

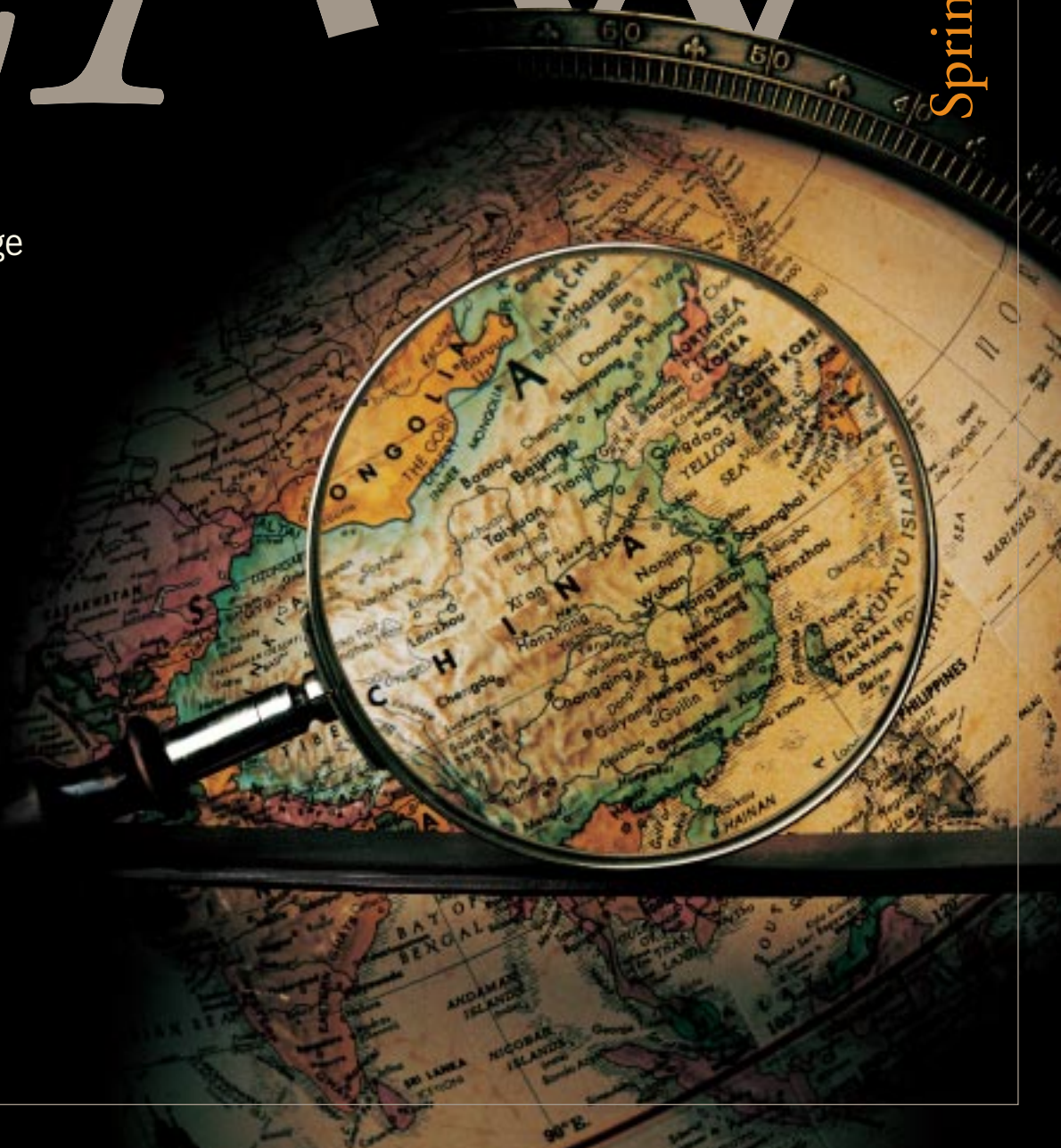
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in China  
and Around  
the Pacific Rim



# Calendar of Events

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**May 15, 2004**  
**Commencement**  
Sacramento Memorial Auditorium

**May 21 – 22, 2004**  
**International Alumni Reunion**  
Zurich, Switzerland

**June 14 – July 9, 2004**  
**Pacific/McGeorge China Institute**  
Sacramento and Suzhou, China

**July 3 – 24, 2004**  
**Institute on International Legal Studies**  
Salzburg, Austria

**July 15, 2004**  
**San Diego Chapter Charity Golf Tourney**  
Coronado Municipal Golf Course

**October 13, 2004**  
**High Tea at the U.S. Supreme Court**  
Washington, D.C.

**October 16, 2004**  
**80th Anniversary / All-Alumni Reunion  
with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy**  
Pacific/McGeorge

**November 5, 2004**  
**International Financial Services Symposium**  
Pacific/McGeorge

**December 1, 2004**  
**State Bar of California Swearing-In Ceremony**  
Pacific/McGeorge

**January 22, 2005**  
**Alumni Association's Southern California MCLE**  
The Queen Mary, Long Beach

**January 29, 2005**  
**Alumni Association's Sacramento MCLE**  
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**February 20 – 21, 2005**  
**24th Annual International Law Symposium**  
Pacific/McGeorge

## Message from The Dean

The term “world class” may be overused, yet if there’s a more apt description for the programs at *your* law school, I have yet to find it. There is a palpable excitement here that I hope you will take the opportunity to experience when you next visit the area.

Pacific/McGeorge is continuing its upward trajectory, and we’re moving from simply being “on the map,” to becoming a prime destination for legal and government leaders, new faculty and our excellent students who will soon join you as colleagues, fellow alums and legal leaders.

And, as we continue these upward moves, our view of the landscape is changing, and our reach is extending into new areas. This issue of *Pacific Law* highlights some of the many initiatives we have underway in the Pacific Rim: New efforts in China, including a new summer program with Kenneth Wang School of Law at the University of Soochow in the city of Suzhou; a unique program, funded by the U.S. State Department, training prosecutors and public defenders from Chile; and continued efforts in Viet Nam, Taiwan, and our long-standing programs in Europe—I could go on...

All are proving to the rest of the world what we already know: Pacific/McGeorge is making a difference—and an increasingly important mark—locally, nationally, and globally.

For example, looking back on the few months that have passed in 2004, Pacific/McGeorge has hosted:

- Two MCLE events, attracting nearly 1,000 alums between them;
- Two cohorts of Chilean lawyers for intensive eight-day advocacy training programs;
- An international symposium addressing the challenges of ‘moving from command to market economies’—with Russia’s Yukos Oil situation and Iraq’s rebuilding issues as case studies, and China as a model;
- A roundtable on the status of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, featuring General Thomas Hemingway, legal advisor to the Military Commissions on Detainees;

- A meeting of the Pacific/McGeorge Alumni Board of Governors, which adopted an ambitious program of reanimating Alumni Chapters;
- A ‘Dine with Alumni’ event bringing alums from various legal specializations together with students interested in their particular areas of practice;
- A national conference on Charter Schools as part of our Education Law initiative; and, most recently,
- A national symposium on “Three Strikes” and Sentencing Reform—attracting the leading scholars in this contentious area of law and politics.

*And I have yet to even mention our remarkable students!* They are the real key to the excitement here, and you deserve the opportunity to meet them. Yes, some of them are featured in this issue of *Pacific Law*, but no article can possibly do them all justice. Like the many Pacific/McGeorge alumni I have met, they are bright, interested and interesting, and getting to know them is a pleasure. You will be proud to call them colleagues and fellow alumni when they graduate, and I hope you will help them with advice and opportunities when you’re considering summer interns and new hires.

Today’s students—as when you were here—are learning from a masterful faculty that is now increasingly recognized for its excellence: the Pacific/McGeorge Advocacy Program is now acknowledged among the national elite and ‘best in the West;’ all our academic programs have been recast, with faculty guidance, into three overarching “Pacific Centers” in Global Business & Development, Advocacy & Dispute Resolution, and Government Law & Policy; and the media is consistently camped out here for commentaries on legal matters in the news.

The world is finding its way to Pacific/McGeorge, as we are reaching out. I hope you are pleased with the progress and activity that’s evident at your law school, and that you, too, will make your way back to campus sometime soon. I look forward to seeing you here, or when we get out “on the road” to meet you—and am always eager to hear from you. Please tell us how we’re doing, and how we can do even better!

Regards,

*Elizabeth*

**Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker**



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**Four score years ago,** Verne Adrian McGeorge, one-time Sacramento Assistant City Attorney and private practitioner, founded the independent, private law school that would later bear his name. This academic year, we celebrate eighty years of academic and intellectual rigor; the legacy of Dean Gordon Schaber; the affiliation with the University of the Pacific; the on-going achievements of our accomplished faculty; the expansion of our international programs; and our continued excellence as we move through the 21st century under the spirited leadership of Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. *A History of Pacific/McGeorge by Michael Curran*

In the fall of 1921, a handful of students were waiting on the second floor of a downtown Sacramento building for their first-year law classes to begin. They were sadly informed that the would-be operators of the fledgling school had decided to abandon the project as of the previous evening. Their professor, a young Stanford Law School graduate from Maine named Verne Adrian McGeorge, offered to lecture on the law at his residence. The students accepted his offer. It was an inauspicious debut for what would become an internationally known law school.

The arrangement continued until January 1924 when several civic-minded leaders joined McGeorge in founding a non-profit corporation, the Sacramento College of Law. The incorporators and members of the first Board of Trustees included Judge Peter Shields, a founder of the University of California, Davis. They had a definite purpose in mind: *to provide an opportunity for legal education where none existed.*

McGeorge was appointed manager of the college, later named dean and professor of law. The new institution acquired quarters in a building at the corner of Tenth and L Streets. Tuition was \$100 per year.

In 1925, the first annual commencement program of the Sacramento College of law lists a graduating class of five. A handful of students earned their law degrees each of the next five years. The little law school had little to boast about, but it had its first female graduate, Rose Sheehan '27E, a quarter-century before the Harvard Law School.

In 1929, the Board of Trustees, after receiving complaints about the similarity of names from Sacramento City College and Sacramento Main High School, changed the law school's

shingle to **McGeorge College of Law** in honor of its founder, who was still teaching despite terminal skin cancer. He died several months later.

Various people stepped forward in the 1930s to keep the one-room night school afloat. **Russell Harris**, a Sacramento County Bar leader, became dean and remained in that position until 1933. By that time, student enrollment had risen to 44 and the school reported revenues of \$7,533. **Gilford**

**Rowland**, a past president of the State Bar of California, was next appointed dean and the school moved to upstairs quarters at 824 J Street. The student body remained approximately the same size until 1937, at which time **Lawrence Dorety** succeeded Rowland.

As with many small colleges, McGeorge was closed during the war years. McGeorge's widow, Annabel, who served as registrar until her retirement in 1958, kept the place "alive" during those years answering all correspondence and assuring future law students that there was, and would continue to be, a law school for them.



Founder Verne Adrian McGeorge

When the law school opened for evening classes under **Dean John Swan** in the fall of 1946, it again had a new location at 902 J Street on the third floor of the Ruhstaller Building over a radio store. The fire escape consisted of ropes tied to a metal steam-heat register.

In 1955, the law school moved across the street to 924 J Street over the Arcade Bar. As if a gin mill wasn't enough of a distraction at this location, there was a ravioli factory in the basement. All of the cooking aromas were carried to the upper floors through the elevator shaft.

And so it was over a late-night plate of ravioli, that Swan and a young attorney who taught at the law school, **Gordon D. Schaber**, vowed to find a permanent home for the institution.

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An opportunity to obtain the use of a vacant city health facility, a well-baby clinic at the corner of 33rd Street and Fifth Avenue in the Oak Park neighborhood, presented itself in late 1956 and the Board of Trustees agreed to move the school there.

Dean Swan passed away unexpectedly two months prior to the move, but with the assistance of a borrowed pickup truck into which all the library books and furniture were loaded, Acting Dean Schaber moved the school in one trip. When the law school opened for its program of evening classes in the fall of 1957, enrollment was 123 students. There was still no full-time faculty or staff. Library holdings totaled 1,500 volumes. Total assets were listed at \$4,000 and the annual budget was \$36,000.

Thus began the modern era at McGeorge. Schaber was determined that the law school was going to make a name for itself. That demanded facilities, faculty and publicity. He planned and budgeted for the facilities, knowing that on the horizon increased enrollment would throw off funds for needed expansion, maybe even a campus some day. Schaber knew who the best lawyers in town were and he coaxed them into teaching at McGeorge. He immersed himself in community activities, forging friendships with every state and city official and business leader in the sleepy state capital.

And even though it was only a small night school, Schaber made sure it was a judge, senator or celebrity who gave the commencement address. His friend, Bay Area novelist Erle Stanley Gardner, was the invitee for the 1960 ceremony. Gardner, however, had an emergency appendectomy a week before the event and was forced to bow out. Schaber offered to wheel him over in his hospital bed, but Gardner had a better idea. He told Schaber to invite actor Raymond Burr to give the speech. Burr was the star of "Perry Mason," a television show based on Gardner's books that just happened to be the No.1 rated TV show in the 1959-60 season. Burr agreed and, needless to say, wowed what was an unusually small audience for him. Schaber and he became fast friends and he went on to become a major benefactor of the school.

In late 1964, Schaber won accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners for the state of California. By that time, Schaber already had some of the best attorneys in Sacramento in his impressive stable of part-time faculty, including **Claude Rohwer**, **Robert Puglia**, **Frank Richardson**, **Jim Diepenbrock** and **Robert Stark**. The following year, though, he set his sights on a young lawyer who everyone saw as a rising star. He went to **Anthony Kennedy's** office and wouldn't budge until he got



Dean Gordon D. Schaber

yes for an answer. The future Supreme Court justice began teaching Constitutional Law in 1965. He found himself enjoying the classroom, so much so that he taught every year until the Senate confirmed President Reagan's nomination to the nation's highest court.

McGeorge merged with the University of the Pacific in 1966 and began offering day classes the following year. Schaber maintained the evening program of the school's origins so that greater Sacramento area residents still had the opportunity to pursue a career conversion to the legal profession. McGeorge was accredited by the American Bar Association in 1968, paving the way for its rise to national prominence.

Schaber's approach to legal education was innovative, pragmatic and farsighted. He built a campus courtroom that won national recognition in 1973 for its technological advances.

He made overtures to neighboring Nevada, where there was no law school, so that students from that state could have their McGeorge tuitions subsidized. He established a permanent McGeorge presence in Europe, anticipating dramatic growth in international trade.

The law school campus, the world's largest, was built out in the 1970s and 1980s. There were seven classrooms, clinic facilities, a lecture hall, student housing and a library that became the second-largest private law library in the state of California. The full-time faculty, created when the Day Division was launched in

1967, attracted law professors from around the country. Many a visiting professor from a more renowned law school decided to stay on in Sacramento — for 20 or 25 years.

It was a stunning accomplishment, one that earned numerous plaudits from the ABA, which bestowed on him its highest honor for service in legal education, The Kutak Award, in 1991.

Schaber was forced to resign his position as dean that year because of health problems, the same year McGeorge became a fully integrated part of the University of the Pacific. George Washington University law professor and federal administrator **Gerald Caplan** was selected to succeed Schaber and the school's enrollment in the mid-1990s made it the 21st largest law school in the country.

Former CIA General Counsel **Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker** became dean in 2002 and the school celebrates its 80th anniversary with a new summer program in China.

From a lecture in a Sacramento attorney's home to lecture halls halfway round the world, the Pacific/McGeorge School of Law has definitely come a long way.

Schaber Portrait: Shirin Studio; Still Life Photography: Terry Heffernan



# Legacies & SCHOLARSHIPS

*Somebody out there likes me...*

That's the feeling our Pacific/McGeorge students get when they are selected to receive one of more than 50 named scholarships at the law school. It's a feeling that gives them an extra boost in their long hours of study, a comfort that soothes student loan financial concerns, an emotional lift that builds confidence in future success in the legal profession.

**By Jan Ferris Heenan; Photography John Blaustein**

*Scholarship recipients are grateful for the generosity of Pacific/McGeorge's alumni and friends. The availability of scholarship funds is crucial to their pursuit of a legal education. In their thank-you letters to donors, you'll often read: "I hope to do for someone else some day what you've done for me." • Names such as Jim & Dorothy Adams, Walter Alexander, Tracy Helms, Gary Schaber and Albert Zangerle reward and inspire each year. The Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund alone awarded more than \$119,000 to 38 students this year. • These are some of the many current students who benefit from the thoughtful contributions of graduates who have gone before them. The students are hard-working, focused, mature—and very likely to make their supporters proud in the years ahead.*



## William Bishop 4E

Hometown:  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Undergraduate:  
Southwest Missouri State University; Economics  
Graduation:  
May 2004  
Awarded:  
William K. Morgan Scholarship

Work in the criminal investigation division of the Internal Revenue Service piqued William Bishop's interest in law. But with a wife, a growing family and a career that kept him on the move, it took several years to switch tracks.

Once he did, and enrolled at Pacific/McGeorge, Bishop wasted no time. In addition to his day job, the father of four (ranging in age from two months to 10 years old) wrote for *The Transnational Lawyer* last year and currently serves as its editor-in-chief. He clerked for a law firm over the summer. When Bishop graduates this spring, he will do so with a designation in intellectual property—and with a litigation job awaiting him at the Sacramento firm of Porter, Scott, Weiberg and Delehant.

Between the IRS and his enrollment at Pacific/McGeorge, Bishop spent several years in insurance claim management for General Accident Insurance. He and his family relocated several times in that job, from Anchorage to San Diego and points between.

"I finally said, 'Enough moving. I want to go to law school,'" Bishop said. "I've enjoyed school, but now it's time for new challenges."

Sarah Class came straight from Pacific to Pacific/McGeorge to round out her education and to follow her mother's sage advice. "My mom always told me I should be prepared," Class explained. "I felt this was a practical choice. Even if I never wanted to be a lawyer, I felt this would enrich my understanding of policy and the world around us."

Class has been active at Pacific/McGeorge, between her tenure on the law review—first as a writer, this year as an editor—and her membership in the Women's Caucus. She was also a volunteer in the Big Sister program.

In addition, Class spent a summer as an intern for U.S. Senator Harry Reid (D-NEV.) and as a summer associate for the Reno law firm of Hale, Lane, Peek, Dennison and Howard. She will join the firm's real property and finance department after graduation.

"I've definitely reached all of my goals of going to law school," Class said. "I've gained an immense amount of knowledge."



## Sarah Class 3D

Hometown:  
Reno, Nevada  
Undergraduate:  
University of the Pacific; English  
Graduation:  
May 2004  
Awarded:  
Nevada Scholarship

“Almost storybook” is the way Nirav Desai describes the direction his law school experience and the support and encouragement he has received from faculty at Pacific/McGeorge.

This year, for the first time, Desai will compete in the National Appellate Advocacy Competition. Last year, he was a staff writer for the *McGeorge Law Review*; this year, he serves as chief comment editor.

But Desai says the highlight of his student involvement has revolved around his service as student liaison to the Faculty Recruitment Committee, helping to convene student groups to meet with potential hires.

“It’s been one of the best things I’ve done, getting Pacific/McGeorge out there in a positive light and putting our best face forward,” said Desai, the son of doctors and a graduate of Rio Americano High in Carmichael.

Desai has a job awaiting him at the Sacramento law firm of Downey Brand, where he worked last summer. “It will be a long time before I see a courtroom,” he said. “But I’m excited about getting to know the issues.”



