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## Dean's perspective



My second year as dean has already proven to be at least as exciting as my first. Many of the initiatives I had in mind at the beginning of my deanship are coming to fruition, and I had the chance this fall to do one of my favorite things: teach. Having 90 eager, brilliant and engaging first-year students in my Civil Procedure class reminds me exactly what's most important at Seattle University School of Law: serving our students and alumni and preparing them for success.

We are just weeks away from offering our inaugural set of specially designed first-year elective courses. Our elective program is designed to expose students to a wide range of topics not traditionally offered in the first year curriculum – including Administrative Law, International Law, and Legal History to name just a few – in preparation for more in-depth study of the subject matter in their upper level courses.

New staff members in the Center for Professional Development and Externship Program are creating even more opportunities for students to develop the kind of skills and experience that practitioners and judges have told me are most necessary for new lawyers today – the practical case and deal-management skills that will allow our graduates to “hit the ground running” as lawyers. Our CPD office is also available to help alumni find jobs and employees.

Our faculty appointments committee is searching for the best and brightest to join us, and our professors continue to produce outstanding scholarship. There are even more exciting programs on the horizon that will embolden our mission, further distinguish Seattle University School of Law and best prepare graduates for a changing legal market.

This issue of the Lawyer is full of stories that illustrate the many opportunities available to Seattle University School of Law graduates. From public interest attorneys serving needy communities in Arkansas to national food safety expert Bill Marler '87, our alumni are fighting to protect the rights of the underserved in their communities and abroad, which inspires great pride in me.

I encourage you to look at the Annual Report of Giving and offer my sincere thanks to all of you who have supported the law school. In order to make the best use of those contributions, we decided to print an abbreviated version and make the full report available online at [www.law.seattleu.edu/reportofgiving](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/reportofgiving).

On a more personal note, I am grateful that my wife and children have settled in Seattle after a year of long-distance commuting and that the law school community has warmly welcomed them. I feel truly at home in this city and at this law school, and I look forward to its continued success and development. I wish you and yours a blessed holiday season.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Niles', written in a cursive style.

Mark Niles  
Dean and Professor of Law

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Photo by Matt Hagen.

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The State Supreme Court Justices join the law school in celebrating Red Mass.

Photo by Jennifer Richard.



Dean Mark Niles welcomes Washington State Supreme Court Justice Tom Chambers, fellow justices look on. From Left, Justices Debra Stephens, Charlie Wiggins, Gerry Alexander, Mary Fairhurst and Barbara Madsen. Photo by Jennifer Richard.

## Red Mass honors Justice Mary Fairhurst and legal community

Seattle University School of Law's annual Red Mass honored the contributions of the legal community, paying a special tribute to State Supreme Court Justice Mary E. Fairhurst for her steadfast commitment to justice.

Archbishop Peter Sartain presided and Seattle University President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., was a concelebrant at Red Mass, where more than 200 judges, lawyers, alumni and friends gathered in the Chapel of St. Ignatius and for a reception at Sullivan Hall.

Dean Mark C. Niles and many others thanked Justice Fairhurst for her dedication to the law and working for a more just society. Justice Fairhurst's judicial colleagues and others who work with and know her well spoke about her strength, her dedication to working to serve others and her dedication to the bench. Fairhurst has fought cancer for the past two years without ever missing a day of work at the court. The crowd erupted with cheers as Narda Pierce, general counsel for

the Governor's Office, read a proclamation from Gov. Chris Gregoire declaring October 6, 2011, Justice Mary E. Fairhurst Day.

Justice Fairhurst, a leader in the legal profession, was elected in 2002, after serving 16 years with the Attorney General's Office. She served as President of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA). She was the second woman, first public sector, and youngest attorney to hold this position. She also served on the Bar Board of Governors representing the Third Congressional District and as President of Washington Women Lawyers. Throughout her career, Justice Fairhurst has worked to enhance the opportunities for women and minorities in the profession and to ensure access to justice for low-income individuals and families.

The law school has created the Justice Mary E. Fairhurst Public Interest Law Foundation Grant, which will be awarded in spring 2012. To make a gift, visit [www.law.seattleu.edu/x6455.xml](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/x6455.xml).



## Law school urges all students to Pledge Pro Bono

Seattle University School of Law launched a new Pro Bono Pledge Program to provide students the opportunity to help meet the needs of underserved communities and contribute to a more just and humane world.

Students already engage in a great deal of meaningful work outside of the classroom. The voluntary Pledge Program takes an important next step by inviting students to commit to a minimum number of hours of pro bono and volunteer service prior to graduation, and then by formally acknowledging and celebrating those who meet their goals. It offers resources to those who want to volunteer and allows those who already do so to track their time. While working to help others, students also build their professional profiles and network of professional contacts.

"In addition to helping people who have critical legal needs, students who Pledge Pro Bono will gain practical experience and skills," Dean Mark C. Niles said.

The program is run through the law school's Access to Justice Institute, which works to encourage all students to pursue social justice, no matter where their careers take them. Even students who do not intend to practice public interest law can find ways to do pro bono work through ATJI and the Pledge program.

Students are taking part in a range of projects. 2L Kwan Law teaches a Citizenship class for new immigrants at the Yesler Community Center.

"This work is important to me because I want to gain a broader perspective of this America. This is probably why I came to law school in the first place," Law said. "Like my students, I had to undergo the citizenship exam, and it took me 22 years to get to the point of examination. I often wonder what other peoples' stories are, and I have seen others who had to struggle time after time. Perhaps, we can use our experience and make this journey less burdensome for others."

## Law school hosts symposiums on domestic violence response, summary judgment

Programs at the law school this fall explored problems related to domestic violence response and marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Summary Judgment Trilogy.

"Learning to Listen, Listening to Learn: Improving Domestic Violence Response" brought together attorneys, scholars, students, judges, law enforcement, social workers, advocates, batterer intervention providers, and others in the field to focus on listening to survivors and work on solutions to this chronic social and legal problem.

"Social science research shows that a survivor is his or her own best expert on his or her safety, and that listening to the survivor

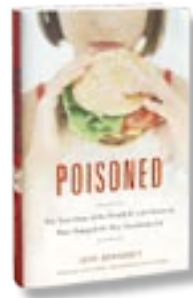
and taking the survivor's wishes into account increase the individual's safety," said Assistant Professor Jane Stoever of Seattle University School of Law's Domestic Violence Clinic, one of the organizers of the conference that was co-sponsored by many organizations. "Listening is key to improving our domestic violence response and we look forward exploring what a heightened commitment to listening means across disciplines."

A colloquium and lecture at the law school reflected on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the trilogy of summary judgment cases and how they changed litigation. Assistant Professor Brooke Coleman organized the events, which included an Influential Voices lecture by the Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.

*Celotex*, *Liberty Lobby*, and *Matsushita* – the summary judgment trilogy of cases – came down 25 years ago. This anniversary provided the law school with the opportunity to reflect about how these three cases changed litigation and thus changed the world.

While the changes wrought by the trilogy of cases themselves were rather discrete, Coleman said the overall message sent by the cases was that summary judgment was not disfavored, and was in fact a procedure that should be used with greater frequency. Litigation has been profoundly different ever since.

## Food safety lawyer Bill Marler and 'Poisoned' author talk about book



William Marler '87, the country's most prominent foodborne illness lawyer, and Jeff Benedict, who wrote the book "Poisoned" chronicling the Jack in the Box E. coli outbreak, had an engaging conversation at the law school about how the book came together.

Marler is the managing partner of Marler Clark, The Food Safety Law Firm, and a national expert in food safety. He has represented thousands of individuals in claims against food companies whose contaminated products have caused life-altering injury and death. He began litigating foodborne illness cases in 1993, when he represented Brianne Kinder, the most seriously injured survivor of



Assistant Professor  
Brooke Coleman



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## The briefcase: law school news



**Bill Marler '87 and author Jeff Benedict talk about how the book "Poisoned" came about and how it affected them both.** Photo by Matt Hagen.

the historic Jack in the Box E. coli O157:H7 outbreak, in her landmark \$15.6 million settlement with the company. For the last 20 years, he has represented victims of nearly every large foodborne illness outbreak in the United States. In addition to his legal work, Marler advocates for a safer food supply.

Jeff Benedict is considered one of America's top nonfiction writers. His latest book, "Poisoned: The True Story of the Deadly E. coli Outbreak That Changed the Way Americans Eat," features Marler as the main character.

### Center for Professional Development adds staff, serves alumni



**Bahareh Samanian '02**

In order to best serve students and alumni, the law school's Center for Professional Development added an associate director exclusively devoted to working with potential employers.

Bahareh Samanian '02 is the new associate director for employer relations. Her role is primarily external and dedicated to connecting qualified students and alumni with prospective employers. She frequently meets

with legal employers, from solo practitioners to mid-size firms, to discuss and help them meet their hiring needs.

Whether the employer is seeking an intern, a work study student, a contract attorney or a permanent associate, she makes the search easy. Through her experience as a litigator, she built a solid network of local, regional, and national relationships. While an undergraduate at the University of Washington, Samanian interned with the

Office of the Corporation Counsel in Washington, D.C., defending municipal workers in civil lawsuits. During law school, she interned with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and studied law in Spain. From 2002 to 2011, she litigated personal injury, Federal Employers' Liability Act, and employment law cases in state and federal courts throughout the western U.S.

If you have a hiring need or know of an attorney or firm who does, please contact Bahareh at [samaniab@seattleu.edu](mailto:samaniab@seattleu.edu) or 206-398-4034.

CPD also has four other staff members who are available to advise graduates on their job searches: Assistant Dean Shawn Lipton, Director Stacy Lara-Kerr and associate directors Erin Fullner and Anna Dudek Ross. For assistance, contact [lawcareers@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawcareers@seattleu.edu) or call 206-398-4100.

### Law school marks Constitution Day with father of law-related education

Seattle University School of Law marked Constitution Day with a program that celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Dr. Isidore Starr, the father of law-related education, and explored the future of civics education.

Starr, who at 100 is still passionate about the importance of civics education, highlighted the history of the field through the 1930s, when he discovered that the case law method he was studying in law school worked to energize and educate high school students in Brooklyn.

"Today, every national law-related education program can trace its roots to the efforts of Dr. Starr," said Margaret Fisher, a distinguished practitioner at the law school who has taught street law for more than three decades and organized the conference. "He is a legend. This man has changed lives."



**Isidore Starr, at 100, still speaks at conferences about the importance of law-related education. Here, he talks with State Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen.** Photo by Jenifer Richard.

More than 60 national and state leaders in the field of law-related education attended to raise the level of discussion about the teaching of the Constitution. Teacher Wendy Ewbank and middle school students demonstrated a lesson through iCivics, an online project developed by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to teach civics and inspire students to be active participants in our democracy. The event was co-sponsored by a number of civic and legal organizations.

## Graduate builds a community of public interest lawyers in Arkansas

Three 2011 graduates have received AmeriCorps fellowships to work with another alumnus in providing legal services to the poorest and most vulnerable people in Arkansas.

Amy Pritchard '09 is a staff attorney and AmeriCorps director for Legal Aid of Arkansas, based in Fayetteville. Her experience in Arkansas spurred a burst of graduates to pursue public interest opportunities there as well. Three May '11 graduates are meeting critical needs across the state.

Adam Chromy is AmeriCorps Medical Legal Coordinator for a Medical-Legal partnership with Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. Kevin De Liban is an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps fellow working to create medical-legal partnerships to aid poor and disabled people in rural eastern Arkansas communities in the mid-Mississippi Delta, based in West Memphis. Elizabeth Tonti is an AmeriCorps Legal Fellow providing legal services to protect people from domestic violence. She is based in Jonesboro. All three are grateful to be doing the work they went to law school to do.

"Arkansas is one of the poorest states in the country. We have such incredible unmet legal needs," Pritchard said. "Legal Aid of Arkansas serves 31 counties in Arkansas and has fewer than 20 staff attorneys, so the introduction of AmeriCorps fellows has made a huge difference in the impact we are able to have."

Pritchard encouraged De Liban to apply, and he and other friends did the same for Tonti and Chromy. Pritchard was the agency's only Spanish-speaking lawyer. With De Liban, now there are two.

Legal Aid of Arkansas interviewed many qualified candidates from public interest law schools, but the SU grads came out on top.

"In addition to being trained in the law, Seattle University graduates consistently have exhibited a special set of skills that I have not seen elsewhere," said Executive Director Lee Richardson. "They understand the true meaning of social justice and how attorneys are in a unique situation to be impactful in bringing about positive and lasting change in communities.



Amy Pritchard '09

I have been amazed at how each of the four we have recruited has the ability to think deeply about issues and how to best deploy scarce resources. They have a great understanding of the 'big picture', something it took me nearly two decades of public service work to grasp, which is almost non-existent in new law school graduates. Each has shown great potential to become leaders in the public interest legal community. They all have proven to be true humanitarians and tireless advocates for social justice."

