

# AlumNotes

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## 1890

■ On April 20, 2006, the Military and Naval Science Building at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was dedicated the John J. Pershing Military and Naval Science Building. The building was renamed in honor of one of the University's most distinguished graduates. In addition to earning his law degree, **John J. Pershing, 1893**, was a professor of military science and tactics at the University from 1891 to 1895. In 1917, Pershing became commander of the army, the first to have that rank since George Washington. His memoir, *My Experiences in the World War*, published in 1931, won the Pulitzer Prize in history.

## 1920

■ In March 2006, in honor of Women's History Month, New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer introduced a film, "Raising the Bar: Pioneering Women Lawyers in the New York State Attorney General's Office," which chronicled the struggle and triumphs of women attorneys representing the state of New York, beginning with the first woman deputy attorney general hired in 1923. One of these attorneys was **Emmeline E. Ferris Haack, '27**. Haack was the only woman in her College of Law graduating class. After practicing for the New York law firm of Goldstein & Goldstein, where her brother practiced law, she joined the Attorney General's office in 1930 where she handled labor and workers' compensation matters. Haack retired from the office in 1962 and subsequently practiced in Colorado for a number of years. She died in St. Louis in 1992.

## 1940

■ **Royce N. Harper, '49**, Lincoln, has retired after nearly 40 years as assistant Nebraska attorney general, first working with the Department of Roads and later with the Department of Social Services.

## 1950

■ **Harris Snyder, '52**, along with his wife Iris, was grand marshal of the Crawford 4th of July parade.

■ **Donald Pederson, '54**, North Platte, retired from the Nebraska Legislature after 10 years of service. Pederson was awarded the 2005 Nebraska Preservation Award by the Nebraska State Historical Society. He was cited for his work in the Nebraska Unicameral on legislation encouraging historic preservation projects. He was also awarded the Frank Morrison Award by the Nebraska Travel Association. The award is given to an elected official who has been a strong proponent of tourism and supporter of the travel industry.

■ **Duane Acklie, '55**, was named an alternative U.S. representative to the United Nations General Assembly by the White House. He attends UN meetings and advises Ambassador John Bolton on how the American public views issues. He was also appointed by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to the Medical Center board of directors.

■ **James Hewitt, '56**, was awarded the George H. Turner Award at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Nebraska State Bar Association. The Turner Award recognizes a member of the bar who demonstrates unusual effort in furthering public understanding of the legal system, the administration

of justice and confidence in the legal profession. He was also elected to the Nebraska State Historical Society board of trustees. Hewitt is the former general counsel at Nebco, Inc., and an adjunct on the history faculty at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

■ North Platte attorney **Robert E. Roeder, '56**, was honored with a retirement party recognizing his 50 years of practicing law in Lincoln County.

■ **Jerrold Strasheim, '57**, of Baird Holm in Omaha, has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the category of corporate/M & A.

■ **Deryl F. Hamann, '58**, was named to the Ak-Sar-Ben Court of Honor for excellence in business and industry. Hamann is chair and CEO of Great Western Bancorporation of Omaha and is senior counsel to Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim.

## 1960

■ **Sam Jensen, '61**, Omaha, became counsel to Berens & Tate. He continues to work in the firm's labor relations, employment litigation and human resource management department.

■ **Jerry Schleich, '62**, was inducted into the Nebraska Real Estate Hall of Fame in April 2006 for his contributions to real estate. From 1962 to 1992, Schleich owned and managed the Austin Realty Group in Lincoln. Schleich died in 2005.

■ **Richard E. Shugrue, '62**, received the Commitment to Judicial Branch Education Award presented by the Nebraska Supreme Court at the annual judicial dinner for his dedication to the judges' annual Current Issues program.

## Goossen Recreates Broadcasts From Outlaw Radio Station XERF



**Levi Goossen, '62**, practices law and is a municipal judge in Newton, Kan. He also owns his own business, NDF Co., which creates software programs that produce court forms and calculate income withholding orders and Kansas continuous wage garnishments for employers. But what he most wants readers of THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT to know, especially his classmates, is that he is in the entertainment business.

Goose recreates broadcasts as they were presented on radio station XERF, an outlaw radio station located in Del Rio, Texas, that beamed

its colorful programming from across the border in Mexico. "I do the show in an old time radio format with a mixture of songs, advertising pitches and comedy," he said. "I try to adapt my repertoire to the audience. For one high school reunion I did one segment, the Evening Gospel Hour on XERF, with old time advertising pitches. Then after a 'station break,' I did the XERF Opry show in classic country of the 50s."

According to Goossen, XERF was founded by J. R. Brinkley, "a Kansas quack doctor, to promote his goat gland implant surgery." The station presented an odd mix of gospel and hillbilly music and fundamental Pentecostal preaching, oftentimes laced with fraudulent advertising. The station was the originator of "Pay to Pray" radio ministries. It was a "border blaster" that at one time had as much as one million watts of power, the most powerful transmitter in the world. Said Goossen, "The people never

guessed the shenanigans that were pulled to keep the station on the air, nor the consternation of the FCC and postal officials over the fraud, medical quackery, psychic promotion, violation of postal regulations and extreme behavior by the preachers over the airwaves and through the mails."



Shugrue is a professor at the Creighton University School of Law in Omaha.

■ **Thomas W. Tye II, '62**, was inducted into the Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation Court of Honor at the annual Coronation Ball at the Quest Center in Omaha. Tye is senior partner in the Kearney firm of Tye & Rademacher.

■ **Herbert M. Brugh, '63**, has been appointed a director of Inspiration Mining Corp. in Toronto, Canada.

■ **Thomas H. Dorwart, '64**, Sidney, has retired after 29 years as a Cheyenne County judge.