## Nirav Desai 3D

Hometown: Carmichael, California  
Undergraduate: University of California, Berkeley; History  
Graduation: May 2004  
Awarded: R.T. Stratton Scholarship



## Erika Englund 2D

Hometown: Auburn, California  
Undergraduate: University of California, Davis; Psychology  
Graduation: May 2005  
Awarded: Zangerle Memorial Scholarship

One of the very last things that Erika Englund says she expected to happen at

Pacific/McGeorge was to take such a shine to the law. In fact, she initially enrolled in law school to obtain what she calls a “very portable” degree.

“I just unexpectedly fell in love with the profession,” Englund said. “It has taught me to speak more clearly, to think more clearly and to write better.”

Englund works for the Community Legal Services Clinic at Pacific/McGeorge and is involved in the Women’s Caucus. She has also invested much time and effort in the start-up of a Junior Barristers Club on campus, which she co-founded with two classmates.

In its first year, the organization already boasts 70 paid members, several of whom recently attended a luncheon hosted by the California State Supreme Court. “In law school, there are lots of opportunities for 50 students to meet one attorney. We’re trying to do the opposite,” Englund said.

Englund plans to practice probate law and also specialize in guardianships. It is a way, she says, of melding her psychology background with her legal experience.

As if attending law school wasn’t enough, Justin Lee added a second academic venture to his plate after starting at Pacific/McGeorge: he enrolled in the MBA program at Cal State University, Sacramento.

He has gathered a respectable collection of scholarships and awards along the way. Lee has also amassed a lengthy resume of legal experience, working for Downey Brand and Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann & Girard, as well as for other area firms. He worked for the State Attorney General’s public rights division, and is currently employed by the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office as a legal assistant in traffic court.

Lee is still deciding which area of the law to pursue, but he doesn’t hesitate when asked about his dream job: NBA referee. Lee has refereed high school basketball for the past eight years, and also referees volleyball.

At Sacramento State, Lee has also worked as a graduate assistant in business law. He allows that he has spent more time working than hitting the books the past few years.

“That’s why I didn’t make Dean’s List,” he said. “But (the work experience) has made me realize what I like and what I don’t like.”



## Justin Lee 4E

Hometown: Sacramento  
Undergraduate: USC; Exercise Science  
Graduation: May 2004  
Awarded: Hiroshima Jacobs Roth & Lewis Scholarship



## Mai Nasrallah 3E

Hometown: Amman, Jordan  
Undergraduate: California State University, Sacramento; Accounting  
Graduation: May 2005  
Awarded: Alumni Association Scholarship

Mai Nasrallah inherited her love for numbers from her father, and

her concern for the Middle Eastern kingdom of Jordan by birthright. For now, Nasrallah has put her accounting career on the back burner in the hopes that her studies at Pacific/McGeorge — and subsequent legal experience — will help her effect change in her homeland.

“Human rights have always been my passion... and there is more suppressive rule in the Middle East,” she said. “The culture is so male-dominated, though women do play a big part in it.”

Nasrallah, who considers herself Palestinian rather than Jordanian, was raised in Amman, where her father worked as an interpreter at the American Embassy. A Muslim, she met her husband, a Catholic Jordanian, overseas while working as a flight attendant for Royal Jordanian Airlines. The two came to Sacramento together and Nasrallah spent three years as an accounting officer for the state Board of Equalization.

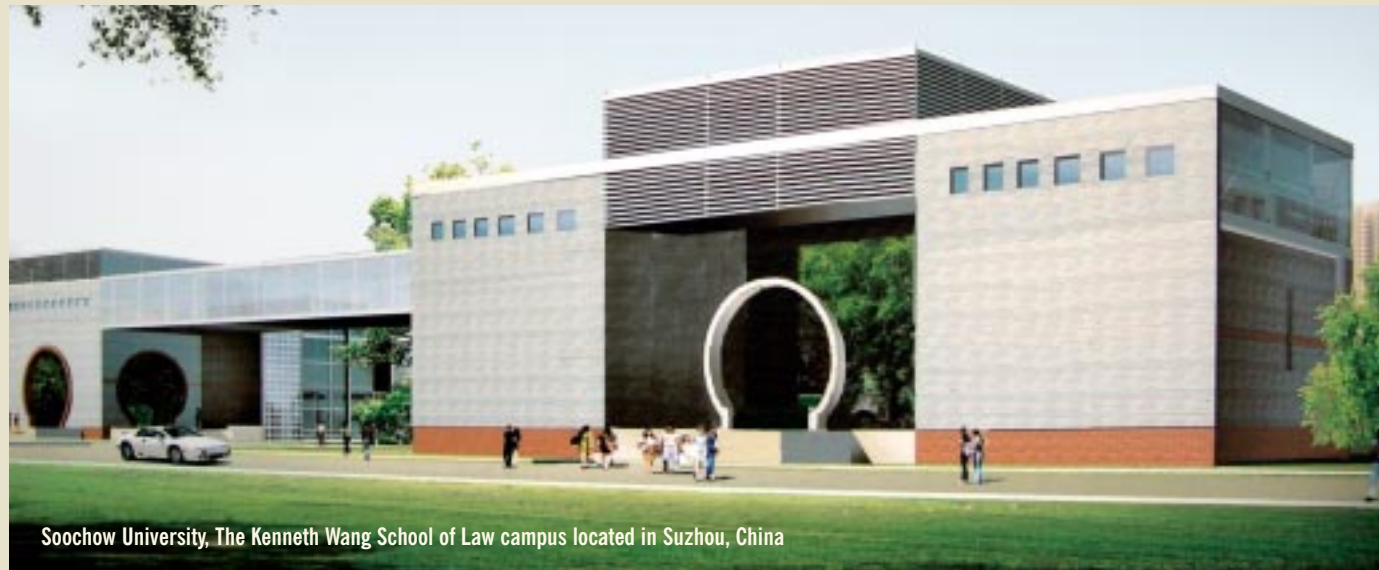
In addition to her studies, Nasrallah is a full-time judicial assistant to U.S. District Judge William Shubb. She is also a member of Pacific/McGeorge’s Amnesty International chapter.

*On the 30th anniversary of the Salzburg program, Pacific/McGeorge Law expands its international presence with ties to Soochow University in China. With an increasing number of alumni abroad, Pacific/McGeorge is making its mark throughout Asia and the Pacific Rim. By Robert T. Wazeka*

# Pacific/ McGeorge's Pacific Rim Connection







Soochow University, The Kenneth Wang School of Law campus located in Suzhou, China

Pacific/McGeorge School of Law has long been a leader in international legal education, and the law school is well-positioned to capitalize on the explosion of economic growth, particularly in the Pacific Rim.



Professor Claude Rohwer

“More is happening internationally at Pacific/McGeorge than at any other law school west of the Appalachians,” says Claude Rohwer, Associate Dean of International Affairs at Pacific/McGeorge School of Law. “Many students come here because they’re interested

in international affairs. And this is especially important now because globalization is everywhere.”

At the very moment Pacific/McGeorge is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its European summer institute in Salzburg, the school has launched a new initiative aimed at Pacific Rim countries. Cooperative efforts are well underway with China, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Chile, and this is only the beginning.

The Pacific Rim initiative moves beyond traditional exchange programs with law students, legal scholars, and government officials. Pacific/McGeorge is providing assistance to countries bringing cases before such international bodies as the International Court of Justice and the World Trade Organization. It is offering support to nations developing or revising civil codes or commercial laws and regulations. And, perhaps most excitingly, it is pioneering a series of innovative training programs in cooperation with other nations, particularly in China and Chile.

“Many of the prestigious law schools in the East stress legal theory,” says Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. “Pacific/McGeorge is different; our approach focuses on the law as it is applied. This makes us particularly effective in assisting other countries with their legal systems.”

## China

Pacific/McGeorge’s efforts in China extend back to the early 1980s when the school sponsored pioneering exchange programs with a Chinese law school. One of the Chinese students involved in the program, LL.M. graduate Zhu Su Li, is now Dean of the prestigious Beijing University Law School.

The exchange program stalled in the aftermath of the 1989 Tiananmen Square uprising that dampened Chinese relations with the U.S. When Dean Parker visited Chinese law schools during a 2002 lecture tour, she made contacts at the Kenneth Wang School of Law at Soochow University that led to the creation of Pacific/McGeorge’s new Summer Institute in China, which holds its first session this year. Soochow University is located in the city of Suzhou, northwest and inland from Shanghai.

Instrumental in pulling the effort together was Kenneth Wang’s son, Frank, a prominent San Francisco attorney and adjunct professor at Pacific/McGeorge.

The excitement over Pacific/McGeorge’s work in China is palpable. “The level of interest in American law by Chinese students, half of whom are women, is very high,” says Laura Young, an adjunct professor who accompanied Dean Parker to China. “The Chinese law students were



Professor Frank Wang

extremely interested in what we had to say,” she says. “Their level of English was high and they posed tough questions about American law and foreign policy.”

The creation of the summer institute reflects China’s effort to modernize its legal system.

“We’re helping China reinvigorate a system of laws that suffered because of the closure of all law schools in the country for 30 years,” says Parker. “Their recovery has been remarkable. Now there are more than 300 law schools. They’re well ahead of the Russians in developing a modern legal system.”

Fifteen students each from the U.S. and China will participate in the summer institute. The Chinese students were chosen competitively and with special attention to their English language skills. “We deliberately wanted students with a range of language skills, from highly proficient to barely proficient,” says Frank Wang. “In this way, the students will have to deal with each other and help each other out with translation and other matters.”

Before heading off to China, the American students will spend two weeks at Pacific/McGeorge attending a class in “concepts of Chinese law” taught by Professors Wang, Young and Brian Landsberg, a constitutional law expert. When the students arrive in Suzhou, they’ll receive packets of mock contracts, invoices, and other materials, some written in English and others in Chinese. The Chinese students will receive identical packets.

“We’re working on these right now,” says Wang. “It’s a real challenge, but it’s exciting.” In China, the 30 students will be divided into competitive *red teams* representing China and *blue teams* representing the U.S. Each team will include both Chinese and American students. To succeed, students have to help each other with translation and interpretation. “By their interaction,” Wang says, “the students will build relationships that will help to remove cultural preconceptions and stereotypical behavior patterns. In a sense, this can contribute to developing a new kind of common law.”

In addition to the summer program, Pacific/McGeorge has hosted two separate visits from Chinese lawyers and judges and several exchange programs are underway with law schools in Russia and Taiwan.



“I am very excited that

Pacific/McGeorge

has formed a strong relationship with a law school in China.

This new program will provide valuable experiences for its future participants, especially those who choose to practice law in the Pacific Rim.”

— Lenny Li '02D, Preston | Gates | Ellis – Solicitors, Hong Kong

Professor Jay Leach works with Chilean prosecutors.



**Chile** Pacific/McGeorge designed and implemented an innovative, hands-on training program in January and February to help school Chilean prosecutors and public defenders in the arts of trial advocacy, mediation, and negotiation. In part because of our highly-ranked Trial Advocacy program, the Cultural Affairs Office at the American Embassy in Santiago chose Pacific/McGeorge to carry out the training. The school then signed a contract with the U.S. State Department to bring eight Chilean prosecutors and 11 public defenders to Sacramento for training.

“From our end, the results were great,” says Professor Jay Leach, director of McGeorge’s Center for Legal Advocacy and Dispute Resolution. “The Chileans were diligent and receptive, and their reactions were uniformly positive.”

Chile’s legal system is moving from an inquisitorial, judicial-tribunal system to an American-style system of adversarial trial. Its lawyers were in need of training in four areas: direct examination, cross-examination, impeachment of witnesses, and closing argument. “One of our concerns,” says Leach, “was whether we would teach at the appropriate level of their experience, which varied from individual to individual. Another concern was whether we would take proper account of the similarities and differences between our two systems.”

The seven-day sessions included lectures from Professors Joseph Taylor and Fred Galves on trial advocacy and from Professors Gregory Weber and Ed Villmoare on alternative dispute resolution. Mock trial segments and a complete trial that ended each session occupied 80 percent of the time, with two Chilean lawyers arguing for each side. Simultaneous translators were present, the sessions were videotaped, and McGeorge faculty observed the sessions and made comments and suggestions.

“I accompanied defenders from my office and was very impressed by the professors at Pacific/McGeorge,” says Rodrigo Quintana, the Defensor Nacional for Chile’s Defensoria Penal Publica.

“The Chilean legal system is going through an amazing transformation and it is a great honor for Pacific/McGeorge professors to be asked to share our knowledge with Chilean attorneys,” says Professor Galves, who did human rights work in Chile in 1985 under the auspices of the Harvard Human Rights Program and Amnesty International.

Photography: Steve Yeater



I went to Pacific/McGeorge for its international emphasis, and 22 years of Pacific Rim practice has proved my choice was right. With Japan and China starting to economically balance the U.S., business interests around the *Pacific pond* are poised for explosive recovery.

—Chris Jacobson '82E, Sakai & Mimura, Tokyo

**Viet Nam** Technical legal assistance also plays a significant role in the law school’s Pacific Rim initiative. A case in point is Professor Claude Rohwer’s work as a consultant to several different government ministries in Viet Nam. Since 1996, Rohwer has made five separate trips to the country, providing assistance in areas such as contracts, sales, service transactions, personal property financing, and property law.

Rohwer’s first visit occurred in 1996, when he went to Ho Chi Minh City under joint funding provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce and UNDP (United Nations Development Fund). Meeting with Vietnamese attorneys, accountants, and bankers, Rohwer consulted on the rewriting of the Vietnamese civil code. In 2002, he went to Vietnam to consult on the bilateral trade agreement with the U.S. and on amendments requested by the World Trade Organization (WTO) to ensure Viet Nam’s accession into the WTO. (Assistant Professor Marjorie Florestal has done similar work in Africa, assisting Cape Verde and Ethiopia in preparation for accession to the World Trade Organization.)

In a three-week working session last fall, Rohwer worked with the Vietnamese Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Trade to amend the country’s civil code, rewrite some of its commercial law and draft repeal of a 1989 law that has stymied trade.

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**Mexico** Several Pacific/McGeorge professors are lending their expertise to projects in Mexico. Professor Steve McCaffrey is one of three Americans advising on the NAFTA environmental side agreement. He attended a meeting of advisers to the secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation on January 31 in Mexico City. They advise all three NAFTA countries, Canada, Mexico and the U.S., on the environmental agreement citizen submission process.

Professor Gregory Weber spent a recent sabbatical year in Oaxaca, Mexico, working for the formerly Mexico-based Forest Stewardship Council. In addition to a project for the World Wildlife Fund, he was one of three consultants who investigated and reported on a dispute involving the setting of regional standards for sustainable forestry in the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

Professor Linda Carter has written on the legal theory behind Mexico’s International Court of Justice case seeking relief for 52 Mexican nationals on death row in the U.S. for violations of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, which gives detained foreign nationals the right to contact their consulate.



Elizabeth G. Bynum

“We’re not focused on the Pacific Rim to the exclusion of any other area of the globe, but we are determined to seize upon opportunities when they come along,” Dean Parker says. “We hope to use the experience we’ve acquired in China and elsewhere as models

for assistance and collaboration with many other countries, both inside the Pacific Rim and elsewhere.”

To that end, Pacific/McGeorge recently hired Elizabeth G. Bynum to coordinate law school projects in Asia. A *summa cum laude* graduate of Harvard University where she majored in East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Bynum earned her J.D. at Columbia. She practiced commercial law for more than three years with Debevoise & Plimpton in Hong Kong.

“We’re excited to add Betsy Bynum to our team. International law is the exciting growth field of the 21st century and Pacific/McGeorge expects to be at the forefront of international legal education,” Dean Parker says.

## Law School Leads Terrorism Response

Pacific/McGeorge continues initiatives on several national fronts as it spearheads legal education's response to terrorism in the post-9/11 era.

The school hosted the inaugural breakfast for the American Association of Law Schools' Section on National Security in January in Atlanta, Georgia. Pacific/McGeorge was instrumental in getting AALS approval of that provisional section.

The new section will sponsor a faculty-edited journal, tentatively called the *Journal of National Security Law and Policy*, which may be housed on campus. Professor John Sims, who is heading up the efforts to establish the journal, and Dean Parker are going to Washington, D.C. attended the annual briefing of the ABA Standing Committee on National Security Law in November.

Professor Leslie Jacobs, who became of the first law professors in the country to teach a course on Bioterrorism and Public Health Law last summer, reprised her Salzberg course in the fall semester. She recently contributed an entry on U.S. legislative and presidential directives for the *Encyclopedia of Bioterrorism Defense*. She also wrote a chapter on bioterrorism defense for a book on homeland security law and policy.

## International Forum Looks At Iraq, China

The two-day 2004 Pacific/McGeorge International Symposium in February explored "Markets in Transition: Reconstruction and Development" and featured world-renowned scholars and practitioners.

Professor Frank Gevurtz moderated two panels and Professor Kojo Yelapaala was the moderator for another. Professors Marjorie Florestal, Michael Malloy, Steve McCaffrey and Ed Villmoare were panel participants along with Adjunct Professors Frank Wang and Laura Young.

On the first day, participants used recent events in Iraq and Russia to debate the approaches best-suited for moving former command economies into fully functioning market economies, looking at China as one



Professor Laura Young talks about China at the 2004 Pacific/McGeorge International Symposium "Markets in Transition: Reconstruction and Development."

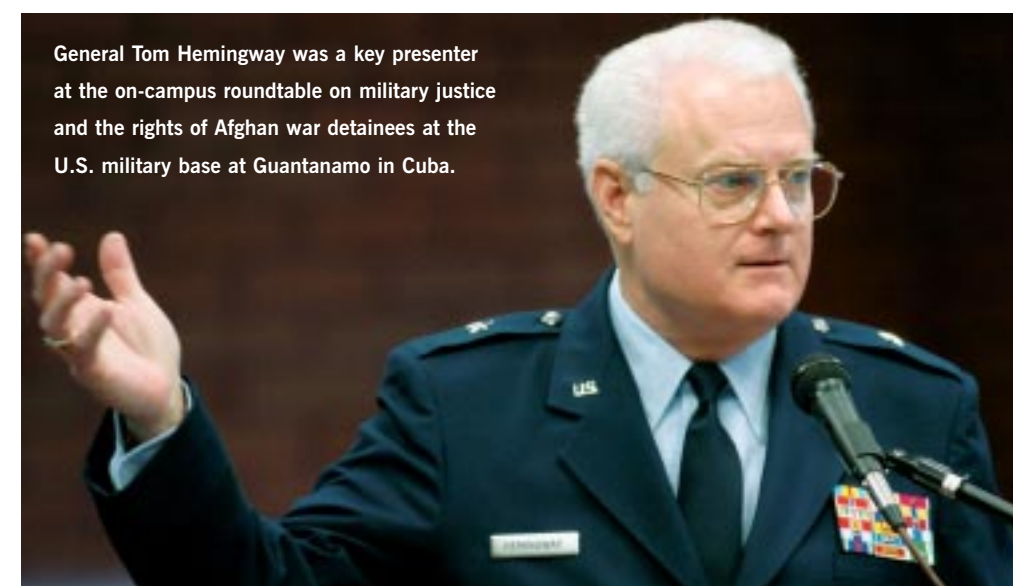
model. The final session focused on international project finance and privatization with Martin Kamarck, former chairman of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, delivering keynote remarks.

Plans are underway for the 24th Annual International Symposium that will be held in February 2005.

## Pacific/McGeorge Competitive in Trial Advocacy Tourney

Pacific/McGeorge took sixth place in the prestigious National Institute for Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions held October 30 – November 1 at the University of Akron in Ohio.

The team of Rosanne Darling 3D, Laura Froome 3D, Dawn Houston 2E and Brian Plummer 2D had a first-round loss to St. John's, but stormed back to defeat



General Tom Hemingway was a key presenter at the on-campus roundtable on military justice and the rights of Afghan war detainees at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo in Cuba.

