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Dean's perspective



It's hard to believe my first year as dean of Seattle University School of Law is already coming to a close. I came here knowing the law school is a revered in the legal academy, recognized for its model Legal Writing Program, distinguished centers and institutes, an outstanding and diverse faculty, staff and student body and the life-changing Access Admission Program and Academic Resource Center, which is preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary in the fall.

What I have been delighted to learn since settling in Seattle is how respected the law school is by our alumni and friends in the legal community in Washington and beyond. The commitment of the School of Law to promoting social justice in Seattle and Tacoma, throughout Washington and the nation has given rise to a legion of supporters.

I'm so proud of what Seattle University School of Law is – and what it can be. We are the law school that educates lawyers who serve the vital needs of this community, that produces graduates who for generations will be leaders of the profession and pillars of justice. Our graduates are public defenders, prosecutors, judges, lawmakers, and educators. They are pro bono lawyers and social justice advocates, entrepreneurs and litigators and they are changing the face of the legal practice in Washington.

Our students aspire to be leaders for justice as well, no matter what area of the law they pursue. I am committed to helping them achieve their goals, from providing scholarships and fellowships, to expanding our internship and externship opportunities in Washington, D.C., Alaska and internationally. Many are serving summer public interest internships, and May graduates received post-graduate social justice fellowships. I aim to make more of those available to our social justice minded students.

I want to thank Professors Marilyn Berger and Melinda Branscomb for their many years of excellent service to the law school. I wish them well in their retirements and look forward to lasting relationships with them.

While saying farewell, we also look forward to welcoming three impressive new faculty members this fall: Professor Steve Bender, who will join the faculty from the University of Oregon School of Law, and Assistant Professors Diane Lourdes Dick and Charlotte Garden. I also look forward to implementing our innovative new first-year curriculum this fall.

I am particularly proud of the law school's involvement in the granting of honorary degrees upon Japanese American students whose educations were disrupted by their unjust removal during World War II. This is a perfect example of why I was so eager to come to this law school, a place that is educating leaders for justice.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Niles". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Uri (Satow) Matsuda, who was forced from her nursing program at Seattle College and sent to an internment camp, outside Seattle's Keiro Nursing Home. Photo by Marcus Donner.

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The view from the Space Needle. Photo by Jennifer Richard.



Arthur Schwab, Stephen Thomas and Angeline Thomas celebrate their graduation.



Student speaker Victoria Slade thanks her classmates for their support and laughter.

Congrats grads!

Seattle University School of Law conferred degrees on 265 graduates at Commencement Sunday, May 15, at KeyArena. This year's class is diverse, with the largest representation of international students on record, including students from the Bahamas, Canada, India, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

The class of 2011 includes a French lawyer, a Tacoma neurosurgeon, a former police officer and a former minor league baseball player. The class includes two married couples who started and finished law school together. At least eight babies were born to students during the past three years.

Four graduates were recognized for their achievements. The Dean's Medal was presented to Brian Guerard, who has served as president of the Student Bar Association, and Kurt Kruckeberg, who was editor of the Seattle University Law Review. Reyna Ramolette Hayashi and Kathrine Price, who have both excelled academically and been active in student organizations and as social justice advocates, were named faculty scholars. View more photos from graduation at www.law.seattleu.edu/x7033.xml.

International Human Rights Clinic expands focus to Africa court and commission



Building on his experience with other human rights courts, Professor Tom Antkowiak and his students are helping a fledgling human rights court in Africa.

The International Human Rights Clinic began collaborating last fall with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. Students provide technical assistance to enable the Commission to work with the new African Court on Human Rights. Both provide human rights protection for the entire continent of Africa.

The Commission hears cases of extreme human rights violations from citizens who have tried to obtain justice in their own countries.

The victims can take their complaints to the Commission, who will hopefully be able to forward them to the new Court.

His charge was to provide technical support for the Commission to establish procedures and strategies to send cases to the Court. Very few regulations have been established, and there are many logistical, political, and cultural barriers. The Commission is located in The Gambia in western Africa, and the court is on the opposite side of the continent in Tanzania.

Most of Antkowiak's expertise has been in Latin America, and he has had several students involved with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, where he was a senior attorney.

"I've been hoping to do a project in Africa since I came to the law school," he said. "This is a key juncture for the Commission and it made a lot of sense to reach out to them."

Students researched similar bodies in Europe and Latin America, analyzed procedures and case law, and identified many best practices – and mistakes – to create an in-depth report for the Commission. Antkowiak said he’s not aware of any other law clinic in the United States doing similar work with the African system. Some students may continue their work this semester as volunteers.

Rebecca Rook, one of the four students on the clinic team, said she learned about regional human rights systems, as well as the types of violations that occur throughout the African Continent.

“This project is very important because the African human rights system is basically on the edge of history,” she said. “I am very excited to be part of what they do, and to see what the future holds for the relationship between the Commission and the Court. The bottom line is that human rights will be protected. And victims will have a judicial remedy.”

Antkowiak helped secure a summer internship with the Commission for a Seattle University School of Law student, as he also did with the Inter-American Court. The law school has several other connections to Africa, including a summer program focusing on global justice in Johannesburg and Legal Writing training programs for lawyers and judges in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Law school marks 25th anniversary competition named for former Dean Tausend

The School of Law marked the 25th anniversary of the Fredric C. Tausend Moot Court Competition this year, honoring past winners, judges and the man for whom the competition is named.

Tausend is a well-respected lawyer and former dean of the law school. He first joined the law school in 1975 as an adjunct professor while in private law practice. He served as dean from 1980-1986. When he returned to his law practice, the law school’s moot court competition was renamed in his honor.

“Dean Tausend left a lasting and important legacy for the law school,” said Christopher Rideout, associate director of the Legal Writing Program. “He is an exemplary lawyer, educator and human being. He inspires everyone he works with – through his intelligence, his wit and his generous spirit. He genuinely cared about law students, their educations, and their careers. Twenty-five years after his departure, we remain a law school that is still shaped by his vision, and today we honor him and thank him for his many contributions.”

The first Tausend competition was held in 1986. The Tacoma News Tribune ran a story and photo about it, featuring Vickie Churchill making an argument. She won that competition, and she is now an accomplished judge in Island County. She is one of many people who benefited from their Moot Court experiences. More than a dozen past



Former Dean Fred Tausend shares a laugh with Judge Anita Crawford-Willis '86.

competitors will serve as judges for rounds leading up to the finals.

“This wonderful competition does an excellent job of preparing young lawyers-to-be for the rigors of briefing and arguing cases in any court,” said Ken Masters, a 1992 graduate and appellate lawyer who has judged more than 75 rounds.

In fact, one of his partners, Shelby Lemmel '02, is a past Tausend winner and remains a Moot Court coach and judge. Masters said he first discovered her while judging a competition.

Tausend believed in setting and maintaining high standards and opening the profession of law to under-represented groups. He formed the school’s Academic Resource Center program and the acclaimed Legal Writing program.

“Dean Tausend has been a great mentor to literally hundreds, and probably to thousands of lawyers, including me,” Masters said. “I was very honored when Fred asked me to regularly participate as a semi-final judge in his competition. I see the competitions named in his honor and other moot court competitions as great opportunities to share his example of professionalism.”

Law school joins State Bar to increase access to justice with Moderate Means Program

Every year, thousands of individuals and families across Washington face legal problems without the benefit of counsel because they make too much money to qualify for free legal services but not enough to afford to hire an attorney at prevailing rates. The three law schools in Washington have joined forces with the Washington State Bar Association to address this systemic problem.

Through the WSBA Moderate Means Program, students at the state’s three law schools will handle case intake, interview clients under the supervision of program attorneys, and then refer qualifying cases to

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attorneys from across the state that WSBA has recruited. Attorneys in the program agree to represent the clients at reduced rates. The program will serve those who earn between 200 and 400 percent of the federal poverty level and have legal issues related to housing, family or consumer law.

The program began operating this spring, starting within Seattle University School of Law's Access to Justice Institute. It will expand to Gonzaga and the University of Washington.

Clay Wilson, who worked at Northwest Justice Project's CLEAR statewide legal aid hotline for 13 years and oversaw its Contract Attorney Program, is the Seattle attorney for the program. He has been training students to take calls and perform client intake. He will confer on cases and work with other organizations to get the word out about the new services. He will work closely with Laurie Powers, his counterpart based at Gonzaga.

"There is a lot of pent-up demand," Wilson said. "Many people of moderate means have serious legal issues. Some are domestic violence victims. Some are in danger or losing their homes. Some have a disability or are elderly and not able to advocate for themselves and are taken advantage of. Many are people who are working and paying taxes. If they don't get help, they can lose their ability to maintain their housing, protect their children and remain gainfully employed.

The program is a perfect fit with Seattle University School of Law's social justice mission, and ATJI.

"This innovative partnership between WBSA and the three law schools is the first of its kind in the country and will provide much-needed services," said Diana Singleton, director of the Access to Justice Institute.

The WSBA has been wrestling with this service gap for years.

"Through the Moderate Means Program, numerous clients will be given greater access to the legal system," said WSBA President Steven Toole. "Law students throughout the state will receive hands-on opportunities to learn about legal issues affecting Washingtonians

while honing important skills. Attorneys in Washington will be given opportunities to serve moderate-income clients and engage in public service initiatives associated with the very fabric of the legal profession."

Colleagues, alumni remember founding professor Tom Holdych

Tom Holdych, professor emeritus and a founding faculty member at the law school, died of ALS on Easter Sunday, April 24. He taught the very first class at the law school on Sept. 5, 1972, and he helped shape the law school into what it is today.



Professor Holdych taught thousands of students in contracts and commercial law. He was a beloved teacher, often cited by alumni as their most memorable professor, and a cherished faculty member.

"Tom was a great teacher," wrote his former colleague, Professor Peter Tillers of Cardoza Law. "He devoted hours and hours to class preparation. He always taught with great rigor. And he cared for his students and spent immense amounts of time with them. His students feared his rigor – and they adored him. I will always be grateful that Tom encouraged me to teach with as much rigor as I could – regardless of the possible consequences."

"It's never fair when we lose someone who made such a difference to so many students, but to quote Professor Holdych, 'Fair? What does fair have to do with it?'" wrote Justin Park '98. "Thank you for teaching me the mental rigor needed to do this job well, Professor!"

Holdych served as faculty advisor for the Christian Legal Society and on the oversight committee for the Union Gospel Mission Open Door Legal Services.

New associate dean joins law school

Lisa Barton joined the law school as associate dean for advancement and external relations in February. She oversees the areas of development, alumni relations and communications. She has extensive and diverse experience in advancement and alumni relations.

She received her J.D., *cum laude* in 1997 from William Mitchell College of Law, where she was most recently the director of development. Prior to returning to her alma mater to work, she served as the executive director of principal gifts at the University of Utah and at the George Washington University Law School in several positions, including director of alumni relations and associate director of development. She began her legal career as a law clerk for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.



Surviving family include his wife Carolyn, son Stephen (Laura) and grandsons Nate, Cameron, Ryan, and Luke; son David (Tien-Li) and grandson Micah; and sister Robbyn (Neil) Van Vleet.

Grant aids law school's voting rights work



The National Voting Rights Advocacy Initiative based at Seattle University School of Law received a \$100,000 grant from the Open Society Institute to continue its important work to ensure fairness in voting.

"This grant will provide critical financial support for these ongoing voting rights activities," said Joaquin Avila, the director of the program and a distinguished practitioner in residence at the law school. "No other law school in the country has a similar program designed to integrate law students with voting rights advocacy efforts aimed at politically empowering minority communities."

The Initiative has been working on various projects to politically empower local minority communities to navigate the complex process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts. The federal Voting Rights Act has been an effective tool in assisting minority communities to prevent the implementation of redistricting plans that discriminate against minority voting strength.

The National Voting Rights Advocacy Initiative is housed within the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality at Seattle University School of School. The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens.

U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan named Woman of the Year

The School of Law and the Women's Law Caucus presented the 2011 Woman of the Year Award to Jenny A. Durkan, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington.

Dean Mark Niles said Durkan's professional accomplishments and commitment to justice make her a worthy recipient.

"I've been told the surest way to get Jenny to do something is to tell her how it will help someone else," Dean Mark Niles said.

Durkan was grateful for the award and stressed that many mentors and role models helped her get where she is.

"You are already leaders," she told the women in the audience at a luncheon in her honor March 31. "By the actions you take every day you make a difference. I encourage you to be intentional in your actions to make your community, your society, better."

The Woman of the Year Award is presented annually to recognize an accomplished leader who is committed to women's issues and is a role model for young women across the state.



U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan talks with students at a reception honoring her as Woman of the Year. Photo by Marcus Donner.