■ **Morris L. Sinor, '64**, Southlake, Texas, co-authored "Confronting Nomadic Terrorism," 52 *Naval Law Review* 98. Captain Sinor is a retired United States Navy Judge Advocate, who completed his active duty career as legal advisor to the commander in chief, Pacific command. He subsequently worked in international telecommunications law. Sinor was assistant counsel to the Department of Defense Commission on the Beirut International Terrorist Act in 1983.

■ Scottsbluff attorney **Robert P. Chaloupka, '68**, was appointed to the Scotts Bluff Airport Authority board. He is with Chaloupka, Holyoke, Hofmeister, Snyder & Chaloupka.

■ **James A. Beltzer, '69**, has rejoined the Grand Island law firm of Leininger, Smith, Johnson, Baack, Placzek, Steele & Allen after 12 years of practicing in San Francisco, Calif. He practices in the areas of civil litigation, complex business litigation and mediation.

■ **Kermit A. Brasher, '69**, Omaha, retired from the Nebraska Legislature after 12 years of service.

■ **Bernard J. McGinn, '69**, Lincoln, retired after 25 years as a Lancaster County District Court judge. Judge McGinn was honored with the Distinguished Judge for Service to the Judiciary Award by the Nebraska Supreme Court at the annual judicial dinner. The award is "given to a judge

who has distinguished himself or herself through contributions to the improvement of the judicial system; service as a trial judge; or promotion of judicial efficiency.” McGinn earned the award for “exemplary judicial temperament.”

## 1970

■ **Howard Hahn, '70**, has been selected as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Hahn is with Blackwell Sanders in Omaha.

■ **Steven R. Hutchins, '72**, a partner in the Denver, Colo., firm, Hutchins & Stiff, has become a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

■ **David Landis, '72**, Lincoln, retired from the Nebraska Legislature after 28 years of service. Landis was presented the Nebraska Democratic Party's Patriots Award by U.S. Senator Ben Nelson, '70.

■ **Wayne J. Mark, '72**, was elected president-elect designate for 2005-2006 by the Nebraska State Bar Association. He is a senior partner with Fraser, Stryker, Meusey, Olson, Boyer & Bloch in Omaha. The hunting incident involving Vice President Dick Cheney led the *Omaha World Herald* to point out that Mark, like Cheney's hunting companion, carries shotgun pellets in his heart due to a hunting accident when he was 17.

■ **James E. Rembolt, '72**, has been elected to the board of directors of the Mediation Center in Lincoln. He is a partner with Rembolt Ludtke in Lincoln.

■ **Richard D. Sievers, '72**, of the Nebraska Court of Appeals was awarded The Distinguished Judge for Service to the Community by the Nebraska Supreme Court at the annual judicial dinner. Judge Sievers is chairperson of the Nebraska Supreme Court Implementation Committee on Pro Se Litigation and has worked since

1999 to design a course of action for the improvement of pro se services in the state.

■ **John J. Battershell, '73**, McCook, retired after 14 years as 11th Judicial District Court judge.

■ **Chris Beutler, '73**, Lincoln, retired from the Nebraska Legislature after 23 years of service. Beutler was presented the Nebraska Democratic Party's Patriots Award by U.S. Senator Ben Nelson, '70.

■ **Ken Bunger, '73**, retired after a 28-year career as Omaha deputy city attorney where he dealt with land use and community redevelopment issues. He was the principal architect of Nebraska's Tax Increment Financing statute. He has joined Slusky Law in Omaha. Bunger was also elected to the Nebraska State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

■ **Wayne L. Garrison, '73**, of the Garrison & Garrison law firm in Nelson, has been named Nuckolls County public defender.

■ **W.V. Bernie Siebert, '73**, was named chairman of the ABA's Committee on Development of Law Under the National Labor Relations Act at the ABA's annual meeting in Chicago. He has been an assistant editor and now will be editor of the treatise, *The Developing Labor Law*, the fifth edition of which will be published in 2006. He is the co-chair of the Practice and Procedure Committee of Region 27 of the National Labor Relations Board. He was elected a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers in 1996 and has been chairman of the 10th Circuit Credentials Committee for the College since 2001. He is a partner with Sherman & Howard in Denver, Colo.

■ **Michael J. Tavlin, '73**, Lincoln, is a member of the board of directors of the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation in Speedway, Ind.

■ **Kirk Blecha, '74**, of Baird Holm in Omaha, has been recognized in

*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the category of litigation.

■ **William G. Ditrack, '74**, Omaha, is the president of the Nebraska State Bar Association for the 2005-2006 term. Ditrack has practiced law at Barid Holm since 1976. He also has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the category of litigation.

■ The Nebraska State Bar Foundation presented **John V. Hendry, '74**, chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, with its Public Service Award at its annual Fellows Dinner. The award is given to a lawyer or judge who has been or is currently employed with the local, state or federal government in Nebraska or to a Nebraska lawyer in governmental employment outside the state for outstanding service in the performance of duty. Chief Justice Hendry was recognized for his activities in educating and communicating with the public. Hendry helped to expand the reach of Law Day observations and celebrations throughout the state including his support of the Bar Foundation's Law Day Essay Contest and Law Day Job Shadowing programs and his leadership in implementing activities and observations for Constitution Day. He was also instrumental in implementing the Judicial Branch Web Site with links specifically designed for the public. Hendry was also named one of the leading judges in America by *Lawdragon 500*, a guide to the 500 best public and private judges in the United States.

■ The Omaha Bar Association presented Public Service Awards to **Steven E. Achelpohl, '75**, and his wife Sara for service to the community and the law. Steve Achelpohl has his own law firm with a practice primarily related to business litigation and the defense of white collar criminal cases. He is also chairman of the Nebraska Democratic Party.

