affiliates of the Community Action for the Mentally Ill Offender and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and was passionate about seeking justice for those who could not help themselves.

Carolyn loved music, history, and literature and was an active church member and member of several interfaith organizations that sought to integrate religious and progressive values to promote freedom, tolerance and peace.

1998

Beverly Ann Greene died April 22, 2010, at 43 after a courageous battle with melanoma. An accomplished and self-made woman, she put herself through school obtaining several degrees over her lifetime, including her J.D.

She had a successful career combining her law degree, finance background and business savvy to build her own company, Communicare, Inc. Charity work and the welfare of others were always a priority for Beverly. She donated her heart, time and skills to numerous charities including Emily's List, the Foundation for a Sustainable Future and Wardrobe for Success. Even while working full time to put herself through law school she found ways to contribute to charities including donating to children's charities abroad and rescuing numerous cats from shelters. Beverly gave of herself tirelessly and was an example to all around her.

An avid world traveler, she was passionate about world politics, tennis, skiing, learning foreign languages, and understanding other cultures. Her vivacious laughter, ever-twinkling eyes and constant smile made her a pure joy to know and love.



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July 13–16

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Officers

July 29

Washington State Bar Exam Conclusion
Celebration

August 10–12

NITA Northwest Deposition Skills
Program

September 9–10

Focus Forward: Creating a Safer
Future for DV Survivors and Children
Second Annual Domestic Violence
Symposium

September 17

Constitution Day

September 22

Bond ABA Moot Court Competition

September 29

Externship Fair

September 29

Golf Tournament CLE: "Par Fore the
Courts"
Newcastle Golf Course

October 4

Red Mass

October 23

Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition

November 18

Alumni Networking Reception

December 17

Baccalaureate Mass and Reception

December 18

Winter Commencement