Durkan has been the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington since October 2009. Under her leadership, the office is increasing its efforts in enforcing intellectual property laws and combating the ever-increasing threat of cyber/digital crimes. She is also revitalizing the office's prosecutions in the areas of fraud and white collar crimes, environmental crimes, illegal gun sales and civil rights enforcement. The chief obligation of the office remains combating terrorism.

She serves on the national Attorney General's Advisory Committee and as Chair of the Sub-Committee on Cyber Crime and Intellectual Property. She also serves on the Department of Justice's Intellectual Property Enforcement Task Force and its Computer Forensics Working Group. Her civic involvement includes serving on the non-profit board of the Center for Women and Democracy from 2000 to 2009, as a founding Board Member for the Seattle Police Foundation from 2002 to 2004, and as the Chair of the Washington State Attorney General's Task Force on Consumer Privacy, which resulted in legislation that became a national model for identity theft protections.

SU Law at Work hits final days; fiscal year ends June 30

SU Law at Work is in its final days of friendly competition. Alumni at participating firms and agencies can get their contributions in by June 30 to reach 100 percent participation.

SU Law at Work allows alumni at law firms and organizations the opportunity to reconnect with their alma mater while promoting a healthy and fun competition designed to encourage participation in the Annual Fund for Excellence.

This year's participants are Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Eisenhower & Carlson, PLLC, Foster Pepper PLLC, Gordon Thomas Honeywell

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LLP, K&L Gates, Ogden Murphy Wallace Perkins Coie and the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office

Those involved in SU Law at Work – or anyone who wants to support the law school's important work – are urged to make their gifts by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. You can make a gift online at www.law.seattleu.edu/Giving.xml or use the envelope enclosed in this issue.

ARC celebrates 25 years of changing the face of the legal profession

The Academic Resource Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary of an access admissions program with special programs Sept. 9 and 10. Seattle University School of Law is one of the few remaining that continue to practice a holistic application review process to admit students who don't meet traditional admission criteria but show great promise. More than 700 graduates of the program are making a difference in the profession.

Plans include a CLE on access and diversity in the legal profession Friday, Sept. 9, followed by a reception. A reunion dinner for ARC alumni will Saturday, Sept. 10.

Details will be posted on the law school website as the date approaches. For more information, contact ARC Director Paula Lustbader at lusty@seattleu.edu. Former TAs from the program are asked to contact Nora Santos at santosl@seattleu.edu.

John Mitchell installed as Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence

Longtime Professor John Mitchell was installed as the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence.

Mitchell presented a lecture, "Teaching and the Three Gifts," in which he talked about what he has gained during his 30 years of teaching: the gift of community, the gift of fun and the gift of hope. His talk was as his lectures in class often are: animated, humorous, touching, and involving the use of a prop: a fuzzy pink puppet.

Professor Alan Kirtley of the University of Washington School of Law and former director of the clinical program at Seattle University School of Law, introduced Mitchell. Kirtley praised Mitchell's legal skills, teaching and character.

"John is the best law teacher I know," Kirtley said. "Other than my family, he is the best person that I know, and he's my best friend."

Mitchell is a respected and beloved teacher and scholar, whose expertise lies in trial advocacy, criminal law and evidence. His publications include "Pretrial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis, and Strategy," "Trial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis, and Strategy" and "Trial Advocacy: Assignments and Case Files," "Understanding Assisted Suicide: Nine



Professor John Mitchell talks with Professor Mark Chinen, who held the Oltman Professorship previously.

Issues to Consider," "Washington Evidence Trial Book: Objections, Offers of Proof, Rulings on the Record, and Limiting Instructions." Students have selected him four times to be their faculty graduation speaker.

The professorship is named for Professor William C. Oltman, who retired from Seattle University School of Law in 2008 after 34 years of outstanding teaching in the areas of property and trusts and estates. Professor Oltman demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence, demanding the best of himself, his students and his colleagues. He is also co-author of the leading treatise on wills and trusts under Washington law.

Equal Justice Works Summer Corps includes 10 SU students

Ten Seattle University School of Law students were named to the Equal Justice Works Summer Corps, which provides law students with the opportunity to dedicate their summer to a legal project at a nonprofit public interest organizations.

Summer Corps members expand the delivery of critically needed legal assistance in low-income and underserved communities across the country on a broad range of issue areas. They work on a broad range of issues, including civil rights, community economic development, death penalty, disability rights, housing, domestic violence, education, public benefits and workers' rights.

Each will receive a \$1,132 AmeriCorps education award upon completion of service at a nonprofit organization. Members 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.



Law school expands opportunities in D.C. and Alaska

A new Summer in D.C. Program and an expanding Alaska program are extending the law school's reach.

The Summer in D.C. program will provide students vital career experience and the opportunity to network with legal professionals in the nation's capital.

"Students will be working at firms and agencies in a variety of settings, gaining experience they wouldn't be exposed to in Seattle," said Shawn Lipton, assistant dean for the Center for Professional Development who helped shape the program.

Among the opportunities this year are an internship with the Washington Post, the Government Accountability Project, the Center for Enterprise Development, the firm of Woodley & McGillivray and the Polaris Project, dedicated to combating human trafficking.

The law school also will offer a three-credit course on Legislative Law and Policy taught mainly taught by Thomas M. Bondy, who

has been an attorney with the Department of Justice's Civil Division, Appellate Staff since 1986. Dean Mark Niles will teach several of those classes.

Niles' extensive experience in the D.C. legal community helped launch the program in his first year as dean.

"Many of our students want to stay in the Northwest after graduation, but others have their sights on different regions," Niles said. "The D.C. area is an exciting place to be a lawyer, and we're committed to providing as many opportunities there as we can."

As part of its longstanding Study Law in Alaska Program, the law school is cosponsoring a CLE and reception in Anchorage June 23. The ethics CLE "Creating Collegiality Among Adversaries" features Dean Mark Niles and Alaska Supreme Court Justice Walter Carpeneti. Gov. Sean Parnell '87 will give remarks at the reception.

"One of my priorities for the law school is to expand our efforts and presence in Alaska and create a pre-eminent, comprehensive academic program that establishes Seattle

University as the central player in legal education in the state," Niles said.

Alaska is the only state in the country without a law school, and it presents an array of issues of keen interest to the law school. The well-established Study Law in Alaska Program, in partnership with the University of Alaska Anchorage, has been in existence for nearly a decade. The program offers a four-credit class taught by faculty who are experts in their fields, as well as internships and a variety of events to expose students to the Anchorage and larger Alaska legal communities.

It is the perfect platform upon which to build and expand relations in Alaska from its legal communities to alumni and law students from across the country.

"This is a wonderful way for Seattle University to show our commitment and solidify our expansion in being a key player in legal education throughout Alaska," said Stephanie Nichols '06, who is originally from Fairbanks, Alaska, and directs the Law School's Study Law in Alaska Program.

Professors Berger and Branscomb retire

Professors Marilyn Berger and Melinda Branscomb, who helped shape the practical skills programs at the law school, retired this spring.

A pioneering woman on the faculty, Berger joined the law school in 1978 and was the first woman to receive tenure. She developed the Comprehensive Trial Advocacy Program and the Films for Justice Institute.

For most of her career, she was a stalwart in the first year, teaching Civil Procedure to students who were surprised and excited by her inventive approach to teaching. Her deepest and longest-lasting contribution to the law school will be her work creating and directing the Comprehensive Trial Advocacy Program, which helps students develop the habits of preparation and deep thinking that distinguish truly exceptional lawyers. She will continue to direct that program.

Berger established the Films for Justice Institute in 1995, producing a set of teaching materials based on the case documented in “A Civil Action,” that has been used at law schools around the country. Her most recent film project was “Out of the Ashes: 9/11,” a documentary she produced about the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.

Professor Berger continues to lecture and write in the areas of gender, film and the law, and advocacy, exploring issues about the relationship of storytelling and its intersection with law.

“Sometimes I’m just in awe of Marilyn,” said Professor John Mitchell, a longtime colleague and co-author. “She’s given so much to this school: the Comprehensive Trial program; moving our scholarship out of the box of the solely textually-based law review article to the use of other medium, such as film; laying the path for, and being a vocal proponent of, diversity in the faculty; and decades of relevant, demanding teaching.”

Melinda Branscomb led the law school’s Labor and Employment Law curriculum for two decades and created a thriving Dispute Resolution Board.

She was trained as a mediator in 1989, the year she joined the law faculty, and has spearheaded the integration of dispute resolution courses into the law school’s curriculum and created an active board. Teams she has coached and mentored in the ABA’s competitions in Negotiation, Client Counseling, and Mediation consistently have placed at the highest levels regionally and nationally.

Branscomb has always sought to have an impact well beyond the classroom. She worked closely with the King County Bar Association/Labor and Employment Law Section to secure an endowment to fund student opportunities in dispute resolution and labor law and serves as a Special Education Mediator for the State of Washington. She also has served as a mentor for mediators-in-training at two dispute resolution centers, and she conducts Continuing Legal Education programs and in-service trainings for mediators.

“Melinda cares deeply about the future of the profession,” said Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development Natasha Martin. “Her commitment is manifest in her innovative approaches to infusing skills in her courses and championing increased skills development throughout the entire curriculum, including her mediation and negotiation offerings. She has added tremendous value in her advancement of opportunities for students and enriching their overall educational experiences.”



Marilyn Berger



Melinda Branscomb with Provost Isiaah Crawford

The Promise of Civility

By Professor Paula Lustbader

Recently my son, daughter, and “adopted” daughter bemoaned the current state of affairs of global and domestic political, environmental, educational, economical, medical, technological, and societal arenas. They felt overwhelmed by the immensity and complexity of these ubiquitous problems, none of which had simple solutions. Where could they even begin to make a difference? Worse, citing materialism, reality television, texting, multitasking, lack of critical thinking and reflection, they all expressed serious doubt whether their generation was even “up to the task” of trying to take on any issues.

As I listened, I reflected on my own generation and the immensity of the problems we faced. I remembered the “duck and cover” drills to prepare us for nuclear annihilation. I recalled the peace marches in the early 1970s: one ended in San Francisco Golden Gate Park, with Jefferson Airplane playing a free concert in the background. I watched two minority groups come to physical blows over which group was more oppressed. The irony wasn’t lost on me.

Today, we witness such scenes on YouTube and network TV, as society’s lack of civility has become epidemic – and many of these profanity-laced outbursts stem from minor disagreements over insignificant matters.

It’s time lawyers take the lead on restoring and fostering civility in our culture. Civility calls upon us to engage in difficult conversations about race, gender, otherness, and values; civility calls upon us to effectively

advocate without losing our humanity; and civility calls upon us to find the right mechanism to resolve the situation. We can behave civilly by actively listening, by understanding our own biases and assumptions, and by treating others as we would like to be treated. Finally, we behave civilly when we commit ourselves to a cause and challenge ourselves to make a contribution in our world.

I suggested my children commit themselves to fostering civility as well, by practicing consciousness, creativity, and community, which are the tenets of The Promise of Civility series co-sponsored by Seattle University School of Law and Robert’s Fund.

Consciousness makes us more aware of how our actions impact others; how our own triggers cause us to behave uncivilly; and how we should question whether we are living our lives in harmony with our values. Creativity provides an outlet for self-discovery and reflection; provides an opportunity to see different perspectives; and provides flexibility that facilitates finding solutions to problems and resolutions to conflicts. Community enables us to avoid isolation and connect with our humanity; encourages us to recognize that the benefits we enjoy should be balanced by service to others; and enhances our ability to make a difference by joining forces with our neighbors.

When my father asked me to help establish a small family foundation to foster civility in a world we share with others to honor his late brother, I thought the task was daunting. But after we flailed about looking at areas to



target, Robert’s Fund began to focus on one little corner where we could make a difference – the legal profession. The lack of civility in the legal profession has reached epidemic proportions.

Lawyers influence society. They shape our values and laws as judges and as politicians. Lawyers also serve vital roles in private industry. Even when they are not in leadership positions, they are often the ones who negotiate and set policy for these organizations. Lawyers also work with individual clients to either prevent conflict in transactional practices, to resolve conflict in litigation, or to counsel clients in distress. Finally, they serve as leaders and role models in our respective communities in their capacity as lawyers or as members of a group.

The foundation joined forces with Seattle University School of Law to provide programs for law students and lawyers on The Civility Promise, a series of CLEs culminating in an in-depth seminar in Italy in October. A collaboration with the Washington State

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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** published "The Muslim Manchurian Candidate: Barack Obama, Rumors, and Quotidian Hermeneutics" in the St.

John's Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development and "The Homeowners' Illusory Safety Net: Mortgage Broker Surety Liability" in the Gonzaga Law Review. He also co-authored "The Status of Clinical Faculty in the Legal Academy: The Case for Unitary Tenure" in the Journal of Legal Education. He was appointed to serve on the planning committee for the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education's 2011 Conference, and was selected as lead presenter at the 6th Worldwide Global Alliance for Justice Conference and the 9th International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference. His topic is "The Mortgage Lending and Foreclosure Crisis—On The Ground, Around the World: How Are Law Clinics Assisting Home Dwellers Secure Economic Justice?"