- **David R. Buntain, '75**, has been elected president of the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra Association. Buntain is with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather.
- **Brian K. Ridenour, '75**, has been named vice president and assistant general counsel of Fiserv, Inc., the parent company of Information Technology, Inc.
- **Thomas A. Wurtz, '75**, president of the Metropolitan Utilities District in Omaha, was elected to the Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc., board of directors.
- **Alan L. Brodbeck, '76**, O'Neill, was presented the Award of Special Merit at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Nebraska State Bar Association. The award recognizes an individual or organization for services advancing the legal profession, the administration of justice and the public interest. Judge Brodbeck is a county court judge for Nebraska's Eighth Judicial District.
- The Nebraska State Bar Foundation presented **Karen B. Flowers, '76**, with its Legal Pioneer Award at its annual Fellows Dinner. The award is given to honor past or current accomplishments of a lawyer or judge who makes innovative contributions to the improvement of justice. Flowers, a judge of the Lancaster County District Court, was credited for her leadership and supervision of the first drug court in Lancaster County. Among Judge Flowers' other contributions are teaching the domestic relations orientation for new judges, teaching at continuing legal education seminars, serving as president of the Lincoln Chapter of the American Inns of Court and serving as chair of the Bar Association's House of Delegates.
- **Thomas Hagel, '76**, a professor at the University of Dayton School of Law, presented "Hearsay Evidence and the Right of Confrontation" at the Bench/Bar Conference on New U.S. Supreme Court Developments.
- **Teresa K. Luther, '76**, district judge for Nebraska's Ninth Judicial District, was awarded The Distinguished Judge for Service to the Community by the Nebraska Supreme Court at the annual judicial dinner. Judge Luther has been working as vice chairperson of the Nebraska Supreme Court Implementation Committee on Pro Se Litigation and has worked since 1999 to design a course of action for the improvement of pro se services in the state. She was also instrumental in the establishment of the Central Nebraska Drug Court.
- **William C. Schwartzkopf, '76**, president and owner of Sage Consulting Group in Denver, Colo., has written a second edition to *Practical Guide to Construction Contract Surety Claims*.
- **Roberta Stick, '76**, Lincoln, retired after a 26-year career with Legal Aid of Nebraska.
- **Richard J. Vierk, '76**, has joined First National Bank as the first managing director of business succession planning. Succession planning is the process of evaluating the personal and financial life cycle of a business in order to develop a future plan of action. He began his career with Deloitte & Touche in Omaha and attained the position of tax partner and managing partner of the tax operations and office. Vierk has been elected president-elect of the United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County.
- **Deborah R. Gilg, '77**, Omaha, formed the firm of Gilg, Kruger & Troia. The firm's practice includes family law, mediation, estate planning, probate and personal injury.
- The Department of Justice honored **Sally R. Johnson, '77**, for her "excellent work in furtherance of the mission of the Department of Justice." Johnson, who is first assistant United States attorney in the Omaha office, received the Director's Award for Executive Achievement, recognizing her accomplishments during more than 27 years of employment with the United States Attorney's Office in Nebraska.
- **Robert G. Lange, '77**, Lincoln, was elected assistant secretary for Ameritas Acacia Mutual Holding Co. and vice president, general counsel and assistant secretary of Ameritas Life Insurance. His responsibilities include corporate governances, government relations, product development support, human relations, investments, contracts and agreements, general legal questions and opinions. Lange joined the company as legal counsel and has served as general counsel for insurance since June 1998.
- **Clarence E. Mock III, '77**, received the Commitment to Judicial Branch Education Award presented by the Nebraska Supreme Court at the annual judicial dinner for his dedication to the judges' annual Current Issues program. Mock was also elected president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys. He is a partner with Johnson & Mock in Oakland, Neb.
- **Donald H. Wallace, '77**, professor of criminal justice at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo., has co-authored "Torture: Domestic Balancing & International Alternative and Extralegal Responses" published in the *Criminal Law Bulletin*.
- **Terry R. Wittler, '77**, received the Commitment to Judicial Branch Education Award presented by the Nebraska Supreme Court at the annual judicial dinner for his dedication to the judges' annual Current Issues program. Wittler is a partner at Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln.
- **Dana Hanna, '78**, married Cheryl Rogers on June 3, 2005, at Dream Makers Chapel in Incline Village, Nev. Hanna is attorney general for the Rosebud Sioux tribe in Rosebud, S.D.
- **James H. Hoppe, '78**, Lincoln, garnered a lot publicity as the lawyer for the eight lucky winners of the record breaking \$365 million Powerball jackpot.

■ **Sharon Kresha, '78**, has been elected treasurer of the Omaha Estate Planning Council. She is with the Baird Holm Law Firm.

■ **C. Dean McGrath, Jr., '78**, was inducted into the Grand Island Senior High School Hall of Honor. McGrath is deputy chief of staff to Vice President of the United States Dick Cheney and a member of President Bush's Management Council.



■ **Michael W. Pirtle, '78**, has joined the Omaha law firm Gross & Welch as a director. He has nearly 30 years of experience in civil litigation and insurance

defense. At Gross & Welch he has started a mediation/arbitration section.

■ **Christie Schwartzkopf Schroff, '78**, has been elected secretary of the Lincoln Community Foundation. The foundation serves as a conduit between individual donors and their preferred charitable causes. Schwartzkopf Schroff is with the Scudder Law Firm in Lincoln

■ **Dennis L. Arfmann, '79**, a partner at Hogan & Hertson in Boulder, Colo., was recognized in *Chamber USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as an environmental lawyer.

■ **Kevin L. Ruser, '79**, and Vanessa Pertusa, '00, were married at the Wyndham El Conquistador Resort in Puerto Rico, September 24, 2005. Ruser is a professor of law and director of the civil clinical law program at the College of Law.

■ **John L. Strobe, '79**, has retired as professor of educational administration at the University of Louisville and moved to Lincoln. Prior to his years at Louisville, he taught at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

## 1980

■ **Thomas C. Sattler, '80**, of the Lincoln law firm Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl, is a board member of the Bio Nebraska Life Sciences Association

■ **Barbara K. Brogan, '81**, is an associate with Potter Law in Gothenburg.