Photography: Steve Yealer

powerful Stetson, defending champion Pepperdine and Alabama. The host Akron team won the tournament with a final-round win over Loyola of Los Angeles.

The tournament brought together teams from the top-rated trial advocacy programs in the country based on their three-year records in the Texas Young Lawyers' National Trial Competition and the ATLA National Student Trial Advocacy Competition.

The win over perennial powerhouse Stetson was especially impressive. The Florida law school is ranked tied-for-first in trial advocacy by *U.S. News & World Report*

with Temple, which finished below Pacific/McGeorge in the tournament standings. Attorneys Bill Barry '74D, and Laura Giuliani '01D, coached Pacific/McGeorge, which was competing for the first time in the NITA event after being rated 11th in the country last spring.

## General Discusses Afghan Detainees

The participation of a high-level Pentagon official highlighted the February 11 on-campus roundtable discussion on military justice and the rights of the Guantanamo detainees.

Brigadier General Tom Hemingway, the Department of Defense legal adviser on military tribunals that will deal with 650 captured al-Qaida and Taliban members, joined Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker and Professors Linda Carter and Tim Naccarato as featured presenters. Nine commentators with international law or military law backgrounds, including Professors John Sims, Ed Villmoare and Frank Wang, Adjunct Professor Rene Roman, Judge Morrison England '83E, and University of the Pacific regent Tom Eres '72D, joined as discussants.

"The war on terrorism is unlike any other war faced in U.S. history," the General said, explaining the unique status of the 650 detainees (most were captured in Afghanistan) who are being held without charges in the remote maximum-security U.S. naval base facility at the southeast corner of Cuba.

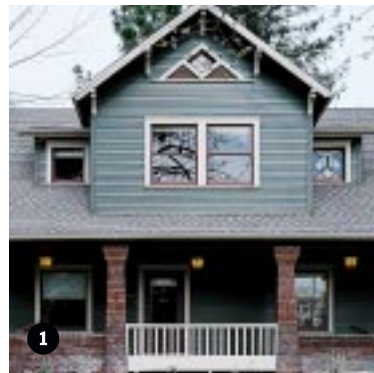
"Al-qaida is not a nation as has been the case with enemies in past wars, nor does it behave as a common criminal enterprise," General Hemingway said. He argued that military commissions are the appropriate legal forum for the detainees. "The military commission process is not perfect—no judicial system is," he said, "but it is fair and meets the security needs of the nation."

Other panel members cautioned on the importance of world and national opinion regarding American treatment of the detainees, especially in light of past American wars when harsh security measures taken were later discredited.

"I'm painfully aware of history looking over my shoulder," said the General.



A distinguished panel of discussants participated in the roundtable on military justice held on-campus in February.



# CAMPUS UPDATES

A world class law school must have world class facilities. Pacific/McGeorge has a long-term plan for facility updates—from cosmetic to structural; painting to complete redesigns. Classrooms A & B have state-of-the-art technology and improved access and seating. Other recent updates include the Student Center, McGeorge House and the Dean's residence. On the horizon are "the Pub," the Student Rec Center, and the Library. Stay tuned!

**McGeorge House:** 1 The Faculty House often used for receptions and meetings. 2 Stained Glass window detail. 3 Reading Room. **Student Center:** 4 Renovations include the Wall of Judicial Honor. **The Quad:** 5 New banners bordering the Quad. **Classrooms:** 6 Renovated Classrooms A & B will soon be joined by Classrooms G & H. **Dean's Residence:** 7 Small renovated bungalow—so the dean could live on campus. 8 Kitchen. 9 Living Room.



When Tim Naccarato graduated from Pacific/McGeorge in the 1970s, he says it was a fact of life that many of the students who couldn't make it through the rigors of law school on their own would be left behind.

Now jaws invariably drop when Naccarato '77D, tells former classmates about the Academic Support Program he has helped shape the past two years on the Sacramento campus.

"They tell me, 'Really? You work *with* the students?'" says Naccarato, a retired U.S. Army colonel and Pacific/McGeorge's first full-time director of academic support.

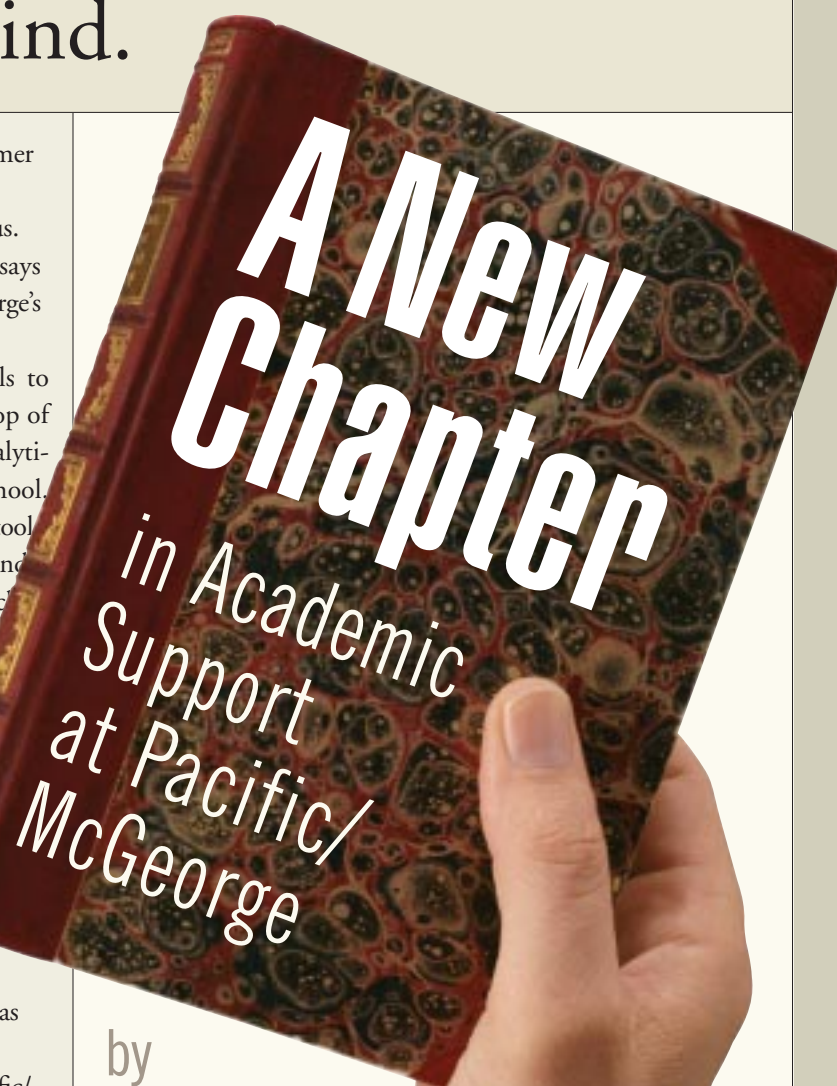
The program is centered around teaching study skills to first-year Pacific/McGeorge students who, while at the top of their game as undergraduates, often struggle with the analytical, legal mindset required of them to fare well in law school.

The Academic Support Program employs a variety of tools including individual counseling workshops, peer tutors and a two-unit elective course, Principles of Agency. The course is offered in the spring to students whose fall test scores indicate they would benefit from additional help, addresses agency law but with the primary emphasis on the study skills needed to learn it.

"It was the best opportunity to come along at this time," says a second-year student who took the course last year.

"I needed a boost. The class was so positive; it empowered me to do well in law school and now I'm really enjoying my second year."

The program, which Professor Julie Davies pushed for as chair of the faculty Curriculum Committee, has quickly become something of a model for other law schools. Pacific/McGeorge hosted a two-day academic assistance workshop last July sponsored by the Law School Admissions Council that attracted administrators from many other campuses.



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Helping students learn *how* to learn is not entirely new to Pacific/McGeorge—a part-time professor oversaw similar efforts in the late 1990s; a team of first-year professors picked up some of the duties when she went on to another post at the law school. But when Naccarato left private practice in Sacramento to take the job in the fall of 2002, he became the first full-time director, joining a growing list of American law schools crafting similar programs for incoming students.

"We have adopted the concept that once you are accepted into Pacific/McGeorge, we will do everything in our power to help you," Naccarato explains. "There's a greater understanding now that students learn at different paces and in different ways, so we have developed programs to accommodate those differences."

The Academic Support Program includes both in-class and extra-curricular assistance. The fall semester "Skills Hour" features nine one-hour, weekly workshops. The topics range from case briefing, note-taking and outlining to practice exams replete with small-group sessions to review the exam results.

In addition to the Skills Hour, Academic Support also sponsored three workshops this school year, geared toward all students. The first, "The Nuts and Bolts of Writing Successful Essay Exams," drew some 200 students.

In a Saturday "Examination Workshop" held in January, Naccarato assembled a panel with Assistant Dean of Students Carin Crain and four first-year professors to discuss common problems in exam-writing. The professors then lead their own breakout sessions to go over their fall exams.



Tim Naccarato '77D, Director of Academic Support, meets with the Skills Support Team (from left) Venus Johnson 2D, Julia Blair 2E, and Lindsay Stevens 2D to discuss tutoring plans for first-year students.

Academic support also comes from students' own peers, through the "Skills Support Team," launched in October 2003. Second-year students Julia Blair, Lindsay Stevens and Venus Johnson—academic standouts in their first year at Pacific/McGeorge—make up the team.

The team members hold office hours twice a week in the Student Union, seated next to a large sign advertising their no-cost services. They are also available by e-mail for individual

and study-group sessions. "First-year students call on us regularly," says Lindsay Stevens, one of the three skills tutors.

Stevens and her colleagues field an assortment of questions, most of them from first-year students: *How do I take notes? Am I writing down the proper cases in class? Are there too many people in my study group? Am I making a mistake by not being in one?*

"When you come in as a first-year student, you hear all of these horror stories. People tell you to watch 'The Paper Chase,'" Venus Johnson says. "You really don't expect all of this help."

And those who need the most help in their first year are invited to enroll in the spring semester, two-unit "Principles of Agency" course. Potential enrollees are handpicked, based on their first-semester scores.

Naccarato says the written invitation to take the course has humorously become known among students as, "the dreaded Agency letter of doom." Ninety-nine out of 400 first-year students received the letter last year. Seventy-four of them elected to take the course in place of Criminal Law.

Agency law was chosen as the specialty because it relates to contracts, torts and property — first-year core subjects. While the class is substantive, study skills are the primary thrust. "There's much less material to get through than in the three-unit Criminal Law, which gives students that much more time to focus on their core classes," Naccarato says.

Principles of Agency is broken into four sections, taught by Naccarato and Professor David Miller. Professor Claude Rohwer, who has taught Agency and Contracts for 41 years, led the effort to create an appropriate Principles of Agency textbook of cases and materials.

Student reactions to the suggestion that they enroll in the Agency course vary. Most are unaccustomed to being singled out; some are embarrassed. Naccarato, for one, applauds the students who have elected to take the class in its first two years.

"All of the students who come to Pacific/McGeorge have been very successful in college and on the LSAT," Naccarato says. "There is a shock to their system during the first semester. I tell them they've made a gutsy decision to take the elective. It's a mature decision."

The statistics show that the beefed-up academic support at the school is paying off. This past year, Pacific/McGeorge brought the disqualification rate down to 6.5 percent.

Blair, who rounds out the Skills Support Team, says she leaned on peers herself in her first year, though informally.

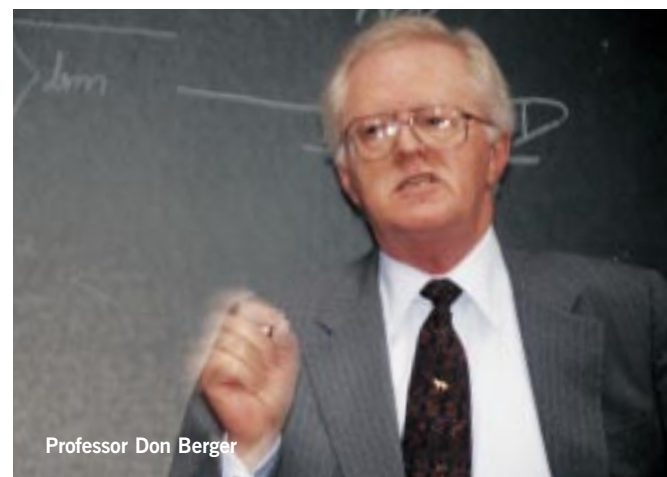
"It was really nice for me to be able to hear the perspectives of some of the upper-division students who'd done well," she says. "I think everybody quickly realizes they need to get as much help as they can."

## Berger Retires After 35 Years

Professor Don Berger, who survived World War II as a child in Germany and went on to become an admired American law professor, has ended a 35-year teaching career at Pacific/McGeorge in December.

Professor Berger taught at Willamette University College of Law for two years before joining the faculty in 1968. He taught Business Associations to thousands of Pacific/McGeorge students, was a fixture in the LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice program, and law review adviser. Berger was known for maintaining high standards for himself and his students and encouraging the same from his faculty colleagues.

A former director of the American Society for the Comparative Study of Law and an editor of *the American Journal of Comparative Law*, Berger published many articles on corporation, securities and conflicts law, both in American and German law journals.



Professor Don Berger

Berger immigrated to the U.S. with his parents after the war and earned his B.A. at UC Berkeley and his J.D. at Hastings College of the Law. He served a three-year term on the Corporation Law Committee of the State Bar of California while on the Pacific/McGeorge faculty.

"Professor Berger gave so much to Pacific/McGeorge and its students over these many years," Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker says. "His work is one of the reasons our law school is held in such high esteem in Europe."

## Supreme Court Preview May Be Annual Event

Professor Ruth Jones inaugurated a "First Monday in October" program last fall that previewed important cases on the U.S. Supreme Court docket. Various Pacific/McGeorge faculty members contributed their expertise.

Adjunct Professor Lance Olson '77E, an attorney who represents the California Democratic party and represented one of the plaintiffs in a challenge to the McCain-



Professor Ruth Jones

Feingold campaign finance law, was among the speakers. Professor Mike Vitiello examined the three high court cases involving the 37-year-old Miranda rights ruling that mandates police officer warnings of suspects of their rights before interrogations.

Professors Leslie Jacobs discussed *Locke v. Davey*, a recently decided case that addressed the question of whether it violates the free exercise of religion clause for a state to deny students college scholarships when they plan to pursue a theology degree. She correctly predicted that the Supreme Court would uphold the Washington State Supreme Court's ruling allowing such denial.

Jones, a former Assistant District Attorney in New York City, who worked as a trial consultant for CBS News and Court TV, teaches Criminal Law and has been a frequent source of legal expertise for media covering the Scott Peterson murder trial this year.

Given the overwhelming success of this year's event, Professor Jones' proposal to make the preview an annual event is gaining ground.

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## American Law Institute Welcomes Levine

Professor Larry Levine has been elected to the American Law Institute, a 3,500-member scholarly organization of law professors, practitioners and jurists that drafts and publishes legal reform proposals.

He joins Professor Julie Davies, elected December 2003, and Professors Jan Rein and Mike Vitiello as Pacific/McGeorge faculty members in the 80-year-old organization whose founders included Chief Justice and former President William Howard Taft.

The Philadelphia-based association promotes the clarification and simplification of the law and its better adoption to social needs.

Last year, Lexis published the second edition of Professor Levine's casebook, *Tort Law and Practice*. The veteran Torts teacher is one of four law professors who co-authored the text.

In February, the national media called on Levine, who teaches Sexual Orientation and the Law, when the city of San Francisco began issuing marriage licenses to gay couples. His comments were prominently featured in NPR and Associated Press stories.

## Leach Wins Fulbright To Teach in Italy

Professor Jay Leach received a Fulbright Senior Specialist grant to teach this spring at the University of Parma School of Law in Italy. >



*Major Acts of Congress*, a weighty three-volume work coordinated by Professor Brian Landsberg, was published by MacMillan Reference USA in November 2003.

"Kudos to Brian are warranted for this extraordinary undertaking in creating what will, I am sure, endure as a major act of scholarship," says Professor Michael Malloy.

Editor-in-chief Landsberg worked on the 1,178-page opus for more than a year-and-a-half. It features 270 entries, each 500-to 2,000 words, written by historians, attorneys and legal scholars. Authors include leading law professors from Yale, Harvard, Columbia, NYU, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown.

Eight Pacific/McGeorge faculty members contributed to the work. Professor Malloy wrote seven articles; Professors Julie Davies and John Sims, two apiece; Professors Fred Galves, Hether Macfarlane, Eric McElwain, Mary-Beth Moylan and Gregory Weber, one each. Professor Malloy's entries include coverage of the *Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act*, the *Glass-Steagall Act*, the *International Emergency Economic Powers Act*, the *National Banking Act*, the *Tariff Act of 1789*, the *Trading With the Enemy Act*, and the *United Nations Participation Act*.

Professor Davies wrote pieces about the *Ku Klux Klan Act* and *Title IX, Education Amendments*, while Professor Sims wrote about the *Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act* and the *Privacy Act of 1974*. Professor Galves commented on the *Community Reinvestment Act*; Professor Macfarlane analyzed the *Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act*; and Professor McElwain explained the *Trade Act of 1974*. Professor Moylan expounded on the *Highway Act of 1956*, and Professor Weber dissected the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980*.

The three-volume book, part of a series of reference on the three branches of the federal government, is being marketed to high school and collegiate libraries worldwide.

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Leach becomes the first faculty member to teach at the Italian law school, which signed an official student/faculty exchange program protocol with Pacific/McGeorge earlier this year. He will teach a six-week course on comparative advocacy in April and May.

The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program offers two- to six-week grants to

leading U.S. academics and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at academic institutions in 140 countries around the world. The State Department's Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs sponsors the Fulbright Scholar Program, which is managed by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

Our Director of the Trial Advocacy, Leach came to Pacific/McGeorge in 1996 from Philadelphia, where he was a trial lawyer and partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath. In addition to his academic assignments, Leach teaches trial-skills courses to practicing attorneys for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.



Professor John E.B. Myers

**Myers Comments on the Jackson Case**  
Pacific/McGeorge Distinguished Professor and Scholar John E.B. Myers' numerous books and articles have earned him distinction as one of the foremost authorities on child abuse litigation.

Though not at ease pontificating on headline news for a media intent on predicting legal outcomes, even a reluctant commentator gets drawn into the discussion when a case in his particular field comes along that engulfs the media.

The Michael Jackson scandal is that exception for Myers. Child molestation charges against the international pop star in November prompted a media frenzy and a flood of requests for legal expertise on such charges after Santa Barbara County authorities raided the eccentric singer's Neverland ranch and the D.A. later charged him with seven counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14 and two misdemeanors.

Myers was featured on the CBS Evening News and CBS Morning Show. His comments in a Reuters news agency story appeared in

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The Jackson case illustrates the combustible combination of the law, children and the courts, says Professor Myers.

papers around the world and he was interviewed by the Canadian Broadcast Company. When Jackson appears for his preliminary hearing, Myers is sure to face questions again.

"This is somewhat like the O.J. Simpson case. The case is completely ordinary, nothing unusual about it from a legal viewpoint. But because of Jackson's celebrity status, we hear about it night and day."

What will happen? Stay tuned. "Credibility becomes the centerpiece. Jackson has endless money to spend and his defenders will uncover every detail of the alleged victim's life," Myers says. "But if the child takes the stand, remember children make very powerful witnesses and jurors almost always believe their testimony."

**Financial Spotlight Keeps Malloy Busy**  
Distinguished Professor & Scholar Michael Malloy, who keeps a keen eye on the business news pages, is a frequent speaker on the business law lecture circuit and one of the faculty's most prolific writers.