Distinguished Practitioner in Residence **Joaquin Avila**, director of the National Voting Rights Advocacy Initiative, was honored by the California Latino Legislative Latino Spirit Awards for Achievement in Civil Rights. The Spirit Awards recognize individuals who exemplify the spirit of the Latino community and have contributed to the State of California.



Assistant Professor **Tom Antkowiak**, director of the Latin America Program, published "An Emerging Mandate for International



Courts: Victim-Centered Remedies and Restorative Justice" in the Stanford Journal of International Law. He presented "International Law and Victim-Centered Remedies" at the Víctor García Moreno Conference in Bogotá, Colombia.



Professor of Lawyering Skills **Lori Bannai**, associate director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, and Professor of Lawyering Skills

Anne Enquist, associate director of the Legal Writing Program, presented "The Evolving Status of Legal Writing Faculty: Distinctions with a Difference?" at the SALT national conference in Hawaii.

Visiting Assistant Professor **Perry Bechky** contributed the chapter "The Politics of Divestment" to Cambridge University Press' publication "The Politics of International Economic Law."



Professor from Practice **Bob Boruchowitz**, director of the The Defender Initiative, organized and moderated the First Annual Defender Initiative



Conference on Public Defense at the School of Law and wrote "Defenders Spread Thin by Budget Crunch" for the King County Bar Bulletin. His paper, "Diverting and Reclassifying Misdemeanors Could Save \$1

Billion Per Year: Reducing the Need For and Cost of Appointed Counsel" was published by the American Constitution Society.



Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Deirdre Bowen** co-wrote the chapter "Engaging Students in Unexpected Ways: Interdisciplinary, Community-Based, Global, and Activist Models" in the book "Vulnerable Populations and Transformative Law Teaching: A Critical Reader." Also, her article "Meeting Across the River: Why Affirmative Action Needs Race and SES" was published in the Denver Law Review as part of a themed issue responding to Richard Sander's new article on affirmative action and class.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Mary Bowman**, was appointed chair of the Scribes Law Review Award Committee.



Associate Professor **Melinda Branscomb** was named an Outstanding Contributor to the Field of Mediation by the Washington Mediation Association at the statewide Dispute Resolution Conference.



Associate Professor **Lisa Brodoff**, director of the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, published "Introduction: Civil Legal Representation" in the Seattle Journal for Social Justice. Her article "Lifting Burdens: Proof, Social Justice,



and Public Assistance Administrative Hearings” was selected as the lead article for the Fall 2010 volume of the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary, published by Pepperdine University School of Law.



Visiting Assistant Professor **Patrick Brown**’s article “A Methodical Division of Labor in Legal Studies” was published in Method.

Distinguished Jurist in Residence **Terrence Carroll** was appointed Chair of the King County Districting Committee.



Margaret Chon, the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Professor for the Pursuit of Justice, was selected as an Emile Noël Fellow at the Jean Monnet Center for International and Regional Economic Law and Justice at NYU School of Law for 2011-12. She published “Global Intellectual Property Governance (Under Construction)” as part of a symposium on Copyright Culture, Copyright History, sponsored by Tel Aviv University and UCLA. Her book chapter “Copyright and Capability for Education: An Approach From below” was published as part of “Intellectual Property and Human Development: Current Trends and Future Scenarios” by Cambridge University Press. Her article “Intellectual Property From Below: Copyright and Capability for Education” is extensively excerpted in “Human Rights and Intellectual Property: Mapping the Global Interface.”

Assistant Professor **Brooke Coleman**’s article “Vanishing Plaintiff” will be published by the Seton Hall Law Review. She will also be a contributing editor to the recently-launched JOTWELL CourtsLaw section.



University Professor **Richard Delgado** wrote “Race, Sex, and the Division of Labor: A Comment on Joan Williams’s Reshaping the Work-Family Debate” in the *Seattle University Law Review*. He and Research Professor **Jean Stefancic** published “Critical Race Theory: An Introduction,”



in Racism: Modern Western Approaches, SOVA Center for Information, a collection published by a leading Russian human rights organization. A second edition of “The Latino/a Condition: A Critical Reader,” edited by Professors Delgado and Stefancic, was published.

Distinguished Indian Law Practitioner in Residence

Eric Eberhard presented the final report on the proceedings from the Symposium on Indian Land Acquisition 2010: A Call to Action to the Indian Law Section of the Federal Bar Association in Washington, D.C.



Thom Fischer, Senior Faculty Fellow with the Center for Global Justice, was invited to review Robert Schutze’s new book “From Dual to Cooperative Federalism: The Changing Structure of European Law” for the spring issue of Kluwer’s European Public Law.



Margaret Fisher, a long-time adjunct professor, received the national 2011 Street Law Advocate of the Year Award. She has run the law school’s Street Law program for nearly 30 years.

Professor **Lily Kahng**, associate dean for faculty development and, **Mary Louise Fellows**, visiting professor, presented their work in progress “Costly Mistakes: Undertaxed Business Owners and Overtaxed Workers” at the Boston College Law School Tax Policy Workshop and at the Critical Tax Conference at Santa Clara Law School. They will present “Gender, Race, Wealth, and Tax” at the AALS Workshop on Women Rethinking Equality in June.



Professor **Jack Kirkwood**, associate dean for strategic planning and mission, analyzed the new Horizontal Merger Guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission at the the 27th Annual Antitrust and Consumer Protection Seminar sponsored by the Washington State Bar Association. His article “The Predictive Power of Merger Analysis” was accepted for publication in the Antitrust Bulletin.



Professor **W.H. (Joe) Knight** led a full-day educational program on finance regulation and reform with Albers School of Business and Economics.

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Above the bar: faculty achievements



Clinical Professor **Raven Lidman** co-authored “In Re Marriage of King: Amicus Curiae Brief of International Law Scholars in Support of Appellant,” in the *Seattle Journal for Social Justice*.

Professor **Tayyab Mahmud**, director of the Center for Global Justice, was awarded the Princeton University Law & Public Affairs Fellowship for 2011-12.



Among his recent articles are: “Colonial Cartographies, Postcolonial Borders, and Enduring Failures of International Law: The Unending Wars along the Afghanistan-Pakistan Frontier” in the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*; and “PIIGS, iTraxx SoyX, Neoliberalism, and Unshackled Finance Capital” in the inaugural issue of *Global Business Law Review*. He was also elected to the advisory committee of the Board of Governors of SALT and was appointed chair of the Mentorship Committee of Law and South Asia Section of AALS, and appointed to the International Programs Committee of the Law & Society Association.



Professor **Henry “Hank” McGee** was awarded the AALS Minority Groups Section Clyde Ferguson Award for excellence in public service, teaching, scholarship and mentoring. The fourth edition of his co-authored book, “Housing and Community Development,” was published.



William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence **John Mitchell** article’s “Chatting with the Lady in the Grocery Store About

Hernandez v. Robles, The New York Same-Sex Marriage Case” will be reprinted in Volume 1, “Family and Youth,” of the *Library of Essays on Sexuality and Law*.

Douglas Nash, director of the Center for Indian Law and Policy, was selected to present on “Indian Law Resources” at the Washington Library Association.



Dean and Professor **Mark Niles**’s article “Punctuated Equilibrium: A Model for Administrative Evolution” will be published in the *John Marshall Law Review*.



Professor **Laurel Oates**, Director of the Legal Writing Program, made a presentation to NOAA’s leadership team on strategies for working with agency attorneys to help them improve their research, analysis, and writing.



Professor **Catherine O’Neill** presented “Environmental Justice and Native Nations in the Pacific Northwest: Follow the Salmon” at the conference “New Directions in Environmental Justice” at Florida A & M University School of Law. She also spoke on the panel “Clearing the Air” at Yale Law School, which considered “New Directions in Environmental Law: A Climate of Possibility.”

Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills **Sara Rankin** presented on the panel “Law Profes-

sors as Change Agents: Teaching, Assessment, and Systemic Reform” at the SALT conference. She also served as the primary author of SALT’s statement relating to the misuse of the LSAT in admissions.



Professor of Lawyering Skills **Chris Rideout**, associate director of the Legal Writing Program, presented a paper, “Truth, Probability, and Narrative Coherence,” at a conference on How Legal Rhetoric Shapes the Law at American University Law School.



Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Mimi Samuel** received a Fulbright Grant to teach a six-week Legal Research and Writing class at the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka. It was the first time such a course has been offered at any university in Sri Lanka.



Professor **Julie Shapiro** presented “Counting from One: Replacing the Marital Presumption with a Presumption of Sole Parentage” at the New Illegitimacy Conference at American University. It will be published in the *AU Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law*.

Professor **Ronald Slye** presented “Complementarity: The Kenya Way,” in Johannesburg, South Africa. He was appointed to the Oscar Romero



Award Advisory Committee of the Rothko Chapel. The Oscar Romero Award is granted every other year and celebrates the work of an unsung individual or organization in the field of human rights.

Assistant Professor **Dean Spade** presented “Claims to Illegitimacy: Family Law Reform Inside White Supremacy and Settler Colonialism,” at the New Illegitimacy Conference at American University. The paper will be published in the AU Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law.



Research Professor **Jean Stefancic** submitted an essay on critical race theory to the Encyclopedia of Political Thought. Her poem “Good Friday” was accepted for publication in the spring 2011 issue of *Justice*, a New York-based literary journal.

Professor Annette Clark accepts deanship at St. Louis



Associate Professor **Annette Clark** has been named dean at St. Louis University School of Law. Clark '89. She has been on the faculty since 1989 and has served in key leadership positions, including associate dean, vice dean and interim dean for the 2009-10 academic year. She is excellent teacher and accomplished scholar.

“Annette has provided exceptional service to the law school and the university,” Dean Mark C. Niles said. “She is one of the most accomplished alumnae and faculty members this law school has produced, and I could not be more proud of her on behalf of the law

school and the university. Her achievements demonstrate the limitless opportunities available to our graduates. St. Louis University School of Law is lucky to have Annette join them as dean.”

Clark, who also holds an M.D., is an expert bioethics and medical liability.

Faculty promotions

Carmen Gonzalez, Lily Kahng, and Jack Kirkwood were promoted to the rank of professor of law. **Tina Ching** was promoted to associate librarian. **Marilyn Berger and Melinda Branscomb** were granted the title of professor emeritus.

Dean Mark Niles appointed **Professor Kirkwood** the associate dean for strategic planning and mission. **Professor Robert Chang** and **Associate Professor Natasha Martin**

will serve as associate deans for research and faculty development.

New faculty

The School of Law is proud to welcome three new faculty members starting in fall 2011.

Professor Steve Bender will join the faculty from the University of Oregon School of Law. His areas of specialty include business associations, commercial law, consumer law, contracts, business ethics, transactions, property, real estate and Latinos and the law.

Assistant Professor Diane Lourdes Dick will teach in the areas of corporate taxation and commercial law, and Assistant Professor Charlotte Garden will teach in the areas of Constitutional law and labor and employment law.

The Promise of Civility

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Bar Association resulted in “Raising the Bar: The Promise of Civility in Our Profession,” a series of articles on civility in the Bar News. We have begun to increase awareness and shift behavior. We now receive regular emails from lawyers sharing their perspectives. A movement has begun.

So, I urge my lawyer colleagues: let us challenge ourselves to be on our best behavior. Let us think before we speak or jump. Let us ask what our mothers would think before we send that email or letter or take action. Let us inquire what is in the best service for our clients. Let us practice with civility by treating people with respect, compassion, and integrity. Civility benefits business by creating satisfied clients and reducing costs. Civility benefits the practitioner by reducing stress and promoting healthy relationships, and civility benefits the service of justice by increasing pro bono services and de-escalating conflict.

And I urge my 20-somethings, my students, and my colleagues: Go out and find the one thing that you feel passionate about, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem. Learn everything you can about that, and commit yourself to it. Find a few others who share your passion. Then go for it! And in the meantime, remember to say “please” and thank you,” to say “I am sorry,” and to hold the door open for the person coming behind you.

Professor Paula Lustbader is the co-founder and director of the law school Academic Resource Center, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in the fall. Read more about The Civility Promise at www.law.seattleu.edu/x9032.xml. For information on the Tuscany CLE visit www.roberts-fund.org/.

Leaders *for* justice

Three fellows will work for underserved communities after graduation

By Katherine Hedland-Hansen

Three May graduates will tackle difficult social justice problems through post-graduate fellowships, including two awarded by Seattle University School of Law.

Anupa Iyer received the law school's Leadership for Justice Fellowship to report on human rights issues faced by women with mental disabilities in Africa, and Andra Kranzler was awarded the law school's two-year Justice in Action Fellowship to help people of color find living wage jobs in South King County.