## Author of the women's rights clause in Japan's Constitution speaks

Beate Sirota Gordon, who wrote the women's rights clause in Japan's Constitution, spoke about her experiences at a special lecture coordinated by the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality.

Gordon was a member of the 25-member Constitutional Assembly created in Japan in 1946 by General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander in post-World War II Occupied Japan. At the age of 22, Gordon attended a secret meeting between American and Japanese officials about the women's rights clause she wrote for Japan's new Constitution, which guarantees women equal rights with men and remains intact today. Japan's Constitution also guarantees Japan's peaceful roles in world affairs and democracy.

Observing growing global military tensions, Gordon has decided to spread word about Japan's Constitution – the women's rights and peace clauses in particular – as a lesson for the world today. Japanese media has reported Gordon's contributions through her bestselling book, "The Only Woman in the Room," TV, radio, newspaper and documentary films.



Beate Sirota Gordon wrote the women's rights clause in Japan's Constitution. Photo by Marcus Donner.



## 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.



**Janet Ainsworth**, John D. Eshelman Professor, had a number of articles published this summer and fall, including "Linguistic Ideology in the Workplace: American Legal Treatment of Bilingual Workers" in "Legal Discourse across Languages and Cultures;" "Curtailling Coercion in Police Interrogation: The Failed Promise of Miranda v. Arizona" in The Routledge Handbook of Forensic Linguistics; and "The Construction of Admissions of Fault Through American Rules of Evidence: Speech, Silence, and Significance in the Legal Construction of Liability" in "Exploring Courtroom Discourse: The Language of Power and Control." She made many scholarly presentations at conferences across the country and in Hong Kong and London.



Distinguished Jurist in Residence **Robert Alsdorf** was nominated by the ABA and appointed by the International Legal Assistance Consortium to be a member of a six-person team of judges and lawyers to travel to South Sudan to consult with the new government on rule of law issues. His piece "High Profile Cases: Are They More Than a Wrinkle in the Daily Routine?" was published by the American Judges Association. He also recorded "Opinion Writing in Controversial Cases" as an online judicial education course under the auspices of the National Center for State Courts.

Assistant Professor **Thomas Antkowiak**, director of the Latin America Program, participated in a call for papers for an upcoming book, "A Critical Evaluation of the Scholarship of Professor William Schabas." His abstract on the roles of national and international institutions to redress human rights violations was peer-reviewed and selected. His chapter will likely be published by Cambridge University Press in 2012.



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 his Achievement in Civil Rights. He also received the Ohtli Award from the Government of Mexico in recognition for his work in the United States and its impact in Mexico.

Professor **Steven Bender** spoke on the Geographies of Hate at the LatCrit XVI conference as part of a panel he organized on Immigration Regionalism. The Harvard Latino Law Review published his Afterword to the LatCrit XV Symposium, co-authored with Frank Valdes, titled "At and Beyond Fifteen: Mapping LatCrit Theory, Community, and Praxis." West Group also published a supplement to his co-authored treatise on Real Estate Finance.



He also organized and spoke at a memorial symposium for the late Keith Aoki. Soon, he will submit "Gringo Alley" to the UC Davis law review discussing Aoki's immigration law scholarship.

Professor Emeritus **Marilyn Berger**'s documentary "Out of the Ashes: 9/11" received the Director's Choice Award at the Gig Harbor Film Festival.



Professor from Practice **Bob Boruchowitz** led a panel at the Washington State Bar Criminal Justice Institute on The Impact of the New Supreme Court Rule on Defender Standards Certification and was a speaker and co-facilitator of small group discussions at the ABA National Defender Training in Las Vegas.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Deirdre Bowen** presented her work in progress "DOMA's Irrelevance: A Study of How Heterosexual Marriage Is Not Strengthened by Banning Gay Marriage" at the Emerging Family Law Scholars' Conference.



Associate Professor **Lisa Brodoff**, director of the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, presented a segment on time management for new clinicians at the CLEA New Clinicians Conference. She and Externship Program





Director **Gillian Dutton** presented “Applying Decision Making Theory to Experiential Learning Choices: Students as Our Clients” at the AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference.

Visiting Assistant Professor **Patrick Brown**’s published three articles: “Lonergan and the Challenge of Theory in Catholic Social Thought” in Theological Studies; “Response to Glenn Hughes, ‘Uterior Significance in the Art of Bob Dylan’” in the Journal of Macrodynamic Analysis; and “Functional Specialization and the Methodical Division of Labor in Legal Studies” in the journal Method.



Professor **Robert Chang**, associate dean for research and faculty development and director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Korean American Bar Association of Washington. His article “The Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality and Its Vision for Social Change” was published in Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, and his article “Joan Williams, Coalitions, and Getting Beyond the Wages of Whiteness and the Wages of Maleness” was published in Seattle University Law Review. On behalf of the Task Force on Race and the Criminal Justice System, Professor Chang and his co-chairs accepted the Civil Leader Award from the WSBA’s Civil Rights Law Section.

**Margaret Chon**, the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Professor for the Pursuit of Justice, published “Sticky Knowledge in Copy-



right” in the Wisconsin Law Review and “Crowdsourcing the Work-Family Debate: Introduction,” in Seattle University Law Review. She was a commentator at the Convening Cultural Commons Workshop at New York University School of Law; a co-convenor and moderator at the Global Congress on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest at American University Washington College of Law; a participant in the Cultural Protocols Workshop at New York University School of Law; and a roundtable participant at Technology, Social Media and Liminal IP at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting.

Assistant Professor **Brooke Coleman** was invited to submit an essay to the University of Nevada Law Journal for an issue on the worst Supreme Court decisions of all time. Her current article, “Vanishing Plaintiff,” will be published in Spring 2012 by Seton Hall Law Review. She will also be a contributing editor to the recently-launched JOTWELL CourtsLaw section.



University Professor **Richard Delgado** published a chapter in a Routledge Press book on race, class, and gender, and had three others accepted by different presses on a range of topics. He had several articles accepted for publication, including “The Wretched of the Earth” by the Alabama Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review; “Centennial Reflections on California Law Review’s Scholarship on Race: The Structure of Civil Rights Thought” by California Law Review; “Four Reservations About Civil Rights Reasoning by Analogy” by Columbia

Law Review; and a final piece about the role of money and wealth in American politics by UCLA Law Review Discourse. His article “Rodrigo’s Reconsideration” appeared in a recent issue of Iowa Law Review, and his article “*Transcendence: Conservative Wealth and Intergenerational Succession*,” was published by the UCLA Law Review.



Assistant Professor **Diane Dick** presented her article “Confronting the Certainty Imperative in Corporate Finance Jurisprudence” at the Law and Society Association annual meeting and at the 2011 Midwest Corporate Law Scholars Conference.

Distinguished Indian Law Practitioner in Residence **Eric Eberhard** addressed the National Indian Law Workgroup Annual Conference on “The U.S. Supreme Court and Governance in Indian Country: The Transformation of the Doctrine of Inherent Tribal Authority, the Rise of Implied Divestiture and Delegated Federal Authority.” He gave a presentation on the “Implications of the 2010 Elections for Federal Indian Policy and the Prospects for the 2012 Elections” at the Tribal Leaders Forum sponsored by the American Indian Resources Institute.



Professor of Lawyering Skills **Anne Enquist**, associate director of the Legal Writing Program, presented “Critiquing Law Students’ Writing” as a plenary speaker at the AALS Beginning Legal Writing Faculty workshop. She organized a team of nine senior faculty from around the

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## Above the bar: faculty achievements

country for the workshop who conducted small group sessions with new legal writing professors on critiquing law student writing.



Distinguished Practitioner in Residence **Margaret Fisher** was presented with the WSBA's 2011 Angelo Petruss Award for Lawyers in Public Service for

her work in educating law school and high school students through the Street Law and Youth Court programs. The award is given to a lawyer in government service who has made a significant contribution to the legal profession, the justice system, and the public.

Assistant Professor **Charlotte Garden** presented her paper "Teaching For America: Educators' Free Speech In and Out of the Classroom" at the Sixth Annual Labor and Employment Law Colloquium, and at "Public Sector Labor Law at the Crossroads," Toledo University Law Review's symposium. Additionally, her paper "Citizens, United and Citizens United: The Future of Labor Speech Rights?" was published in William and Mary Law Review.



Professor **Carmen Gonzalez** published "Climate Change, Food Security, and Agrobiodiversity: Toward a Just, Resilient and Sustainable Food System" in the Fordham Environmental Law Review and "An Environmental Justice Critique of Comparative Advantage: Indigenous Peoples, Trade Policy, and the Mexican Neoliberal Economic Reforms" in the University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law. She spoke on "Globalization, Foreign Investment and the Right to

Water" at the LatCrit XVI conference, where she also organized and moderated a plenary panel featuring Latina deans. Professor Gonzalez presented her scholarship at conferences in South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the Dominican Republic. Her co-edited book "Presumed Incompetent: Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia" will be published this Spring by Utah State University Press.



Associate Professor **Christian Halliburton's** latest article, "Race, Brain Science, and Critical Decision-Making in the Context of Constitutional Criminal

Procedure," will be published by the Gonzaga Law Review as part of its Race and Criminal Justice in the West symposium issue.

Associate Professor **Lily Kahng** was appointed to the inaugural Advisory Board of the Korean American Bar Association of Washington. She and Visiting Professor **Mary Louise Fellows** presented their paper "Costly Mistakes: Undertaxing Business Owners and Overtaxing Workers" at the Minnesota Law School Faculty Workshop, the 2011 Annual Law & Society Meeting, and the 2011 AALS Workshop on Women Rethinking Equality.



Associate Professor **John Kirkwood**, associate dean for strategic planning and mission, presented his working paper "Buyer Power and Merger Policy"

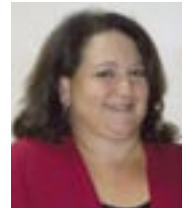
at the Loyola Antitrust Colloquium in Chicago. His article "A Prudent Approach to Climate Change" was published in the inaugural issue of the Seattle Journal of Environmental Law.



Clinical Professor **Raven Lidman** was a keynote speaker for the 20th Anniversary of PROSODE, the law clinic of Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Peru,

where she addressed the successes and challenges of that clinic in light of the Carnegie Report. She also organized a program on migration at the joint conference of Global Alliance for Justice Education and the International Journal for Clinical Legal Education.

Professor **Paula Lustbader's** article "Painting Beyond the Numbers: The Art of Providing Meaningful Access in Law School



Admissions to Ensure Full Representation in the Profession" will appear in the forthcoming Capital Law Review. She made numerous presentations on Civility and the Legal Profession, including at the first in-depth CLE program she launched, The Civility Promise, in Italy.

**Tayyab Mahmud**, director of the Center for Global Justice, was appointed to the Board of Advisors for "Laws of the Postcolonial: Ethics and Economy," a new book series by Routledge, and appointed to the International Activities Committee of the Law & Society Association. His article "Law of Geography and the Geography of Law: A Post-Colonial Mapping" was published by Washington University Jurisprudence Review, and his article "Is it Greek or Déjà vu All Over Again?: Neoliberalism and Winners and Losers of International Debt Crises" was published by Loyola University Chicago Law Review.







Associate Professor **Natasha Martin**, associate dean for research and faculty development, gave a number of presentations this summer and

fall, including “Puppets on a String: Workplace Avatars, Performance Identity, and the Expanding Boundaries of Workplace Etiquette” at the 2011 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop. She delivered the opening address, “Slaves No More – Searching for Sojourner Truth in the Spirit of Lutie A. Lytle,” and presented “Diversity and the Virtual Workplace: Performance Identity, Corporate Culture and Shifting Boundaries of Workplace Engagement” at Lewis & Clark Law School.



Professor from Practice **John McKay** delivered keynote remarks on “Rising to the Justice Challenge” at the 25th Anniversary of the Northwest Minority Job Fair. He also instructed Georgian judges on “Presiding Over Complex Organized Crime and Terrorism Cases” at the behest of the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Justice.

**Douglas Nash**, director of the Center for Indian Law and Policy, presented testimony before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs at a hearing on the American Indian Probate Reform Act, Empowering Indian Land Owners.



Dean **Mark Niles** participated in a roundtable in Seattle with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and U.S. Attorney for Western Washington Jenny Durkan. The event was called to discuss issues of digital security and the



enforcement of intellectual property rights. The U.S. Department of Justice’s Intellectual Property Enforcement Task Force works across government and within industry to devise better ways to investigate prosecute and protect against intellectual property piracy and theft.

Professor **Laurel Oates**, director of the Legal Writing Program, attended the Association of Legal Writing Directors’ meeting and participated in the Legal Writing Institute Board of Directors’ Retreat. She and Professor of Lawyering Skills **Anne Enquist**, associate director of the Legal Writing Program, published the third editions of “Just Research,” and “Just Memos.”