Malloy, who has authored or edited more than 70 books and book-length supplements, delivered a paper, "Financial Services Regulation After NAFTA," in mid-October at the Michigan State University, Detroit College of Law NAFTA Conference. The following week, he was in New York City for the symposium

sponsored by the International Law Association, where he was a panelist on the topic of antiterrorism and money laundering after 9/11. In November, Malloy lectured on "The Emerging International Regime of Financial Services Regulation" at a meeting of the Irish Society of International Law in Dublin, Ireland.

A former special counsel for disclosure and enforcement at the SEC, Malloy is a favorite of the national business news media for his ability to digest and explain complicated financial stories in laymen's terms. Dow Jones News, Bloomberg Business, Forbes, MSN Money and CBS MarketWatch have carried his comments on securities regulation, insider trading and corporate collapses.

Malloy wrote an op-ed piece, "The Spin She's In," on the Martha Stewart scandal last summer for the *Los Angeles Times*. The article drew praise from the financial community for its insight into the government's case against Stewart versus the celebrity-slant coverage that flowed from many media outlets.

**McCaffrey Makes Four Trips to Africa**  
Distinguished Professor & Scholar Steve McCaffrey is used to sleeping on airplanes. Just in the past six months, the world-renowned international water law expert traveled to Africa and the Middle East four times.

He went to Ethiopia in September to attend a roundtable on cross-basin water resources cooperation at a meeting of African water ministers. The conference, sponsored by the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme and African Development Bank, brought together officials from the Senegal, Zambesi, Nile Basin organizations. Leaving Addis Ababa, he traveled to Ramallah in the West Bank on September 10 to consult with water officials advising the Palestinian Authority. He is part of a



Professor Steve McCaffrey

British-led team offering technical assistance to the Palestinian Ministry of Planning as it prepares for water negotiations with Israel. McCaffrey returned to Ramallah in mid-November as his team discussed the legality, under international law, of the wall being built by Israel in the West Bank and its implications on water rights issues.

McCaffrey wasn't out of Africa for long. In early December, he taught at the UNEP's Sixth Global Training Program on Environmental Law and Policy in Nairobi, Kenya. He returned to Ethiopia a few days later

and was appointed legal adviser of the Nile River Basin Negotiating Committee at a meeting of that organization in Addis Ababa. The negotiating committee, composed of delegates from nine of the ten Nile Basin countries, is empowered to produce a framework agreement on the Nile Basin.

McCaffrey flew back to Africa in early March to Entebbe, Uganda, to attend another meeting of the Nile Basin group.

"It's exciting to be involved in projects that are helping so many people," Professor McCaffrey says, "but the best part of traveling is the flight home."

**Jacobs Works with Legislature on Reforms**  
Professor Leslie Gielow Jacobs is working with California legislators to reform the methods used to select charities for state tax checkoffs and nonprofits that benefit from specialty license plates.

In both instances, Jacobs believes that lawmakers shouldn't control which viewpoints can be expressed. Instead, she says there should be a separate agency that selects which groups qualify based on objective rules and standards.

A federal judge agrees with her and now Jacobs is helping craft state Senate bills that will turn decision-making on tax checkoffs over to the Franchise Tax Board and the license plates over to the DMV.

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# Professor Linda Carter

*Teaching Doesn't Stop at the Classroom Door*

THE PACIFIC / McGEORGE PROFILE

by Jonathan Kalstrom

#### Professor of Law

B.A., University of Illinois;  
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Criminal Law; Evidence; Criminal  
Procedure; Advanced Criminal  
Procedure; Capital Punishment.

#### Public/Private Sector

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Depart-  
ment of Justice; Salt Lake City  
Legal Defender Association.

#### Recent Scholarship

*Understanding Capital  
Punishment Law* (Lexis 2004);  
"Compliance with ICJ Provisional  
Measures and the Meaning of  
Review and Reconsideration  
under the Vienna Convention on  
Consular Relations: Avena and  
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#### Recognitions

University of the Pacific 2002  
Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Award.

Five years ago, when Professor Linda Carter and her family planned a trip to Italy, she started to study Italian. "I decided I would learn as much Italian as I could before I went," Carter recalls. "Then I found I just loved the language." She first studied in classes at the Italian Cultural Society. Today, she continues studying the language in a small group.

Carter brings this same passion to the other pursuits in her life, whether playing the piano—from classical to popular music—or teaching Evidence, Criminal Procedure and Criminal Law, and writing about the law. And her role as teacher doesn't end when her students graduate.

"She actively seeks to encourage students in their quest for careers in criminal law and stays in touch with them as they go into internships or permanent jobs," wrote Professor Julie Davies in nominating Carter for the 2002 University of the Pacific Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Award.

For Carter, students are the joy in teaching. She thrives on interaction with them. Watching them become competent lawyers and following their career paths gives her immense satisfaction. "That's why I like having them stay in touch with me, and contact me, whether it's about issues arising in their practice, or just to say 'hello,'" says Carter, the Pacific/McGeorge 2001 Day Division Teacher of the Year. Carter was a driving force behind the creation of the law school's Criminal Justice Concentration, overseeing a redesign of the criminal justice curriculum to maximize student training.

Passion extends to Carter's research and writing. Her current area of interest is the rights of individuals under international treaties in criminal cases. It's an evolving legal area, which is one reason it interests her. "It's comparable to watching the law unfold before Miranda, not knowing where the court was going to go with the right to counsel, and the right to remain silent," Carter says. "We have a whole area here that is very new for the courts in terms of the effect of various treaties and other international customary law in our capital cases, or criminal cases in general."

Capital punishment has intrigued Professor Carter for many years. She has published five widely cited articles on the death penalty. Lexis recently published a book, *Understanding Capital Punishment Law*, which she co-wrote with Professor Ellen Kreitzberg of the Santa Clara University School of Law. Her class on the topic is a popular elective among students. "There are issues in death penalty cases that you just don't see in other criminal cases, so it makes it very interesting to study and write about," says Carter, whose articles pertain largely to the rights of the accused.

She recently wrote on The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, under which detained foreign nationals in countries party to the treaty have the right to be told they can contact their consulate. She even traveled in December to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, The Netherlands, to watch the oral hearing in the case between Mexico and the United States. Mexico is seeking relief on behalf of 52 Mexican nationals on death row in the U.S. for violations of the treaty.

"The United States has tended not to abide by the treaty—local law enforcement was largely unaware of it and they were not following it," Carter says. "It became quite a big issue, a major issue in capital cases, particularly where there were foreign nationals from countries such as Canada, Mexico and Germany, where they do not have the death penalty."

Carter became interested in civil liberties issues early in her

career, first as an attorney for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department, where she worked on voting, housing and education discrimination cases. Then she worked as a trial attorney with the Salt Lake City Legal Defender Association, trying a wide variety of cases, including a capital case. "It was a natural for me to continue an interest in criminal law certainly, and the death penalty in particular, when I came to McGeorge in 1985," she says.

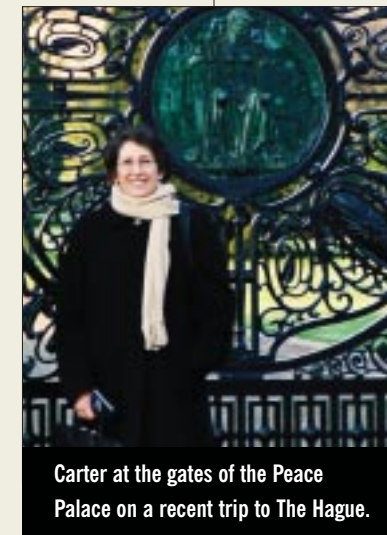
During her legal career, Carter has experienced many rewarding moments.

"As a public defender, I think my greatest

moment—and perhaps most terrifying—was when I was representing someone who was, I believe, truly innocent of a crime," she recalls. Her client, a Vietnamese immigrant, was accused of arson—burning down his house—and insurance fraud. "It was very terrifying to think that he might be convicted unless I was a good enough lawyer," she recalls. Her client ultimately was acquitted. But it marked an important moment for Carter. "It really brought home to me how significant the lawyer's role is," she notes, "and that the criminal justice system is very powerful."

In teaching, there have been many great moments for Carter, including the numerous letters that colleagues and students wrote for her to win the Eberhardt Award. These letters are the just rewards for a teacher that continues to make a difference, in the classroom and in her students' careers. "I will treasure those forever," she says.

*This is the first in a series of Pacific Law articles on members of the Pacific/McGeorge faculty who pursue excellence inside and outside the classroom.*



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The University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law faculty not only excel in the classroom, they render public service to the university and the profession. Our faculty also engage in research and scholarship to further The Rule of Law. Below is a listing of selected 2003-04 Pacific/McGeorge faculty publications.

**Gerald Caplan**

*Searching for Holmes Among the Biographers*  
70 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 769 (2003)

**Linda E. Carter**

UNDERSTANDING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT LAW (Lexis 2004)

Compliance with ICJ Provisional Measures and the Meaning of Review and Reconsideration under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations: Avena and Other Mexican Nationals  
25 MICH. J. INT'L L. 117 (2003)

**Omar M. Dajani**

*Surviving Opportunities: Palestinian Negotiating Behavior in Peace Talks with Israel*  
in ISRAELI-PALESTINEAN NEGOTIATING STYLES: A CROSS-CULTURAL STUDY (U.S. Institute of Peace, forthcoming)

**Julie A. Davies**

*Assessing Institutional Responsibility for Sexual Harassment in Education*  
77 TULANE L. REV. 387 (2003)

*Ku Klux Klan Act*  
in MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, B. Landsberg, ed. (Thomson 2004)

*Title IX, Education Amendments*  
in MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, B. Landsberg, ed. (Thomson 2004)

*Undercutting Premises Liability: Reflections on the Use and Abuse of Causation Doctrine*  
40 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 971 (2003)

**Fred Galves**

*Community Reinvestment Act*  
in MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, B. Landsberg, ed. (Thomson 2004)

**Franklin A. Gevurtz**

*The European Origins and Spread of the Corporate Board of Directors*  
34 STETSON L. REV. \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2004)

*Earnings Management and the Business Judgment Rule: An Essay on Recent Corporate Scandals*  
31 WM. MITCHELL L. REV. \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2004)

**Leslie Gielow Jacobs**

*Clarifying the Content-Based/Content-Neutral and Content/Viewpoint Distinctions*  
34 MCGEORGE L. REV. 595 (2003)

*Governmental Controls of Information and Scientific Inquiry*,  
1 BIOSECURITY & BIOTERRORISM: BIODEFENSE STRATEGY, PRACTICE & SCIENCE 83 (2003) (with E.R. Parker)

*United States Legislation and Presidential Directives*,  
in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIOTERRORISM DEFENSE (J. Wiley, forthcoming 2004)

*Bioterrorism Defense: Current Components and Continuing Challenges*  
in HOMELAND SECURITY: LAW AND POLICY, W. Nicholson, ed., (forthcoming 2004)

**J. Clark Kelso**

Vieth v. Jubelirer: *The Legality of Partisan Gerrymanders*  
3 ELECTION L.J. 47 (2004)

**Brian K. Landsberg**

MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, (Thomson 2004)

*Sumter County, Alabama and the Origins of the Voting Rights Act*  
54 ALA. L. REV. 877 (2003)

**Lawrence C. Levine**

TORT LAW AND PRACTICE (Lexis 2003) (with D. Vetri, L. Finley, J. Vogel)

**Thomas O. Main**

CIVIL PROCEDURE: DOCTRINE, PRACTICE AND CONTENT (2d Ed.) (Aspen 2004, Cumulative Supplement NO.1)

*The Integration of Law and Fact in a Parallel Universe*  
80 Notre Dame L. Rev. 4296 (2003)

*Traditional Equity and Contemporary Procedure*  
78 Wash. L. Rev. 429 (2003)

*'An Overwhelming Question' About Non-Formal Procedure*  
3 Nev. L.J. 388 (2002/03)

**Michael P. Malloy**

PRINCIPLES OF BANK REGULATION (2D ed., West 2003)

BANKING LAW AND REGULATION (Aspen 2004, Cumulative Supplement NO. 1)

*Ou Est Votre Chapeau? Economic Sanctions and Trade Regulation*  
4 CHI. J. INT'L L. 371 (2003)

BANKING IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming 2004)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT (Kluwer Law International, forthcoming 2004) (with others)

*Financial Services Regulation After NAFTA*  
in THE FIRST DECADE OF NAFTA: THE FUTURE OF FREE TRADE IN NORTH AMERICA, K. Kennedy, ed. (Transnational Publishers, forthcoming 2004)

*International Project Finance and Capital Adequacy Requirements*  
17 TRANSNAT'L LAW. \_\_\_ (forthcoming, 2004)

*National Banking Act*  
in MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, B. Landsberg, ed. (Thomson 2004)

*Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994*  
in MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, B. Landsberg, ed. (Thomson 2004)

**Stephen C. McCaffrey**

*The Human Right to Water Revisited*  
in WATER AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW (forthcoming 2004)

*The Need for Flexibility in Freshwater Treaty Regimes*  
27 NAT. RES. F. 156 (2003)

*Water Disputes Defined: Characteristics and Trends for Resolving Them*  
in RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL WATER DISPUTES (2003)

*Peaceful Uses of International Rivers: The Tigris and Euphrates River Dispute*,  
Hilal Elver (2002),  
97 AM. J. INT'L L. 469 (2003) (book review)

*Sharing Transboundary Lines*  
17 EMORY INT'L L. REV. 1091 (2003)

LEGAL DRAFTER'S HANDBOOK ON THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF WATER RESOURCES (forthcoming 2004) (with G. Weber)

**David W. Miller**  
FEDERAL & CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE RULES (2d ed., Aspen 2003)

PRACTICING PERSUASIVE WRITTEN AND ORAL ADVOCACY: CASE FILE II (Aspen 2003) (with M. Vitiello and M. Fontham)

**Mary-Beth Moylan**  
*Highway Act of 1956*  
in MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, B. Landsberg, ed. (Thomson 2004)

**John E.B. Myers**

*A History of Child Protection in America*  
(Xlibis 2004)

*Child Protection in America: Past, Present, and Future*  
(Oxford 2004)

**Timothy Naccarato**  
*Targeting Saddam and Sons: U.S. Policy Against Assassination*  
IDF L. REV. 1 NOV. 2003 (with E.R. Parker)

**Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker**  
*Targeting Saddam and Sons: U.S. Policy Against Assassination*  
IDF L. REV. 1 NOV. 2003 (with T. Naccarato)

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**Gregory C. Pingree**  
*Afterword: Toward Stable Principles and Useful Hegemonies*  
78 CHI-KENT L. REV. 807 (2003)

**Claude D. Rohwer**  
*Estoppel to Avoid the California Statute of Frauds*  
35 MCGEORGE L. REV. \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2004) (with P. Wile)

**Jed Scully**  
*The Virtual Professorship—Intellectual Property Ownership of Academic Work in a Digital Era*  
35 MCGEORGE L. REV. \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2004)

**John Cary Sims**  
*Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act*  
in MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, B. Landsberg, ed. (Thomson 2004)

*Privacy Act of 1974*  
in MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, B. Landsberg, ed. (Thomson 2004)

**John G. Sprankling**  
CAPSULE OUTLINE OF PROPERTY LAW (Lexis 2003)

**Michael Vitiello**  
*California's Three Strikes and We're Out: Was Judicial Activism Our Best Hope?*  
37 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2004)

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**Gregory S. Weber**  
*Threading the Needle: A Moderator's Guide to Freedom of Speech Limitations on the Facilitation of Government-Sponsored Web-Based Threaded Discussions*  
9 Comp. L. Rev. & Tech. J. \_\_\_ (forthcoming, 2004)

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*Comprehensive Environmental, Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1994*  
in MAJOR ACTS OF CONGRESS, B. Landsberg, ed. (Thomson 2004)

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Pacific/McGeorge celebrates its judicial alumni legacy



Justice Richard Goldstone,  
South African Constitutional Court



## Pacific/McGeorge Celebrates Alumni with Wall of Judicial Honor

To honor the more than 250 Pacific/McGeorge alumni who serve or have served on the bench, the Wall of Judicial Honor was unveiled on October 18 in the Gary V. Schaber Student Center.

Among our judicial alumni are two U.S. Court of Appeal judges, three state and territorial Supreme Court justices, four U.S. District Court judges, and seven California Court of Appeal justices. The others include

superior court and municipal court judges and commissioners, federal and state administrative law judges, and immigration judges, serving across 18 states and territories.

"We are so very proud of all our alumni judges and appreciative of the honor they have brought to our law school," Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker said at the event. "This wall commemorates your achievements and will inspire current students to follow in your footsteps."

Pacific/McGeorge will continue to add pictures to the Judicial Wall of Honor and new judges are asked to submit photographs to the Alumni Office.

Forty Pacific/McGeorge judges were on hand for the ceremony. The judicial honorees were saluted by Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, who taped a message for the event during a Fall 2003 visit to campus. Justice Richard Goldstone of the South African Constitutional Court delivered the keynote address

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on "The International Legacy of *Brown v. Board of Education*."

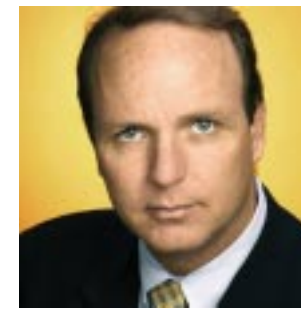
Justice Goldstone, the chief prosecutor at the United Nations International War Crimes Tribunals for the former Yugoslavian and Rwanda, spoke of the far-reaching effect American judicial decisions have throughout the world.

"Although *Brown* has been cited directly in only a few cases, it stands as an example in many countries of the tremendous potential that the legal process has to promote human rights," Goldstone said.

Goldstone described the post-World War II legal landscape and the boost the 1954 landmark Supreme Court decision gave to human rights movements throughout the world.

"If the international story of *Brown* demonstrates one thing it is this: *What this nation does for good or ill has international consequences*," he said.

A longtime advocate for the creation of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Goldstone is a past recipient of the American Bar Association's International Human Rights Award. Before ascending to the Constitutional Court of South Africa, he served as chairman of a commission that defused the political violence that erupted when that country's apartheid system was dismantled.



Scott Slater '84D

## Slater Major Player in Huge Water Deal

Scott Slater '84D, played a major role in a landmark water agreement reached last October that has been labeled the largest and longest water transfer in history.

Slater was lead negotiator for the San Diego Water Authority in a \$4.9 billion deal to buy Colorado River Water from Imperial Valley farmers, guaranteeing San Diego County cities a water supply for the next 45 years. San Diego County, which imports nearly 85 percent of its water annually, had previously gotten all of its water from the Los Angeles-based Metropolitan Water District.

Dan Hentschke '77D, general counsel for the San Diego Water Authority, credits Slater with making it happen. "Scott brought creativity to the table," he told the *Santa Barbara News-Press*. "Whenever it looked like we had hit a wall or the end of the road or a cliff, he would find a way over the wall, a new road or a path down the cliff."

Slater, a partner at Hatch and Parent, a 45-attorney Santa Barbara firm that represents many southern

California cities, counties and water agencies. Among the complex water cases Slater has handled was a case against Newhall Land & Farming Co. where he served as lead counsel for the plaintiff and prevailing party.

An adjunct law professor at Pepperdine University, he wrote a two-volume, 600-page treatise on water law that was published in 1995.

"In some areas of the law, you can make a deal and get the other guy nothing and never see them again," Slater says. "In high stakes water deals, there are no secrets. It's a small world... and you have to be honest. You see the same stakeholders over and over."