Reyna Ramolete Hayashi earned the Hanna S. Cohn Equal Justice Fellowship at Empire Justice Center in Rochester, N.Y., to combat the growing problem of wage theft – the systematic underpayment of workers' wages.

"These fellows exemplify the mission of Seattle University School of Law to create a more just and humane world," Dean Mark C. Niles said. "Their work will make a difference to many people who have been marginalized or ignored."

Seattle University School of Law is the only law school in Washington to offer a post-graduate fellowship program. Since 2009, the law school has funded the one-year Leadership for Justice Fellowship for a graduate to work with an organization on a specific social justice project involving underserved or marginalized individuals or communities. Thanks to the generous donation from social justice champions Jim Degel '80 and his wife, Jeannie Berwick, this year the law school was able to offer the two-year Justice in Action Fellowship.

"Especially in these economic times, it's crucial to make sure the most vulnerable have access to legal services and that graduates are able to pursue their passion for social justice," Niles said. "The law school is proud to be able to make their important work a reality."

Anupa Iyer

Leadership for Justice Fellow

Anupa Iyer will work with the Mental Disability Advocacy Center, an international NGO based in Budapest, Hungary, to create a report that will be used to conduct advocacy before the United Nations and African human rights bodies. Her project will focus on the human rights of women with mental disabilities, a particularly vulnerable and disenfranchised group.

Iyer's passion for this issue stems from her own experiences with mental illness and being institutionalized in psychiatric facilities across the country.

"I will never forget the feeling of losing my freedom and identity as a unique human being. As a patient I was just a disease needing to be cured," Iyer said. In fact, doctors told the young

“I’ve had some amazing professors that taught me to believe in myself. I couldn’t have gone to a better school for me to discover my potential and pursue my passion.”

woman who had graduated from UCLA at just 19 and worked as a union organizer that she might never be able to work again.

Open about her own experience, she wants others to have stories of success. “I spent two years of my life just in and out of hospitals,” Iyer said. “The hardest part is there is so much stigma attached to it. That is what brought me to this field. The only way to change societal perceptions of disability, especially of mental illness, is for people to share their stories.”

Iyer was a spring intern for Commissioner Chai Feldblum of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C., working on new EEOC guidance relating to the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act. In summer 2010, she was an intern for the Mental Disability Advocacy Center, where she drafted a critique of a World Health Organization Declaration and Action Plan. Iyer has also interned with Disability Rights Washington and the law school’s International Human Rights Clinic.

Iyer said it’s hard enough to deal with a mental disability or illness in the United States, where there are protections in place, but what she has already seen abroad made her focus on those people who are even more marginalized and isolated in rural areas in Africa. Her clinic project working with the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights motivated her to do a fellowship based in Africa. She is eager to start her work after a summer internship with the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, D.C.

Though she has found her calling, it wasn’t an easy road. She said she realized after years

of bouncing in and out of facilities, she was tired of “being defined by my disease.” She contacted her former employer, found a job in Seattle and walked out of the facility where she was being treated. In Seattle she found a way to manage her disease through talk therapy and became healthy.

Knowing she had the benefits of an education and a supportive family, she wanted to find a way to help people like her who weren’t so fortunate, so she enrolled in law school.

“People have the right to live with dignity and to have the lives they dream of regardless of the fact they have a disability,” Iyer said. “People should have the chance to live their lives, to go to work or school, not be isolated and locked up.”

Iyer is grateful for the support of the law school, both while she was a student and for the fellowship. Professors who took the time, staff in the Center for Professional Development and others helped her through her difficult first year and encouraged her along the way.

As a student she was the President of the Health Law Society, Faculty Standards Representative for the Student Bar Association, and worked as a research assistant to Professor Lisa Brodoff. Volunteering with the Housing Justice Project and helping to produce a video for Columbia Legal Services strengthened her devotion.

“I’m so appreciative of the school, both the administration and the faculty. I’ve had some amazing professors that taught me to believe in myself. I couldn’t have gone to a better school for me to discover my potential and pursue my passion.” She is committed to helping others do the same.



Anupa Iyer

“We shouldn’t undermine people’s potential because they have a disability,” Iyer said. “If we want to make the world a more just and humane place that means it’s just and humane for everybody.”

Andra Kranzler Justice in Action Fellow

Andra Kranzler and her mother moved to Renton, Wash., from Montana seeking a more diverse community with more opportunities. They found the diversity they desired, but a 15-year-old Kranzler was exposed to racism and classism that has guided her work and life.

After graduating from high school, she worked for several employers in South King

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Andra Kranzler

County and attended Highline Community College.

“I was exposed to the many different forms that racism and oppression can take, and I began trying to understand the racial and economic injustices that surrounded me,” she said. “As the working poor, we were treated without dignity while trying to figure out how to break the boundaries of poverty.”

Those experiences caused her to further her education and seek solutions to problems that had been exacerbated by “urban renewal” and gentrification. She earned a degree in urban planning, and became a housing advocate in Seattle and South King County. She will now continue the work she began in law school as the recipient of the two-year Justice in Action Fellowship.

The Jobs and Race Equity Fellowship Project will be based at Columbia Legal Services to provide legal support to communities of

color in the construction industry in South King County. The project evolved out of the work she did as an extern and intern with the organization.

Kranzler will provide legal advocacy and support for four community organizations as they work towards getting their constituents sustainable jobs. She received the American Bar Association’s 2010 John J. Curtin Scholarship on Homelessness and Poverty to work at West Tennessee Legal Services and has also worked with the Solid Ground Family Assistance Program. She was a Rule 9 intern in the law school’s Predatory Lending Clinic. In law school, she was active in the Black Law Student Association and the Social Justice Coalition.

She is passionate about strengthening communities and families.

“Why are our communities so weak when there is so much potential here?” she said.

“I realized it was the system that was the problem, not the people. I learned the power of wrap-around services and the challenge of securing a stable job with livable wage.”

After college, Kranzler worked with the Low Income Housing Institute and was then a case manager and counselor for HomeStep, helping families transition from homelessness.

“That changed my life,” she said. “I realized it was the system that was the problem, not the people. I learned the power of wrap-around services and the challenge of securing a stable job with a livable wage.”

In law school, Kranzler continued working on housing issues as she turned her focus toward employment and how that affects housing.

“If you don’t have good stable employment, you don’t have housing, then all these other factors come into play,” she said.

She will be working to ensure that jobs created by federal funds to provide the construction of housing, infrastructure and other projects go to the people who live and work in those communities. She will be conducting oversight, monitoring, policy work and litigation when necessary.

“We need to make sure that the people who live in that community are benefiting from these well-paying jobs,” she said.

Kranzler said her passion has been fueled by the law school and the people she has met and the experiences she has had.

“Seattle University School of Law is a wonderful school and a great leader for social justice. I have been introduced to people doing this work. In law school, you learn

how lawyers impact the law,” she said. “It’s a whole different thing to see how they impact the community.”

Reyna Ramolete Hayashi

Hanna S. Cohn Equal Justice Fellow

Reyna Ramolete Hayashi competed with law students across the country for the Hanna S. Cohn Equal Justice Fellowship at Empire Justice Center in Rochester, N.Y. The fellowship is awarded to a talented, committed law school graduate at the beginning of her or his career in the area of poverty law. Her project

“This project is especially meaningful because it incorporates so many of my practice values – law and organizing, community lawyering and systems change – to advocate for wage justice for working people.”

is aimed at empowering low-wage workers to eradicate wage theft through community education, impact litigation, legislative reform and cooperative development.

“Wage theft reproduces an underclass of workers whose labor is exploited and what little wealth these workers have earned is stolen,” Ramolete Hayashi said. “This project will help workers re-assert the most fundamental workplace right – the right to be paid.”

The project is especially timely because New York enacted the Wage Theft Prevention Act in April 2011. Some workers are routinely being paid less than the minimum wage, denied overtime pay, forced to work off the clock, misclassified as independent contractors, or not paid at all. Wage theft is a national epidemic that has only intensified in the current recession, she said, and foreign-born workers, women, and people of color fall victim to wage theft at disproportionate rates. The problem has ripple effects, from workers who can’t support their families, to law-abiding employers who can’t compete with those who don’t follow the rules, to the

public, which loses out on tax revenue.

“I feel so blessed to be able to work in solidarity with low-wage and immigrant workers to fight this economic and racial justice issue,” Ramolete Hayashi said. “This project is especially meaningful because it incorporates so many of my practice values – law and organizing, community lawyering and systems change – to advocate for wage justice for working people.”

Ramolete Hayashi, who is one of the law school’s Scholars for Justice and one of this year’s Faculty Scholars, has been dedicated to

working with underserved communities since before law school and has been one of its most passionate social justice advocates.

She said her refusal to accept the status quo is rooted in the economic struggles and perseverance of her mother, who emigrated from the Philippines. “The strength of character and perspective that my mother nurtured in me provided an unwavering foundation for me to pursue my purpose, helping other immigrant workers bear those economic burdens with their dignity intact, their labor valued, and their rights respected.”

Ramolete Hayashi has extensive experience, ranging from working as a social worker with the homeless in Vancouver B.C., before law school, to helping Casa Latina research, draft and pass the city of Seattle’s Wage Theft Ordinance. It provides increased penalties for employers who cheat workers, including business license revocation, and increased protections for immigrant workers, including a provision that protects workers from being retaliated against based on immigration status.



Reyna Ramolete Hayashi

She is an advocate with CASA Latina’s *Comite De Defensa De los Trabajadores* (Worker Defense Committee) where she educates immigrant workers about their rights and empowers workers to recoup unpaid wages through direct action, organizing, and lawyering.

She has interned for the National Employment Law Project, the Unemployment Law Project, the Northwest Justice Project, Medical Legal Partnership for Children and was in the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic’s Domestic Violence Clinic. Among her law school activities, she was president of the Public Interest Law Foundation and student content development editor and author for the Seattle Journal for Social Justice.

She is the second graduate of the law school to win this fellowship. Persis Yu ’09 was named the Hanna S. Cohn Fellow in 2009.

Honoring courage

Law school leads effort to award honorary degrees to Japanese Americans forced from school during WWII

By Katherine Hedland Hansen

Photos by Marcus Donner



After learning in a college class about the mass incarceration of thousands of Japanese Americans during World War II, Terry Matsuda stormed into her parents' house and demanded to know if they had willingly gone to camp.

"I was so angry," she recalls. "I said, 'Why didn't you protest?'"

Her mother, Uri (Satow) Matsuda, tried to calm her daughter down.

"We were told we had to go to camp to be a loyal citizen," said Uri Matsuda, whose education at Seattle University was cut short when she was ordered to report for internment. "You just didn't question it. It was something you had to do. Today I think kids would say, 'No I don't want to go.'"

Doing what she was told, Matsuda went to the Puyallup Assembly Center and was sent to the Minidoka Internment Camp in Idaho. Nearly 70 years later, she and other Japanese American students whose educations were unjustly interrupted have received honorary degrees from Seattle University. President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., and the Board of Trustees acted on a request drafted by Professor Lori Bannai, associate director of Seattle University School of Law's Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, that was broadly supported by Dean Mark Niles, the faculty and the university community.

"These individuals, who were our students, were required by federal order to leave our community as a result of the fear, racial hatred and hostility that prevailed in the wake of Pearl Harbor," Sundborg said. "We honor these former students to recognize their courage and sacrifice, to address the injustice that occurred, and with hope that this recognition contributes to the healing process."

Niles said it is only right that a university committed to equal justice under the law honor these students. The law school – which is home to the Korematsu Center named for a man who took his fight against the Japanese American incarceration to the U.S. Supreme Court – was proud to support the initiative.

"These students were torn from our community as a result of one of the most sweeping deprivations of civil rights in modern times," Niles said. "In moving forward to live productive,



Frank and Uri Matsuda met at the Minidoka Internment Camp, where she worked as a nurse and he was an ambulance driver.

often heroic lives, they represent the power of the human spirit to survive and thrive in the face of great adversity.

Bannai said recognizing the wrong done to these students and presenting the degrees they would have received is an important part of the healing process.

“While these students suffered grievous losses, they endured and survived, and most were able to pick up the broken pieces of their lives and rebuild,” said Bannai, whose own parents were incarcerated during the war and who was one of the attorneys who

“We were told we had to go to camp to be a loyal citizen. You just didn’t question it. It was something you had to do. Today I think kids would say, ‘No I don’t want to go.’”

—Uri Matsuda

represented Fred Korematsu in successfully reopening his case in 1983.

In addition to Bannai and the Korematsu Center, the law school has several other ties to the Japanese American incarceration. Professor Margaret Chon, the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Chair for the Pursuit of

Justice, is the co-author of “Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment,” the only text that provides a legal curriculum examining the Japanese American internment during World War II and the successful redress movement of the 1980s. Law school librarian Kerry-Fitzgerald

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completed extensive research to locate the honorees and their relatives.