■ **Robert F. Copple, '81**, Scottsdale, Ariz., is the coauthor and coeditor of *Biotechnology Law: A Primer*, a two-volume treatise published by the American Bar Association. The CPR International Commission on Patent Disputes, which Copple chaired, has published *Patent Mediation Deskbook: Better Solutions for Business*.

■ **Victor E. Covalt, '81**, a partner with Ballew, Schneider & Covalt in Lincoln, has been elected to the board of directors of the Grassland Foundation.

■ **David H. Hahn, '81**, Lincoln, is the Democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska. Hahn is CEO of New Digital Group a Lincoln business that specializes in building online publishing networks.

■ **Walter R. Metz, Jr., '81**, has joined AmeriCold Logistics in Atlanta, Ga., as vice president, general counsel and secretary. AmeriCold is the largest provider of temperature-controlled food distribution services in the country.

■ **James L. Young, '81**, has joined the Minneapolis, Minn., law firm, Westman, Champlin & Kelly. Young practices general intellectual property law with an emphasis on patent and trademark prosecution.

■ **David A. Hubbard, '82**, is director of facilitation and training at The Mediation Center in Lincoln.

■ **Bradley P. Roth, '82**, is the chair of NSBA House of Delegates. He is a partner with McHenry, Haszard, Hansen, Roth & Hupp in Lincoln.

## Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellows

The following alumni of the College of Law have been named Fellows by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation for 2005. Fellows are selected based upon their dedication to improving the administration of justice in Nebraska, their leadership in the legal profession, their civic service, their integrity and their support for the Foundation.

**Kelly Baker, '75**, Lincoln  
**Christian R. Blunk, '84**, Omaha  
**Ralph A. Bradley, '75**, Grand Island  
**Michael T. Brogan, '81**, Norfolk  
**Pamela Hogenson Govier, '79**, Omaha  
**Gordon R. Hauptman, '74**, Omaha  
**Larry J. Karel, '72**, Schuyler  
**John R. McPhail, '73**, Columbus  
**Timothy L. Moll, '94**, Lincoln  
**Patricia Schuett-Peterson, '79**, Omaha  
**Kevin J. Schneider, '88**, Lincoln  
**Paul M. Schudel, '75**, Lincoln  
**Les Seiler, '66**, Hastings  
**Anne E. Winner, '85**, Lincoln  
**The Hon. Laurie J. Yardley, '83**, Lincoln

## Military Grads Assist War Effort As JAG Officers in Iraq, Afghanistan



Three College of Law graduates, Captain **Steve Meints, '97**, Orlando, Fla., Captain **Lloyd Phelps, '94**, Kihei, Hawaii, and Captain **Darrell Bryan, '93**, Brownsville, Texas, were stationed at Camp Anaconda, in Iraq, as part of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Camp Anaconda, a logistics hub located approximately 50 miles from Baghdad, is home for about 24,000 soldiers. Meints, Phelps and Bryan, who were part-time citizen soldiers before being mobilized for active duty, did not know each other before their deployment to Iraq.

U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel **Matthew Ruane, '95**, served a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan as the staff judge advocate (chief counsel) for the Office of Security Assistance. The office provides U.S. and coalition assistance to the Afghan Ministry of Defense, Afghan National Army and police forces to establish security and the rule of law in Afghanistan. It also works on integrating U.S. and other coalition operations with the NATO International Security Assistance Force. He is now stationed in Colorado Springs, Colo., as chief of acquisition and fiscal law for the Air Force Space Command.



■ **Gail S. Perry, '83**, of the Baylor Evnen law firm, was named vice president of the Women Business Owners Network in Lincoln.

■ **Jose J. Soto, '84**, Lincoln, was appointed to the board of directors for the Woods Charitable Trust. Soto is vice president for affirmative action, equity and diversity at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. He is a consultant to and founding member of the National Cultural Competency

Initiative Resource Committee to the National Policy Center for Children's Mental Health Services at Georgetown University Child Development Center in Washington, D.C.

■ The Department of Justice honored **Joe W. Stecher, '84**, for his "excellent work in furtherance of the mission of the Department of Justice." Stecher, who serves in the criminal division of the Omaha office of the United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska,

received the Director's Award for Superior Performance as an assistant United States attorney. In particular, the award cited his successful prosecution of 26 individuals involved in a large-scale methamphetamine distribution conspiracy that operated in the Grand Island area.

■ **Monica Green-Kruger, '85**, Omaha, has formed the firm of Gilg, Kruger & Troia. The firm's practice includes

family law, mediation, estate planning, probate and personal injury.

■ **Randy Stevenson, '85**, of Baird Holm in Omaha, has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the category of employment.

■ **Tom Huston, '86**, was elected secretary of the Lincoln YMCA board of directors. Huston is with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather.

■ **Gregory M. Shoemaker, '86**, co-authored "Coverage Under a Commercial General Liability (CGL) Policy for Defective Construction," published in the *Trial Advocacy Quarterly*. He is a partner in the Pensacola, Fla., law firm, Schofield, Wade, Roane & Shoemaker and is a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.

■ **Donald G. Blankenau, '87**, has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* list. The list represents 30 specialties in all states and is compiled through exhaustive peer-review in which thousands of top lawyers in the U.S. confidentially evaluate their peers. Blankenau was named one of the top practitioners in environmental and natural resources law.

■ **Richard C. Johnson, '87**, married Linda Metzger Ellerbee on October 1, 2005, at First Presbyterian Church in Hastings. Johnson is director of The Zone, an after school program for middle school and high school students in Hastings.

■ **Jodi L. Nelson, '87**, was appointed by Governor Dave Heineman to serve as Lancaster County district court judge. Nelson has been a deputy Lancaster county attorney since 1989 and has been chief of the office's juvenile division since 1999.

■ **David Newkirk, '87**, has authored a white paper on the Errors and Omissions Clause that was published in the *Journal of Reinsurance*. Newkirk is associate general counsel for the primary markets division of GE Insurance Solutions.