Terry Cassidy '81D

## Cassidy Will Argue Supreme Court "Pledge of Allegiance" Case

Terry Cassidy '81D, will argue one of the most high-profile U.S. Supreme Court cases this year when he represents the Elk Grove Unified School District on March 24 in a Sacramento parent's challenge to the use of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Porter Scott Weiberg & Delehant partner will

present oral argument as the petitioner seeking to overturn a U.S. Ninth Circuit of Appeals ruling that sided with Michael Newdow whose daughter attends school in Elk Grove.

The case is important for the substantive legal issues it raises with regard to the uses of religious ideas, imagery and symbols in government documents and rituals. Newdow will argue that the school district policy violates the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

The case is unusual in a number of respects. First, in a break from tradition, the Supreme Court decided to let Newdow, an emergency room physician with a law degree, argue the case himself before the court. Second, Justice Antonin Scalia recused himself from participating in the high Court's decision to accept review because he made disparaging remarks about the Newdow's claim when it was pending in lower courts. Third, it is not clear the Court should even decide the merits of the case because Newdow appears to lack "standing."

Cassidy will argue that Newdow, a non-custodial parent of a minor child, has no standing in federal court because the non-custodial parent does not have legal authority to direct either the education or the religious education of the child. He will also defend the school >

Photography: (top) courtesy of Hatch and Parent; (bottom) Steve Yealer

# Message from The Alumni Board President



*Dear Fellow Alums & Friends of Pacific/McGeorge:*

It is a pleasure to begin service as the incoming President of the Pacific/McGeorge Alumni Association. First, I want to acknowledge to you that I am a recovering “disaffected alum.”

While my enthusiasm for its current success and positive efforts the law school continues to make on behalf of students and alums bespeaks my ‘recovery,’ I hope my history as a cynic helps me offer you a candid realist’s view, and will help me accurately reflect your concerns and interests for our law school.

My enthusiasm for the law school is now very real. I am so impressed with Dean Parker and what she’s accomplishing at Pacific/McGeorge—she’s put together a strong administrative team, brought in terrific new faculty, cultivated an Alumni Board with a new sense of mission, initiated new programs and reinvigorated old ones. These are things that are easy to notice in and around Sacramento. What I find particularly compelling is how much of what the law school is now doing radiates well beyond Sacramento.

There’s meaningful outreach emanating from the law school to the rest of the country, and, as shown in this issue of *Pacific Law*, to the Pacific Rim, as well as to Europe. Pacific/McGeorge is on the map for positive reasons—with the result that legal luminaries are making their way to Sacramento, and the law school’s experts are increasingly called upon by the national and even international media for their insights. In fact, earlier today (as I write this in late February) I heard Professor Larry Levine commenting on National Public Radio (NPR).

And the law school’s active reach does not end with the media. I think the Alumni Association is beginning the school’s most important initiative this year: developing Alumni Chapters in New York City, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, Nevada and Sacramento for the primary purpose of promoting our student colleagues. Expect to be contacted to help place students into internships and to assist young alumni to find that all-important first job. I’m not sure we could have done this even a few years ago. If you would like to be involved in one of these chapters, please get in touch with me, or with the Dean’s Office at the law school. We’ll certainly be happy to hear from you!

As president of the Alumni Association’s Board of Governors, I would like to hear from you under any circumstances—as would my fellow board members. You’ll see the names and a photo of current board members on the Alumni pages. Get in touch with us, tell us what you think about how the law school’s doing—what you like, what you’d like changed, how you would like to be involved.

These are uniquely exciting times to be connected with Pacific/McGeorge, as our law school’s trajectory is sharply upward. I hope you’re pleased with the law school’s—and the Alumni Board’s—efforts and successes, and I hope we will hear from you.

*With best regards,*

**Brian Putler '85D**

district’s policy that requiring teachers to lead willing students in reciting the Pledge does not violate the establishment clause.

The case began with a suit brought by Newdow in March 2000 that was dismissed four months later in U.S. District Court. The Ninth Circuit reversed in June 2002, but stayed its judgment.

Cassidy is no stranger to the Supreme Court. In December 1997, he prevailed in a police pursuit case, *Sacramento County v. Lewis*, 96-1337, which clarified the standard for judging police conduct in high-speed chases that end in injuries.

### **Sandeen Becomes Full-Time Law Prof**

**Sharon Sandeen '85E**, was named a full-time, tenure-track faculty member of the Hamline University School of Law in October.

Sandeen joins the ABA-accredited St. Paul, Minnesota institution after serving as the director of Pacific/McGeorge’s Intellectual Property Concentration for several years. A long-time adjunct professor, she taught numerous IP courses at Pacific/McGeorge including an E-Commerce course last summer.

One of the founding attorneys of Sacramento Bar Association’s Intellectual Property Section, Sandeen was in private practice for 15 years. She began her career as a litigator with Downey,



**Sharon Sandeen '85E**

Brand, Seymour & Rohwer, and was later a partner and of counsel at Hunter, Richey, DiBenedetto and Eisenbeis.

Sandeen went back to law school to get her LL.M. from the University of California at Berkeley before embarking on her permanent career in legal education.

### **Iraq an Eye-Opener for Young Alumnus**

**Tyrus Cobb '02D**, a civilian U.S. Department of Defense employee, is in Iraq working for the Coalition Provisional Authority under the direction of U.S. Ambassador Paul Bremer.

One of a handful of Pacific/McGeorge alums in

Iraq, Cobb is the national regions coordinator for the CPA’s Democracy Building and Civic Education. He arrived in Baghdad on the day Saddam Hussein was captured and has worked with Dr. Larry Diamond, a world-renowned Stanford University expert on transitional democracy. In February, he helped organize a Baghdad Town Hall Meeting—the first democratic town hall meeting in the capital of Iraq.

“It was almost surreal as I looked out over a room where sheiks sat with veiled women and women wearing no headdress sat with businessmen,” Cobb said. “Here I am, a 28-year-old, answering questions from the Baghdad City Council to help them understand the meaning of democracy. Talk about your first day in Con Law class.”

Cobb, whose family lives in Reno, passed the Nevada bar and the California bar

before taking his current assignment. He is clearly enjoying it.

“There are some dangerous moments, but to see the Iraqi people clamoring for democracy,” Cobb said. “These people clearly love having their voices heard and everyone back home would be proud to see how much our hard work means to them.”

### **Ruppert at Center of FBI’s Big Cases**

“I am sure you were contacted by the agent doing my background check, but I made it into the FBI anyway,” **Greg Ruppert '95D**, began a recent letter to **Professor Larry Levine**.

Ruppert didn’t just make it into FBI; he made it into the frontlines of the storied agency’s biggest new millennium cases. A special agent since 1996, Ruppert worked in Boston until 9/11. That office quickly became the focal point of the terrorist >



A U.S. Army soldier secures area while smoke and fire rise from a U.S. Army armored personnel carrier after an attack in Baghdad.

investigation because both World Trade Center planes had taken off from Logan Airport.

Ruppert was placed in charge of a financial investigation squad assigned to track the source of the hijackers' funds and investigate their financial activity while in the U.S. before the attacks. He was later sent to Germany to assist with the FBI's investigation there. The financial work-up by Ruppert's unit resulted in the indictment of Zacarias Moussaoui, the 19th hijacker.

His investigative ability earned him a promotion and transfer to Washington, D.C., when the FBI formed a task force to look into the collapse of energy giant Enron. The seventh-largest American company's complex web of off-the-book partnerships hid \$1 billion in debt from shareholders and regulators, triggering one of the largest financial debacles in the nation's history.

Ruppert became a regular on flights between D.C. and Houston, Enron's headquarters. On October 2, 2002, he was one of several agents leading the company's disgraced chief financial officer away in hand cuffs with his picture on the front page of the *New York Times* and *The Washington Post* the following day.

This January, Enron CFO Andrew Fastow pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy, turned over \$24 million in property, and agreed to serve

to years in jail. Chief executive officer Jeff Skilling has since been indicted.

Ruppert was recently promoted again, to acting chief of the FBI Counterterrorism Division's Radical Fundamentalist Financial Investigative Unit.

"When I was offered the appointment of special agent, I was initially unsure if I should forgo the practice of law," Ruppert said. "In reality, it was my Pacific/McGeorge degree that got me in and it was my legal training that has led to the success in my career."



Margaret Vick '83D

#### Vick Takes Second Place in International Caen Competition

Margaret Vick '83D, took second place at the 15th Annual International Competition of Counsel's Speeches on January 25 in Caen, France.

An Arizona civil attorney who is currently pursuing her LL.M. in International Water Resources at Pacific/McGeorge, Vick spoke on the plight of illegal immigrants on the Arizona-New Mexico border with Mexico. Though her practice concentrates on natural resources law and tribal law,

Vick has recently been drawn towards international human rights issues.

Last summer, she attended the Pacific/McGeorge Institute on International Legal Studies, taking Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's course Fundamental Rights in Europe and the United States as well as Professor John Sims' course Using International Law to Protect the Individual.

#### Outgoing California Governor Davis Names Three to Bench

Former Governor Gray Davis named three alums to the Superior Court bench before leaving office. He appointed Sutter County Deputy District Attorney Brian Aronson '86D, to that county's bench, elevated Bernard Schwartz '86E, from commissioner to judge in Riverside County, and placed Robert Hight '70D, in the ranks of the Sacramento County judiciary. Two alums nominated by President George W. Bush to the federal bench won Senate approval. Dana Sabraw '85E, was sworn in on the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California in late September. On December 9, the Senate voted to confirm Lawrence Hagel '76D, general counsel, Paralyzed Veterans of America, to be an associate judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Aronson had worked in the Sutter County District Attorney's office since 1989. Appointed to the position of chief trial deputy in 2000, he was responsible for the criminal master calendar and most of the felony filings in Sutter County.

Before joining the D.A.'s office, he worked as a deputy public defender in Yolo County from 1987 to 1989, and as an associate in the Sacramento law firm of Johnson and Hoffman, handling insurance defense matters, from 1986 to 1987.

Schwartz oversaw the Riverside misdemeanor master calendar court after his appointment as a court commissioner in July 2000. He also presided over preliminary hearings in felony cases, heard criminal trials, and handled the Proposition 36 drug court. Schwartz began his career with the San Francisco firm Ropers and Majeski; joined the Riverside Public Defender's office in 1988; and two years later, founded the partnership of Johnston and Schwartz, specializing in criminal defense.

Hight, the former director of the state Department of Fish and Game, joined the Sacramento County Superior Court bench on November 6. An expert on real estate and environmental law, he was chief counsel and executive officer at the California Lands Commission before taking a cabinet position in the state executive branch in 1999.

## Pacific/McGeorge Alumni Board of Directors 2004

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Your Pacific/McGeorge Alumni Association Board has adopted these four overarching goals for this year & beyond:

1. Increase placement of Pacific/McGeorge alumni & students.
2. Create goodwill among alumni & students, leading to increased charitable support of the law school's programs, scholarships for students, etc.
3. Increase exposure of the Alumni Association to the students for the purpose of establishing long-term relationships.
4. Create a culture of community, giving and service.



Alumni Board Members Front row (from left): Rocky Copley '81D; Judge Connie Callahan '75D, Incoming President Brian Putler '85D; Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker; 2002 president Paul Richardson '80E; Rick Harris '80D. Back row: William Harn '93E; Tami Stoller '97E; Catherine MacMillan '94E; Marty Opich '80D; Byron Beebe '04D; Shanti Patching '01E; Robert Armstrong '78D; Aura Adams '97D; Doug Love '95D, William Yee '78E; Anne Schmitz '93E; Doug Wiita '77D; outgoing board member Mark Drobny '80D.

President Brian Putler '85D accepted the gavel from outgoing President Connie Callahan '75D, at the January board meeting. "We have numerous high-profile graduates practicing law in the country's biggest cities and we need to revitalize our alumni chapters in those major metropolitan centers so current Pacific/McGeorge students may follow," Putler said. "The board has a real sense of purpose and looks forward to accomplishing its goals and actively representing the interests of alums."

Putler is joined on the board's executive committee by past-president Connie Callahan, vice president William Harn '93E; treasurer Rick Harris '80E; secretary Douglas Love '95D.

New board members are Robert Armstrong '78D, partner, Demling, Armstrong and Rowland, Long Beach (second tour of duty);

Rocky Copley '81D, managing partner, Borton Petrini & Conron, San Diego; Shanti Patching '01E, lobbyist, National Council of State Housing Agencies, Washington, D.C.; Catherine MacMillan '94E, general counsel, Nob Hill Properties, Inc., San Francisco; and Doug Wiita '77D, partner, Norminton and Wiita, Beverly Hills (second tour of duty).

The Alumni Association will again sponsor two MCLE programs, free of charge to all alumni: the 10th annual Sacramento on-campus MCLE program is set for Saturday, January 29, 2005; the Southern California MCLE event will be held Saturday, January 22, 2005 aboard The Queen Mary.

Please contact any board member about these or other programs — they are interested in hearing from you!

# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1935-1959

**Francis B. Dillon '50E**  
 Graduated June, 1950. Admitted to Bar January 11, 1951. Still in private practice daily—on January 11, 2004, will be in 54th year. (Sacramento)

**James E. Harris '50E**  
*Died July 2, 2001.*

**Ervin F. Vaughan '53E**  
*Died October 7, 2003* of complications from dementia at the age of 86 in West Sacramento. His West Sacramento law practice stretched over parts of five decades and once served on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

**The Honorable  
 Randolph P. May '55E**  
 I retired as an Administrative Law Judge in 1976. No contacts with law business since then! 3 children (1 retired), 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren! I am still an active Red Cross volunteer! (Sacramento)

**Laurence B. Baldwin '59E**  
*Died August 1, 2003.* (El Dorado Hills, California)

## 1960s

**Burl W. Waits**  
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**Robert S. Willett '61E**  
*Professor, Northern California School of Law.* I teach Land Use and Environmental Law. (Sacramento)

**Daniel H. Sandberg '65E**  
*Died September 21, 2003* at the age of 72 in Sacramento. Practiced law in the Sacramento area for 34 years.

**The Honorable  
 Clarence Walden '65E**  
*The Judge of the Court of Love, the traveling officiate.* In 2003 I united 78 happy couples in matrimony. More on calendar in 2004. (Woodland, California)

**The Honorable  
 Fred H. Budrow, Jr.**  
*Retired.* (Roseville, California)

**James D. Driscoll '67E**  
*Died August 18, 2003* of lung cancer at the age of 72 in his Fresno home. Served as chief clerk of the California state Assembly from 1963 to 1986, overseeing the paper work for thousands of bills in that legislative body.

**The Honorable  
 Robert B. Lynch '67E**  
*Presiding Judge, Bisbee Municipal Court, retired.* (Palomins, Arizona)

**Aaron B. Epstein '68E**  
*Volunteer Attorney, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.* 50th Wedding Anniversary 2003; tutor in elementary schools 2003-2004; journalism teacher and coach. (Washington, D.C.)

**Howard D. Conn '69E**  
*Retired and inactive.* (Sparks, Nevada)

**Alan M. Lewis '69E**  
*Died October 25, 2003 at the age of 83 in Stockton.* Maintained a general practice in Stockton until his retirement.

**James L. Mikacich '69E**  
*Attorney, Sole Practitioner, Mikacich Law Office, Sacramento, California.* Gradually retiring within next two years. Enjoying grandchildren, more golf, some traveling. (Sacramento)

**Peter H. Picksly '69E**  
 The State Bar of California Board of Governors presented to Peter H. Picksly on September 5, 2003, the 2003 President's Pro Bono Service Award for emeritus and retired lawyers in recognition and appreciation of outstanding contributions of pro bono legal services to low-income Californians. (San Diego, California)

## 1970D

**The Honorable  
 Raul A. Ramirez**  
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 Still going strong doing mediations and arbitrations. Very proud to have been selected Top 50 Neutrals in California by Los Angeles Daily Journal. Was also selected by Sacramento Mayor and City Council to head up the commission setting their full-time salaries. On a family note, kids are grown and all is well. Hope it is true, 'You don't get older, you just get better' (Sacramento)

**Hugh O. Allen**  
 How grateful I am to be able to practice law since January 1971. Thank you, McGeorge. As of September 2001, I started my 30 year retirement plan. Hope I can make it. I really would like to retire when I reach 90. I suspect all the rest of you retired long before but, as it was in school, I am a little slower than the rest of you. (Rancho Cordova, California)

**Rae L. Anderson**  
*Retired.* (Folsom, California)

**The Honorable  
 Stephen R. Cline**  
 Mostly retired now. Work two days a week for the court system here as a Domestic Case Facilitator. Do some private mediations and AAA Arbitrations in construction cases. When Bob Young's kid graduated, did he wear a U.S. Military helmet? (Grand Junction, Colorado)

**Bretton K. Lobner**  
*General Counsel, San Diego International Airport.* After 32 years as Senior Asst. City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles, including seven years as General Counsel for Los Angeles International Airport, I decided to retire. Retirement was cut short when I was offered the General Counsel

position at San Diego's new Airport Authority and decided to take the job. I never dreamed that at 60 I would start a new job, move to another city and start over. (San Diego, California)

**Douglas A. Sears**  
*Senior Partner, Matheny, Sears, Linkert & Long.* I recently became the first Vice President of the 1100 member Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada and will be President in 2005. Grandson, James Douglas Sears, was born June 2003 and James and his parents, Aaron and Justine, continue to reside in San Francisco. 18-month-old granddaughter, Lily May, and her parents, Ashley and Billy Van Ness, continue to reside and prosper in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Life is good. (Sacramento)

## 1970E

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## 1971D

**Phil Hiroshima**  
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 Many years have come and gone and we find ourselves as the old guys that attended McGeorge a long time ago. The bar numbers for the state of California are in the 200,000+. We have experience. Hopefully, with experience comes good judgment. Vince Jacobs and I have been practicing together for the past 32 years and we often speak of our classmates and what they are doing now, and when and if we will have another reunion. I would like to see all of us try to get

together for our 35th class reunion that will come in 2006. That's not too far away. I will start making plans through the alumni office and work towards that goal. Anyone who wants to be involved in the planning, please let me know. On a personal note, I am still working, and believe it or not, having a great time representing my clients. As many of you may recall, I represent the Seventh-day Adventist church, my church, and have traveled and lectured extensively in promoting their legal interests. Sachi, my current wife of 36 years, travels with me and we are having a great time with our kids and their spouses/friends (no grandchildren, yet). Vince Jacobs '71, and Bob Roth '74, Ray Lewis '80, Dean Schirmer '89 are my partners (shareholders) and we just hired a guy from another school (UCLA), which provides some diversity in legal education. I know we are all busy, however, please give Vince or me call some time and we will find time to have lunch and/or just talk. See you for our class reunion in 2006 ... mark your calendars. (Sacramento)

**Phillip A. Cabe**  
 I continue to be a plaintiffs' PI attorney, and I am expanding my workers' compensation practice. I frequently serve as an arbitrator and as a mediator in Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado counties. My father-in-law and I should complete construction of a new home (connected to our old home) by March or April. I don't have retirement scheduled. I'm O.K. You, O.K.? (Sacramento)

**The Honorable  
 Thomas L. Hill**  
*McDonough, Holland & Allen, APC. Yuba City office.* Since leaving the bench in 1993, I have devoted most of my practice to Alternative Dispute Resolution. I find that the bulk of this practice ranges from Sacramento to Redding. I will have been married 40 years

next January. Margaret is a patient woman. We have two grandchildren (5-year-old twins). Life is good. Retirement, well, I continue to buy lottery tickets. (Yuba City, California)

**Herman Koelewyn**  
*Partner, Hoseit & Koelewyn.* (Sacramento)

**Gerry W. Mc Gee**  
*Law Office of Gerry McGee, Eureka, California.* Primarily criminal defense, personal injury plaintiffs, and civil litigation practice. (Eureka, California)