The awarding of the honorary degrees allowed for conversations to begin anew about the incarceration and what it meant – and what it means for civil liberties.

Matsuda recalls people being sent to prison for refusing to report to camp.

“We kind of looked down on them, that they were being disloyal,” she said. “But really they were standing up for their rights.”

Sharon Sakamoto, a 1965 graduate of Seattle University and a 1984 graduate of the law school, worked on the reopening of Gordon Hirabayashi’s wartime internment case when she was a law student. She was born at the Minidoka camp in Idaho.

“Years later, we know it was such a trampling of civil rights and human rights,” said Sakamoto, who was one of the founders of the Asian Bar Association of Washington. “I’m grateful to the university and the law school. It means tons to everyone who goes for justice, who goes for right and goes for truth.”

Dreams deferred

Matsuda had dreams of being a doctor. Her mother and younger brother had returned to Japan to take care of an ill family member, and she made the difficult decision to stay in



Uri Matsuda talks with undergraduate students serving as Korematsu Center fellows.

Seattle by herself.

“I loved my mother, and I thought about going to Japan with her,” she recalled. “But at 18, I wanted to stay and finish school with my class.”

She couldn’t predict that a short time later, her whole life would change and that the family would remain separated for decades.

“I really wanted to be a doctor,” she said.

“After my mother left, I knew I couldn’t do it alone, so I thought of the next best thing: I’ll become a nurse.”

After graduating from Broadway High School, she enrolled in Seattle College’s five-year bachelor’s/registered nurse program.

“I never expected a war to break out,” she said. “I was working at Providence when we got the word.”

Honorees



John Fujiwara graduated from O’Dea High School in 1939 and had completed nearly three years of college when he was forced to leave with his family and incarcerated at the Minidoka Relocation Center in central Idaho until the war was over. He joined the military and was never able to earn his college degree. John worked in real estate for a while before taking a job as a camera man for The Boeing Co., where he worked for over 25 years before retiring. He and his wife, Makiko, raised three daughters. He died in 1983.



Ben Kayji Hara was a graduate of Franklin High School in his first year as a civil engineering student when he was sent to camp. He volunteered with the Army soon after he was incarcerated and was a T/4 with the Special Troops Allied Translator and Interpreter Section. He received the Presidential Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters for participation in the New Guinea and Philippine Islands campaigns. While in service in Tokyo, he died Oct. 22, 1945.

There were strict orders about where Japanese Americans could go, she remembers.

“I couldn’t cross 12th Avenue, so the school had to send my tests to Providence,” she said.

She was on the last bus to the Puyallup Assembly Center and later went to Minidoka.

“They called it evacuation, but really you were scheduled to leave,” she said from a lounge at Seattle Keiro Nursing Home. “What they called camp was actually prison.”

Now 87, she remembers details and shares her story with a sense of humor that takes away some of the sting from painful memories. Unlike most, Matsuda went to camp alone, without a family. They didn’t know where to house a single woman, but she was eventually paired with a roommate.

“They handed us a bag and you had to stuff it with hay,” she said. “That was the mattress. They built so-called cabins, but it was a horse stall.”

They went days or weeks without showers, and when they finally had them, they were cold. She remembers a soldier walking back and forth above the high walls surrounding the camp. He seemed friendly, and one day she and some other girls joked with him about what would happen if they set a foot underneath the gate.

“As lawyers, we are particularly called to fight this kind of injustice. This is not just about Japanese Americans. It is about protecting civil liberties and equality, particularly in times of national stress.”

—Lori Bannai

“He said, ‘I’ll shoot it,’” Matsuda recalls. “That’s when you really found out you’re not living in a camp. You’re not free and you better watch what the heck you say.”

Though the conditions were bleak, she said she was never afraid, and there were bright spots, such as meeting a young Frank Matsuda, who left camp to serve in the military. On the advice of her teachers, she brought her blue and white nurse’s training uniform with her. That enabled her to work at the camp hospital and keep up on her nursing skills. After a time, internees were allowed to apply to leave for school or work, and she started writing to hospitals to see if she could find another place away from the West Coast to continue her education.

“I thought staying there was not doing me any good,” she said. “I wrote and wrote and wrote.”

She was accepted to St. Francis Hospital

in Peoria, Ill., where the German nuns were extremely strict and made the students’ lives difficult.

“I was bound and determined to finish,” Uri said.

She worked at Wesley Memorial Hospital, which was affiliated with Northwest University, and was elected head nurse in the ear, nose and throat area. Frank returned from military service after serving in the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team and receiving a silver star, and moved to Chicago.

They were married in 1949 and moved back to Seattle, where she worked nights in the newborn nursery at Providence while caring for their three children. They lost their youngest daughter to cancer when she was a teenager.

When the Matsudas received their redress money from the government in the late ’80s, she finally was able to go to Japan to visit her

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Shigeko (Iseri) Hirai was a graduate of Chimacum High School and was a nursing student when her family was incarcerated at Tule Lake in Northern California. She eventually completed her nursing degree before moving to Chewelah, Wash. to farm seed potatoes with her husband. She raised two children and was an active community member until her death in 2007.



Dr. May (Shiga) Hornback was a nursing student who moved to Montana with her family to avoid internment. She and her husband settled in Madison, Wis., where May continued her education. She earned her Ph.D. and became a nursing professor at the University of Wisconsin. She was a national leader in nursing education until her death in 1975.

Read more about the honorees and the internment at www.seattleu.edu/commencement/Inner.aspx?id=71271

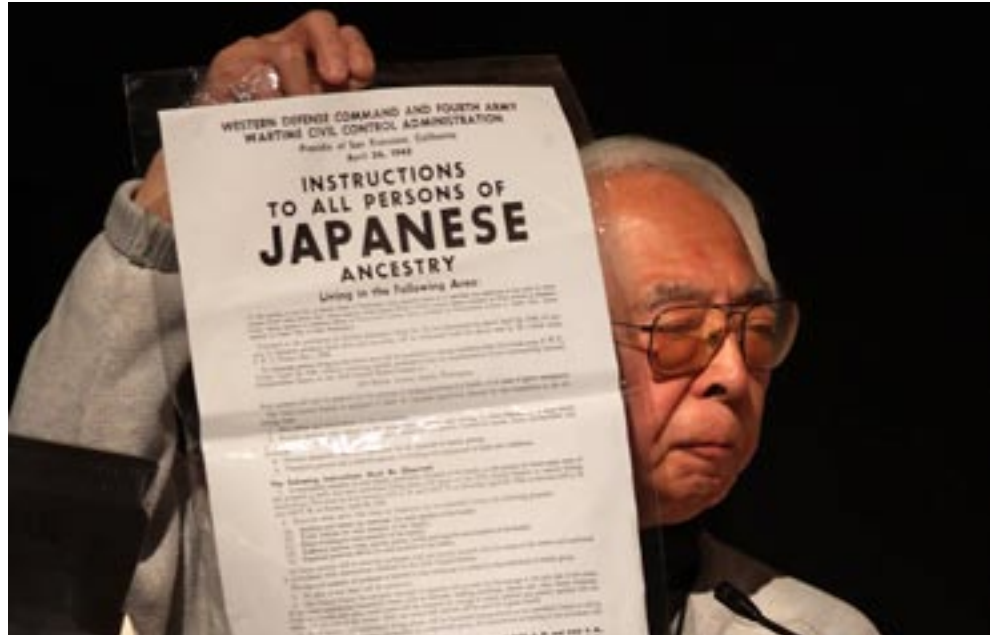
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mother and brother, who she hadn't seen since they left Seattle before the war. She said she never forgot her younger brother calling out to her from the boat that he didn't want to leave. "I didn't think it was going to be 45 years before I saw them again," she said.

Two of her close friends from childhood and nursing school, Madeleine (Iwata) Uyehara and Caroline (Kondo) Taniguchi, were among those recognized with honorary degrees. Both of them were able to complete their schooling in Colorado when they were forced to leave Seattle College. While Uyehara has passed away, Matsuda has stayed in touch for more than 70 years with Taniguchi, who lived next door when they were growing up and now lives in California.

Grateful for a chance

Taniguchi was a student at Seattle College and working at Providence Hospital when the exclusion orders were issued. Colorado Gov. Ralph Carr had offered to accept Japanese Americans at the University of Colorado,



Yosh Nakagawa holds up the exclusion orders that were issued directing all Japanese Americans on the West Coast to report for camp.

and she was one of the few Seattle College students allowed to continue their nursing education there.

She recalls leaving Seattle on a train with

classmate Madeleine Iwata.

"Madeleine and I shared an upper berth," she said. "I couldn't sleep for two nights, but we made it to Denver."

Colette (Yoshiko) Kawaguchi, was studying to be a nurse before being forced to leave school for the Puyallup Assembly Center and then Minidoka. After camp, she went to Chicago and worked for the Advertising Department of Montgomery Ward editing copy. After retirement, she returned to the Northwest, and she lives in a senior housing community near the Pike Place Market neighborhood.



Lillia Uri (Satow) Matsuda was a nursing student when she was forced to report for camp without her family, who had returned to Japan before the war. She eventually completed her nursing degree in Peoria, Ill., and worked as nurse for many years in Chicago and in Seattle. She and her husband, Frank, had three children. She lives at the Keiro Nursing Home in Seattle.



June (Koto) Sakaguchi was able to avoid internment by moving to Colorado to complete her nursing studies. While working at University Hospital in Denver she met her future husband, Dr. Shimpei Sakaguchi, on the job. They later settled in Milwaukee, Wis., where they raised two children. She died in 1996.



Mitsu Shoyama was a nursing student who was relocated to the nursing school in St. Boniface, Manitoba when the war erupted. She had a successful nursing career in Kamloops, British Columbia. An ardent advocate of ongoing education for nurses, she received the Award of Honour by the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia. She died in 2002.

Both felt fortunate for the opportunity.

“I didn’t have to go to camp. I felt very lucky, but I felt kind of sorry for my girlfriends who ended up in camp,” she said. “I was very grateful to the governor of Colorado because he accepted us. It was a very good nursing school. We had excellent training.”

Though she went to Colorado, her parents were forced to leave their rented home in Seattle and sent to camp.

“All their furnishings they had to give away or just leave,” she said. “It was hard for them they. They went through a lot, but we all survived, thank goodness.”

After completing school, she moved to Chicago to be near her sister, who had married and moved there before the war. She stopped on the way and picked up her parents, who had moved to Indiana after they were released from camp.

“I found a job right away,” she said. “Chicago was a wonderful place to be living after the war. Jobs were plentiful, and the people were wonderful. I will never forget Chicago.

A lot of people went back to camp, but my folks were very happy to be in Chicago because they had jobs and we were close to each other.”

She was a nurse for 13 years before becoming a medical records administrator, which she did until she retired. In Chicago, she met her husband, George, and had a son, David. After retirement, she and George moved to Hawaii, where they lived until his death in 2007. She moved to Sunnyvale, Calif., to be close to her son and grandchildren.

Tanaguchi said she was thrilled to hear from Bannai and to reconnect with others related to the honorary degree project. She has heard from Madeleine’s son and shared stories of his late mother.

“I was amazed at the things he didn’t know,” she said. “It was nice to be in touch with him.”

“It was very gratifying to hear that I was getting an honorary degree, but I didn’t really do anything to deserve it,” she said. “I was

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Professor Lori Bannai, associate director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, addresses the audience at the teach-in about the incarceration.



Caroline (Kondo) Taniguchi was able to continue her nursing studies in Colorado. She moved to Chicago, where she worked as a nurse and medical records administrator. She and her husband, George, had one son. After retiring to Hawaii, she moved to Sunnyvale, Calif., where she lives near her son. She is 90.



Madeleine (Iwata) Uyehara avoided internment by moving to Colorado to continue her nursing studies. She worked at a blood bank in Milwaukee, Wis., where she met and married her husband, Tom (Toshio) Uyehara. They had one son, and she was active in school and church activities. She died in 1986.



Joanne Misako (Oyabe) Watanabe was a graduate of Immaculate Conception High School and was incarcerated with her family at Minidoka. She and her husband, Shigeo, raised eight children in Seattle, and she was active in their school activities and with the Nisei Veterans Committee’s Women’s Auxiliary. She died in 1994.



Tom Yamauchi was in his first year of college when he was incarcerated at Minidoka. He prized education and did not let the delay deter him from his goals. He went to Gonzaga and eventually earned his bachelor’s degree in Detroit and a master’s degree from the University of Washington. He became a top manager at Boeing and Northrup Aircraft Corp. He and his wife, Anne, had four children. He died in 1990.

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just lucky to be at Seattle College when the war broke out.”

Others had to abandon their educations for a while, including Thomas T. Yamauchi.