■ **Michael A. England, '88**, has opened a law office near Gibbon called Old Country Lawyer. Before relocating to the area, England practiced in Lincoln and was also a partner at Stumpff, Guggenmos, England & Peterson in Broken Bow.

■ **Bruce J. Bohrer, '89**, has been appointed to the Nebraska Real Estate Commission by Governor Dave Heineman. Bohrer is senior vice president of public policy and general counsel for the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

■ **Michael S. Dunlap, '89**, Lincoln, has been appointed to the Union College board of trustees. He is currently the non-executive chairman of Union Bank and Trust and chairman and CEO of Nelnet.

■ **David A. Hecker, '89**, Lincoln, married Melanie Ann Hunt at First-Plymouth Congregational Church on August 27, 2005.

## 1990

■ **Linda R. Crump, '90**, Lincoln, is president-elect for 2005-2006 of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

■ **Julie Shipman-Burns, '90**, was elected president-elect of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys. She is with McCord & Burns in Lincoln.

■ **Marlon M. Lofgren, '91**, is a shareholder at the Koley Jessen law firm in Omaha. He practices business, real estate, intellectual property and health care law.

■ **Michelle Mapes, '91** is chief administrative officer for HDM Corporation. The Omaha company processes more than 30 million health care claims a year.

■ **Todd A. Richardson, '91**, of Blackwell Sanders in Omaha, has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

■ **Linda R. Sanchez-Masi, '91**, has been elected to the board of directors of the Mediation Center in Lincoln. She is chief deputy clerk of the Lancaster County District Court.

■ **Roger J. Heideman, '92**, was appointed by Gov. Dave Heineman as a judge of the Lancaster County Juvenile Court. He previously was a shareholder in the Lincoln law firm of Morris, Titus & Heideman.

■ **Lance Kotschwar, '92**, has become senior counsel in the government relations practice with Arent Fox of Washington, D.C.

■ **Scott S. Moore, '92**, of Baird Holm in Omaha, has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the category of employment.

■ **Daniel C. Muffly, '92**, was elected president of the Larimer County Bar Association. He is a shareholder in the Fort Collins, Colo., law firm Myatt, Brandes & Gast.

■ **Thomas Wayde Pittman, '92**, The Hauge, Netherlands, graduated cum laude in Public International Law specializing in International Criminal Law from Leiden University in South Holland. He has been serving as a legal officer in Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

■ **Andrew Pollock, '92**, is president of the Lincoln Bar Association.

■ **Thomas B. Wood, '93**, has been elected secretary of the United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County. He is with Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl.

■ **Jon Bruning, '94**, has been named co-chair of the telecommunications committee for the National Association of Attorneys General.

■ **Shaylene M. Smith, '94**, was honored in New Orleans as the International Sertoman of the Year. As a Sertoman with the Crete Noon, Wilbur Area and Noah's Service

clubs, Smith volunteers her time for a multitude of community service events including those that support people with speech, hearing and language disorders, Sertoma's primary focus. She is a partner in the Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices in Crete.

■ **Jane F. Langan, '95**, was invited to become a fellow of the American Bar Foundation by her peers for her leadership and service. She is a partner with Rembolt Ludtke in Lincoln.

■ **Jennifer K. Robbenolt, '96**, has joined the faculty of the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign, Ill., as a professor of law and psychology. She formerly was with the University Missouri-Columbia School of Law. She is co-author of the third edition of the casebook, *Dispute Resolution and Lawyers*, published by Thomson West. Among her recent articles are "What We Know and Don't Know about the Role of Apologies in Resolving Health Care Disputes," 21 *Georgia State University Law Review* 1009; "Evaluating Juries by Comparison to Judges: A Benchmark for Judging?" 32 *Florida State University Law Review* 469; and "Evaluating and Assisting Jury Competence in Civil Cases" in *The Handbook of Forensic Psychology*. She has also made numerous presentations on the role of apology in litigation including one at the UNL's Law and Psychology's Program of Excellence - Civil Juries and Civil Justice.

■ **Timothy M. Schulz, '96**, has become a partner with Yost, Schafersman, Lamme, Hillis, Mitchell & Schulz in Fremont.

■ **David O. Spinar, '96**, Omaha, has been promoted to senior vice president and chief compliance officer for Securities America, Inc.

■ **Fred Campbell, '97**, Washington, D.C., is serving as legal advisor for wireless issues to Federal Communications Commission chairman Fred J. Martin. Previously, he

was an attorney advisor in the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau.

■ **Aimee J. Haley, '97**, has been selected as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is a partner at Fullenkamp, Doyle & Jobeun in Omaha.

■ **Roman Windrum, '97**, is an investment officer and portfolio manager with Union Bank & Trust in Lincoln. He has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

■ **Kerri J. Atencio, '98**, is an associate in the Colorado Springs, Colo., office of Holland & Hart. Her areas of practice are labor and employment and employment benefits litigation.

■ **Eric N. Bergquist, '98**, Omaha, has become a partner with Kutak Rock. He conducts a public finance practice, with a concentration in multifamily housing finance. As counsel to Freddie Mac, which provides credit enhancement in various multifamily housing bond transactions, he takes responsibility for drafting transaction documentation as well as interest rate swaps and caps when such derivative components are used.

■ **Kurth A. Brashear, '98**, Omaha, has been named partner in the firm of BrashearLLP. Brashear will continue his practice in the areas of nonprofit and charitable organizations.

■ **Genelle Johnson, '98**, married Charles Fulton Bayer, June 25, 2005, aboard the Mar II, at sea, near Halifax Nova Scotia. She practices in the Lincoln office of Legal Aid of Nebraska.

■ **Tony Kordus, '98**, has been made a partner at Liebmann, Conway, Olejniczak & Jerry in Green Bay, Wis. His practice concentrates in commercial litigation and business law with a focus on municipal and insurance law.