**Victoria J. Salisch**  
 I continue to work—harder than ever. Handling business and real estate transactions and very little litigation. Now that all children are grown and gone, I am more involved in my community as a Rotarian, member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors of Commercial Real Estate Women, etc. Recently took a wonderful trip—sailboating for 10 days in the Caribbean. (Fresno, California)

**The Honorable  
 Arjuna T. Saraydarian**  
*Arjuna T. (Vic) Saraydarian, Judge, Riverside Superior Court.* Best wishes and greetings to all my friends. This being my twentieth year of service as a Judge, I am retiring at the end of this year and looking forward to a wonderful time of traveling with my wife of four years, reading, writing, and plain fun! (Blythe, California)

## 1971E

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**James K. Mirabell**  
*Retired* (Sacramento)

## 1972D

**Jeff B. Marschner**  
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**Gary L. Case**  
*Retired January 2003 as President CEO of Assoc. Adm., Inc.* Moved to Bend, Oregon, fulltime. Continue to provide consulting/business planning to clients in the Pacific Northwest—will also continue on a limited business basis involvement with Mediation and Arbitration via Ironwood Consulting & Resolutions, LLC, located in Bend, Oregon. (Bend, Oregon)

**John A. De Ronde, Jr.**  
*Partner, DeRonde & DeRonde, Fairfield.* On April 9, 2003, Judge John A. DeRonde passed away after a short illness with cancer. He was 80. Those of us in the professional community know how tirelessly he gave of himself, especially our classmates in the California Judges Association. Donations may be made in his name to the John A. DeRonde Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Solano Community Foundation, 744 Empire Street, Fairfield, California 94533. (Fairfield, California)

## 1972E

**Gordon P. Adelman**  
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 Once again, the McGeorge directory has come into play. Having cases in Ukiah and Fairfield, the directory gave me McGeorge Alumni to contact! Hope we will have an update for 2004. Since retiring from the state, just keeping up with the day-to-day activities and the family has kept us busy. How did we do all this and work, too? (Sacramento) >

**Gerald D. Langle**

*Sole practitioner.* After years of saying he had no interest in the law, our son, Heath Langle, decided he wanted to become an attorney. He is working for me fulltime as a Certified Law Student and will take the July 2005 Bar Exam. The rest of our family is doing well. Retirement looms but I think I want to keep at it for a few more years. (Lincoln, California)

**I973D****Rudy Nolen**

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**The Honorable  
David W. Abbott**

*Superior Court Judge, Sacramento.* I am serving as a trial judge presiding over criminal and civil jury trials and feel right at home in this job after nearly 30 years of a litigation practice. However, I don't miss the rigors of private practice. My oldest son is an attorney practicing in San Diego. (Sacramento)

**Lawrence W. Cohn**

*Lawrence W. Cohn, Attorney at Law.* Thirty years in Kona, Hawaii. 'Nuff said. (Kailua-Kona, Hawaii)

**The Honorable  
Michael C. Hurt**

*Municipal Judge, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.* I recently became a shareholder with the 100+ attorney firm of Davis & Kuelthau s.c., a business, litigation and employment/labor law firm in Milwaukee. In September, Suzi and I (40 years in January) came to Sacramento and dined with '73D grads and spouses, Jack Weigland, Jim Spagnole, and Dave Nelson. Newton, Thompson and Abbott copped out. Life is good in Wisconsin. Go, Packers. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

**James Spagnole**

*Assistant Secretary, CAL/EPA.* Still plugging away at work and home. Awaiting opportunities with the new governor. Actually thinking about more free time once my Navy retirement check starts coming in this July! (Sacramento)

**I973E****George F. Wolcott**

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**Jackson S. Wallace**

*Partner.* Doing a lot of recreational travel, mostly cruises. (Carmel Valley, California)

**Richard H. Will**

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95818. (Sacramento)

**Phillip D. Wyman**

I am now retired from the California Legislature and operate a consulting firm, Phil Wyman & Associates. (Tehachapi, California)

**I974D****The Honorable**

**Nancy L. Sweet**  
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I am enjoying 'retirement' very much and recommend it highly. I graduated from UC Davis last year with a degree in Environmental Horticulture. Now I'm working on my master's degree in plant breeding, currently working with grapes. My ultimate goal is to breed roses. Life is good. I just bought a new house in Davis so I will be here for a while. Happy New Year, everyone. (Davis, California)

**The Honorable**

**Thomas M. Harrington**

*Superior Court Judge, San Joaquin County.* I'm still in Dept. 33 doing criminal trials. Jamie was married to Mary on July 12. Courtney graduated from Tulane Law School and works in San Francisco. Sharalyn and I just celebrated our 32nd anniversary. She teaches Third Grade in Tracy. (Stockton, California)

**James W. Shewan**

*Deputy District Attorney, Washoe County District Attorney's Office.* (Reno, Nevada)

**Lance R. Van Lydegraf**

Probably the last prolific member of the Class of '74D to become a grandparent — a daughter, Ana Marie was born November 20, 2003 to my daughter Christina and "S.L." Steve. Collected a few judgments during the year. In spare time, won Carson Valley "Senior" Championship in Minden, Nevada and Tahoe Donner Match Play Championship, winning three of the last four years. (Reno, Nevada)

**I974E****Gary L. Vinson**

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**Richard M. Brewer**

*Died October 20 at the age of 58 in Roseville.* Practiced personal injury law for many years in the Sacramento area.

**Lieutenant Colonel**

**Robert C. De Voe**

*Volunteer Retiree Activities Office, U.S. Military, located in VA clinic, McClellan Park.* Pro bono assistance to military personnel via Retiree Activities Office, including notary services. Coach on Natomas High School Moot Court Team, 03-04. (Sacramento)

**Kim E. Gilbert**

*Private practice, Family Law.*

Dividing personal and professional time among Fair Oaks, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Mountains.

(The fires missed us by a matter of blocks.) Became a 'bionic woman' in December with a new titanium and space-age ceramic hip joint. Herb and I have decided to practice the ultimate recycling: Twenty plus years after our divorce, we are engaged (yes, to each other) again! No date set yet—first the hip has to heal so that I can dance at my wedding. (Fair Oaks, California)

**P. Michael Groff, Jr.**

*Litigation Manager at Bickmore Risk Services, Sacramento, California.* I have made a transition to public entity risk management that allows me to draw from my experiences in litigation, insurance coverage and business management. Our firm specializes in managing approximately 20 joint powers authorities in the state of California, including litigation management. BRS was recently named as one of the top 100 fastest growing small businesses in the Sacramento area. We are also the premier all-purpose risk management firm that forms, advises and administers self-insured workers' compensation non-profit corporations in California. (Sacramento)

**Steven P. Martini**

I am currently working as a published author. (Bellingham, WA)

**James D. Wilson**

*Died July 8, 2003 at the age of 60 in Wilmington, North Carolina.* Viet Nam War veteran who held many corporate positions, including Executive Vice President of Human Resources at Sunbeam and Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Lenox.

**I975D****Ervin A. DeSmet, Jr.**

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**Bruce A. Kilday**

*Mangling Partner, Angelo, Kilday and Kilduff.* Elisabeth graduated from UCSD with a double major and is applying to graduate school — hoping to work in museum education. Patrick is a freshman at UC Berkeley and Sue is a teacher, and consultant for the state. I'm still mangling things in my firm. (Sacramento)

**Robert A. Laurie**

*Legal Counsel, Law Offices of Girard & Vinson.* I had the pleasure of serving as Governor Wilson's appointee as Commissioner for the California Energy Commission (1997-2002). I have now joined the education-focused law firm of Girard & Vinson in Sacramento. Enjoying my wife, Pam, daughters, and grandkids. Retirement scheduled for 2025. (Sacramento)

**Michael G. Loeffler**

*Law Office of Michael G. Loeffler, 520 13th Street, Modesto, California.* Greetings to all my old classmates! Still practicing in Modesto, mostly family law now. I survived terrible auto accident in October 2002 and now thank each day for being alive. Fortunately, I'm just about completely recovered — back to running and aikido. Flo and I are coming up to our 30th wedding anniversary. Our daughters, Melissa and Nicole, both attend Cal. A good year to all! (Modesto, California)

**Michael J. Schneider**

*Owner, Michael J. Schneider, P.C.*

As many of you know, Harry Goldbar died of cancer in January of '03. He was among my best of friends and I miss him daily. Harry left behind his wife, Wendy, and his 16-year-old son, Harry II. His mother, also a good friend of mine, died within a month of Harry's death. I guess getting older beats the alternatives, but I liked it better when we were all young and thought we'd live forever. I took a bit more time off in '03 — took my son hunting in Africa and for sheep in the Chugach Mountains behind Anchorage. Matt is a hell of a rifle shot, but an even better hockey goalie and is the starter on his high school team and showing great promise in a competitive hockey program. I also did some flying and fishing. Tried a case to a good verdict in November and am currently rehabilitating my right hip/thigh from various adventure-induced ailments — should be limp free by spring bear season. Participated as a presenter in an ABOTA Masters in Trial CLE last fall. Good people. Fun program. Still loving the practice of law and life in general. May you all prosper in '04. MJS. (Anchorage, Alaska)

**Robert Q. Shupe**

*Owner and senior attorney of law firm.* (Santa Ana, California)

**Robert C. Tronvig, Jr.**

*Owner, Tronvig Law Firm.* This last year I worked hard for a judicial appointment through Governor Davis — the recall nixed that goal. The family is well. Ruth is teaching still in El Dorado Hills; Sean, our 24-year-old son is back from the Republic of South Africa and is working for UC San Diego. Erik is working and going to college. I'm working too hard as my golf index has gone up by three strokes! (Rancho Cordova, California)

**I975E****Ira Rubinoff**

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**Ronald E. Blubaugh**

I retired October 30 from the position of Chief, Administrative Law Judge at the Public Employment Relations Board. This concluded a legal career of 17 years that followed a 12 year career as a reporter for the Sacramento Bee. I am still teaching labor relations part time for UC Davis Extension. In retirement, I am doing a little volunteer work, traveling to visit our grandkids, spending time at our second home at Sea Ranch, and writing, once again, for publication. (Sacramento)

**Marian Malovos Konevich  
("Mitzi")**

Greetings to all of my old friends of law school days. I keep in close touch with Deidre Eymann Lowe '75D. Am in partnership with husband, Bob, and our firm name is Malovos & Konevich. We miss my father who was in partnership with us and who passed away in 1998. Bob emphasizes real property and small business law and I am a certified specialist in estate planning, probate and trust law, however our whole family is very busy with things quite other than the law!! Our favorite vacation spots are rented cabins at Capitola and Big Sur where we just sit and listen to the flowers grow. Bob has been in an 'a capella' quartet for several years. They are called Almost Blue, perform often and have a fabulous CD — they will sing the national anthem on Jan 10, 2004 at Sharks game in San Jose. They sang at A's opener in 2003. Oldest daughter, Sonja, doing exceptionally well (Dean's honor roll) as a freshman at Louisburg College near Raleigh North Carolina — headed to Chapel Hill in 2005 — She works at the school and loves everything about the South. Second daughter, Alexis, is a junior at St. Francis High School — loves drama,

runs track, is statistician for school wrestling team, achieved her Silver Award as a girl scout, is an active leader in St. Nicholas Youth Group and has excellent grades as does our son Will, a 7th grader at St. Nicholas — he pitches (left-hander)and plays left field for a travel baseball, year-round team, excels at basketball and football as well. I am enrolled in my first year of the Pastoral Ministries Graduate Degree program at Santa Clara University with an eye to parish leadership work in the very distant future when the nest is empty. In 2002, I received the annual St. Thomas More Award from our local Society of St. Thomas. My big brother, Ken Malovos, established his new private practice on American River Drive in Sacramento in September 2003. I love reading news about fellow students with whom I have lost touch, so all of you, please sit down now and email some interesting facts to McGeorge about yourself and your families for the next magazine, OK? (Los Altos, California)

**I976D****R. Steven Corbitt**

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Engaged in office leasing business with my own firm in downtown San Francisco. Three kids, two in college and an 8th grader! Waist expanding; hair retreating. Saw Joe Felson recently — appears to be leading a charmed life — fancier clothes, same Joe. Ready smile, real estate mogul, aspiring musician, family man. I also talk to Lee Danforth regularly. Lee is head of a 15-lawyer firm on the Peninsula. Everything seems good there. He has two kids in college, and is willing to accept donations to assist in tuition. >

Bob Schneider has a son at University of Colorado. Schneider sneaks over to Mainland occasionally. Otherwise practices law 24/7 while eating a steady diet of grape nuts. Robert G. Davis went underground in Auburn about 20 years ago and has not been heard from since. Reports are he has a nice life up there. Kirby Bergquist is a lawyer, deer hunter, dad and adventurer in Minnesota. Bob Packer is in L.A. — doing medical malpractice defense. Come to Nor Cal sometime Packer! Hi to Forrest Plant, Tim Frawley and Ruth Saavedra (Randy Stokes) up in Sacramento. Hope everyone is doing well out there. Following are notes from some of our classmates. (San Francisco, California)

#### James B. Allen

*Attorney, Skousen & Skousen.*  
(San Bernardino, California)

#### Grant House

*Realtor, Century 21 Aadvantage Gold, 2625 N. Green Valley Parkway.* Our Henderson office of Aadvantage Gold, one of six offices in Las Vegas area, was the No.1 Century 21 office in the U.S. in sales in '02 and '03. and, No.1 in the world for '03. (Henderson, Nevada)

#### Nicholas K. Lowe

Oldest daughter, Natalie, is a first-year law student at Santa Clara. Couldn't talk her out of it! (Sacramento)

#### Robert C. MacKichan, Jr.

*Counsel, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, LLP.* Mr. MacKichan, who focuses his practice in the area of federal real estate.

#### Jack H. Nissen

*Proprietor, Nissen & Douglas, Gold River, California.* An unspeakable event was celebrated this year. McGeorge attendees: Tim Frawley, David Smith, Lisa Zitano, Marg Rodda, Eric Frye, Paige Gorham, John Van de Erve, Bill Douglas. A good time was had by all. Wooden bowl turning continues to occupy most spare time. (Visit "Handworks" in Danville or "Gallery El Dorado" in El Dorado.)

I still have two thumbs and eight fingers but am a regular at a couple of local emergency rooms. (Gold River, California)

#### Karen Rubinger

I have never updated any information, but this past year was exciting, so here goes: My older daughter, Joan, 26, moved back home to Stockton after an eight-year absence for school and work — undergraduate degree at Syracuse University, Master's Degree in neuromuscular physiology (thankfully, she didn't choose law) at Indiana University, followed by work in Connecticut and Ohio. Moved back here with fiancé in tow — Kevin McFadden, a former volleyball coach at Ohio State University. He opened up a great business (his second store) in Old Sacramento, called the Spud Shack — homemade french fries with all kinds of toppings to choose from — all of the sacramentans have GOT to try them! Wedding was November 29, and we are thrilled. My younger daughter, Cheryl, 24, moved back home after receiving her undergraduate degree from University of Illinois-Chicago, and Master's Degree in teaching from Dominican University in Chicago. She began teaching 6th grade for Stockton Unified School District after returning from an eight-week vacation jaunting through Europe. Ken and I are still practicing law in Stockton, although I have tried (unsuccessfully) to turn away cases and slow down a little. We hope to begin some traveling and just enjoying ourselves now that college tuitions are finished! Hope everyone from the Class of '76 is doing well. (Stockton, California)

#### Maureen F. Sheppard-Griswold

*Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney for Washoe County.* (Reno, Nevada)

#### Helen S. Stockdale

*Attorney and Mediator*  
3610 American River Drive, Suite 112. I am thoroughly enjoying a family law practice limited to mediation and collaborative divorce. The

collaborative divorce process is growing nationwide and is an exciting new approach to the divorce process that puts the parties at the center of the process. The family is all well and happy — me, too. (Sacramento)

#### Susan L. Sutherland

I retired from lawyering and am working in physical therapy in a therapy pool. My three kids have moved out and are doing well. Life is good. (El Dorado Hills, California)

#### Marshall Whitehead

Own my own law firm. I am a well known immigration attorney. I am a frequent lecturer on immigration issues at seminars, groups, chambers of commerce, congressional committees, lectures, etc. (Phoenix, Arizona)

## 1976E

#### Lars H. Gantzel

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#### Robert G. Anderson

*Partner, Lieberman, Dodge, Gerding and Anderson, Ltd.*  
All is well in Phoenix. My youngest son (Brian) is a freshman at the University of Arizona. Middle child (Marc) is off to Australia for a year to work and see that part of the world. Daughter Michelle is a second year law student at, where else, McGeorge. This gives me the chance to visit and see the new developments at the school. Very impressive. Also, have seen classmates. Great dinners with Steve and Mandy Cottrell. Call anytime you are in Phoenix. (Phoenix, Arizona)

#### Richard H. Halladay

*Vice President and Trust Officer, Union Safe Deposit Bank.*  
Marriage with Patty is going on 27 years. Ricky graduated Sac State with Criminal Justice Degree — he wants to attend McGeorge. Heather, age 22, graduated Sac State with Business Degree — she wants job related to human resources. Justin

aiming for degree in music or clinical psychology. Rick, 'Dad,' is in 27th year of career as a Trust Officer, Member of Sacramento and Stockton Estate Planning Councils, Yosemite Club of Stockton, Associate Member of San Joaquin County Bar, and Navy League. (Stockton, California)

#### Roberta E. Mendonca

Another transition! With my move to West Sacramento I've found myself on opposite sides of local land use issues opposing Mike McGowan. Hope to see Laura Arnold in '04 and inspect her fab photovoltaic/solar systems! Charlie Coyne returned his "Roberta's Cooker's" t-shirt which makes me think we should play a game one of these days! Lars: let's get some spirit for a great reunion for our 30th. (Sacramento)

#### Richard G. Sorenson

*Retired.* (Tarzana, California)

#### Terence W. Roberts

*The WSU Legal Clinic, Western State University College of Law.* (Fullerton, California)

## 1977D

#### R. Marilyn Lee

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Here's what a dozen of our classmates have been up to. We need more info on the rest of you next year or the new Governor may terminate your bar card. Can you believe it's been 30 years since we started our pursuit of legal knowledge at McDuck in August 1974? Continue working with non-profit groups in retirement but still too many meetings. For fun, poked around small towns in Vermont for two weeks in wintery November. Saw a trial in Middlebury — two layperson side judges (elected) can overrule the judge on factual issues. Hmm, a trend? Harvey and I returned to the campus to speak at the MCLE day in January 2004.

The place looks sharp; enjoyed seeing our classmates on the wall of judges photos in the student center. (Los Angeles, California)

#### David A. Brown

David and his wife Bonnie McDonald '77D, still live in Walnut Creek. Dave is a certified tax specialist in private practice doing tax and estate planning. Bonnie and Dave are now "empty nesters" since their son Scott Brown, 19, graduated from high school and started his "Plebe" year at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, Class of 2007. Scott is home for a short leave for the holidays and is enjoying civilian life for a few weeks. (Walnut Creek, California)

#### Stephen F. Clayton

*Senior Director, Products Law Group, Sun Microsystems Inc.*  
Surprisingly, I am in the same job now as I was last year. Again expecting change in 2004 and hoping to move back into international law. Sun has recovered from its slump and morale has vastly improved — great products and we all are working hard to make a big comeback in 2004. The daughters, Elizabeth and Allie, are nearly adults and we get a taste of empty nest this spring when Allie attends a one-semester boarding program at the Oxbow Art School in Napa. Both girls seem destined to be artists/performers. I am playing bass and singing in the Two-time Blues Band, coming to a bar near you in 2004. Keep smilin'. (Newark, California)

#### David M. Cuniff

*Died June 23, 2003 of heart failure at the age of 56 in Philomath, Oregon.* Oregon native who practiced law in Corvallis and Philomath for more than 25 years.