“He was anxious to continue his schooling after camp,” said his widow, Anne. “He was very ambitious.

He resumed his education at Gonzaga then moved to Detroit, where his family had relocated, and enrolled at University of Detroit. His education again was put on hold when was drafted. He left for basic training with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The Army sent him to engineering school at the University of North Carolina, but he returned to Detroit, where he was finally able to complete his bachelor’s degree.

There, he and his longtime love, Anne, finally married and started a family. Tom and Anne returned to Seattle, where Tom earned a master’s degree at the University of Washington and became a top manager on Boeing’s lunar orbiter project. He later worked as vice president of engineering for the Northrup Aircraft Corp. in Hawthorne, Calif. He died in 1990.



Gerald Oyabe, brother of honorary degree recipient Joanne (Oyabe) Watanabe and recipient Uri Matsuda, thank President Stephen Sundborg, S.J. for the university’s recognition.

“When you’re young, you have all these ideas and dreams that you could do anything. It’s hard to live with it. When I was raising my children I just didn’t talk about. I hope my children or grandchildren never go through anything like it.”

—Uri Matsuda

His wife is grateful that the university has recognized him.

“It’s a nice thing for the university to do. He would be proud.”

Justice for all

Beyond the degrees, Matsuda and the others are grateful for the chance to talk about the injustice of the incarceration and the importance of fighting for civil rights.

Leading up to the awards, faculty, students and staff from across the university participated in a teach-in, raising the awareness about the injustices nearly seven decades ago.

“This brings relevance to our work for civil liberties,” said Karen Korematsu, who spoke at the teach-in and showed a documentary

about her father, Fred. Fred Korematsu traveled the country, speaking out against discrimination, especially after 9-11 and the anti-Muslim and Arab sentiments it set off.

“As lawyers, we are particularly called to fight this kind of injustice,” Bannai said. “This is not just about Japanese Americans. It is about protecting civil liberties and equality, particularly in times of national stress.”

Dale Watanabe, the international student advisor for the university who helped organize many of the events surrounding the honorary degrees, points out that some international students face more governmental scrutiny than others, just because of where they are from.

Yosh Nakagawa, who was interned at Minidoka, spoke at the teach-in about his experience.

“History tends to allow you to take time to see what really happened,” Nakagawa said.

During World War II or today, he said it’s not people of another race or color or creed that pose a danger.

“The threat is ignorance,” he said

Matsuda, who has shared her experiences and gave an oral history to undergraduate students serving as Korematsu Center fellows, said it has been gratifying for her to open up about her experiences, years after that explosive argument with her daughter.

“When you’re young, you have all these ideas and dreams that you could do anything,” she said. “It’s hard to live with it. When I was raising my children I just didn’t talk about. I hope my children or grandchildren never go through anything like it.”

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June 23

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October 6

Red Mass

Dear Alumni Colleagues,



I had the distinct privilege of welcoming the Class of 2011 to the Seattle University School of Law alumni community at Commencement May 15. It was a proud moment for me to join our school's 265 graduates as they received their degrees. All of them are dedicated to becoming stewards of the law and for their communities. Whether these graduates eventually lead social movements, rule from the bench, return to the classroom, run for office, advise clients or defend the accused, I am confident they are prepared to help us create a bright future.

The Class of 2011 is one of the most diverse in history, and I was impressed by the number of international graduates from countries including the Bahamas, Canada, India, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan. As Dean Mark Niles began his tenure at the law school last July, he talked about his goal of raising the national and international presence of Seattle University School of Law. We are making great strides as a law school.

In this issue of the Lawyer, we highlight alumni who were recognized this year for their leadership, service and accomplished careers. They are great examples of the law school's mission of educating outstanding lawyers who are leaders for a just and humane world. The law school prides itself on its academic rigor, its devotion to social justice and its practical education that prepares graduates for a lifetime in the law at the service of justice. Our alumni honorees embody these tenets in their daily lives and inspire change in others. Their impact is felt nationally and globally, and through their contributions, they bring great pride to our institution.

The Law Alumni Board hopes you will join us in serving as ambassadors for the school and the values it embraces. We strive to be active in our communities, and we invite you to join us as at the law school or as we are "out and about," as you'll see in this section. Please note the Law Alumni Board Nomination form included in this issue. I invite you to nominate a colleague whose leadership and service you feel will benefit alumni.

For more information about getting involved, please contact the alumni office at lawalumni@seattleu.edu. I look forward to greeting you at one of the many programs and events coordinated by the Office of Alumni Relations.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Black '95

President, Law Alumni Board

Founding Dean's Club Member



From left, Lyn Johnson, Mitra Ravani (who accepted the award given to her husband, Tony Ravani, who was out of the country), Dean Mark Niles, Lorena Gonzalez and Mark McLaughlin. Photo by Jennifer Richard.

Alumni Awards 2011

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW TAKES PRIDE IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ALL ALUMNI AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE CHANCE TO RECOGNIZE MANY OF THOSE OUTSTANDING GRADUATES WITH ANNUAL AWARDS. TWO FRIENDS OF THE LAW SCHOOL ALSO WERE RECOGNIZED. THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS:

Alumni Association Awards



Mark McLaughlin '94
Dean's Medal

Mark McLaughlin is an accomplished business leader who embraces excellence and service in his career leading corporations, resulting in growth and innovation in the economy.

President and Chief Executive Officer at Verisign, an Internet infrastructure provider headquartered

in Virginia, he was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

A West Point graduate, he served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot, earning an Army Commendation Medal and Airborne Wings. After law school, he was counsel for Cooley Godward Kronish LLP, general counsel for Caere Corporation, vice president of business development for Gemplus, and vice president of sales and business development for Signio, which in 1999 acquired Verisign. He held several key positions at Versign before his current role.

He also serves as a director of Vesta, a worldwide leader in electronic payment solutions, and is a member of TechNet Executive Council, a bipartisan network of CEOs that promotes the growth of innovation in the economy.

He is committed to working with the law school and Dean Mark Niles to expand opportunities for graduates.



M. Lorena González '05
Alumni Service Award

Lorena González is a champion for justice and an advocate for individuals who have been marginalized.

As associate at Schroeter, Goldmark and Bender, she represents clients in matters of employment, wage and hour class actions, police misconduct, and sexual assault and misconduct. She has been a leading voice for the empowerment of communities of color on issues related to immigration, employment and civil rights and helped found the Schroeter, Goldmark and Bender – Latina/o Bar Association of Washington Free Legal Clinic, which serves hundreds of clients each year.

She has served in many leadership positions, including president of the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington and vice president of the Board of Directors for One America. She is co-chair of the Latino Political Committee of Washington and has served on the advisory board of CASA Latina since 2007. In 2007, she was chair of the Drafting Committee and was appointed to the City of Seattle's Police Accountability Review Panel. She is an active member of the Washington State Association of Justice. She is a former member of the Law Alumni Board and chair of the program committee.



Lyn Johnson '95

Distinguished Law Graduate Award

Lyn Johnson is a respected Boeing executive who is also dedicated to his church and family.

He is vice president for contracts at Boeing Commercial Airplanes. His past experience includes working at Rockwell Hanford Operations as computing manager, which facilitated his transition to Boeing Computer Services. While working for Boeing, he attended the law school's part-time evening program.

After earning his law degree, he steadily climbed the Boeing ladder until he was appointed to his present position in 2008. He is responsible for leading and managing all commercial airplanes' contract activities with customers, as well as participating in the development and implementation of effective strategies to increase customer satisfaction.

In addition to his exceptional career, he is a role model in the community, serving in leadership roles in the Knights of Columbus and in his church, St. John the Baptist in Covington. He served on the church's Guatemala Committee. He is working with the law school to strengthen the alumni network at Boeing.



Anthony Ravani '07

Recent Graduate Award

Anthony Ravani uses his business success and technological expertise to make it possible to fulfill his quest for justice.

He is senior vice president of operations and technology at Sea Blue Media, LLC, and principal in his own firm, the Lotus Law Group, where he

handles cases involving immigrant rights, many pro bono.

He worked for EXXON USA and Microsoft before attending law school. Among his accomplishments, his work led to the creation, design and implementation of Microsoft's first e-Commerce Product/platform, a program that resulted in more than \$4 billion in revenue, brought great pride to Microsoft, and has been referenced by Bill Gates in his book, "Business @ the Speed of Thought."

He volunteers for the Schroeter Goldmark and Bender- Latina/o Bar Association of Washington's Legal Clinic. At the law school, he has been a guest lecturer on national security law and served as a member of the Access to Justice Institute's selection committee for the Leadership for Justice Fellowship.

Black Law Student Association Awards



Judge Frank E. Cuthbertson '93

BLSA Alumni Award

The Honorable Frank Cuthbertson was appointed to the Pierce County Superior Court by Gov. Gary Locke in February 2001. A former presiding judge for Juvenile Court, he served on the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice.

Before being appointed to the bench, he practiced with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Malanca Peterson and Daheim and Davis Wright Tremaine and served as in-house legal counsel for Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound. He also has been an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law, teaching health law and law bioethics.

Among his accolades, he was named 2010 Judge of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocacy and received the 2009 Washington State Mentor Award. He has been on the board of Washington CASA and a member of the Washington State Racial Disproportionality Advisory Committee.

Angela Rye '05

Vanguard Leader of the Year Award

Angela Rye is a dynamic young leader on Capitol Hill. She is the executive director and general counsel to the Congressional Black Caucus and previously served as counsel to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

She is co-founder and director of strategic partnerships for IMPACT, which empowers young professionals of color. She serves as the Young Lawyer Division liaison to the American Bar Association's Govern-

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ment Affairs Committee and is vice chair of the National Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. While in law school, she was the Western Region Director for the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA), where she managed and supervised the Western Region Executive Board.

She served as an extern in Congresswoman Maxine Waters' Los Angeles office and began her career in legislative advocacy at the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, the umbrella association for the Nation's 120 historically and predominately black colleges and universities.



James Andrus BLSA Amicus Award

James Andrus is the immediate past president of the King County Bar Association – the first African American to hold the position – and a former president of the Loren Miller Bar Association. He is a committed community volunteer and has been extremely supportive of the work of

Seattle University School of Law.

A partner at K&L Gates handling mergers and acquisitions and investments in hedge and private equity funds, he currently serves on the boards of the Central Washington Business School and Pioneer Human Services. He has been an adjunct professor, teaching business law and the Economic Development and Entrepreneurship clinic course.

Among his many contributions to the law school, he helped organize the 2010 Red Mass, which honored Judge Charles V. Johnson (ret.) and launched the Promoting Excellence Event for BLSA, bringing in African American partners to inspire African American students. He is a mentor, a regular speaker at CLEs and other events and a regular participant in law school programs.

Miss law school? Take a class!

Our law graduates may audit up to a total of six credit hours of law school classes free of charge. Course enrollment is on a space-available basis and subject to instructor's approval. In some cases the Washington State Bar Association grants CLE credits for such enrollment. For the academic calendar and a listing of course offerings for the next term, visit www.law.seattleu.edu/Academics.xml.

Latina/o Alumni Awards



Fé Lopez '06 La Justicia Award

Fé Lopez, president of the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, is committed to equal justice for all. She has been the co-facilitator of the LBAW/SGB free Legal clinic since its inception over three years ago and most recently, has worked with the Latina/o and other communities of

color on the police misconduct issues in Seattle. She is also on the Task Force for Race and the Criminal Justice System.

As the assistant director for student life at Seattle University School of Law, Fé facilitates collaborative work and communication between students and the administration, staff, and faculty. She helped coordinate the Just the Beginning Foundation Pre-Law Conference, Yakima Pre-Law Conference, Tri-Cities Youth and Justice Forum as well as helping coordinate half day programs for middle school, high school and college age students at Seattle University School of Law.

Fé developed the Lawyering in a Diverse World series in partnership with the Access to Justice Institute, students, faculty and staff. Now in its third year, the series provides workshops on issues of diversity designed to create awareness and empower law students and lawyers.



Ernest Radillo '07 Spirit of Service Award

Ernest Radillo is devoted to protecting the civil rights of poor and immigrant communities. Since 2007, he has been an attorney at Columbia Legal Services, which provides free civil legal aid.

His practice in Wenatchee is primarily focused on representing farm workers and other low-wage workers in class-action cases involving employment discrimination and civil rights violations. He has also worked in the legislative arena as a registered lobbyist with a team of Columbia attorneys to increase protections for farm workers in the area of farm labor recruitment and employment.

He is president of the Chelan-Douglas County Young Lawyers Division and serves on the boards of the Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center and the North Central Washington Hispanic Chamber

of Commerce. In 2010, Gov. Christine Gregoire appointed him to the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Ernest has received the national Goldmark Equal Access to Justice Internship, the American Red Cross Certificate of Merit Award, the Seattle University School of Law Access to Justice Institute Leadership and Service Award, the Washington State Bar Association Courageous Award, the City of Wenatchee Social Justice Award, and the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington Nueva Generación/New Generation Award.