Professor **Catherine O’Neill** co-authored “Climate Change and the Puget Sound: Building a Legal Framework for Adaptation,” which was published under the auspices of the Center for Progressive Reform. She also co-authored “Environmental Justice, American Indians and the Cultural Dilemma: Developing Environmental Management for Tribal Health and Well-being,” which will be published in “Environmental Justice,” and “Conducting Research with Tribal Communities: Sovereignty, Ethics and Data-Sharing Issues,” which was published in “Environmental Health Perspectives.”



Associate Director/Collection Development Librarian **Kara Phillips** co-authored the book “Real Property Law in China: A Guide to Foreign Investment,” which was published by the American Bar Association.

Associate Professor **Russell Powell** presented his paper “Religion and Democracy in Turkish Legal Tradition” at an international conference on religion and politics at Sanata Dharma University in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. He also finished coursework for a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies at the University of Washington and is beginning work on his dissertation exploring Turkish secularism as a long-term research and book project.



Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills **Sara Rankin**’s article “Tired of Talking, A Call for Clear Strategies for Legal Education Reform: Moving Beyond the Discussion of Good Ideas to the Real Transformation of Law Schools” was accepted for publication by Seattle Journal for Social Justice as part of SALT’s Transformative Law presentation series.



Professor of Lawyering Skills **Chris Rideout**, associate director of the Legal Writing Program, presented the paper “The Sense of an Ending: Narrative and Normative Closure in Legal Storytelling” at the Applied Legal Storytelling conference. He also served as a facilitator for the Writers’ Workshop, which is sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute.

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## Above the bar: faculty achievements



Associate Professor of Law-  
 yering Skills **Mimi Samuel**  
 presented “Unwitting Pro-  
 pagandists: Are We (and  
 Should We) Be Promoting  
 U.S. Values Abroad Through  
 the Teaching of Legal English and Legal Writ-  
 ing to Non-U.S. Lawyers?” at the Global Legal  
 Skills Conference VI.

Professor **Julie Shapiro**  
 organized and participated  
 in the round table “Losing  
 When You Win” at the Law  
 and Society conference. She  
 also moderated a panel  
 on surrogacy at the Family Law Institute, a  
 national meeting of the Lesbian and Gay Bar  
 Association.



Distinguished Public Inter-  
 est Practitioner in Resi-  
 dence **Ada Shen-Jaffe** was  
 appointed to serve on the  
 ABA’s Standing Committee  
 on Legal Aid and Indigent  
 Defendants.

**David Skover**, the Fred-  
 eric C. Tausend Professor,  
 completed an article (co-  
 authored with Ronald Col-  
 lins), “The Digital Path of  
 the Law,” will appear as  
 the lead piece in a collection called “Legal  
 Education in the Digital Age,” to be pub-  
 lished by Cambridge University Press in early  
 2012. The article is an outgrowth of a 2008  
 workshop that Skover and Collins organized  
 at the law school called “The Future of the  
 Legal Course Book.”



Assistant Professor **Dean Spade** received a two-  
 year fellowship with Columbia University’s  
 Center for Gender and Sexuality, during which



he will be a scholar in the  
 Center’s “Engaging Tradi-  
 tion” project. His book,  
 “Normal Life: Administra-  
 tive Violence, Critical Trans  
 Politics, and the Limits of  
 Law” was published in November.

Research Professor **Jean Ste-  
 fancic** published “Talk the  
 Talk, but Walk the Walk”  
 in Seattle University Law  
 Review’s colloquy on Joan  
 Williams’s book “Reshaping  
 the Work-Family Debate.” She also completed  
 an article on Terrace v. Thompson for a Nevada  
 Law Journal symposium issue on the worst  
 Supreme Court cases. Her poem “Good Fri-  
 day” was published in J Journal: New Writing  
 on Justice.



Visiting Professor **Faith  
 Stevelman**’s article, “Global  
 Finance, Multinationals  
 and Human Rights: with  
 Commentary on Backer’s  
 Critique of the 2008 Report  
 by John Ruggie” was published in the Santa  
 Clara Journal of International Law.



Assistant Professor **Jane  
 Stoever** chaired the panel  
 “Conceptualizing and  
 Hearing the ‘Victim’ or Sur-  
 vivor” and presented “Ped-  
 agogical Breakthrough:  
 Using the Stages of Change Model to Teach  
 Lawyers to Represent Abuse Survivors” at the  
 Law & Society Association Annual Meeting.  
 She presented her paper “Pedagogical Break-  
 through: Using the Stages of Change Model to  
 Teach Lawyers to Represent Abuse Survivors”  
 at the Clinical Law Review Writers’ Workshop.  
 Her article, “Freedom From Violence: Using  
 the Stages of Change Model to Realize the



Promise of Civil Protection Orders” was pub-  
 lished in the Ohio State Law Journal.



Associate Professor **John  
 Strait** was elected president  
 of the University Academic  
 Assembly for 2011-2012,  
 elected to the Board of the  
 WSBA Criminal Law Sec-  
 tion, and reappointed Adjunct Investigative  
 Counsel by WSBA. He was also appointed  
 to the Review Committee for proposals by  
 outside counsel to the City of Seattle and  
 Seattle Police Dept. on police misconduct  
 litigation.

Reference Librarian **Barbara  
 Swatt Engstrom** received a  
 President’s Award from the  
 Law Librarians of Puget  
 Sound in recognition for her  
 years of service to the local  
 law librarian community.



Distinguished Scholar in  
 Residence **George Van  
 Cleve**’s book “A Slavehold-  
 ers’ Union: Slavery, Politics,  
 and the Constitution in the  
 Early American Republic”  
 will be published in paperback by the Univer-  
 sity of Chicago.



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# Lawmakers leave politics out of the classroom

While most students at Seattle University School of Law are learning about the law, State Sen. Cheryl Pflug is doing so while also making law. And coincidentally, the 3L was in a course this fall taught by a former state senator: Adjunct Professor Randy Gordon.

It's believed to be the first time at the law school that a professor and student shared Senate experience. Pflug and Gordon served together in 2010 – on opposite sides of the aisle.

"The one deal we have made is in the classroom: she calls me 'professor' and I call her 'Cheryl,'" Gordon said. "I was pleased to see her in class. She's a good student."

They keep politics out of the classroom, but their shared experiences make for lively conversations.

"I think it's good for students to see that I'm a Republican and he's a Democrat, and we're really not so far apart in some of these issues," Pflug said.

Gordon is a principal in the Bellevue law firm of Gordon Edmunds Greish PLLC with an active practice embracing complex commercial and tort litigation, products liability, personal injury, professional liability, mediation, arbitration and special master services. He has represented clients in forums ranging from a United States Senate subcommittee to litigation and mediation in federal and state trial and appellate courts including the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the Washington State Supreme Court, the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals, and other judicial and administrative bodies.

He is one of the many adjuncts the law school relies on to bring their practical experience and academic credentials to the classroom. He has taught Remedies and Product Liability since 1999. He was selected to give the December Commencement address three times and received the Outstanding Faculty Award in December 2003. He was appointed to serve in the Senate in 2010.

"I'm keen on teaching, and one of the biggest losses for me was having to take those semesters off," he said.

After he lost a close election, his first thought was getting back into the classroom.

"The day after the vote was decided, I was on the phone" with Associate Dean Paul Holland, who oversees adjunct professors. "I love everything about teaching. I love trying to remind law students why they went to law school. It's not about money, it's about service."

Pflug is a registered nurse who has served in the Senate since 2004 after five years in the state House. Her nursing experience includes

cardiac surgical care, operating room, family practice, medical-surgical and school nursing.

When she graduates, she will be one of just three practicing attorneys in the state Senate. The other two are both graduates of Seattle University School of Law who took courses from Gordon: Nick Harper '04 and Joe Fain '07.

"I have a changing view of what a life span of work is like," Pflug said.

She decided to pursue law school after a great lawyer helped her through a divorce. She decided she wanted to become a lawyer to help others – especially those who have traditionally had less access to the judicial system.



State Senator Cheryl Pflug with Adjunct Professor Randy Gordon

"I thought, 'thank God for this person,'" she said of her attorney. "If going through the system is this difficult for me, what must it be like for others who have less knowledge of the legal system?"

She said it's sometimes difficult to balance her schoolwork with her Senate responsibilities, but it's worth it. She hopes to practice law and to use her legal education in matters of health law policy. She lives in Maple Valley and has four children, the youngest a junior in high school. The opportunity to be among law students from different backgrounds, many of a younger generation, is as important as the legal education she's getting.

"I think it's important to expand your horizons and see how other people think," she said. "You should never stop learning."







# FREEDOM RESTORED

Professor and students help  
transformed man win clemency

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND HANSEN

Photos by Matt Hagen

**I**n 1994, Al-Kareem Shadeed was a nearly illiterate 24-year-old with a drug habit when he tried unsuccessfully to steal a high school teacher's wallet. He had no weapon and no one was injured, but Shadeed's conviction for attempted second-degree robbery resulted in a sentence of life in prison without parole under the state's new three strikes law. Even his victim argued at the time that Shadeed needed help, not a life behind bars.

Nearly eighteen years later, Shadeed is a changed man. And a free man. This fall, Gov. Christine Gregoire granted a petition for clemency filed by Seattle University School of Law Professor Paul Holland and students Ryan Pauley and Josh Springer. Shadeed left prison, under strict conditions but grateful for another chance to make a life. He is one of only four people in the country to be granted clemency after being sentenced to life in prison under a three strikes law, according to the King County prosecutor.

"Every day I thank God for the blessing of being free," Shadeed said. "No doubt about it, I appreciate all the work of Paul Holland and his team."

Holland, who is now the associate dean for academic affairs, was directing the law school's Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic and teaching in the Youth Advocacy Clinic when he agreed to take the case. It has been one of his most rewarding and gave his students a remarkable opportunity.

"This case is a rarity – the justice system corrected itself in an instance when it didn't have to," Holland said. "It would have been lawful for the life sentence to stand, but it wouldn't have been just."

In 2008, King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg initiated a review of cases of inmates sentenced in the years just after the three strikes law took effect. Aware that voters intended to send persistent offenders away for good, Satterberg recognized that the lowest-level qualifying crimes are handled differently than they were in 1993.

◀ Associate Dean Paul Holland and Al-Kareem Shadeed were happy to see each other outside of the Monroe prison, where Shadeed spent 18 years before being released this fall.

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From left, Ryan Pauley '08, Paul Holland and Josh Springer '08, talk about Shadeed's case and what it meant for them.

"The law did mandate life sentences for people who had three of the most serious offense crimes, but it had a provision that specifically authorized clemency as a way for the governor to review an inmate's progress," he said. "The law anticipated that the governor would exercise that power for people like Shadeed, who had done everything an inmate can do to better themselves."

Shadeed was convicted of attempted second-degree robbery, a class C felony, and the lowest level crime to qualify for a strike.

Before the three-strikes law, that conviction would have merited an 18-month sentence. Today, Satterberg said the prosecutor's office shows more discretion in charging the lowest-level third strike. In similar cases, he most likely would levy a slightly lower theft charge and ask for an exceptional sentence of 10 years. That's more proportionate to the crime but not lenient.

"Life without the possibility of release is definitely something we should reserve for the worst of the worst," Satterberg said.

"When I met with Mr. Shadeed, I could tell he really regretted his conduct as young man that was fueled by his drug addiction. He was determined to make it right if he had another chance."

Satterberg enlisted the help of defense attorney Jeff Ellis, who specializes in post-conviction and death penalty work. They came up with a handful of cases they thought should be investigated, and Ellis, who was an adjunct professor at the law school, approached Holland. Holland agreed to take



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the case, although it was outside the ordinary purview of his clinic and he had never done a clemency case before. Ellis told Holland it would require hundreds of hours.

“In order to get clemency you really have to show extraordinary changes and extraordinary actions,” said Ellis, who has won clemency for two other lifers. “It’s not for people who have just followed the rules, but people who have really turned their lives around and made significant changes. Sometimes there are facts about a case that the criminal justice system either ignores or doesn’t have a system to review. That’s what clemency is for.”

### A changed man

By all accounts, Shadeed fits that bill. He simply is not the same person he was, his supporters argued.



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—King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg

“I am more mature,” Shadeed said. “I just don’t look through the same lens I did as a young kid. Uneducated, insensitive, self-serving... I was all those things. Now I realize my actions have an impact on people. It does matter what I do. I see the big picture.”

Ever since the victim, high school teacher



Shadeed joined his sister Aqueelah Doss and other family members for Thanksgiving dinner for the first time in years.

Craig MacGowan, argued that Shadeed’s sentence was too severe, Shadeed made it his goal to be what his victim thought he could be.

“What made me change was him saying ‘look at this individual. This sentence is not

cate. He regularly went to Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings throughout his imprisonment, voluntarily took anger management classes, and participated in a victim awareness program.