■ **Andrew M. Loudon, '98**, was named partner at the Lincoln law firm of Baylor, Evnen, Gruit & Witt. He is a member of the firm's business and estate planning practice group.

Louden has been elected to the Senior Foundation board of directors.

■ **Adam S. Kirshenbaum, '99**, has become a partner with Blackwell, Sanders, Peper, Martin in Omaha. His specialization is mergers & acquisitions, commercial transactions, securities, venture capital/private equity financing and finance & lending.

■ **David Partsch, '99**, Nebraska City, recently merged his law office with that of Hoch & Funke to form the firm of Hoch, Funke & Partsch. He is also deputy Otoe county attorney.

■ **B. Josh White, '99**, Lincoln, has been named the University of Nebraska Athletic Department's director of compliance. White is responsible for ensuring that the conduct and operations of Nebraska's 23 athletic teams are in compliance with NCAA and Big 12 Conference rules and regulations.

## 2000

■ **Eve M. Brank, '00**, co-authored "Parental Responsibility Statutes: An Organization and Policy Implications," 7 *Journal of Law and Family Studies* 1. Brank is an assistant professor with the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

■ **Jeffrey D. Holloway, '00**, has been named a shareholder in the law firm Holmes, Waddle & Barcott. He practices in the firm's Anchorage, Alaska, office with an emphasis in workers' compensation insurance defense, civil litigation and educational law.

■ **Todd C. Kinney, '00**, has joined the Omaha firm of Fraser, Stryker, Meusey, Olson, Boyer & Bloch in the litigation group.

■ **John D. Klaasmeyer, '00**, is an associate with Truell, Murray & Maser in Grand Island. His practice focuses on workers' compensation, personal injury, family law and criminal defense.



- **Marne B. Koerber, '00**, has opened a law office in Fremont. She continues to maintain her office in Elkhorn.
- **Vanessa Pertusa, '00**, and Kevin L. Ruser, '79, were married at the Wyndham El Conquistador Resort in Puerto Rico, September 24, 2005. Petrusa is a federal officer with the Department of Homeland Security.
- **Gary G. Peterson, '00**, is a partner in the law firm of Guggenmos & Peterson in Broken Bow.
- **Angela Dunne Tiritilli, '00**, has become a shareholder and principal in the Omaha law firm Koenig & Tiritilli. Tiritilli practices in the areas of family law and estate planning.
- **Tiffany A. Wasserburger, '00**, Scottsbluff, has been named Young Careerist for the Local Business and Professional Women's organization, part of the Business and Professional Women USA. The program recognizes accomplishments of successful women. Wasserburger is deputy county attorney for Scotts Bluff County.
- **Abigail A. Wenninghoff, '00**, has become a shareholder in the Omaha law firm Engles, Ketcham, Olson & Keith. She practices in the areas of workers compensation, insurance defense, tort and civil litigation.
- **Michael J. Flood, '01**, has been named a partner with Jewell, Collins, Delay & Gray of Norfolk. He specializes in real estate, corporate, family and communication law. He also is a Nebraska state senator.
- **Kevin L. Griess, '01**, is an associate with Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl in Lincoln.
- **Aaron M. Popelka, '01**, is a legislative assistant in the Washington, D.C., office of Rep. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) He handles agricultural and energy issues.
- **Julie Karavas, '02**, is president of the Bio Nebraska Life Sciences Association. The TRANSCRIPT regrets the incorrect information that was published in its last issue.
- **Steffanie Garner Kotik, '02**, was featured in an article in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on "Big Red rooms." Hers features the "ultimate" Husker bathroom. She is with the Kleveland Law Office in Lincoln.
- **Jeffrey E. Mark, '02**, has become associated with the Milwaukee, Wis., law firm Von Briesen & Roper. His practice focuses on business and corporate law, health law, HIPAA and health information systems and transactions
- **Joel Bacon, '02**, is an associate with Keating, O'Gara, Nedved & Peter in Lincoln practicing business law, commercial litigation and bankruptcy.
- **Tracy Stoehr, '03**, and **James A. Warren, '03**, were married June 4, 2005, at Rockbrook United Methodist Church in Omaha. Tracy Warren is with the Nebraska Attorney General's office in Lincoln, and James Warren is with the Lincoln accounting firm Labenz & Associates.
- **Jennifer Swartz, '03**, married Daniel Kurcz on August 27th, 2005, at St. Clement church in Chicago., Ill. She is an associate with McDonnell, Boehnen, Hulbert & Berghoff in Chicago
- **Angela L. Williams, '03**, married Denes Korpas at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Lincoln. They live in North Platte.
- **Tom C. Anschutz, '04**, is an associate with the Omaha law firm Berens & Tate, practicing in labor and human resource law.
- **Christopher F. Blomenberg, '04**, married Amy Sedivy on August 6, 2005, at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward. He is associated with the Lincoln firm McHenry, Hazard, Hansen, Roth & Hupp.
- **Martin R. (Marty) Klein, '04**, serves as the Nebraska statewide critical incident stress management (CISM) coordinator. The creation of this position in 2005 was a result of a unique partnership between the Nebraska Health and Human Service System's Emergency Medical Services Program and the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center.
- **Jake E. McKee, '04**, has joined Smith Hayes Financial Services as an investment consultant in its Omaha office.
- **Stacey L. Miller, '04**, Aurora, married Jacob Parr at Messiah Lutheran Church in Aurora on July 23, 2005. She is with Svehla, Barrows, Thomas & Rauert in York.
- **David J. Proksel, '04**, has become associated with Kutak Rock in the Omaha office specializing in the representation of corporate investors, syndicators and developers in connection with the federal low-income housing tax credit and historic rehabilitation tax credit programs
- **Timothy S. Sieh, '04**, York, is assistant county attorney for York County.
- **Matthew A. Works, '04**, has joined the Hall County Public Defender's office in Grand Island.
- **Ryan B. Beach, '05**, is an associate with Scudder Law Firm in Lincoln.
- **Timothy Bottum, '05**, has joined the Mitchell, S.D., firm Morgan, Theeler, Wheeler, Cogley & Petersen in general legal practice.
- **Nathan M. Bouray, '05**, Nelson, has become associated with Garrison & Garrison.
- **Bren H. Chambers, '05**, has become associated with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln. His practice is in wills, trusts, estates and business law.
- **Scott K. Cool, '05**, is an associate with Fraser, Stryker, Meusey, Olson, Boyer & Bloch in Omaha. His practice is in general litigation, estate planning and government and administrative affairs.