Salvador Mungia
Latina/o Amicus Award

Salvador Mungia is a partner at Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell LLP in Tacoma, and the immediate past-president of the Washington State Bar Association. He serves on the editorial board of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association and is a lifetime board member of Legal Aid for

Washington, in addition to being a member of several bar and community organizations.

His leadership and service has been recognized over the course of his career. In 2009, he received the Modelo de Excelencia Award from the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, and in 2008 the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association awarded him the Outstanding Service Award and the Bertha M. Snell Award.

A friend to the School of Law and its students, he served as the keynote speaker at the 2010 Diversity Reception and is a mentor to the Latina/Latino Student Association. This year, he lent his leadership to the SU Law at Work program managed by the Annual Giving Office.

University Alumni Awards

In addition to the law school awards, two graduates were recognized with awards from Seattle University.



Anita Crawford-Willis '86
University Service

The Honorable Anita Crawford-Willis has been a respected member of the Seattle University and legal community in King County for over 20 years. She is the senior judge for the Office of Administrative Hearings in Seattle. She gives generously of her time to mentor students and is a tireless SU volunteer who attends nearly every law school function, basketball game and alumni gathering. Judge Crawford-Willis serves on the University Board of Regents and the Law Alumni Board and was former president of the Seattle University Alumni Board of Governors. In addition to her law degree, she earned a degree in political science from the university.



William Marler '87
Professional Achievement

William Marler is an accomplished and highly respected attorney who is recognized as a national expert in food borne illness litigation. Marler has been a major force in food safety policy in the United States and abroad. His advocacy for better food regulation has led to invitations to address local, national, and international gatherings on food safety, including recent testimony to the U.S. Congress Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Nominate *your peers*

Nominations are being sought for the Law Alumni Board for terms beginning July 1, 2012. The deadline for applications is Sept. 30.

The Law Alumni Board (LAB) serves as an advisory body to the dean and the Office of Alumni Relations. Including leading members of the alumni body who have made a commitment to advance the mission of the law school, LAB works to engage alumni in support of Seattle University School of Law's mission of educating outstanding lawyers who are leaders for a just and humane world. LAB advises the alumni office on initiatives and activities designed to strengthen relationships in building an inclusive law school community of alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends.

You can make a nomination using the form and envelope included in this issue or online at www.law.seattleu.edu/x8135.xml.

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AN EVENING AT THE THEATER: Dean Mark Niles and Catherine Walker '80, who serves as chair of the Dean's Club, enjoyed a special evening at the Intiman Theater. Dean's Club members, who contribute at least \$1,000 annually, were treated to a showing of "All My Sons" set in Seattle's Central District with an African American cast. The evening also included a conversation between the dean and Jack Hamman, author of "On American Soil," the award-winning book that recounts how a group of African American soldiers were wrongfully charged with rioting and a lynching in 1942. If you're interested in joining the Dean's Club, contact Michael Sclafani, the director of Annual Giving, at 206-398-4140 or sclafanim@seattleu.edu. Photo by Jennifer Richard.



WOMEN'S LAW CAUCUS: Cynthia Jones '06, addresses the audience at the Woman of the Year luncheon honoring U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan, which was cosponsored by the Women's Law Caucus. Jones served as WLC co-president when she was in law school. Photo by Marcus Donner.



COMMENCEMENT: Law Alumni Board President Don Black '95 welcomes 265 new graduates to the alumni community during an address at Commencement. He encouraged them to stay involved with the law school. Photo by Marcus Donner.



A GREAT VIEW: Hillary Madsen '08 and Scott Gifford '08 had a birds-eye view of Seattle at the High Five alumni event on the Observation Deck level of the Space Needle. The evening was organized by the Recent Alumni Committee, on which Madsen serves as chair of the Networking Committee.



The Honorable Cheri Filion '78 and the Honorable Judith Hightower '83 caught up at event at the Space Needle. Photos by Jennifer Richard. View photo galleries from law school events at <http://www.law.seattleu.edu/x7033.xml>.

1976



Herbert Farber completed ATLA's Ultimate trial college at Harvard Law School. The Ultimate is an intensive program qualifying him for the American Association of Justice's highest distinction as a diplomat in its trial achievement program.

1979

John Ellingson was appointed an Individual "Privacy by Design" Ambassador by the Information & Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Dr. Ann Cavoukian.



Linda Strout took over as president of the Columbia Legal Services Board, on which she has served as a director since

2002. Columbia Legal Services is part of Washington's Alliance for Equal Justice. It is a state-wide, non-profit organization with a mission to represent low-income people and organizations that have no other legal assistance available to them.

1982

Gary Johnson was appointed a Pierce County Superior Court judge by Gov. Christine Gregoire. Judge Johnson was president and senior partner at the law offices of Kram, Johnson, Wooster & McLaughlin in Tacoma.

1983

Ada Ko joined Garvey Schubert Barer as an owner. She is a member of the firm's Tax and Benefits Group.



Hal White's collection of fictional short stories, "The Mysteries of Reverend Dean," was published in Japan. The collection was released in the U.S. in 2008.

1984

Eric Dickman and his wife, Maggie Larrick, were awarded the City of Burien's Community Leader award for their work with the Burien Little Theatre.



Sharon Sakamoto and Heather Hamamoto '08 formed the partnership, Sakamoto & Hamamoto LLP, located in downtown Seattle. The firm specializes in estate planning, probate, guardianship and business formation.

1985

John Burns was appointed Alaska's new attorney general by Gov. Sean Parnell, Class of 1987.

John Iani joined Perkin Coie's Environment, Energy & Resources practice as a partner. Prior to private practice, John was the regional administrator for Region 10 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Giuliana Vural opened her own practice, Vural Law Firm, PLLC in Fort Worth, Texas, focused on oil and gas law. She was previously an adjunct professor at Texas Wesleyan University and a founding partner at Judd & Vural, PLLC (now Judd & Jacks, PLLC).

1987

Steve Crandall serves as managing director of Seattle's ProMotion Holdings, LLC, a full-spectrum new media company that creates corporate and promotional videos, provides court

reporting and legal video services, and provides trial presentation and litigation support for law firms. Prior to launching his company in 2004, he was corporate counsel for the Frank Russell Company, chief investment strategist for Chase Manhattan Futures, and CEO of a multinational consulting firm with clients that included Wells Fargo Bank and the government of Singapore. Selected the 2005 Greater Seattle Business Association Business Man of the Year, Steve serves on the Board of Directors for Seafair, is treasurer of Flying House Productions and is a member of the founding Board of Trustees for Antioch University.

Brett Purtzer was sworn in as president of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association. He is also a principal at the Hester Law Group.

Steve Secrist was appointed vice president and general counsel and chief ethics and compliance officer by the Board of Directors of Puget Sound Energy and its parent company, Puget Energy.

Steve Sooter was inducted into the Burlington-Edison Hall of Fame. He is president of Legal + Plus Software Group, Inc.

Denese Ashbaugh Vlosky received her doctorate in family studies in the School of Human Ecology at LSU. Since completing an NIA post-doctoral fellowship at the Aging and Demography Center at Duke University, and working at LSU in the School of Social Work, she is now the Director of Chronic Care Research at the Amedisys corporate offices in Baton Rouge.

1988

Mark Comstock joined Recreational Equipment, Inc., as vice president of real estate and store development.

1989



Craig Beetham, a member of the Law Alumni Board, was elected vice-president and president-elect for 2012 of the

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Family Law Section. Craig was also elected a member of the executive committee at the law firm of Eisenhower & Carlson.

James McConkey was elected principal of the international law firm Miller Canfield. He is based in the Chicago office, where his practice focuses on complex commercial litigation disputes with an emphasis on business, class action, consumer financial services, construction, insurance, and environmental litigation matters.

1990



Sean Ayres was certified as a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Membership to the forum is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards and settlements.

Mary L. Pate, a partner in the Litigation Department of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP in Detroit, co-hosted a session of the Michigan Health Care Human Resources Conference "Social Media for Health Care Providers: Embracing the Opportunities and Overcoming the Challenges." She addressed such topics as the explosion of social media, health law and employment law considerations and tips for embracing opportunities offered by social media and overcoming the challenges in doing so. Pate represents clients in labor and employment and general litigation. In addition, she advises employers regarding employment issues, includ-

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Class notes

ing discrimination, harassment, whistleblower claims, employment policies, manuals and contracts, and wage and hour laws. Pate represents employers before agencies such as the National Labor Relations Board, the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the United States Department of Labor and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. She is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management and the Kalamazoo Human Resources Management Association.

Jon Tunheim, was elected Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney and received the Washington State Bar Association's Local Hero Award in recognition of his efforts to reduce crimes of domestic violence, sex abuse and child abuse.

1991

Catherine Leon joined the New York office of Garvey Schubert Barer as of counsel.

1992

Brad Moore, a partner at Stritmatter Kessler Whelan Coluccio, was selected to join the invitation-only group of American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He also serves as a board member of Public Justice, formerly Trial Lawyers for Public Justice.



Felicia Malsby was named the 2010 Family Law Attorney of the Year by the Family Law Section of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association. Felicia is the principal of Felicia Malsby's Family Law Resolutions, a boutique firm located in Gig Harbor, Wash. She is also the founding director and immediate past president of Collaborative Professionals of Washington and founder of Collaborative Law Professionals of Pierce County.

1993



The Honorable Frank Cuthbertson was the recipient of the 2011 BLSA Alumni Award, celebrated in February, at Seattle University School of Law's annual Black Law Student Association Alumni Awards Reception. Read more on page 29.

Cynthia Linet returned to Washington after closing her family law practice of 16 years in Hilo, Hawaii. For several of those years, she served as a teen court judge and also operated a Sunday Market booth called "The Lawyer is In: \$20 for 20 minutes." While art is a great passion in her life these days, she remains open about the possibility of collaborating with lawyer friends and colleagues on future meaningful projects.

Annette Sandberg joined the Spokane office of Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary as of counsel. A former deputy administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, she will represent the firm's motor carrier client base on various safety and regulatory issues.

1994

Mark McLaughlin, president and CEO of Verisign, Inc., was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee. In April, Dean Niles presented him with the Dean's Medal at the 2011 Alumni Association Awards Luncheon. (Read more on pg. 28.)



Evelyn Rick was accepted into the Master's Program in Classics at the University of Arizona and will be teaching Latin in the fall semester.

1995

Lyn Johnson was the 2011 recipient of the Distinguished Law Graduate Award from Seattle University School of Law. He is the managing director in contracts for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, managing the Commercial Contracting for new Boeing aircraft in the Americas region. (Read more on pg. 29.)



Mark Lindquist was elected Pierce County Prosecutor in November 2010. He was first appointed to the position in September 2009.

Former chief criminal deputy, Mark has been with the Prosecutor's Office for more than 16 years and has tried almost every type of case, including murders, rapes, assaults, child molestation, property and drug crimes and the Tacoma Mall shooter.

Aaron Lovass is a principal/partner in the law firm of Global Business Lawyers – Lovass & Lehtinen, P.C. He is a business law attorney and litigator and his firm currently represents clients located in the U.S., Canada, Australia, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Russia, China and Saudi Arabia. Global Business Lawyers is the Nevada representative member of LawPact, an international association of independent business law firms. He also serves as a private mediator and arbitrator.



Steve Richards was selected by the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners as a 2010 recipient of the Denise O'Donnell Day Pro Bono Awards for performing exceptional volunteer legal work. He was nominated by the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program for his volunteer work representing the interests of children in child protec-

tion cases. He has volunteered for the CASA program since 1998. A partner at Grimes & Reese in Idaho Falls, Idaho, he practices business law, primarily focusing on direct sales and the nutritional supplements and cosmetics industries.

Michael Treger was admitted to practice in California and is an associate at Straussner Sherman in Van Nuys, California.

1996



Patrick Oishi was appointed a King County Superior Court judge by Gov. Christine Gregoire. He has served as

Pierce County Superior Court Commissioner since 2010. For more than a decade, he was a deputy prosecuting attorney in the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office. There, he tried more than 90 jury trials, many involving violent felony offenses. In 2008 Oishi moved to private practice with Lee Smart, P.S. focusing on cases involving torts, professional malpractice, construction, school law and real estate licensing.

1998

Allen Browning opened a family law practice in Port Orchard, Wash., specializing in Navy personnel who have a special set of needs in contested dissolutions, parenting plan modification, and issues of maintenance.

Kris Haworth launched The Forensics Group, an electronic investigative services and litigation support firm based in Petaluma, California.