“I genuinely started feeling empathy and started to feel sorry for what I had done,” Shadeed said. “My actions didn’t affect only myself, but my family and the community. I had a broader perspective about crime and breaking the law. I started looking at things from a citizen’s perspective. How would I feel if someone did that to me? I began establishing my credibility by being a man of ethics, speaking the truth, doing right, and treating others like I would like to be treated.”

Now living in Eastern Washington with his wife he married two years ago, he is taking online classes, working toward earning his bachelor’s degree in business, looking for a job, attending 12-step meetings and checking in with the Department of Corrections.

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**Holland is happy to hear Shadeed talk about his online degree program and his progress since being granted clemency.**

Any violation of the conditions of his release could result in the reinstatement of his life sentence.

“It’s all about taking it one day at a time and being responsible,” he said. “I go to these meetings and talk to young people about my story. Hopefully they will make better choices.”

### **A great lesson**

Holland knew taking Shadeed’s case would require him and the students assigned to the

case, Ryan Pauley and Josh Springer, both ’08, to learn a lot, about the clemency process and, more importantly, about their client.

“When you hear that term ‘life without parole’ you think of the worst crimes possible,” Pauley said. “When I heard about what he did, and that he was in for life, I thought, ‘how is that even possible?’”

From the first meeting with Shadeed, the team knew that it was essential that they find a way to make the Clemency and Pardons Board and eventually the governor

see the transformation that Shadeed had undergone.

“He’s a very warm man,” Holland said. “He always has been.”

“He’s extremely charismatic,” Springer said. “He’s articulate and positive. Once you meet someone like this, you get emotionally attached and personally involved.”

Springer and Pauley set out contacting people who had worked with Shadeed during his imprisonment. The list of supporters was extensive, and every one of them attested to



the power of his personality and their belief in his readiness to rejoin free society.

It was great experience for the students and left a lasting impression.

“Any chance a law student has to interact with an inmate opens the student’s eyes to the humanity involved,” Satterberg said. “These are real people on both sides of the case. The work we do does affect real people and their families.”

### The waiting game

Holland presented his petition to the board in June 2009, before a packed house of Shadeed’s supporters. Among those endorsing clemency were Satterberg and the victim. The board voted unanimously to recommend clemency, but the governor was under no deadline to act. Holland continued checking in with the

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governor’s office and visiting Shadeed to make sure he knew that someone was still looking out for him. When an email alert flashed onto his screen this September, his heart started pounding.

“It was a moment I’d always imagined would come, but you don’t know when and there’s always reason to doubt,” Holland said.

He excitedly drove out to Monroe to give the news to Shadeed, who after letting it sink in, asked his attorney for a hug.

“I felt like I was on a cloud,” Shadeed said. “I was so elated. If you had a pin, you could have burst me.”



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—Al-Kareem Shadeed

For Holland, the chance to let the now-former students hear the news was almost as good as telling Shadeed himself. Even though they had moved into their post-law school careers, the students had not left the case behind.

“This kind of case makes it feel good to practice the law,” Springer said. “I don’t get

Shadeed knows there are some who will question whether he should be released.

“Until people can meet me themselves, they should not judge. There is always mercy and forgiveness,” he said. “If a person repents and changes his ways, there should be mercy. Every life is sacred. The human soul is redeemable.”

Ellis says prisoners like Shadeed are not appointed counsel for clemency hearings and have no access to funds to hire a lawyer to start the process.

“That’s why it is so important for people like Professor Holland to step up and take these cases,” Ellis said. “It’s easy to say criminals are apart from us, but they’re not. Some of them ought to be able to return to our community, and Mr. Shadeed was one of them who earned that right. This group of people who have been released understand their obligation to make amends for past wrongs and give back to the community.”

Holland said Shadeed is as well-positioned as he can be for success.

“He really is committed to steering kids away from trouble and pursuing his education,” Holland said.

Shadeed is still acclimating to life on the outside, looking for work and reconnecting with family, all the while enjoying life’s simple pleasures, like a Thanksgiving dinner with relatives.

“What I appreciate the most is being able to wake up in the morning and kiss my wife.”

—Defense Attorney Jeff Ellis

the gratification every day that I got when I was working on this case. I would be OK if this was the pinnacle of my legal career.”

Springer practiced insurance coverage and insurance defense as an associate at Cozen O’Connor before starting his own law practice. He volunteers monthly at the Greenwood Legal Clinic, which he calls the best part of his legal work.

Pauley, who practices with his father, Tim, at Pauley Law Group, also found the experience meaningful. “It made me a better attorney,” he said. “No matter what I do in my legal career, I really did make a difference. We helped him get his life back.”

# Law school's full-tuition scholars work to effect societal change

The law school's three full-tuition scholarship recipients this year are focused on issues ranging from immigrant rights to environmental justice. Two full-tuition Scholars for Justice Awards are given each year to admitted students who demonstrate a commitment to a career in public interest law, both before and after law school. The Adolf A. Berle Scholarship is given to a student who has a keen intellectual interest in understanding the nature of modern society, particularly the nature of the modern corporation and its intersection with law and society. This year's scholars are:



**Jordann Hallstrom**  
Adolf A. Berle Scholar

Jordann Hallstrom has a strong background in business, as well as a commitment to justice. A Seattle native, she earned a degree in finance and emphases in Spanish studies and international business from Santa Clara University. After graduation, she worked as a business analyst at Cisco Systems in the Bay Area.

Hallstrom also has an interest in criminal law and public service. While she was in college, she interned with the Office of the Public Defender in Santa Clara County and the Northern California Innocence Project, which cemented her decision to pursue a J.D.

As the Berle Scholar, Hallstrom will be involved with the work of the Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Center on Corporations, Law and Society. She said the global economic crisis demands that corporations analyze and re-evaluate their business practices.

"Complying with the increasing regulations together with sensitivity to their impact on individuals and society presents a challenge for many corporations, one that I find especially intriguing," she said.



**Marisa Ordonia**  
Scholar for Justice

Marisa Ordonia came to the law school with a broad background in community organizing and environmental justice issues. She graduated from Seattle University in 2005 with a B.A. in Spanish, planning to return for a master's degree in teaching after taking a year off. That summer she worked with a local environmental

non-profit, which changed her direction toward several years in the environmental field. Ordonia eventually went on to earn a B.S. in environmental studies at The Evergreen State College.

Ordonia organized and led restoration work parties, largely in natural areas adjacent to low-income communities and communities of color. She has also volunteered for several other projects, mostly in the Seattle area. The first person in her immediate family to graduate college, Ordonia is grateful for the scholarship that will enable her to pursue her social justice goals.

"A friend of mine reminded me that though there may be a shortage of legal jobs right now, there is certainly no shortage of work to be done," she said. "Whatever I end up doing, I want to help work toward community empowerment."



**Hannah Zommick**  
Scholar for Justice

Hannah Zommick has worked to motivate people to pursue justice and has now plans to use the law to further the causes important to her. She earned degrees in political science and Spanish from the University of Washington.

As an undergraduate, she established a student organization dedicated to advocacy and public service to provide support, resources and life-changing experiences to motivate students toward a lifelong pursuit of justice.

After graduation, she worked as the planning and community affairs coordinator for the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, which provides support for human and social service agencies in the community. She worked on lobbying efforts to increase protection for homeless men and women in Washington State, to maintain financial safety nets for families on welfare, and to safeguard refugee and immigrant services.

"I chose to attend law school so that I could use my legal education to advocate for the vulnerable segments of society and those whose civil liberties have been violated," Zommick said.





The participants in the Italy CLE pose with a mural they painted as part of their civility study.

# Study abroad CLEs now open to alumni and lawyers, not just students

**T**he law school now offers two international CLE opportunities for alumni and other attorneys.

The law school's first Civility Promise program in Italy this fall was a huge success, and future trips are planned for April and October. And, for the first time this summer, attorneys can study abroad as part of the law school's Study in South Africa program this summer.

A group of practicing lawyers spent eight days in Tuscany in October, focusing on ways to foster civility. The Civility Promise, cosponsored by the law school and Robert's Fund, was directed by Professor Paula Lustbader.

The group consisted of 19 American lawyers, including several Seattle University School of Law alumni, 11 significant others, a Spanish lawyer, a Canadian lawyer, a retired Italian judge, and a team of seven staff and facilitators.

"This CLE confirmed my belief that advocacy does not have to equate with hostility and that practicing law does not have to lead to the many health and social problems that afflict

attorneys," said participant Karen Taylor '83. "There is hope for a more civil profession."

In addition, the group enjoyed guided tours, excursions and fabulous food. For more information on the program, visit [www.robertsfund.org](http://www.robertsfund.org).

## CLE in South Africa set for 2012

For the last five years students have had the chance to study abroad in South Africa. This year the law school is opening the first week's course – South African Law, Policy, and History: Apartheid, Democracy, and the Future – to attorneys for CLE credit. The course will run for five days and will involve lectures from academics, practitioners, and judges as well as field trips to key sites. Professors Laurel Oates and Mimi Samuel coordinate and teach in the program.

The first day, the focus will be on the history of South Africa; on the second and third days, the South African legal system; and the fourth and fifth days, business, political, and

social policies. Field trips are planned to the world-recognized Apartheid Museum; to a magistrate court and the Constitutional Court; to the site of the main prisons used during the Apartheid era; to Soweto; and to a law clinic. They coincide with and complement the topic covered in each day's lectures.

On the last day of the program, participants will visit Pilanesburg Game Park, just a few hours outside Johannesburg, where they will have the opportunity to view the "big five" and enjoy a traditional South African braai or barbecue.

The program will run from May 27 through June 2, 2012. In addition, if interested, attorneys can enroll in the law school classes that run from June 4 through June 15. If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Professor Laurel Oates at [loates@seattleu.edu](mailto:loates@seattleu.edu) or Professor Mimi Samuel at [msamuel@seattleu.edu](mailto:msamuel@seattleu.edu) no later than March 2, 2012. There will be an informational session on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 6 p.m. in Room C-5 of Sullivan Hall.

# Changing the face

## Law school celebrates commitment to diversity and 25th anniversary

When King County District Court Judge Mark Chow graduated from the law school in 1979, he was the only person of color in his class. He was one of the early benefactors of the law school's efforts to reach out to underrepresented groups, which has grown into the acclaimed Academic Resource Center.

"Everyone who was in the program, nobody else wanted," he said. "Everyone told me, 'Nope, you can't make it,' but this law school was the only place I was aware of that was willing to take a look at other factors than the culturally biased LSAT. I was very fortunate."

Today, Seattle University School of Law is the Northwest's most diverse law school and is recognized for inclusive environment. One of the pillars of that commitment is the Access Admission Program and Academic Resource Center, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this fall.

"Among the things I most love about Seattle University School of Law are its diverse faculty and student body and its commitment to equal justice," Dean Mark C. Niles said. "ARC is at the heart of that."

The celebration recognized the law school's uninterrupted commitment

to access and diversity in the legal profession through the ARC Access Admissions Program and its Early-entry predecessor and honored the more than 700 alumni who have enhanced the profession with their service. This program, one of the few remaining true access programs in the country, is literally changing the face of the legal profession. An anonymous donor who also believes in that mission has created an endowment of more than \$8 million for ARC scholarships.

The Access Admission Program considers an applicant's life experience and promise in addition to traditional admission criteria, and ARC provides the support necessary for their success. Given access to legal education, ARC alums enrich the law school and the profession. Although they comprise only 10 percent of the student population, ARC students are disproportionately overrepresented as faculty scholars, Student Bar Association presidents and graduation speakers. They go on to be leaders in the legal profession, bar associations and their communities. They continue to serve the law school long after they graduate.

The ARC program co-founded by Professors Dave Boerner and Paula



**Professor Dave Boerner poses with a group of alumni and students, who are all grateful for his work over the years.** Photos by Marcus Donner.



**James Armstrong '00 and Professor Paula Lustbader '88, talk about ways everyone can help diversify the legal profession at a CLE as part of the anniversary.**



# of the Academic Resource Center

Lustbader '88 25 years ago, has a solid program of support, which begins with specially designed summer coursework. The early days of the program were much different, Chow said.

Students took courses in the summer, including torts, along with second-year students being graded on a steep curve, and had to pass all of them. Chow recalls only he and two others passed – and many of the others didn't make it through all three years.

"There weren't too many of us left at the end," he said. "The way they have it structured now really does try to help people instead of letting them in and saying, 'good luck.'"

After law school, Chow was a King County deputy prosecutor, helping establish the pioneering Mental Health Court. He worked in private practice and served as legal counsel for Mayor Charles Royer. He was elected to the bench in 1991 – the first Asian American in the state to serve at the District Court level, and served on the Judicial Education Committee, making sure diversity issues were incorporated into curriculum.

Like Chow, ARC alumni are thriving in all forms of practice. They are state and federal court clerks; partners and associates; prosecutors and defense attorneys; public interest lawyers; attorneys for nonprofit organizations; educators; corporate counsel and judges.