#### John C. Donegan

*Law Offices of John C. Donegan.* This year found me taking a financial beating in my international real estate rentals when the disheveled tenant of a small, subterranean studio apartment I own in Iraq suddenly vacated, leaving eight months rent unpaid and the premises littered

with Mars bar wrappers and empty bottles of chocolate Yoo Hoo. Officiated at the recent Britney Spears wedding, and correctly predicted that the marriage would not last longer than the time it took to finish off the bottle of Jack Daniels. Heard that cattle baron Chris Melonakis has been investigating the safety of the beef supply at the Denver stockyards, and reports that while the cattle may be a bit chagrined at being in captivity, they are being good sports and are not really mad. Learned that judicial poobah Bert Levy has been called upon to rule on Pete Rose's reinstatement bid, and am giving 2 to 1 odds in favor of reinstatement. Pleased to read of Harley Pinson's appointment as Secretary of Rock & Roll by Governor Schwarzenegger and was thrilled by the dazzling guitar riff at his first press conference. Also on the political front, I have recently been employed to act as campaign manager of future political bids by Gary Coleman, Larry Flynt, and Gallagher, and am eagerly awaiting the patronage spoils of our certain electoral successes. (Palo Alto, California)

#### Philip W. Kell

*Chief Operating Officer, California Baptist Foundation, Fresno.* After 15 years in private practice in Sacramento, I am starting my 12th year at the California Baptist Foundation. I stay busy managing a staff of 60 people and helping churches and other nonprofits with a wide range of financial and legal services. My son-in-law spent seven months in Iraq as a Scout Sniper Platoon Commander, but returned home safely. Bert Levy's office hired away my best legal secretary this year. It's hard to compete with those state benefits. (Fresno, California)

#### Robert B. Lang

*President, Bob Lang Limited,* but not very. Currently writing "But That's Another Story." Memoirs of the Son of the Most Powerful Man in Hollywood That You've Never Heard Of. (Culver City, California)

#### The Honorable Herbert I. Levy

*Associate Justice, Fifth District Court of Appeal, Fresno.* Harley F. Pinson (*aka* "The Prince of Petroleum") continues to thrive in Bakersfield. Rumors abound that his lust for crude (oil) continues unabated. True to McGeorge tradition, the Honorable Chris Melonakis continues to dispense high-quality justice in Colorado. John Donegan — the Wizard of Menlo Park — continues to search for the meaning of life. The rumors are apparently untrue that he will be next to walk down the aisle with Britney and beat the last guy's matrimonial record by insisting that she tour the McGeorge Law Library before filing for annulment. Come to Fresno, come to life! (Fresno, California)

#### Bonnie McDonald

*Assistant General Counsel, Westaff.* Bonnie and her husband, David Brown '77D, still live in Walnut Creek. Now "empty nesters" since son Scott, 19, graduated from high school and started his "Plebe" year at the United States Military Academy, Class of '07. Scott is home for a short leave for the holidays and is enjoying civilian life for a few weeks. (Walnut Creek, California)

#### Professor

#### Timothy E. Naccarato

*Director of Academic Support, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.* I was hired in August '02 to provide full-time academic support to Pacific/McGeorge students with the goal of reducing academic disqualifications. Pacific/McGeorge has initiated several programs to help students succeed. (Sacramento)

#### Harley F. Pinson

*Occidental of Elk Hills, Inc.* There are strong rumors that the Hon. Herbert Levy is on President Bush's "short list" for the next trip to Mars, and that the Hon. Chris Melonakis will be the next head coach of the Oakland Raiders. Neither appointment will require U.S. Senate confirmation. There have been press

reports that John Donegan will be part of Phil Spector's criminal defense team, which has re-recorded the Spector-produced 1963 Ronettes' hit, "Be My Baby (or else)." In January, Donegan provided pre-nuptial legal counseling, by e-mail, to songstress Britney Spears. (Tupman, California)

#### Val E. Russell

*Managing Partner, BT Commercial Real Estate.* (Lafayette, California)

#### Rickey D. Wallace

*President of law firm,* six-attorney firm with one additional counsel. Oldest son is in his second year at UCLA School of Dentistry. My wife just purchased a metallic red Corvette that I am allowed to drive on occasion. I was fortunate to be trial counsel in *Ruff v. County of Merced*, an \$8.3 million verdict in favor of an 18-month-old child shaken, thrown to the ground, and left permanently blind by a foster parent who had been improperly supervised by Merced CPS. (Merced, California)

#### Stanley M. Wieg

*California Association of Realtors.* Still lobbying to keep the world safe for real estate and enjoying the "magic year" when all three sons are teenagers. (Sacramento)

## 1977E

#### Gary F. Zilaff

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#### Margaret W. Ellison

*Presiding Administrative Law Judge, Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge, Field Operations, California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.* This was a travel year for us — first, a multi-generational trip to France and Italy, then a fun-filled cruise to the Greek Islands with friends. (Sacramento)

**Richard L. Elmore**  
*Shareholder, Trial Attorney, Hale Lane in Reno.* In January, 25 years as a shareholder in the law firm. Recent \$2 million jury verdict in a real estate matter. Currently vice chair of the Nevada Law Foundation that administers interest collected on attorney trust accounts for the benefit of the disadvantaged. Life is good! (Reno, Nevada)

**Dorothy Nash Holmes**  
*Administrator, Correctional Programs Division, Nevada Department of Corrections.* I am now responsible for a 57-prison division set up to develop, manage and fund programs to give inmates the opportunity to rehabilitate themselves. That's Karma after 20+ years as a prosecutor! My daughter, Vicki, has two babies, ages 1 and 3, so grandparenthood is great. (Carson City, Nevada)

**Kathleen M. Mullarkey**  
*Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Funding Corporation.* (Jersey City, New Jersey)

**Albert S. Wong**  
Private practice in Sacramento. After 26 years of legal work, I am surprised I have kept my sanity. I hope to reduce my hours at my solo practice to spend more time with my two young daughters. Time is rapidly moving and I want to spend it wisely. (Sacramento)

## 1978D

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**Daniel R. Allemeier**  
*General Counsel, HRL Laboratories, LLC, Malibu, California.* (Malibu, California)

**Thomas W. Anthony, Jr.**  
Son, Brian (West Point '01) is a platoon leader with the 75th Ranger Regiment serving in the Middle East. Daughter, Leslie (UC Berkeley '02) works for Congressman Doug Ose in Washington, D.C. (Citrus Heights, California)

**Robert W. Armstrong**  
Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the law firm. Holding steady at 25 attorneys with a group of energetic younger partners willing to fill in while I take longer vacations with Cindy, Noelle (13) and Jake (11). Life is full of soccer, skiing, plays, concerts and other kid activities. Still President of Interval House, a shelter for battered women in Long Beach and Orange County. An extremely gratifying and humbling experience that reminds me to count my blessings. Also enjoying working with Dean Parker on the Alumni Board and helping to expand the Southern California McGeorge Symposium at the Queen Mary every January. We have an outstanding collection of speakers every year and it's a great opportunity to see old friends from law school and catch up on the plans for expansion of the school's physical plant and academic programs. Dean Parker is an exciting addition to McGeorge and I encourage everyone to drop by the school to meet her and take a look at the plans for the campus. (Long Beach, California)

**Steven A. Block**  
*Law Office of Steven A. Block.* 25 years in practice in Sacramento—hard to believe. Now sharing space with my wife of 28 years, Teri Block '98E. Our three oldest boys will be at UC Davis next year and our 9-year-old keeps us young. Specializing in arbitrations, mediation and some Special Master assignments. Still serving as an adjunct in Pretrial Civil Litigation and playing in my band, Betty & the Boomers. I cherish my law school memories. (Sacramento)

**Bruce W. Busch**  
Have moved to Sequim, Washington where we are enjoying a very relaxed, small-town lifestyle. We move into our new home in January. Hope to begin fishing in the local steelhead streams and to start landscaping the lot. (Sequim, Washington)

**Kevin B. Curran**  
*Retired from the FBI on September 30, 2003.* Being an FBI Special Agent was a fantastic career, but 21 years of round-the-clock accountability was enough. My sincere appreciation to all my fellow McGeorge graduates who continue to work and pay the taxes that fund my pension. No plans for a second career just yet. Mary and I are enjoying being at home together on our Iowa farmette with our three horses, cat and Bernese Mountain Dog puppy. Was in California for Christmas and got together with classmates Bob Armstrong, Rob Bergen, and Paul Balestracci. They are all doing well. They each have two kids who are way funnier, more talented, and more successful than their dads. (Earlham, Iowa)

**Deborah M. De Bow**  
Enjoying the good life with my family in Rancho Santa Fe, communing with nature, and availing ourselves of many cultural events in San Diego. Our chapter on ethics and forensic psychology was published in '03. Our son, Ben, enjoys 6th grade. He thinks he has finally found his avocation with the violin, after studying both the piano and sax, third time's a charm. The '78 grads (Armstrong, Danny, Fuller, Sago...do you see a pattern here?!? The deadline...) were well represented at the Queen Mary MCLE program! Bob Armstrong was terrific as emcee. (Rancho Santa Fe, California)

**Robert C. Faber**  
In '94, my wife Joyce and I adopted a son (RC) after being married 21 years (about the only thing I have been working on longer than a legal career). We promptly moved to the Washington, D.C. area in early '95

where I accepted a position as Staff Director and Counsel for the Water and Power Subcommittee in the U.S. House of Representatives Resources Committee. There I had the pleasure of working for six years with fellow Pacific/McGeorge alum, Congressman John Doolittle '78, who was the Chairman of the Subcommittee. At the beginning of 2001, I moved to the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where I serve as Senior Counsel for Oversight and Investigations. (Washington, D.C.)

**Melanie L. Fesmire**  
*Partner, Fesmire & Williams.* Member, Indio City Council; Mayor, Pro Tem; Mayor, 2001, and again in 2004–05. Still in practice with husband, George Williams. (Indio, California)

**Elizabeth Baldwin Friedman**  
*Died March 12 of colon cancer at the age of 52 in Hollywood, Florida.* A breast-feeding advocate and director of the Illinois-based La Leche League International's legal associate program whose work help change laws in many states.

**Cherry Grant**  
As some of you may know, our classmate and my friend, Liz Baldwin, died March 12, 2003, of colon cancer which had spread to her liver before it was discovered. I know everyone in her section will remember Liz for that long straight hair and the 16-oz. Dr. Pepper she drank every morning for breakfast in the back of the classroom. What you probably don't know is the tremendous impact that Liz had on the legal community as well as in women's lives. Liz carved out her own unique legal specialty: she was the leading authority in this country on breast-feeding and the law. Liz published dozens of articles on related topics, spoke at hundreds of seminars, and appeared repeatedly on national TV, including Good Morning America, 20/20, and Dateline, among others. She was also directly involved in getting legislation passed in over 30

states which helps to protect a woman's right to breast-feed her child in public free of harassment or arrest. If you put her name into a search engine you will be amazed at the amount of material you'll find about Liz. And even more amazing: most of what she did in this area she did for free. Liz so touched people's lives for good that two women who had never actually met Liz, but had gotten her advice on the telephone, flew from California to Florida for her funeral. Liz will be missed by her husband and law partner, her two sons, her friends, her clients, and the legal community. (West Palm Beach, Florida)

**Nicholas S. Marco**  
Thank you for your continuing excellent alumni services. (Tokyo, Japan)

**Donald W. West**  
*President-Elect 2005, San Joaquin County Bar Association; Adjunct Professor, Humphreys College School of Law, Civil Procedure.* (Stockton, California)

**Mark C. Wood**  
*Attorney, Grancell, Lebovitz, Stander, Barnes & Reubens.* (Los Angeles, California)

## 1978E

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**John D. Feeney**  
*Senior Trial Counsel, Union Pacific R. R.* Along with alums Michael L. Johnson and Robert Bylsma. Graduated in '78—passed bar in November '78—25 years + Wow! Never thought I would last this long in the law! (San Francisco, California)

**James J. Lynch, Jr.**  
*Attorney, solo practice.* Joy, my eldest daughter, graduated summa cum laude from CSU, Sacramento. Just was admitted to practice law

October 1, 2003. Jimmy has his own business—Rancho Smog. I took three amicus curiae cases to USSC—three wins!! (Sacramento)

**Michael B. Rich**  
*Real Estate Counsel III, Legal Section California Department of Real Estate*—prosecuting administrative hearings. Married June 6, 2003 to Janis Mare Smith—we met at our 30th high school reunion. Continuing as a prosecutor for the DRE, enforcing consumer protection statutes and regulations. (Sacramento)

**Joan C. Wright**  
Still riding, running (but less), and traveling. Had the extended families for Thanksgiving for the first time since 1972. Thirty for dinner. It will be another 30 years. . . . Can't believe we've been out for 25 years and are still practicing. (Carson City, Nevada)

**Robert H. Zimmerman**  
I continue to successfully stay in touch with Steve Sabadini's wife—my former secretary. (Sacramento)

## 1979D

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**William J. Benz**  
The Feasterville Business Association honored William J. Benz by naming him 2003 "Man of the Year." (The FBA is a 120-member business organization dedicated to the betterment of the Lower Southampton community for 54 years.) At the FBA's annual "Winter Frolic" dinner dance, held at Spring Mill Country Club, he was presented with the Man of the Year plaque in appreciation of his business and community leadership and his history of community service. Former Northampton Township Supervisor (1993–'99); past president, Feasterville Business Association ('92); Northampton Zoning Hearing Board Member; Chairman, FBA Blood Drive Commit-

tee for the American Red Cross; Boy Scouts of America Summer Camp Adult Advisor; LaSalle College High School Alumni Board of Directors Member; St. Cyril Parish Council Member; Capital Campaign Committee for St. Cyril's, basketball, baseball and soccer coach and provider of pro-bono services to non-profit and charitable organizations. Mr. Benz's law practice is located in Lakeside Office Park, Street Road, Southampton, Pennsylvania. Engaged in the general practice of law for 22 years with special concentration on litigation, zoning and land use, wills and estates. Lives in Ivyland with wife, Donna and three sons, Billy, Sean and Kristian. (Ivyland, Pennsylvania)

**Gary H. Gale**  
*Retail Loan Officer, Golden Bear Mortgage.* I have left the practice of bankruptcy law. Now working as a retail loan officer originating mortgage loans for Golden Bear Mortgage. We are taking advantage of my wife's earning capacities to have me have more to do with the kids' homework. With my future income uncertain and the family relying on my patience with the children, who knows what lies ahead! SEND ME LOANS, if you really love me. (Fair Oaks, California)

**Daniel J. Grimm**  
*President, International Theological Institute (ITI US.)* My first grandchild was born in October. I beat my 19-year-old son in the 2003 Mission Bay Triathlon! (Ojai, California)

**Anthony S. Guerriero**  
Moved back to Alaska in December '03 after being in California for the last 14 years. Just had to scratch the itch. Stop by to see me next time you're in the neighborhood. (Anchorage, Alaska)

**Jay E. Levine**  
*United States Administrative Law Judge, Office of Hearings and Appeals, San Bernardino, California.* (Carlsbad, California)

**Charles E. Merrill**  
Life is good. Four attorneys are better than 24. We now have an office in Napa, too. (Dublin, California)

**Allen J. Owen**  
*Managing Partner, Timmons, Owen & Owen, Inc.* Continue to practice personal injury law in Sacramento with my brother as my partner. Playing more golf these days. Glad I don't have military age children; proud of all your kids fighting to keep us safe. I pray that in 2004 we learn to find peace and that Governor Arnold realizes trial lawyers aren't so bad after all. (Sacramento)

**Diane C. Popowski**  
*Retired.* (Oshkosh, Wisconsin)

**Margaret G. Venturi**  
Happily retired from the California Department of Justice. (Auburn, California)

**Gerald L. White**  
Gary Gale and I terminated our partnership of 16+ years as of Dec. 31, 2003 and I moved my office to Folsom to be nearer my kids, who are ages 6 and 7, during the day. (Folsom, California)

## 1979E

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**Sheila Slaughter Dey**  
*Executive Director, Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association.* Diagnosed with colon cancer, had surgery in August 2003 to remove tumor in the right colon. Large number of lymph nodes with cancer so they are "bombing" with chemo. All of you who are avoiding a colonoscopy: get in there and get it. It will save your life and hopefully save you the agony of chemotherapy. I am done with chemo in March. Hooray! (Sacramento)



**Victor G. Drakulich**

My law office is located at 36 Stewart Street, Reno, NV 89501. I am semi-retired from the practice of law and devoting considerable time to the sport of professional boxing as an international referee. I am licensed with the Nevada State Athletic Commission, and am an active member of the World Boxing Council (WBC) and the North American Boxing Federation (NABF). I also travel internationally, giving seminars for professional boxing referees. (Reno, Nevada)

**James W. Rushford**

*Partner, Rushford & Bonotto, LLP.* Divorced and remarried to Jean Rushford in February 2001. About one trial per year, but three last year. Firm has five lawyers. Serving on the Bi-partisan Internet Political Practices Commission. Son in engineering school. Life is good. (Sacramento)

**James C. Smith**

*Nevada Attorney General's Office.* Greetings and best wishes to all! Becca is a teacher and plans to marry in June, Kate is playing basketball in Switzerland, and James is studying outdoor recreation. Sue is an artist and makes big deals happen. I love my work with Nevada law and government. I'm in my third term with the State Historical Records Advisory Board, and am a student of Nevada history. A good year. (Carson City, Nevada)

**1980D****Jonathan L. Andrews**

*Special Assistant Attorney General.* Lauren completed her masters degree in October. Zachary is a sophomore at UC Davis majoring in biochemistry and microbiology. (Carson City, Nevada)

**Mark E. Biddison**

*Member, Stevens, Littman, Biddison, Tharp & Weinberg, LLC.* (Boulder, Colorado)

**Donald C. Cady**

*Public Utilities Attorney.* I've parlayed 10 years of civil litigation/ transactional work, 10 years of government and public contracting law, and a few years as general counsel and executive director at a California commission into a position at the state Public Utilities Commission that draws on all my lawyering and public-private sector experience. The move back to San Francisco has been all I hoped it'd be. Many old friends—some from McGeorge—are still here. Family and friends visit, coming from near and far. My daughter, Adrienne, is thriving in college, misses skiing and rowing, but is looking forward to her junior year abroad and travels afterwards. She has invited me to visit (!) so a winter ski trip and fair weather sojourn are planned. Visit with Karen Mitchell and Chris Covington regularly and e-visit John Dahl. (San Francisco, California)

**F. LaVar Christensen**

*Owner and President, Draper Law Development Company.* I continue to maintain an active law license but most legal work is charitable or public service related. In 2002, I was elected to the Utah House of Representatives. I serve on the Education, Judiciary Rules Review and Criminal Justice Committees. I represented Utah in Washington, D.C. at the First Congressional Conference on Civic Education. Sue and I celebrated 28 years of marriage last August. We are deeply grateful for our Pacific/McGeorge experience. Our oldest son just graduated from law school—the cycle continues. (Draper, Utah)

**Phillip H. Coker**

*General Counsel, Beneto, Inc.* (West Sacramento, California)

**Alan W. Courtney**

*Lawyer.* Solvang, California. Nina and I finished building a new home in Santa Ynez and love living in the country. Our oldest son is now out of the Marine Corps and attending CSU Sacramento. He plans on

going to McGeorge. Our youngest son is attending Santa Barbara City College and wants to major in business. (Santa Ynez, California)

**The Honorable Martha Geiger**

With luck and prayers, my son should head for college in the fall of 2004. Then if the dog would only learn to feed and walk herself, I'd be truly fancy-free! (Sacramento)