## McConnell Sworn into Florida Bar In Special Place Close to Her Heart

“Of all the places where students have started their legal careers, I am sure that few could compare with where I started mine,” said **Eryn McConnell, ’05**. On December 23, 2005, McConnell was officially sworn into the Florida State Bar at Marc’s Dino-Putt miniature golf course at Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee, Fla.

McConnell explained, “My youngest brother was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia. During his illness, our family joined him on a Make-a-Wish trip to Give Kids The World Village, a non-profit resort that creates magical memories for children with life-threatening illnesses and their



families. He fought a gallant battle but succumbed to the disease in 2001, days before his 14th birthday. Shortly after his death, Give Kids The World told us that Universal Studios was building a miniature golf course for their

Village, and they wanted to name it after Marc. We were thrilled and honored by their gesture.”

McConnell attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Marc’s Dino Putt on December 3, 2002, shortly before the start of fall semester exams for her first year at the College of Law. Even though “Dean Pierce’s annual 1L exam speech,” was ringing in her ears, McConnell “knew where I needed to be.”

After her graduation from the Law College, McConnell moved to Florida because she wanted to volunteer at the Village that had made such a huge impact on her life. When she passed the Florida Bar, McConnell, who was serving as the Village’s entertainment coordinator, insisted that the swearing in ceremony take place at Marc’s Dino-Putt, a place close to her heart. “It is a moment I will never forget,” she said.

■ **Renee A. Eveland, ’05**, is an associate with Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl in Lincoln.

■ **Katie A. Fougeron, ’05**, has become associated with Kutak Rock in Omaha concentrating in structured finance in the corporate department.

■ **Stacie A. Goding, ’05**, is an associate with the Grand Island firm Lauritsen,

Brownell, Brostrom, Stehlik, Myers & Daugherty.

■ **Mitchel Greenwall, ’05**, has joined the Kearney firm Yeagley, Swanson & Murray.

■ **Laurie E. Hellbusch, ’05**, is an associate with Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman in Omaha. Her practice

includes civil litigation and employment law.

■ **Andrew J. Kafka, ’05**, has joined Union Bank and Trust in Lincoln in the personal trust & wealth management division. His specialty is estate planning and settlement.

■ **Dustin J. Kessler, ’05**, is an associate with Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan in Omaha in the areas of immigration, real estate and corporate business transactions.

■ **Sarah Ann Lewis, ’05**, Omaha, is policy coordinator for Voices for Children in Nebraska.

■ **Shon T. Lieske, ’05**, has joined Lieske Law Firm in Minden as an associate. He practices in the area of criminal defense, divorce, probate, real estate, business organizations, adoptions, personal injury and civil litigation.

■ **Ross A. Luzum, ’05**, has joined Powell & Associates in Aurora where he handles wills, trusts and estate planning matters. He also serves as part-time deputy county attorney.

■ **Bradley B. Mallberg, ’05**, is an associate with Erickson & Sederstrom in its Lincoln office. He primarily practices in the areas of litigation, health care law and administrative law.

■ **Stephanie A. Mattoon, ’05**, is an associate with Baird Holm in Omaha as a member of the firm’s business, tax and estate planning practice.

■ **Molly A. Mazour, ’05**, has become associated with Kutak Rock in Omaha. Mazour represents investors, developers and resyndicators in low-income housing and historic rehabilitation tax credit transactions. Her representation includes for-profit, not-for-profit, municipal and Native American housing agencies.

■ **Austin L. McKillip, ’05**, is an associate with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln. His practice is in litigation and environmental law.



■ **Kristin Ann Mohrman, '05**, married Austin Hunter Fearnow on August 27, 2005, at Rockbrook Methodist Church in Omaha. Kristin Fearnow is with the Douglas County Public Defenders office. Austin Fearnow was a visiting student at the College of Law during his third year of law school.

■ **Susanne Sarah Novak, '05**, married John Paul Haas II, June 18, 2005, at St. John's Church. Novak is a deputy Douglas county attorney.

■ **Adam D. Pavelka, '05**, has joined Seiler & Parker, which has offices in Hastings and Clay Center. His areas of concentration are estate and business planning, corporations, estate planning, probate, trusts, wills, real estate and agricultural law.

■ **Alisa Rosales, '05**, a member of the inaugural class of the Bill Clinton School of Public Service at University of Arkansas-Little Rock, has accepted a position at Notre Dame Law School in South Bend, Ind., as the assistant director of career services for public interest law.

■ **Cathy R. Saathoff, '05**, is an associate at Nelson Law in Omaha.

■ **John L. Selzer, '05**, is an associate with Harding, Shultz & Downs in Lincoln. He specializes in business law.

■ **Amy R. Skalka, '05**, has joined Seiler & Parker Law Office, which has offices in Hastings and Clay Center. Her areas of concentration are family

law, personal injury law, civil litigation insurance defense, criminal defense, collections and juvenile law.

■ **Daniel R. Slaughter, '05**, is an associate with Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl in Lincoln.

■ **James B. Ward, '05**, has been named general counsel for Credit Management Services, Inc., in Grand Island.

■ **Amy K. Wiebelhaus, '05**, has joined the law firm of Olds, Pieper & Connolly in Wayne, where her primary area of practice is family law. She also serves as deputy county attorney for Wayne and Pierce counties.