Graduates came from as far as Texas and Hawaii to pay tribute to the program. One after another, alumni thanked Lustbader and Boerner for their support, skills and encouragement and spoke with heartfelt thanks for the chance the program gave them.

Chow's son, Michael, graduated in May, was able to hood him at graduation.

"It was such an honor," he said. "My son and I owe so much to Seattle U."



**Judge Mark Chow '70, shares a laugh at the anniversary celebration.**

## A broad reach

The law school's dedication to diversity extends well beyond the ARC program, knowing that commitment enriches the experiences for all students and alumni. It includes recruiting faculty and students from the broadest range of backgrounds and experience and working to create a more diverse legal profession through a variety of curricular and programmatic initiatives.

Among the many ways the law school promotes diversity:

- Students can take courses on a variety of subjects related to diversity taught by nationally recognized critical race scholars. A Law and Social Inequality Focus Area provides a range of courses dealing with disparities based on race, poverty and gender.
- Professor Robert Chang, executive director of the law school's Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, co-chairs the Task Force on Race and Criminal Justice, a coalition of judges, legislators, law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, academics and representatives from other legal and community organizations that came together to investigate and challenge racial bias in the criminal justice system.
- The law school hosted the third biennial Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership Workshop to encourage and assist members of underrepresented groups to pursue deanships and other university and law school leadership positions.
- A year-round Lawyering in a Diverse World series offers workshops designed to empower students with skills and tools on a variety of issues related to diversity.
- The Racial Justice Leadership Institute is a new professional development opportunity for faculty and staff as part of our commitment to create a positive climate for all members of the law school community.
- Events planned for the spring will also look at issues related to diversity, including a symposium the marking the 25th Anniversary of the United States v. Hirabayashi Coram Nobis Case Feb. 11; a CLE on Racial Bias in the Criminal Justice System Feb. 16-17; and a colloquium re-examining Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" 50 years after publication March 9.

Dean Mark Niles said the law school is continually looking for ways to embrace and promote diversity.

"Each generation has its own diversity issues and objectives," Niles said. "Progress in some areas should never be used as a reason not to remain vigilant in the ongoing mission of creating a just, equitable and inclusive world."

*See more photos of the ARC celebration page 28. View a video about the program at [www.law.seattleu.edu/x10055.xml](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/x10055.xml)*

## Graduate fights for the rights of accused war criminal



James Pirtle '05 and his Ugandan co-counsel, Francis Onyango, enjoy a break from the case on the Nile.

James Pirtle '05 is a Seattle trial lawyer whose practice includes criminal defense. Seemingly out of nowhere, his biggest defense case ever involves a notorious accused war criminal in a landmark international case in Africa.

Pirtle traveled to Uganda for the first time in August to meet with his co-counsel and meet his client, Thomas Kwoyelo, a former combatant in the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). He was scheduled to return in mid-December to fight Kwoyelo's release, which was ordered by one court but delayed by another.

A former child soldier in Africa's longest war, Kwoyelo is accused of numerous war crimes, including murder, willful killing, hostage taking, and property destruction.

"But there is so much more to this case than meets the eye," Pirtle says. "A lot of people are angry at my client, and I understand that. He is accused of the worst possible things. But when I look into his eyes, I see a scared kid. He was never given a choice. He is scared and just wants to go home."

In August, Pirtle met Ugandan lawyers, John Francis Onyango and Caleb Alaka, and helped prepare for trial, think through possible strategies for their client and draft pleadings regarding torture allegations against the state. He was summoned again to argue for the release that was ordered by the Constitutional Court and surprisingly denied by the new International Crimes Division. Pirtle and his team are seeking judicial review at the high court to force the Director of Public Prosecution and the International Crimes Division (ICD) to set their client free.

Pursuant to Pirtle and his team's briefing and oral arguments, the Constitutional Court ruled in September that Kwoyelo was denied equal protection under the Amnesty Act of 2000 (for which he applied while imprisoned) and ordered the International Crimes Division to halt the trial and to enter orders for his release. The Constitutional Court ordered that Kwoyelo be granted amnesty like any other combatant that has renounced rebellion. The ICD disregarded the Constitutional Court's ruling and declared that Kwoyelo should remain in prison.


"We are collectively furious that the ICD blatantly ignored the directive from the Constitutional Court to release Kwoyelo," Pirtle said. "They are shameless in so directly undermining the integrity of the judicial system. Kwoyelo's mother traveled a great distance to bring her son home for the first time in two decades only to see him whisked back to prison."

Pirtle studied international war crimes and bioethics in Ireland and the Czech Republic while he was in law school. It was not until receiving a random text message from a friend asking, "Do you know anything about war crimes?" that he pursued international law. A self-proclaimed idealist, Pirtle was intrigued by the case and Kwoyelo's story. He fired off an email to the contact in Africa and was asked the next day to join the defense team.

"It's certainly the most fulfilling and exciting thing I've done as an attorney," said Pirtle, who is a founding partner at The Sentinel Law Group, PLLC in Seattle.

Kwoyelo is the first person to be tried by Uganda's ICD, a division of Uganda's





High Court. Initially known as the War Crimes Division, it was set up in 2009 by the Ugandan government after the Juba Peace talks between the Ugandan government and the LRA failed. This is the first time a case is being tried under the Geneva Conventions Act in the new court. Nonetheless, the court has repeatedly stated, rather firmly, that this is a Ugandan case being tried under Ugandan law. Ugandan law allows for the death penalty. The Geneva Convention does not.

As an American lawyer and a military veteran, Pirtle said part of the reason he was selected was to provide a “human shield” to protect Kwoyelo and the defense team. He was granted a temporary license to practice in Uganda but went through many hoops just to get inside Luzira Prison to meet Kwoyelo. Pirtle says he’ll never forget it.

On his blog, he describes finally meeting his client:

“This accused war criminal looks at me shyly. I walked over to him to introduce myself. He can’t be more than 5’2”. His small hand disappears in mine, but he smiles. He has an exaggerated overbite and bad teeth. His forehead is narrow and he has inquisitive eyes. I am sure I want to know as much about him as he wants to know about me. We look at one another at length with all four of our hands clasped together. I wish I had words for you to share everything I am feeling right now.”

In March 2009, while in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kwoyelo was shot through the abdomen and taken into custody following fighting between the Ugandan army and LRA combatants. He was taken to Uganda for medical treatment for bullet wounds.

“He was subsequently abducted from the hospital by military intelligence before he had healed, tortured for three months, and then held in prison for more than a year without counsel,” Pirtle said. “Even for accused war criminals, the process has to be fair.”

Pirtle says he believes the LRA’s tradition of training children to kill has damaged many, including his client. He believes Kwoyelo can move on to live a peaceful life in his village.

“I’m not a psychologist, and I can’t imagine what happens to the mind of a child when he is abducted and indoctrinated into a rebel group,” he said. “He is my age but came across as the 13-year-old abductee just hoping I could keep him from getting hurt. The Acholi (his tribe) have compelling reconciliation rituals that will allow him to make peace and rejoin his people.”

Pirtle so far has financed his travel and associated costs without compensation. He hopes to start a non-profit organization, as he has been asked to take cases representing homosexuals from prosecution and villagers displaced by oil and mineral interests in addition to the lineup of LRA members slated for trial.

“It’s not easy, but it’s important,” he said. “If equal protection under the law fails anywhere, it fails everywhere.”

You can follow the cases on Pirtle’s blog at <http://warcrimessentinellaw.blogspot.com/2011/09/post-9-thomas-kwoyelo.html>.

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### Important Dates

**January 5:** Faculty-Alumni Reception, Washington, D.C.

**January 25:** New Year's Recognition Reception

**February 16:** Black Law Student Association Alumni Awards

**March 1:** Bar Exam Conclusion Celebration

**March 5-9:** Job Shadow Week

**March 24:** PILF Auction

**March 27:** Latina/o Alumni Awards Reception

## Law Alumni Board: From the President

### Dear Alumni Colleagues,



It is my distinct privilege to serve on our Law Alumni Board and to have the chance to address all of you in this letter. I chose to serve on the Law Alumni Board (LAB) because of the great experience I had and continue to have with our law school. I value Seattle University School of Law's mission and importance in our community, and I wanted to be part of helping advance the law school and give back to it.

As president, I have the opportunity to meet alumni and learn about the exceptional work being done by our graduates throughout the Puget Sound, the state, the country – and around the world. We have an amazing alumni community, and the LAB wants to share our excitement for the law school with you and be sure we are addressing the needs and desires of our alumni.

All of the LAB members, who you'll learn more about on the next page, are committed to representing the alumni community and supporting the School of Law's goal of educating outstanding lawyers who are leaders for a just and humane world. I hope you will reach out to let us know how we can best serve you. Thank you for supporting the law school's work and sharing your ideas for future events and programs that you would find valuable.

Our Board Development Committee is considering nominations for the LAB for terms beginning in the 2012-13 academic year. As I prepare to complete my two-year term as president on June 30, 2012, I am confident that I am leaving you in good hands with our continuing board members and President-elect Craig Sims '97, a dedicated leader and community advocate. We have worked very diligently these last few years to develop a board structure that will allow the Law Alumni Board to continue to serve as a capable and conscientious body in all that it does, including providing input on behalf of alumni to Dean Mark Niles.

The alumni stories in this issue and the Out & About photo gallery showcase some of the many ways in which you can remain active in the life of the law school. I hope to see many of you at programs in the new year.

*Sincerely,*

*Donald W. Black '95*

*President, Law Alumni Board*

*Founding Dean's Club Member*



# Your Law Alumni Board



**2011-12 LAW ALUMNI BOARD** Front row: Sharon Sakamoto '84, Don Black '95, Craig Sims '97 and director of alumni relations Grace Greenwich. Standing: Melissa Chin '08, Jennifer Shaw '87, the Honorable Anita Crawford-Willis '86, David Keenan '08, Craig Beetham '89, John Bender '85, the Honorable Willie Gregory '89, Tom Clerkin '77, John Worden '89, Mark O'Halloran '02, and Joanna Boisen '06. Not pictured are Davida Finger '02, Kasia Benson '07, Jill Butler '07, Leslie Meserole '02, Michelle Radosevich '94, Shahzad Qadri '99, and Art Wang '84.

The Law Alumni Board (LAB) of Seattle University School of Law serves as an advisory board to the dean and the Office of Alumni Relations. In addition to quarterly meetings, LAB members are working in their communities to strengthen the reputation of the school, to promote its dual mission of academic excellence and education for justice and to encourage more alumni to become involved with the law school.



**Craig Sims '97 takes over for Don Black '95 as the new president of the alumni board.**

LAB members attend fall orientation to welcome new students, and the president of the board joins the dean and faculty at graduation to welcome the new graduates to the SU Law Alumni Association. In between these events, the board is out and about in the legal community representing not only the School of Law but also each of you. In addition the board hosts the annual New Year's Reception, held in late January, to recognize and thank the hundreds of alumni who generously share their talents with and give their financial support to the law school.

The newest leader to join the board is John Worden '89, whose three-year term began July 1. A successful trial lawyer, he is a partner

at the San Francisco office of Schiff Hardin. In addition to his work in California, he heads the firm's Nevada practice and he practices throughout the United States. An active alum, John welcomes opportunities to meet with students and alumni to talk about the practice of law and to share his experiences.



**John Worden '89 is the newest member of the board.**

Don Black '95 will complete his tenure as president on June 30, 2012, and President-elect Craig Sims '97 will assume leadership. Thank you to all of you who submitted a nomination for consideration for 2012-13. The Board Development Committee will be meeting soon to review nominations and present their recommendation to the dean.

## Board leadership is provided by:

Don Black '95, President  
 Craig Sims '97, President-elect  
 John A. Bender '85, Program Chair  
 Kasia Benson '07, Development Co-chair  
 The Honorable Anita Crawford-Willis '86, Awards Chair  
 Michele Radosevich '94, Development Co-chair  
 Sharon Sakamoto '84, Board Development Chair

## Out and about... alumni gather from coast to coast...

### Alumni office provides community events and programs

From networking events to reunions to awards receptions, there are a number of ways for alumni to become engaged and remain involved with the law school community. This fall's Job Strategies Workshop hosted by the Recent Alumni Committee (view the program at <http://medialaw.seattleu.edu/alumni/index.htm>) provided an opportunity for recent grads and solo practitioners to network.

The 25th Anniversary of the Academic Resource Center served to celebrate both the program and the hundreds of alumni who are proud to have been a part of it. Regional events are ideal for grads outside of the Seattle area to meet and become acquainted.

In 2012, there are several programs planned through the Office of Alumni Relations and partners in the Center for Professional Development, Admissions office and the Access to Justice Institute. For more information go to [www.law.seattleu.edu/Alumni/Events\\_and\\_Programs.xml](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/Alumni/Events_and_Programs.xml).



### Alaska

Lannette Nickens '05, an assistant attorney with the State of Alaska, Anchorage Young Lawyers Section President Leslie Need, and Fé Lopez '06, president of the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, at the SU Law – University of Alaska Anchorage reception.