Casey Jorgensen was USA Hockey's first-ever staff general counsel. He will serve as the first point of contact for USA Hockey on all legal matters, while supporting the efforts of the organization's staff and volunteer leadership. A member of USA Hockey's Board of Directors, Jorgensen has served on the organization's Legal

Council for the last 10 years. He has practiced with Williams, Kastner & Gibbs, PLLC, a full-service firm based in Seattle. His involvement in the hockey community began over 30 years ago. While playing youth hockey, he embarked on an officiating career at the age of 12. Excelling in the profession, he was hired as a linesman in the Western Hockey League at just 17 years old. He officiated various levels of amateur and professional hockey for 25 years, including 12 years in the WHL (1986-98) and six years in the West Coast Hockey League (1995-2001), as well as at several USA Hockey National Championships and international events.

Jonathan Meyer was elected Lewis County Prosecutor.

1999

Michael Galletch maintains an accomplished litigation practice at his law firm, Galletch & Fullington, located in South Lake Union. He recently completed a year-long term on the Washington State Bar Association's Professionalism Committee after two years on the Rules Committee.

Matthew Segal, formerly a partner at K&L Gates, co-founded the new Seattle law firm, Pacifica Law Group LLP. His practice focuses on litigation at the trial and appellate level, including complex appellate matters, constitutional law, municipal law, media law, insurance coverage, commercial and corporate disputes, and environmental and land use actions.

2001

Michael Evans was appointed a Cowlitz County Superior Court judge by Gov. Christine Gregoire. He had been a Cowlitz County District Court judge.



Erin Stines and husband, **Andrew Stines '01**, celebrated the birth of their second son, Parker Gar-

rett, on June 21, 2010. Parker's older brother, Tanner, is 6. Erin has started a new position as in-house litigation counsel for Fidelity National Law Group.

2002

Sheehan Sullivan Weiss was named a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP.



Wendy Walter was named managing attorney of Routh Crabtree Olsen, P.S., a law firm focused on mortgage banking and servicing. Her practice areas include foreclosure, title issues, regulatory compliance, and anything involving mortgage servicing.

2004

Shane Anderson, after five years at Spencer Anderson & Buhr, PLLC, accepted a position at The Boeing Company in supplier management contracts.



Jennifer Cave was elected a member of the firm Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC. Her practice focuses on all areas of environmental and natural resources law.

Melody Crick received the Stan Jones Outstanding District Justice award for 2009-10 from Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International. Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) is a professional law fraternity that focuses on service to students, the school, the profession and the community. She oversees PAD members in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Alaska, Alberta and British Columbia.



Jesse Souki was appointed director of the Office of Planning by Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie.

2005

Cynthia Buhr, after five years at Spencer Anderson & Buhr, PLLC, now has a solo family law practice, The Law Offices of Cynthia F. Buhr, PLLC.



M. Lorena González received the Alumni Service Award at the 2011 Alumni Association Awards Luncheon for her unwavering commitment to justice. She is an associate at Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender, past president of the Latina Bar Association of Washington and a former member of the Law Alumni Board. (Read more on pg. 28.)

Angela Rye was selected to be the executive director and general counsel of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 112th Congress. In February, at the 2011 Black Law Student Association Alumni Awards, she was presented with the Vanguard Leader of the Year Award. (Read more on pg. 30.)



James Spencer, after five years at Spencer Anderson & Buhr, PLLC, is now principal at The Spencer Law Group PS. He also serves on the board of directors of the QLaw Foundation.

Erica Wolf, an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law, was hired by the school's Center for Indian Law & Policy as managing attorney to serve as director of the Summer Intern Program and manage other Indian estate planning projects in development. She has worked with the Indian Wills Project since 2005 and teaches the Indian Wills course with Clinic Director, Associate Professor **Lisa Brodoff**.



2006



Melissa Campos Avelar opened her own office in Pasadena, Calif., serving the immigrant community in immigration law and consumer protection.

Cameron Collins taught an Entertainment Law course at the law school as an adjunct professor in spring 2011.

Fé Lopez, president of the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington and a tireless advocate for the Latina/o community on issues of race and justice, was the 2011 recipient of the La Justicia Award presented to her in March at the Latina/o Alumni Awards Reception. (Read more on pg. 30.)



Mark Nelson joined Davies Pearson Attorneys at Law as an associate. His practice focuses on family law.

Joanna Plichta Boisen and husband, **Matt Boisen '06**, welcomed daughter Zofia "Zoe" Halina on January 14, 2011. She continues to serve as a member of the Law Alumni Board at Seattle University School of Law.



Mark Saku was appointed co-chair for the Northwest Chapter of The Copyright Society of the USA. CSUSA is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, founded in 1953, that is dedicated to advancing the study of copyright law and related rights in literature, music, art, theater, motion pictures, television, computer software, architecture, and other works of authorship, distributed via both traditional and new media.



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2007

Evan Catron was promoted to the position of Decision Review Officer at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Seattle Regional Office. In his new role, he will hold hearings with veterans and their representatives in order to identify issues and resolve dissatisfaction. He also serves as a training officer and technical advisor, ensuring uniform application of legal decisions and policy issues by employees involved in the claims processing cycle.



Brendan Donckers was sworn in to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States by Chief Justice John Roberts in conjunction with the oral arguments in *Milner v. U.S. Navy*. The case was heard in December. At issue was the applicability of a statutory exemption under the Freedom of Information Act. He was second chair for the oral argument, and the win overturns

36 years of case law interpreting the exemption.



Michael Kaiser presented at the National Business Institute's CLE "Attorney's Guide to Legal Research Strategies On- And Offline." His company, Seattle Legal Research, is at the forefront of the increasing trend toward outsourcing legal services such as discovery and legal research.

Ernest Radillo received the City of Wenatchee's Civil Rights and Social Justice Award, a tribute honoring individuals who have protected civil rights and promoted social justice for the area's disadvantaged populations. In March, at the law school's Latina/o Alumni Awards Celebration, he received the Spirit of Service Award. (Read more on pg. 30.)



Anthony Ravani, senior vice president of operations and technology at Sea Blue Media, LLC and the principal in the Lotus Law Group, received the Recent Graduate Award at the 2011 Alumni Association Awards. (Read more on pg. 30.)

2008

Paige Buurstra joined the Everett law firm of Tuohy Minor Kruse PLLC.

Forrest Carlson formed The Law Office of Forrest Carlson in Seattle after serving two years as a litigation associate for **Robert M. Zoffel '91**. The practice is a full-service law office with an emphasis on civil litigation for businesses and individuals.



Heather Hamamoto and **Sharon Sakamoto '84** formed the partnership, Sakamoto & Hamamoto LLP, located in downtown Seattle. The firm specializes in estate planning, probate, guardianship and business formation. Heather also serves on the board of the Filipino Lawyers of Washington and welcomed her first child, a son, this spring.

Linda Jenkins joined the Everett law firm of Tuohy Minor Kruse PLLC with a practice focused on real estate development, land use and zoning, business law, estate planning and probate. She serves as a Snohomish County Planning Commissioner and is a member of the Professionalism Committee of the Washington State Bar Association, where she chairs the Bar News subcommittee.

Kameron Kirkevold, a practitioner of elder law, joined the law offices of Helsell Fetterman in Seattle as an associate.



In Memoriam

1975

Elizabeth Balas died on July 7, 2010. Liz was the first woman lawyer to share her wisdom and words in the trial courts in Whatcom County. For more than 34 years she served her clients and justice well with exceptional intelligence and understanding. "Make your ear attentive to wisdom and incline your heart to understanding... Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, and every good path..." (From the Book of Proverbs). Liz is survived by her beloved husband, Dick Hawley, her son, Charles Balas (Cindy), and her grandson, Thor.



state and national levels. She served as president of the King County Bar Association and of the Washington state chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She was named Outstanding Attorney by the Washington State Bar

Association in 1988 and Outstanding Attorney by the King County Bar Association in 1999. Mary was active in reformation and improvement of the Washington State judicial system. In 1995, Gov. Mike Lowry appointed Mary to the Walsh Commission on Judicial Selection. She served twice as president of the Washington chapter of the American Judicature Society, a national organization working to maintain the independence and integrity of the judicial system, and has been honored as Distinguished Lifetime Director for her outstanding contributions to the judicial system. Mary had a lifelong passion for justice, and always expected the best of herself and others, which translated into her law practice, her

volunteer activities, her meditation practice, and her family. Although Mary achieved a thriving law practice and volunteer activities, including her year of service on the Law Alumni Board, her highest commitment was always to her family, raising three children with her husband of 30 years.

1991



Ramona Witt died March 7, 2011, after struggling with pneumonia. Ramona was a star ARC student, graduated with honors and was the co-recipient of the prestigious Faculty Scholarship. After a short time practicing law and

clerking for Judge Houghton at the Washington State Court of Appeals Division II, she joined the Legal Writing Faculty at the law school. In addition to teaching Legal Writing during the academic year, she worked tirelessly every summer as the Legal Writing Professor for the summer ARC program. In more than 10 years on the

2009



Sandy Cairns opened her own law practice, Law Office of Sandy Cairns, PLLC, in Kirkland. The practice focuses on estate planning.

Christopher Cutting authored “Independent Judicial Determination: How Courts can use the Standard of Review to Uphold Private Property Rights Without Undermining Public Use,” which will be published in the spring edition of the Phoenix Law Review. This will be his second law review article published. The article analyzes the state constitutional provision shared by Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, and Washington that requires the court to make an independent judicial determination of the meaning of public use in the eminent domain context.



Lukas Dudkowski joined The Spencer Law Group PS as an associate. His primary legal interests are in the areas of intellectual property, copyright/trademarks/patents, consumer privacy, advertising law, small/startup business, and the myriad of issues facing artists, technology entrepreneurs and startups.



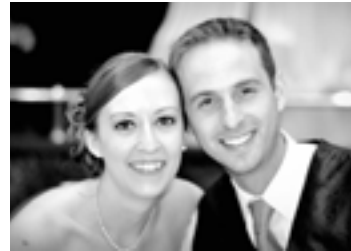
Lambros Politis, an associate at The Spencer Law Group PS, is also a volunteer with the Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) and the Northwest Immigrants Rights Project.

Brian Rowe is teaching Information Privacy Law at Seattle University and has accepted a full-time position with the Northwest Justice Project as the



National Technology Assistance Project Coordinator.

2010



Justin Chaput married **Morgan O'Neal '10** on August 7, 2010, nine days after taking the bar exam. Justin is a special agent with the Washington State Gambling Commission, while Morgan is staff counsel at GEICO.

Alexandra Gerson joined the Seattle law firm Helsell Fetterman LLP.



Colin Prince received a prestigious 2011 Burton Award for Legal Writing for his article, “Moral Foundation Theory and the Law,” which was published last year in the Seattle Law Review. Prince was editor-in-chief in 2009-10. The Burton Awards honors partners in law firms and law school students who use plain, clear and concise language and avoid archaic, stilted legalese. Prince was one of only 15 law students in the country to win an award. He was recognized at a gala ceremony in June at the Library of Congress featuring U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.



faculty, she touched the lives of hundreds of students and became an inspiration and role model of professionalism. Even after she left full-time teaching, she periodically returned when the law school needed her to teach a class. She clerked for Judge Benton at the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, practiced at Whitney and Rainey, and then returned to clerking at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of Nevada.

1997

Stacey Franklin died February 18, 2011, of cancer. Before law school, Stacey served 10 years in the Army, where she met and married Michael Franklin in 1985. While Stacey was serving on active duty in the Nurse Corps, she earned a master's in public administration from Troy State University. After retiring from the Army, Stacey enrolled at the law school, where she served as vice president of the Student Bar Association, and participated in moot court. After graduating from law school, Stacey moved with her family to Germany,

where she was a school nurse. She then moved to Texas, where she passed the bar on her first try. When her husband retired from the Army, the family moved to the Dallas area, where she worked for the Texas Workforce Commission. Stacey started a third profession as a manager and technical adviser with the United States Department of Treasury, Equal Employment Commission, where she worked until her health forced her to retire in 2011. Stacey was a strong supporter of her church, Collin Creek Baptist Church of Plano, Texas.

2007

Tamara “Tammy” Fox, died March 20, 2011. She managed her own practice, and was the assistant cheer coach at Skyline High School. A 1998 graduate of Liberty High School, she danced on the drill team her freshman year and cheered for three years as a member of Liberty's cheerleading squad. She earned a degree in communication from the University of Washington.

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August 5

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September 6

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September 8-9

3rd Annual Domestic
Violence Symposium

September 9-10

Academic Resource Center 25th
Anniversary Celebration

September 16

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(First in a year-long series)

September 22

Beate Sirota Gordon Lecture

September 23-24

Diversity in Deanships Workshop

September 30

CLE: Annual Supreme Court Watch

October 6

Red Mass

October 7

CLE: Advanced Word and
Paperless Office

October 14

CLE: Ethics

October 18

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November 4

CLE: Early Brain Development
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December 16

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December 17

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