## In Memoriam

*The College of Law extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following alumni:*

### 1940

■ **Jerome Prokop, '40**, died on July 26, 2005, at age 91, in Arlington, Va. He was a major in the United States Air Force and was an examiner for the Army Military Records Correction Board.

■ **Leslie Boslaugh, '41**, Lincoln, died February 16, 2006, at the age of 88. Judge Boslaugh served for 33 years on the Nebraska Supreme Court before retiring in 1994. Boslaugh served as an Army officer in the European theater during World War II. He continued to serve in the Judge Advocate General Corps in the Army Reserve. He first practiced law with Lester Stiner in Hastings and served as the Hastings city attorney. Boslaugh succeeded his father, Paul Boslaugh, 1903, on the court. He was the last state judge to be seated by popular election.

■ **Max Nelson Burgin, '48**, formerly of Lincoln, died September 29, 2005, at age 84 in Shenandoah, Texas. Burgin served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. He retired as a research analyst for the Nebraska Department of Labor. He founded the Max Burgin Foundation for students in North Platte who wish to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

■ **Hugh Stuart, '48**, died in Omaha on April 3, 2006, at the age of 84. Judge Stuart was appointed district court judge by Governor Frank Morrison and was the first judge to be appointed under Nebraska's merit system. In *Nebraska Press Association v. Stuart*, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Stuart's order prohibiting the reporting of certain court testimony prior to the impaneling of a jury in the 1976 North Platte murder trial of Erwin Charles Simants. After retiring from the district court bench, he served as an

administrative law judge in Omaha for the Social Security Administration.

### 1950

■ Former Nebraska Supreme Court Justice **Dale E. Fahrnbruch, '50**, died June 1, 2005, at the age of 80. Fahrnbruch served in the United States Army in World War II. He also served as city editor of the *Lincoln Journal Star*, chief deputy Lancaster county attorney, a partner in Beynonhecht & Fahrnbruch and a judge for the Lancaster County District Court.

■ **Stanley K. Hathaway, '50**, died October 4, 2005, at the age of 81 at his home in Cheyenne, Wyo. Hathaway served in the Army Air Force in World War II flying bomber missions in Europe. Following his graduation from the Law College, Hathaway practiced law in Torrington, Wyo. He served as Goshen county attorney from 1954 to 1964. He was elected governor of Wyoming in 1966 at age 42 and was re-elected in 1970. As governor, he helped enact Wyoming's first severance tax on minerals mined and pumped from the state and created a permanent trust fund in which severance tax money was invested, earning enough to run a major portion of the state's government operations today. He also helped create the Wyoming State Department of Environmental Quality. President Gerald Ford appointed Hathaway as secretary of the interior in June 1975, but he resigned the following month because of ill health. Subsequently, he formed the Cheyenne firm of Hathaway, Speight & Kunz. In recognition of Hathaway's contributions to higher education, the 2005 Wyoming Legislature authorized \$400 million for the Hathaway Student Scholarship Endowment Account. Qualified Wyoming high school graduates will receive a scholarship equal to tuition and fees at the University of Wyoming or any state community college.



■ **Roland A. Luedtke, '51** died at the age of 81 on July 22, 2005, in Lincoln. Luedtke served in World War II and earned a Purple Heart. He was appointed deputy secretary of state in 1953 and served three terms in the state

legislature beginning in 1966. He served as lieutenant governor under Governor Charles Thone from 1979 to 1983, and as mayor of Lincoln from 1983 to 1987.

■ **Douglas Y. Freeman, '52**, died on January 26, 2006, in Hardin, Mont., at the age of 78. He served as Big Horn county attorney from 1966 to 1975. Subsequently he was in private practice in Hardin. He was instrumental in an important case regarding the Big Horn River controversy between the Crowe Tribe and the state of Montana. He was adopted by the Crow Tribe and was called Chief Good Heart.

■ **Joseph D. "Dal" Wood, Jr., '54**, died November 6, 2005, at the age of 75 in McCook. At the time of his death, he was a partner in the law firm of Colfer, Wood, Lyons and Wood in McCook. He was Red Willow attorney from 1958 until 1972. He served in the United States Air Force in the Korean War and the Nebraska National Guard.

■ **Richard L. Huber, '56**, died on June 5, 2005, at age 76 in his Grand Island home. He served as a police court judge and justice of the peace before entering private practice. He retired in 2000. He was also part owner of Westside Bowling Lanes/Huddle Lounge and was past president of the University of Nebraska Touchdown Club.

■ **William R. Ross, '58**, died in June 2005 in Lakewood, Colo.

## 1970

■ **Brice F. Rueter, '71**, died on December 20, 2005, at the age of 61. He practiced law and farmed in Wauneta. He loved woodworking and designed and built grandfather clocks. He also crafted the woodwork in his former law office in Wauneta.

■ **Philip M. Bowen, '73**, Omaha, died July 23, 2005, of a heart attack at the age of 57. He was with World Insurance Co. in Omaha for 24 years as an associate general counsel and later vice president and general counsel. He began his career in private practice with Welsh, Sibbersen & Bowen, specializing in civil litigation. At the time of his death, he worked for Catholic Mutual Group as claims and corporate counsel.

## 1980

■ **Beth L. Tallon, '87**, Lincoln, died February 6, 2006, at the age of 72. She worked for the Dawson County Court as an associate judge and head justice of the peace for Western Nebraska. She also worked as legal counsel for the Nebraska Legislature and for Health and Human Services.

■ **Michael A. Klusaw, '88**, died December 30, 2005, in Omaha at age 45. He practiced in the area of family law in Omaha.

## 1990

■ **"T. K." Olson, '90**, Omaha, formerly of Lincoln, died July 18, 2005, at the age of 42. He was an active musician playing drums with Finnsters, Finest Hour, Pud Brothers, Soul Dawg and Version Three.

■ **Adam Studenberg, '97**, Omaha, died April 25, 2005, at the age of 32. He was a federal inspector at Eppley Airfield.