### ARC Celebration

Elizabeth (Alvarado) '06 and Carlos Garcia '08 came from Texas with their son, Gael, for the ARC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.



Susan Kitsu '92 and Dwayne Christopher '97 served as emcees for the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Academic Resource Center.





## Red Mass

The Honorable Judith Hightower '83, a founder of the Black Law Student Association, and State Supreme Court Justice Mary Fairhurst at the Red Mass Reception.



## Washington D.C.

Lara Banjanin '06, Stephanie Doherty '09, and Jill Butler '07, a Law Alumni Board member, at the kick-off reception for the law school's Summer in D.C. Program.



## State Bar Exam

Lisa Young '00, left, the director of the law school's Bar Studies Program, celebrates the conclusion of the State Bar Examination with Katelyn Thomason '11 and Flora Diaz '11.



## Reunion

The Class of 1981 Reunion Committee: Joe Piper, Paris Kallas, Mark Beard and Celeste McDonell. They spearheaded the fun and intimate night with their classmates at Sullivan Hall.

## 1976

**Rhea Rolfe** joined Gilson-Moreau & Associates in Bellevue after practicing primarily as a solo practitioner for more than 35 years.

## 1977

**Greg Grebe** was appointed to the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse by Alaska Gov. **Sean Parnell** '87. The board acts in an advisory capacity to the Legislature, governor, and state agencies in matters regarding educational research and public informational activities that relate to the rehabilitation of people dealing with alcoholism and drug abuse, and it oversees the development of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs. He has been an attorney in Alaska for 34 years and is currently a sole practitioner specializing in personal injury law. He has also volunteered with alcohol and addiction programs for 10 years.

**Karen Seinfeld**, a retired Washington State Court of Appeals judge, was elected vice chairwoman of Bates Technical College Board of Trustees for the 2011-2012 academic year. She was a member of the Washington State Board for Judicial Administration and the State Bar Rules Committee. She currently serves as a senior fellow and vice president of the American Leadership Forum and is a member of the Washington State Office of Public Defense Advisory Board.

## 1979



**Rick Agnew** was elected to serve as Van Ness Feldman's chairman. He represents clients before Congress and federal agencies in matters relating to federal laws and permits concerning energy projects, environmental matters and natural resources. He is also chief minority counsel for the Committee on Natural Resources of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Paul Simmerly** and his client, Mark Duxbury, the whistleblower in the largest Medicare Fraud case in history, are at the center of the book "Blood Feud: The Man Who Blew the Whistle on One of the Deadliest Prescription Drugs Ever." He is a member of the firm Herman, Recor, Araki, Kaufman, Simmerly & Jackson, PLLC, in Bellevue.

**Malcolm Lindquist** was selected by his peers to be included in The Best Lawyers in America 2012 for banking and finance.

## 1980



**Randy J. Aliment**, a member of Williams Kastner's Seattle office, was elected chair of the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section for a one-year term that began in August. As chair, he initiated a year-long program on disaster preparedness and response, which includes a series of CLEs across the country.



**Steve Fisher** joined Foster Pepper PLLC to represent clients ranging from emerging companies to mature businesses in a variety of industries, including industrial design, computer information, software, online service companies, smartphone app developers and engineering companies. He advises boards, investors and management in the areas of capital formation, mergers, acquisitions and financing, including venture capital and other private financings. His practice emphasizes the protection, licensing, distribution and commercialization of technology, including technology transactions with universities.

## 1981

**Lynn Johnson** was awarded the Local Hero Award by the Washington State Bar Association in recognition of

her work with the Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association. Throughout her 30-year legal career, she has served on various TPCBA boards and committees. A solo practitioner since 1983, she practices in the area of family law.

## 1982

**Carl Down** joined the International Upstream Legal Group located in San Ramon, Calif. He had worked as an attorney for Chevron since 1983, and from 2001 to 2011, he was senior legal counsel for Tengizchevroil LLP in Atyrau, Kazakhstan.

## 1984



**Sim Osborn** won the American Board of Trial Advocates Trial Lawyer of the Year Award. The ABOTA award is given to attorneys who have excelled as crusaders for American justice through exemplary trial work. Osborn represents clients who are seeking justice and accountability in tragic situations. Over the last 27 years, he has won his clients jury verdicts or settlements totaling more than \$100 million.

**Phil Patterson** retired after 28 years as an assistant public defender doing appellate law in Tallahassee, Florida.

## 1986

**Bernadette Foley** is working in Kabul, Afghanistan, with the United Nations Development Programme. She works as a consultant with various Afghan ministries to develop efficient and effective mechanisms for internal discipline, which is a small part of a comprehensive anti-corruption effort.

## 1987

**Andrew Schwarz**, after more than 20 years of solo practice, formed the Schwarz-Garrison Law Firm with longtime colleague, Leslie Gar-

rierson. The firm, located in Seattle's Pioneer Square, focuses on applying mediation and collaborative dispute resolution techniques to all aspects of domestic relations.

**Marjorie Lynn Tedrick Turner** is a municipal court judge for the city of Buckley, a position she has held for 13 years. After being widowed in 2007 after 33 years of marriage, she married Douglas Turner, a retired Washington State Department of Corrections supervisor.

## 1988

**Marilyn Nitteberg-Haan** was appointed to the Cowlitz County Superior Court. She served as Longview's city attorney since 2006 and recently joined the board for Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Legal Aid.

## 1989



**Bruce Finlay** received one of two President's Awards from the Washington Association of Criminal Defense

Lawyers, which recognizes outstanding service to the criminal defense bar in a particular case or series of cases, or for long-time service to the criminal defense bar.

## 1991

**Brian Bodine** was selected by his peers to be included in The Best Lawyers in America 2012 for Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation. He has spoken at many intellectual property and patent meetings and conferences throughout the Northwest.

**Ramona Writt** was posthumously awarded the 2011 Excellence in Diversity Award by the Washington State Bar Association. Professors **Paula Lustbader** '88 and David Boerner accepted the award on her behalf.



## 1992



**Ken Davis**, is a Lane Powell shareholder who specializes in complex commercial litigation.

**Jonathan Dunn** is a partner in the Orange County office of Sedgwick LLP and is a leader in the firm's Construction Practices group. He was honored as one of Orange County's Top Attorneys for the third consecutive year by OC Metro Magazine.

**Dave Johnson** was appointed an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration. He works out of the Tacoma Hearing Office.

## 1993

**Sandy Koopman-Bryant** is the risk manager at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma.

## 1994

**Angela Carlson-Whitley** opened her law firm Carlson-Whitley & Luther, LLP, in Olympia. Her firm focuses on estate planning, probate, and guardianship law, and serves Thurston, Mason, Kitsap and Grays Harbor Counties.

**Denise Ciebien** was named the deputy attorney in Utah's Cache County. She is also a board member of the Utah Lawyers Helping Lawyers organization.

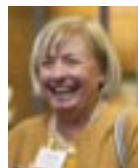


**John Eustermann** is senior vice president and general counsel for Harvest Power, a company focused on finding "a new path for organic materials." Before joining Harvest Power, he worked for Stoel Rives, LLC, as head of the biomass initiative.

**Leta Gorman** is a shareholder at Jordan Ramis, P.C., in Lake Oswego, Ore. She received the Joan Fullam



Irick Award from the International Association of Defense Counsel's (IADC), where she serves as chair of the Products Liability Committee. The award recognizes exceptional leadership on behalf of one of the IADC Committee Chairs.



**Michele Radosevich**, a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine's Seattle office, was elected president-elect of the Washington State Bar Association. She is a member of the school's Law Alumni Board and serves as co-chair of the Development Committee.



## 1995

**Todd Carlisle** is the president and **Julian Bray** is the vice president of the Pierce County Chapter of Lawyers Helping Hungry Children, a group they formed in 2009. In two years, Pierce County LHHHC has raised more than \$25,000 for local hunger relief.

**Jessica Eaves Mathews** re-launched her line of women's golf apparel called Grace & Game. Her recent entrepreneurial efforts were documented in the article "Lawyers Turn Entrepreneurs" in Forbes Magazine. She is also founder and CEO of Leverage-a-Lawyer, the first national virtual law firm designed specifically for entrepreneurs and small to mid-sized businesses, and of Business Brilliance University, an eLearning Center just for entrepreneurs.

**Jennifer Forquer** joined Carol Bailey & Associates/Integrative Family



Law in Seattle, which helps to resolve difficult family problems by focusing on the long term well-being of clients and their families.

**Kevin Noreen** was re-elected to a third term on the School Board for the Sherwood School District in Sherwood, Ore. He works as a development review supervisor in the Department of Transportation and Development for Clackamas County.

**Freedra M. Warren** is the vice president of major gifts for the Midwest Affiliate at the American Heart Association, where she works with donors and collaborates with other American Heart Association team members. She is a member of the Women Inspiring Women Association, San Diego Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, and is a Special Olympics volunteer.

## 1996

**Mark A. Anderson**, an associate at Patterson Buchanan Fobes Leitch & Kalzer, Inc., P.S., focuses his practice on labor and employment law.

**Tonie Bitseff** joined Nixon Peabody as counsel. She was an ERISA lawyer with significant experience in HIPAA, COBRA, and health plan compliance. Before joining Nixon Peabody, she co-founded Marin Legal APC, a boutique employment and benefits firm.

**Ric Hulshoff** is associate area counsel in Las Vegas after spending seven years as a trial attorney in Phoenix. He also serves as managing counsel for the Las Vegas Chief Counsel office. He lives with his wife, Malinda, and the youngest of his four daughters in Henderson, Nev.

**Joel J. Kent** is the managing shareholder of the family law firm Stahancyk, Kent & Hook's Central Oregon branch. He litigates dissolution cases

throughout Oregon and has successfully represented numerous clients in grandparent visitation cases, property disputes, custody disputes, support modifications and divorce. He volunteers as head coach for the Rimrock Volleyball Club, an 18-year-old girls team. The squad, made up of players from area high schools, has enjoyed incredible successes both on and off the court. Many of his players have gone to prestigious universities on either full or partial volleyball scholarships. Over the summer, the team placed second at Seattle's Emerald Classic Volleyball Tournament and 10<sup>th</sup> at the U.S. Volleyball Association Junior National Championships in Atlanta. In February, he participated, on behalf of his firm, in the 2011 Miller Lumber Trivia Bee that raised \$30,000 to support classroom grants for teachers.



**Ken Lederman** joined Foster Pepper PLLC, where he provides counseling and litigation support on environmental issues in

real estate transactions and property redevelopment. He helps developers, businesses, and landowners address soil, groundwater, and indoor air issues on commercial, industrial, and residential properties. He also facilitates the transition of distressed properties and brownfields into usable space that helps foster redevelopment and economic growth.



**Connie Sue Martin**, has worked in environmental law for more than a decade. She works for Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, where she focuses on environmental Indian law in Washington State.

**Mark Rosencrantz** joined the Seattle office of Ball Janik LLP as of counsel in the Litigation and Construction Defect practice groups. His practice emphasizes matters involving breaches of contract, embezzlement,

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## Class notes



intellectual property and trade secrets misappropriation, violations of non-compete agreements, business divorces, bankruptcy, unfair trade practices, and partnership and corporate disputes. In construction matters, he has represented all levels of contractors, as well as owners, in a wide variety of cases involving construction defects, delay and impact claims, and copyright infringement of building plans. Prior to joining Ball Janik LLP, he was a partner at the Seattle firm of Ashbaugh Beal where his practice focused on litigation and construction law. He is currently the president of the board of Northwest Behavioral Associates.



**Robert J. Weber** is a shareholder at Carney Badley Spellman, P.S. His practice focuses on real estate, banking, and corporate transactions.

### 1997

**Craig Sims** was awarded the Professionalism Award from the Washington State Bar Association at the WSBA Annual Dinner. This fall, he and his wife, Kara, welcomed a baby girl, Brooklyn.



**Zachary C. Wagnild** started his own law firm, Law Office of Zachary C. Wagnild, PLLC, focusing on the defense of individuals charged with sexual assault, domestic violence, and violent offenses. He previously worked at the King County Prosecutor's Office for over 12 years where he tried and handled thousands of felony cases as well as supervised the sexual assault unit.

### 1998

**Pete Malen** was elected to the board of directors of Workman Nydegger PC, an intellectual property firm with offices in Salt Lake City, Utah and Orange County, Calif.

### 1999

**Bradley Bowles** is a partner in the firm Bowles & Verna based in Walnut Creek, Calif. His practice is focused primarily in personal injury. He joined the firm in 1999 and became a partner in 2007.



**Linda Chu** and her husband, John Clyman IV, welcomed their daughter,

Ainsley Vivienne Yi'An, on April 3, 2011. She serves as the assistant general counsel at NBBJ, and when off work, she is busy speaking Chinese to Ainsley. The family lives in Seattle.

**Laurel P. Hook** is a managing shareholder of the family law firm Stahan-cyk, Kent & Hook's Portland office. Her caseload stretches to both Oregon and Washington, and she specializes in complex divorce litigation, custody matters and estate planning. In February, she presented a CLE, "Divorce and the Role of the Business Lawyer," at Lewis and Clark Law School, which focused on the impact family law can have on small, closely held businesses. She continues to spearhead the firm's annual "Dress for Success" drive, a program that donates interview-appropriate clothing for low-income women.

**John "Jake" Winfrey** joined Williams Kastner as of counsel focusing on civil litigation with an emphasis on medical malpractice, personal injury defense and wrongful death claims.

### 2000

**Devra Sigle Hermosilla** and **Dovie Sigle '01** opened their law firm, Sigle Law PLLC, in early 2011. Devra



focuses on employment law, civil litigation, immigration, and criminal defense. Outside of her law practice, she participates in and coaches her roller derby team, The Rodeo City Rollergirls, in Ellensburg, Wash. Dovie, also a Rodeo City Rollergirl, focuses her legal practice on criminal defense, but she also handles civil matters including employment and immigration.



**Charles Lyman** is the director of Betts Patterson Mines's business litigation group, where he has experience in complex litigation, bankruptcy, creditors' rights, securities disputes, real estate, commercial landlord-tenant issues and environmental litigation.

### 2001

**Thomas E. Gates, Esq., P.E., F.A.S.C.E.,** a licensed professional engineer in Washington, Kansas, and Alaska, was elected a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers in recognition of his contributions to the profession, organization, and community. He is a former City Council member and mayor and he is a principal in Gates' Law, PLLC, in South Seattle.

**Thuy Nguyen**, president of the Asian Bar Association of Washington, is counsel at A Place for Mom, Inc., the largest national elder care referral service in the U.S. She was formerly assistant corporate counsel at Expeditors International of Washington and an associate at Dorsey & Whitney.

**Michele O'Loane** transitioned her Everett, Wash. family law practice

to focus exclusively on collaborative divorce law, unbundled family law services and mediation for "pro se" family law litigants. Her dedication to making peace is reflected in her commitment to helping clients resolve family law matters out of the courtroom.

**Tina Santos** was named chief legal counsel at thePlatform, a leading white-label video publishing company, where she is responsible for overseeing the company's legal and compliance matters. She joins thePlatform after working for Stream-Serve, a global software company.

### 2002



**Tanesha Canzater** is a program specialist for the Office of Child Support Enforcement at the United States Department of

Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. She analyzes policies and drafts regulations for the Office of Child Support Enforcement.

**Leslie Meserole**, a member of the law school's Law Alumni Board, is a principal in the health care practice team of Riddell Williams. Before joining the firm, she was a partner at Miller Nash.

### 2003

**Seth Cooper** is a research fellow at the Free State Foundation in Washington, D.C. Before joining the Free State Foundation, he was a Washington State Supreme Court judicial clerk and served as state senate caucus staff counsel. He also served as the Telecommunications and Information Technology Task Force Director at the American Legislative Exchange Council.

**Jennifer Oana** is working for the State of Hawaii Department of the Attorney General in the Family Law Division.





**Michelle Webster** lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and is working as a litigation associate at the global law firm Mayer Brown LLP. Her work has involved white collar criminal defense, SEC investigations and enforcement, antitrust, and ERISA and consumer class actions. She welcomed other graduates and students from Seattle University School of Law to a networking event in the D.C. area.

## 2004



**Jennifer Cave** was elected chair of the Environment, Energy and Resources Law Section of the Kentucky

Bar Association. She is a member of the Lexington office of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC, where she focuses her practice on all areas of environmental and natural resources law.



**Charles Gaither** was appointed and confirmed as head of the King County Office of Law Enforcement Oversight. He previously served as a special investigator for the Los Angeles Police Commission where he reviewed investigations involving officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and law enforcement related injuries.



**Melody Peters (Crick)** and her husband, Scott, welcomed their first child, Madison, on August 29, 2011.

**Jesse Souki** was appointed by the governor of the State of Hawaii to serve as the director of the Office of Planning.

## 2005



**Timothy Ashby** published his novel "Devil's Den." Set in 1923, the book tells the story of the serial murders of elderly Union Civil War veterans and the FBI investigation that reveals a terrible secret and a modern conspiracy in the highest corridors of power in Washington, D.C.

**Eric Gutierrez** is the legislative and public policy director of the National Employment Lawyers Association in Washington, D.C. Formerly, he was an attorney with Columbia Legal Services in Moses Lake, an immigration policy program director at Appleseed, and a legislative staff attorney with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.



**Timothy W. Jones** received the 2011 Developing Leaders Award from NAIOP, the commercial Real Estate Development

Association. As an attorney with Lane Powell in its Seattle office, he concentrates his practice on real estate financing, purchase and sale transactions, property management, tenancy in common agreements, commercial leasing and distressed real estate.



**Alex Larkin** relocated from Vietnam to Cambodia and joined the firm of DFDL Mekong Legal & Tax Advisors in Phnom Penh. As

senior advisor in the firm's Corporate & Commercial Law Practice Group, he advises clients on Cambodian and international law in relation to investing and conducting business. He was a presenter at the 13th Annual Vietnam Oil, Gas and Power Conference, and at the meeting of the International Lawyers Network, in Hanoi, Vietnam.

**Aaron Pritchard** is working as legislative director for Congressman Rahall of West Virginia.



**Angela Rye** was honored as one of the "Top 100" by The Root for her work with Impact, an organization that helps

young professionals of color through civic engagement, political involvement and economic empowerment. She is the executive director for the Congressional Black Caucus. The Root is an online magazine providing news and commentary from an African-American perspective.

**Camille Schaefer** opened her own law firm, Schaefer Law PLLC. Her practice focuses on family law including providing unbundled legal services, which are helpful to people who cannot afford traditional, full-service legal representation. In these cases, or when a client is comfortable handling their own case, she provides assistance with drafting or reviewing documents, by helping prepare for mediation or court, or by serving as an attorney consultant. She also offers contract attorney services to other family law practitioners, providing support for everything from drafting a declaration to case coverage during extended absences.



**Alex Straub** graduated from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, located in Charlottesville, Virginia, with a Masters in Law (LL.M.) specializing in federal administrative and civil law. During this ten-month program, he was sworn into the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. He recently returned to Washington State, where he is an attorney for the Washington National Guard.



**Laura Morrison Trujillo** and her husband, Jason A. Trujillo, welcomed their son, Kainoa Luis Trujillo, on August 26, 2011.

## 2006

**Rebecca Anderson** joined The Microsoft Corporation as an attorney in the Advertising and Online department.



**Joanna Plichta Boisen**, pro bono counsel at Foster Pepper PLLC, was awarded the Washington

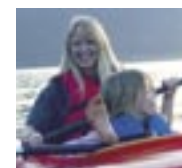
State Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division Thomas Neville Pro Bono Award. She is chair of the Pro Bono Coordinators and Counsels in Seattle and serves on the Board of Directors for the Legal Aid for Washington Fund and the Campaign for Equal Justice. She is a member of the law school's Law Alumni Board.



**Carmen Butler** is a senior analyst at Ethix SRI Advisors, where she advises

publicly traded companies' environmental compliance. With support from her wife, Jennie Butler, she recently gave birth to their son, Elliot, in Stockholm, Sweden, where the family resides. Together with her parents, she continues to advocate for marriage and immigration equality in the U.S.

**Lindsay Camandona** joined the Law Firm of McKinley Irvin, PLLC in its Tacoma office. She represents clients in a wide range of divorce, custody and family law matters.



**L. Kathleen Casper**, her husband Brad, and their three children have

moved back to the Pacific Northwest from Florida. Their oldest son, Nikolai Hammer, is a freshman at Furman University in South Carolina, where he is playing on the men's soccer team as a starting forward. L. Kathleen received a

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## Class notes

2011 Florida Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and was a semi-finalist for Pinellas County's 2011 Outstanding Educator of the Year. She works with Tacoma Public Schools' Highly Capable Program and practices part-time with her firm the Law Offices of L. Kathleen Casper in Tacoma.

**Alexandra Filutowski** returned to Seattle from teaching U.S. Tort Law and Moot Court at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. While in Krakow, she spoke at the PEOPIL Conference and the AAJ Convention on comparative tort law in the U.S. and Poland.



**Megan Gebhardt** started Main Street Law Group in Seattle with three colleagues, focusing her practice on estate planning, elder law and probate matters. She serves as Western Division Chair of the Washington First Responder Will Clinics, a WSBA program, and volunteers for King County Community Legal Services at the Country Doctor legal clinic.

**Christine Mumford Mitchell** moved to New York about a year ago after getting married and is currently working as a legal and business publication editor.

**Deidra Nguyen** joined Littler Mendelson, P.C., as an experienced associate, focusing her practice on various employment and personnel issues and claims.

**Eric Norman** joined the Seattle firm Fain Anderson VanDerhoef, PLLC. His practice focuses on health care professional liability, including the representation of physicians, hospitals, and other health care providers in medical malpractice litigation and disciplinary disputes, and product liability litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Eric was an attorney at Lybeck Murphy, LLP, and served for two years as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Pierce County.

**Rebekah Zinn** was sworn in as court commissioner for Thurston County Superior Court in July. Her focus is on adjudicating ex parte matters, and she also serves as staff attorney for the court. She lives in Olympia with her husband and daughter.

## 2007

**Robert Chang** is currently an associate at the San Diego office of Jones Day, a global law firm with more than 2,500 lawyers in over 30 offices worldwide. His practice focuses on patent law, and he advises clients in patent portfolio procurement, management, and enforcement. He was awarded the Pro Bono Publico Award at Casa Cornelia Law Center's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual La Mancha Awards for his dedication to providing pro bono legal services, particularly in the area of asylum law, and outstanding contribution to the legal profession. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Pan American Asian Lawyers of San Diego, a bar organization dedicated to advancing the interests of Asian Americans in the legal profession.



**Brian Considine and Brittney Carter** were married on July 16, 2011, at The Church of St. Patrick in Tacoma, with a reception that followed in the historic Union Station. An assistant attorney general in Olympia, Brian also serves as chair of the law school's

Recent Alumni Committee. Brittney is an Army JAG practicing family law at Joint Base Lewis McChord.

**Andy Minghuei Han** opened his own intellectual property law firm, Han IP Law PLLC. He serves as counsel regarding intellectual property matters to clients ranging from publicly-traded companies to high-tech startups.



**Janis Puracal** works for Bullivant Houser Bailey as a trial attorney and is experienced in insurance coverage and commercial litigation.



**Ernest Radillo** joined Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLLC, as an associate in its Wenatchee office. His practice focuses on general litigation, business, and employment and labor law. Fluent in Spanish, he has been featured in Spanish-language media, providing information on employment and labor law topics.

**Kripa Upadhyay** was awarded the Community Service Award at the Washington State Bar Association's Annual Dinner. She was also nominated by the WSBA Board of Governors to serve a two-year term on the WSBA Committee for Diversity.

## 2008

**Aaron Albright** received the 2011 King County Bar Association Volunteer of the Year Award for his work with the KCBA's Housing Justice Project.



**Mark Arend**, an associate with Nelson & Carver, P.S. in Puyallup, practices business, real estate, estate planning, and family law. He is active with the Washington State Bar Association's Professional-

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ism, RPC and CLE committees, the Honorable Robert J. Bryan American Inn of Court, and the Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association, where he has served the past two years on its Convention committee. He also is president of the Pierce County Network and is serving his third year as an executive board member of the Cascade Vista Athletic Club, a non-profit youth sports organization.

**Anna J. Dey** was promoted to legislative director and staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa. She promotes the application of the U.S. and Iowa Constitutions to a variety of legislative proposals at the Iowa General Assembly as part of the organization's continued fight for equal rights for all people.



**David Keenan** received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award at the Washington State Bar Association Annual Banquet. He serves

on the law school's Law Alumni Board and Recent Alumni Committee. As an associate in Orrick's Seattle office and a member of its Securities Litigation group, he focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation.

**Tina Marie Mares** was named one of Puget Sound Business Journal's 40 under 40. She is a deputy prosecuting attorney for King County in the domestic violence advocacy program, after having served two years in the county's Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative program. She also volunteers with multiple community organizations, including the YWCA, University District Teen Feed Program, and Seattle Children's Hospital.



**Christine Sanders** joined Carney Badley Spellman as an associate. Her practice focuses on civil litigation, complex commercial litigation, and appellate advocacy in state and federal courts.

## 2009

**Anthony Auriemma** is the director of federal affairs at Sixkiller Consulting, LLC.

**Matthew Cunanan** became a Partner at DC Law Group, which opened offices in Seattle, Yakima, and Tacoma.

**Stephen Dilworth** received his CPA designation earlier this year.

**Bryan V. Pham, SJ** graduated from the Pontifical Gregoriana University (heir to the Roman College founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola and located in Rome, Italy) in June with the Licentiate in Canon Law (JCL). While there, he also worked at the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) assisting in advocacy and human rights law/policy work at the international headquarter of JRS in Vatican City. On weekends, he traveled to Florence where he served as the Catholic Chaplain to the Gonzaga-in-Florence Study Abroad Program. He is in Boston for a year to complete his last stage of Jesuit formation called Tertianship as prescribed by the formation process of the Society of Jesus; part of this Tertianship experience will be spent working with the internally displaced people in Vietnam as well as refugees in camps in northern Thailand.



**Persis Yu**, one of the law school's first Scholars for Justice, is working with the National Consumer Law Center in Boston. Prior to moving to Boston, she completed a two-year Hanna S. Cohn Equal Justice Fellowship at the Empire Justice Center in Rochester, N.Y.

## 2010

**James Beebe** joined the New York office of Jones Day, a global law firm with more than 2,500 lawyers in over 30 offices worldwide, as an associate focused on employee benefits and executive compensation matters.

## In Memoriam

### 1978

**Inger Overland** died August 20, 2011, in Bellingham, Wash. Inger was born in Tonsburg, Norway, and moved, with her family, to the San Jose area as a teenager. After two years at San Jose State, Inger became a flight attendant for TWA, flying international routes out of New York City for several years. She completed her undergraduate degree in political science at St. Martin's College in Lacey in 1975. Inger went directly from law school to a career as a special agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where her fluency in several languages was a valuable asset. In her 25 years as a federal law enforcement officer, she served at several duty stations and in a variety of assignments. She retired from the FBI office in 2003 and relocated to Bellingham.

**Chris Dahl** joined Lighthouse Document Technologies as Director of e-discovery solutions. Before joining Lighthouse, he worked for K&L Gates in its e-Discovery Analysis and Technology Practice Group.

**Anna H. Galaviz** is an associate at Patterson Buchanan Fobes Leitch & Kalzer, Inc., P.S., where she practices in a broad array of civil litigation matters.

**Donnequa Grantham** passed the Washington, D.C. bar exam.

**Julie Martiniello** joined the DC Law Group as an associate. The firm has offices in Seattle, Yakima, and Tacoma.

**Naomi Strand** is the Disabled Homeless Advocacy Project Fellow at Seattle Community Law Center. In this two-year fellowship, she will help homeless and marginally housed people with disabilities in navigating the Social Security application and appeals process.

**Kristina Terrien** is an associate at Patterson Buchanan Fobes Leitch & Kalzer, Inc., P.S. where she focuses on general public entity defense.



**Noah K. Williams** joined Emery Reddy, where he continues his employment litigation practice. He also was appointed the Young Lawyer's Liaison to the Labor and Employment Law Section of the WSBA.

### 2011



**Kevin De Liban**, an AmeriCorps Legal Fellow with Legal Aid of Arkansas, is focused on creating medical-legal partnerships to serve people facing poverty in eastern Arkansas.

**Eric Holte** passed the Washington State Bar exam and is now working for Pierce County's Department of Assigned Counsel at Western State Hospital. Along with his wife, April Thomas, a current 3L, he is celebrating his oldest daughter's clean CT scan, who is in her second year of remission from cancer, and the continued health of his youngest daughter.



**Patricia Sully** joined the staff at the law school as assistant to the dean for programmatic development.

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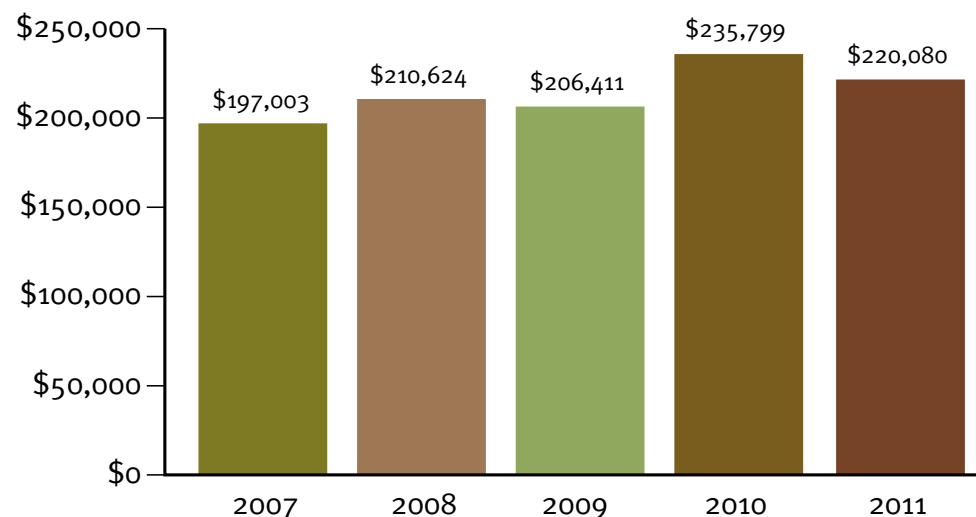
In the last fiscal year from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, alumni, friends and organizations contributed more than 1,000 gifts to the law school, totaling more than \$1.35 million. This support assures that the law school continues to fulfill its mission of educating outstanding lawyers who are leaders for a more just and humane world. Gifts and grants fund a variety of initiatives and programs that ensure a rewarding legal education.

Of special note is the record 56 percent giving rate achieved by faculty and staff. This amount of support is a significant vote of confidence by those within the organization and proof that we believe in the work the law school is doing. We thank you for your vote of confidence as well.

In order to make the best use of your gifts, we chose to print only a partial annual report in this issue. A complete report, including the Honor Roll of Donors, is available at [www.seattleulaw.edu/reportofgiving](http://www.seattleulaw.edu/reportofgiving). We believe this is an environmentally and fiscally responsible move that you, our valued benefactors, will applaud.

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## Faculty-staff giving campaign hits the right note

**Mary Jane Brogan and Professor W. H. "Joe" Knight**

**Mary Jane Brogan** gets a little nervous when she has to speak to large groups, so when it was time for her to ask the law school staff for their support in the faculty-staff giving campaign, she did it with a song (sung to the tune of "Kiss" by Prince).

*"You don't have to be rich, to give with love.  
You don't have to be afraid, 'cause we won't shove.  
Ain't no particular sum we're more compatible with,  
We just want your winning smile and your... bucks."*

She was a hit with staff, and her gentle approach worked.

"I thought it would be fun to encourage other people to give of themselves," said Brogan, a paralegal in the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic and co-chair of this year's campaign. "I didn't want to put pressure on people, and if you make it fun, people feel they are included; they start to think about what they themselves could do."

Thanks to the hard work of Brogan and Professor W. H. "Joe" Knight, the 2010-2011 Faculty and Staff Annual Fund Campaign was the most successful in law school history with over 56 percent participation. Both say it's gratifying to support the law school and encourage others to do so.

"We are role models, and it shows our belief and faith in the institution," Knight said. "If the law school is going to ask people for money, we should be showing that support."

Knight and Brogan, who work together at the clinic, were a great pair, encouraging each other along the way. They said they kept students at the forefront of their conversations with co-workers.

"It's good for students to see we give of ourselves outside the classroom," Knight said.

Brogan said she focused on participation, asking people to make even a small gift.

"You start small, and you think, 'that wasn't so bad. I can do it again,'" she said. "And you know it's true – you don't have to be rich."

## Leaving a legacy

John La Fond helped lay the foundation for Seattle University School of Law, and now he is helping ensure its future. One of the law school's pioneering faculty members, he has made a \$50,000 planned gift.

La Fond was one of the law school's earliest professors, joining the faculty in 1974. He moved in 1998 to the University of Missouri -Kansas City School of Law. After retiring, he moved back to Tacoma, where the law school began. He remembers the early days of the law school and his colleagues with fondness.

"It was an extraordinary amount of work," he said. "It was a challenge and involved a lot of risk to establish a law school. But it was a lot of fun."

In addition to a professor's traditional teaching and scholarship, the early faculty members had management responsibilities, and they all played a role in making sure the law school flourished.

"I was very proud of the reputation and the institution we built," he said. "Seattle University was a worthy successor, and I pay attention to its continued development."

La Fond continues to keep up his casebook, "Criminal Law: Examples and Experiments." He is involved in many civic organizations in the Tacoma area, including serving as a founding member of the Citizen Review Panel, which advises the city of Tacoma on matters and policies involving the Tacoma Police Department.

His decision to include the law school in his estate planning reflects his roots at the law school, as well as his faith in what's ahead.

"I think we are obligated to leave the world a little better than we found it," he said.

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## Report of giving

### Masterful support



Photo: Team Photogenic

**Ken '92 and Kara '93 Masters make a great team.**

worth. In fact its value has risen as a result of the school's focus on academics and social justice."

They are members of the law school's Dean's Club, the leadership giving group made up of those who contribute at least \$1,000 annually to support the Annual Fund for Excellence.

"Dean Niles is an outstanding leader for the school, and I know we are in good hands," Ken said.

**Ken '92 and Kara '93 Masters** met in law school while Ken was a teaching assistant for David Skover's Constitutional law class and as he puts it, "she married me anyway."

"Kara and I received a great legal education at University of Puget Sound School of Law," he said. "When the law school moved, Seattle University wrapped their arms around us immediately and made us feel we were a valued part of the community. I knew right away my degree would always have

"We are proud to support his work and the work of the school's faculty and students through the Dean's Club."

The law school provided the foundation for their accomplished careers. Following a 14-year partnership with now Washington State Supreme Court Justice Charles K. Wiggins, Ken continued the firm as Masters Law Group and made his senior associate, Shelby Frost Lemmel '02, his new partner. Kara is a principal and executive committee member at the Seattle firm Skellenger Bender, where she also oversees human resources. She says her newest "star associate" is Hillary Madsen '08.

The two are committed to legal education and increasing access to justice. They are often found at the law school judging Moot Court appellate competitions. Through their own projects, they serve the most vulnerable in our communities. Ken is recognized for his leadership in chairing numerous state and local bar committees and has received the WSBA President's Commendation for Pro Bono work every year since 2004. Kara volunteered for many years for New Beginnings, a local organization serving domestic violence survivors and their children. She started out cooking in the shelter kitchen, then served as a board member and ended her three terms as board president.

"It's easy to support a law school whose focus is on social justice," she said.

### Giving back



**David Keenan '08 helps the community by performing hundreds of hours of pro bono work.**

Keenan worked for 15 years as a federal law enforcement agent on human trafficking and financial investigations before he began attending the law school's part-time evening program. He graduated *summa cum laude* and was the December 2008 Dean's Medalist. He serves on the Law Alumni Board, the Recent Alumni Committee

**David Keenan '08** didn't always see law school in his future.

He grew up in poverty, dropped out of high school and went through the Juvenile Justice System. But he was determined to turn his life around – and years later, he remains committed to serving those who supported him along the way and encouraging young people. He helps support mentors for at-risk youth with Friends of the Children-King County, where he serves on the Board of Directors.

and is a member of the Dean's Club, the law school's leadership giving group.

Now an associate at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, Keenan received the 2011 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Washington State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. He provided approximately 400 hours of pro bono legal services to various clients, including representing the City of Seattle in its efforts to keep playgrounds safe from gun violence.

He also helped represent the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition as *amicus* to the U.S. Supreme Court in its efforts to obtain post-conviction relief for non-citizen criminal defendants based on ineffective assistance of counsel. He serves as vice-chair of the King County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division Board of Trustees and co-chair of the Membership Committee for the Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington.

"I've found that the students and alumni of Seattle University School of Law are behind some of the best and most impactful contributions to the profession and pro bono services," he said. "I look at my giving as an investment in those efforts, which is returned many times over to our community."





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### January 25

New Year's Alumni Reception

### February 10

CLE: Early Brain Development & Best-  
Interest Decision-Making in our Courts

### February 11

CLE: 25th Anniversary of the U.S. v.  
Hirabayashi Coram Nobis Case

### February 16

Black Law Student Association  
Alumni Awards Reception

### February 16–17

CLE: Racial Bias in the  
Criminal Justice System

### February 24 – 25

CLE: The Civility Promise

### March 1

Washington State Bar Exam  
Conclusion Celebration

### March 2

The Defender Initiative Annual Conference

### March 9

Rethinking Harper Lee's "To Kill a  
Mockingbird" 50 years later

### March 15 – 16

Annual Pacific Northwest  
Immigration Law Conference

### March 23

Whistleblower Conference

### March 27

Latina/o Law Student Association  
Alumni Awards Reception

### March 30

Women and Leadership Conference

### April 20

Sustainability & the Law Summit

### April 26 – May 4

Overseas CLE: The Civility  
Promise in Tuscany, Italy

### May 12

Spring Commencement

### May 15

Registration Opens for the 2012-  
2013 Spanish for Lawyers Institute

### May 25

CLE: Early Brain Development & Best-  
Interest Decision-Making in our Courts

### May 27–June 2

Overseas CLE: South Africa