**Christina H. Jones Janssen**

*General Manager, Corporate Public Policy, Chevron Overseas Petroleum, Inc.* After 4½ years as Regional General Counsel of headquarters, Latin America, Pacific Rim, Australia and Indonesia, I have been offered the position of General Manager of Corporate Public Policy. I have four children (three stepchildren and one fourteen year old daughter) and one granddaughter. We enjoy many family trips both internationally and in the U.S. (San Ramon, California)

**Fred L. Main**

*Manatt, Phelps & Phillips.* After 23 years at the California Chamber of Commerce, I have joined the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips. While the firm is a full-service law firm, I will concentrate on their government relations practice. (Sacramento)

**John W. Munsill**

*John W. Munsill, Attorney at Law, Certified Family Law Specialist, State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, Gold River, California.* Currently serving as Chair of the California Board of Legal Specialization, Family Law Advisory Commission (Chair, 1997-1998) in 1999. Greta (1981D) and I seem to have topped out at nine children. Laurel, who will be 20 in January, 2004, is away at college. Our youngest, Raphael, turned 5 in August 2003. All told, one girl, eight boys. Our children are doing all of the traveling (at least to foreign countries). In May 2003, Caleb, age 16, went on a roughly 150-mile backpacking pilgrimage

in Spain. In June 2003, Laurel and Owen, who turned 18 in October 2003, spent a month in France. (Gold River, California)

**Martha Evensen Opich**

*Counsel, Douglas Kraft & Associates.* As of June 1, 2003, I left my larger law firm to associate with fellow alumnus Doug Kraft and to concentrate on the representation of financial institutions in transactional, regulatory and operational matters. (Sacramento)

**Thomas Pond**

*President, Swenson & Associates.* (Campbell, California)

**Gregory A. Salter**

*Special Assistant, Community Development, City of Sparks, Nevada.* (Sparks, Nevada)

**R. Craig Settlemire**

*Assistant County Counsel, Lassen County, California.* (Susanville, California)

**1980E****Timothy H. Bellas**

*Solo practice.* Recently appointed to the Garment Oversight Board. Chairman of three-member board which oversees garment industry in Saipan, Commonwealth of N. Mariana Islands. If you check labels on your clothing, you may find many were made here. Other two members of the board are former California Justice Cruz Reynoso and former Chief Justice of the Washington Supreme Court, Richard Guy. On a personal note, will be remarrying in June 2004. (Saipan, MP)

**Barry C. Blay**

*Complex Litigation, Matheny, Sears, Linkert & Long.* Have enjoyed success on some rather significant cases, of late. Exciting stuff. Good to see Jim Pagliero and bump into Grace Lawson recently. Everyone looks great. Best wishes to all. (Sacramento)

**The Honorable Faith Geoghegan**

Retired Superior Court Judge. Looking forward to my fourth year of retirement! We spend the winter in Palm Desert playing golf and the rest of the year traveling, visiting grandchildren (we have four now), and hanging out in Carmichael. I also look forward to continuing close ties with McGeorge. (Carmichael, California)

**John Greaney**

*Hanis Greaney Zoro, PLLC.* Still enjoying life in Washington. New law firm, started in July, 2003. (Kent, WA)

**Carol Hisatomi**

*Died April 2, 2003 of leukemia at the age of 63.* Former pharmacist who practiced probate law in Sacramento from 1985 to 1998. Became a national spokeswoman for bone-marrow donations after her cancer diagnosis.

**John R. Huckabay**

Workers' compensation defense only. (Shingle Springs, California)

**David Mc Elhinney**

*Beckley Singleton, Chtd.; Shareholder/Vice President.* (Reno, Nevada)

**Scott Rasmussen**

Certified as Trial Specialist by National Board of Trial Advocacy. (Beaver Dam, Wisconsin)

**The Honorable Peter Siguenza, Jr.**

*Chief Justice, Ret., Guam Supreme Court.* Sad news: Joleen, beloved spouse for 33 years, passed away in 2002. Glad news: Am part of a three-member Tek-Rec Dive team that located a WWII warplane at 200 feet 'somewhere off the coastal waters of Guam.' Odd news: Met President Bill Clinton. I asked him to autograph the inside cover of a paperback which he did. Now I have his autograph on Abbie Hoffman's *Steal This Book*. (Hagatna, Guam)

**R. Parker White**

All continues to be well in our world. Our oldest, Abigail Dillon, successfully defeated the Bush administration's attempt to allow snowmobiles free reign through Yellowstone National Park. She is a lawyer with Earth Justice in Bozeman, Montana. Caroline continues to enjoy her exile from Harvard and is looking to transfer to UC Berkeley or Stanford although she is enjoying her work in Sacramento. Hilary is at UC Santa Cruz and is becoming an exceptional photographer. Noel, this year past, took on a partner and old friend, Bridget Halvorson, and continues to do well both in her legal career and in quilting. (Sacramento)

**198ID****Fritz-Howard R. Clapp**

*451 Arden Way Sacramento, CA 95815 916.548.1014 Home Cycle Path Productions.* I no longer have a shingle out, having wound down my private practice, and spend all my energies producing, promoting and managing the business affairs of a select few biker celebrities. The most famous of these is Sonny Barger, whose best-selling autobiography, Hell's Angel, is being adapted as a major motion picture by Fox to be directed by Tony Scott, with me producing. (Sacramento and Hollywood, California)

**Richard Bailey**

*Staff Attorney, Office of the Family Law Facilitator, San Diego County Superior Court, El Cajon, California.* (El Cajon, California)

**Mark E. Buechner**

*Assistant General Counsel, Wachovia Corporation.* I am working through my second large corporate merger since I left private practice. I handle consumer litigation defense, including a number of class actions across the country. It probably sounds more fun than it is. I am happily married to Betsy and love to spoil my two beautiful

daughters, Kayla (age 12) and Karena (age 7). (Charlotte, NC)

**Thomas C. Burch**

*Partner, Tarkington, O'Neill, Barrack & Chong, San Francisco, California.* On May 26, 2003, I fulfilled my childhood dream of climbing Mt. Everest. I was one of four members of an American Everest Expedition to summit in Spring 2003, which was the 50th anniversary of the first ascent by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay. It was definitely one of the highlights of my climbing career—my other career outside the law. (San Francisco, California)

**Cassandra D. Campbell**

Hi, everyone: Pat McPoil (Tweedy) and I took a bike trip across the Netherlands and saw London, Paris, and New York during the beginning of the war with Iraq. No one spit on us and we had a great time. Teresa Williams and her family visited Reno, as did Gail Mead and hers. All look great, are doing well, and have great families. Speaking of great families, how's that new bambino, Keith (Loomis)? (Reno, Nevada)

**Rocky K. Copley**

Patty and I will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this year. Time flies when you're having fun.

Our twin daughters, Erin and Caitlin, made the girls varsity basketball team at La Jolla High School. (They must take after their mom). Our son, Patrick, is a sophomore at San Diego State and is doing well. I am still the managing partner for the San Diego office of Borton, Petrini and Conron, LLP. The office and our firm is doing well. I was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the McGeorge Alumni Association. I am working very hard to establish an active chapter of our alumni association in the San Diego area. I think it will be much easier to generate support for our association and McGeorge with the leadership of Dean Parker. It is also fun to go back to campus and reminisce about my experience and the friendships I made at McGeorge. (San Diego, California)

**Richard A. Eldridge**

*Law Offices of Eldridge & Eldridge.* My wife, Deborah, and I practice Family Law. Our four oldest are working and/or going to college. The twins are sophomores in H.S. We have a granddaughter (4) and a new grandson. We are dreaming about vacations without children. Hope everyone is doing well. (Sacramento)

**Linda E. Johnson**

Retired. Greetings! I have been fully retired for two years and I highly recommend it. TomJo is in her junior year at University of Colorado-Boulder. Tom and I are having fun—skiing, mountain biking, tour biking, hiking, travel, 49er games. Tom is still working—someone has to do it. (Carson City, Nevada)

**Colonel Rafael Lara, Jr.**

*Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Military Entrance and Processing Command.* After being promoted to full colonel, I was reassigned from the Missile Defense Agency to Primary Legal Advisor to U.S.MEP-COM. However, I am due to depart in February for a six-month tour to Baghdad as Chief of Contract Law for the Coalition Provisional Authority. I am getting too old for this. (North Chicago, Illinois)

**Timothy A. Nettesheim**

A shareholder in the Tax and Business Organizations Departments of Reinhart, Boerner, Van Deuren, s.c., his practice focuses on business purchases and sale transactions and also includes tax, business and estate planning, tax litigation and general business matters. A frequent author and speaker for various business and professional organizations, such as the State Bar of Wisconsin, CLEW and WICPA. A member of the adjunct faculty in the graduate tax program of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Has lectured on business law at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Member of the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, Inc., and the Elmbrook Memorial Hospital Foundation. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

**John H. Pentecost**

*Partner, Hart, King & Coldren.* This year I have made a commitment to my family due to events in 2003. Firm is doing great. My family and I have relocated to San Clemente. Surf's up! (Santa Ana, California)

**Jennifer Stern**

*Partner, Swendseid & Stern.* Business is going great. We are the No. 1 ranked bond counsel firm in Nevada. We rendered approving opinions on more than \$2 billion of municipal bonds issued in 2003. My son started college last fall at UNLV and received the Millenium Scholarship. My daughter is a sophomore at Reno High School and is actively involved in leadership and varsity softball. Now that they are older, we are enjoying traveling. We went to Italy this summer and Acapulco for winter break. I occasionally see Teresa Williams and Casey Campbell and hear from Dave Sabey and Dan Whaley. A happy and prosperous New Year to all. (Reno, Nevada)

**The Honorable John H. Tierman**

*Judge, Colusa County Superior Court.* Life is great in a small county court. Judy and I are now residing in an empty nest. We are blessed with four wonderful daughters, two great sons-in-law, two grandchildren and one more due in May. Traveling is in the future. Hopefully, Ireland in the fall. I hope my classmates are doing well and as lucky and happy as I. (Colusa, California)

**1981E****Lisa Brown**

Nothing earthshaking to report. Still working as the Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement at the California Environmental Protection Agency. (Sacramento)

**Candice B. Harper**

*Managing Director, Trainor Robertson.* (Sacramento)

**Ronald R. Lamb**

Same for the last 22 years. (Sacramento)

**Jennifer J. Tachera**

*Staff Attorney, California Energy Commission.* Recently appointed to the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. Continue to work on the KVIE Art Auction. Won a prize for works on paper and sold some artwork in Napa. Oh, and still practice law. (Sacramento)

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**Stephen R. Chew**

*Law Office of Stephen R. Chew, Sacramento.* I am having a ball after nearly two years out on my own. I continue to concentrate on workers' compensation subrogation, but also have a growing plaintiffs' personal injury practice. I am serving as a mediator in an increasing number of cases as well. On the home front, I am living in Nat Colley's old house in Land Park, and am the proud father of my only homemade child who joins his three adopted sisters, his stepsister, and stepbrother. (Sacramento)

**Thomas A. Collins**

*President, Reno Corvettes; Chairman Elect, Elder Law Section, Nevada State Bar.* (Reno, Nevada)

**Captain Carleton R. Cramer**

*Commanding Officer, Trial Service Office, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.* (Mililani, Hawaii)

**Albert W. Gray**

*Partner, Smith & Glauser.* Things have been going well. My work continues to be very enjoyable. I work with people that are not only great individually, but professional and honest. A very family oriented place which includes the work family. My first-born daughter, Melissa (30), got married last June to a wonderful guy. My son, Jerry (27), will graduate law school in May '05. My youngest daughter, Barbara (20), is a junior in college in film studies. My darling

wife of 31 years, Susan, is as wonderful and beautiful as ever. Wishing you all the happiness you can allow yourselves. (Salt Lake City, Utah)

**Steven Kaiser**

*Deputy Attorney General, Sacramento.* I have moved to the False Claims Section in the Attorney General's Office. (Sacramento)

**Marc S. Lessin**

*Children's Surgical Associates, Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.* Recently relocated my practice of Pediatric Surgery to Atlanta. Still keep my State Bar of California affiliation (inactive). You never know when I'll have to return the favor and sue one of us lawyers. I can truly say I have given 'ambulance chaser' a redeeming meaning. (Atlanta, Georgia)

**Lloyd S. Mann**

*Partner, Mann & Zarpas, LLP.* Other than starting my own firm, getting married, expecting our first baby, and buying a house, I don't have too much to report. (Woodland Hills, California)

**Michael P. McCloskey**

*Partner, Foley & Lardner.* Joined Foley & Lardner to stand up its West Coast securities litigation practice. My wife, Diane, joined a law school classmate and opened their own firm in October: McCloskey & Schuler-Hintz. They bill themselves as a full-service family law firm. At least one of us has the name on the door. In that regard, Kevin Cauley's name now appears on the door with Ross Schwartz as Kevin joined that firm earlier this year. (San Diego, California)

**Kenneth E. Schreffler**

*Attorney, Owner of the Schreffler Law Firm, Southampton, Pennsylvania.* Licensed owner of thoroughbred racehorses competing at racetracks in Mid-Atlantic region. Attended the '03 Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes, and provided legal counsel to ownership groups. My legal concentration is in equine law, and I counsel ownership, racing, training, and

horse-breeding businesses located in the Eastern U.S. Look for me at the '04 Preakness Stakes and the July Sales in Lexington, Kentucky. (Southampton, Pennsylvania)

**Marc W. Trost**

*Senior Counsel, Environmental Restoration Branch, Environmental Law & Litigation Division, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Rosslyn, Virginia.* Retired from active duty on December 1, 2003. On December 8th, began new career as a civilian attorney with the Air Force, working at the same place and position I had occupied from 1997–2001 as an active-duty Judge Advocate. (Arlington, Virginia)

**1982E****Gary R. Bricker**

*Associate General Counsel & VP, Real Estate Services, USI Companies, Inc.* (El Segundo, California)

**Paul L. Brimberry**

*Certified Family Law Specialist, Sole proprietor.* 2003: Celebrated my 20th wedding anniversary with Sheila. Cheered as the twins began their sophomore year at college. Cried when we learned that on our first day of a family camping trip our home suffered a natural gas explosion and fire, destroying both the home and its contents. Recovered in the condo provided by the insurance company. Continued to expand my Collaborative Negotiation Law Practice. 2004: Initiating the rebuilding plans for our home. Discussing a remodel of the law office suite. Considering hiring an associate. Hoping to read more personal updates from classmates. Happy New Year to you all. (Sacramento)

**Matthew P. Guichard**

Married Eileen Jackson on June 17, 2000. Daughter Grace Cecilia Guichard, born May '01. Son Matthew Roger Guichard born July '02. (Walnut Creek, California)

**Bridget Baynes Hammerquist**

After an automobile struck my daughter Lorna, leaving her with us but with some brain injury, I retired. Bob and I are now enjoying our care of Lorna and her three children (ages 3, 4 and 6) in a new home in Vancouver, Washington. No state income tax and bigger homes (five-bedroom, four-bath). Believe me, though, I used to think trial work was hard. Parenting three very active children at age 56 is not only rewarding and fun, it is exhausting. Hello to all! (Vancouver, Washington)

**Douglas C. Miller**

*Senior Employee Relations Analyst.* Hi there to all my McGeorge friends — Changes, Changes, Changes!! Yes, that's been it for me. I close my practice in Fair Oaks in 2000 ...a millenium change...after finding a position doing what I really love ...labor and employment law...and now solve problems for Sacramento Regional Transit. The people here are wonderful. The role of mass transit in the Sacramento community is becoming critical and I don't have the overhead — now who can regret that. I don't often see many of my McGeorge friends. Occasionally, I run into Roy Brewer, but not often enough. Linda Thomson-Simlick and Matt Guichard still keep in touch. It's amazing how rarely I see anyone here. I have so many interests, none of which I'm pleased to say involve "the law" that presently interests me. I hope to be doing some sculpting and oil painting in 2004 and traveling a bit. Call Regional Transit if you are in town. I'd love to have your company for lunch. Write to Pacific/McGeorge as some of us really do miss hearing from our friends out there! That includes you, Dick Gammick, Bob Jones and Tricia Pyle-Beck!! (Sacramento)

**The Honorable Danny L. Papez**

*District Judge, Seventh Judicial District of Nevada General Jurisdiction Court.* (Ely, Nevada)

**G. B. Poirier**

Grandpa for the second time. Opened satellite office in Denver. My website, www.workvisas.biz. (Las Cruces, New Mexico)

**William L. Thompson**

*Flight Ops, Atlanta Airport, Delta Airlines, Check Pilot, Captain.* As a Check Captain, Thompson is responsible for insuring that Delta pilots follow Delta procedures and FAA regulations in the performance of their flight duties. Responsible for both international and domestic operations and is the only African-American pilot who holds this position on the assigned airlines. (Atlanta, Georgia)

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**Andrew E. Briseno**

Hello. Since I last wrote, my practice has grown and I am branching out into Alaska. I am now licensed to practice in Alaska, California and Nevada. I am in the earliest stages of getting the Alaska component started and, oh yes, the fishing is great. I have been married to the same lady, Cinday, for 23 years now and have two sons, Aaron, 17, who is an Eagle Scout, and Nicolas, 14, who is a Life Scout and soon-to-be Eagle Scout. All is still just rolling along. Bye for now. (Saugus, California)

**Jodi L. Clary**

*Hearing Officer, Special Education Hearing Office.* (Sacramento)

**Mariel E. Dennis**

Lots of changes in 2003. I got remarried — to husband number 2 in Las Vegas over Labor Day weekend. My new husband is Ian Dennis — born in Liverpool, England but a U.S. citizen in 2002. Vegas was fun with my family and a

few close friends to join our celebration. Married life is good. I survived the first round of layoffs at the State Department where I have been for 7 years. I'm now the Chief of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services with a staff of 30. It's nice being back in management after several years of special projects although the changes of Administrations has been challenging. Would like to hear from old friends! (Sacramento)

**Lisa K. Hightower**

*Supervising Attorney, California Department of Social Services.* Another busy year at DSS. Madeleine just turned 7 and is in First Grade at St. Ignatius. I am, of course, on the parent club board and, shockingly, am the Brownie troop leader! I hope everybody is well and happy. (Sacramento)

**Steven D. Ivans**

*Vice President, Global Aerospace.* (Short Hills, New Jersey)

**Craig R. Mausler**

*New York State Division of Parole, Assistant Counsel.* Founder and President of local Albany A.R.B.A. Chapter of the Federalist Society of Lawyers in 2002. Local chapter is growing. We are publicly challenging the liberal judges of the New York State Court of Appeals. (Albany, New York)

**Marc D. Remis**

*Senior Staff Counsel, California State Board of Prison Terms.* Governor Schwarzenegger argues for blowing up and consolidating some state agencies as a reform. Parole revocation is under major reform and my policy responsibilities are in the midst of it. Rosalie and I adopted two sister Bengal cats. They've got us wrapped right around their little paws. (Sacramento)

**Nancy J. Sheehan**

*Porter Scott, Employment Litigation.* There is no end to the fascinating things employees will do to and with each other. Rich's son and his

wife are expecting their first child in March, which will theoretically make me a grandmother. I'm excited about the thought of learning all about 'Happy Meals'. (Sacramento)

**Paul M. Starkey**

*Chair of the Sacramento County Bar Association Public Law Section, 2003.* In October 2003, the Public Law Section and the Administrative Law Section jointly sponsored a legal seminar for attorneys, and we were greatly honored to have McGeorge Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker as our keynote speaker. In December 2003, I celebrated 20 years as a California lawyer. For the past two years, I've been Chief Legal Counsel for the California Commission on State Mandates. Over half of my legal career has been spent in public service. Looking back, I owe a great debt of gratitude to Dean Gordon Schaber, who opened the doors to a legal education, and to Financial Aid Director Addalou Davis, who made it possible to get through them. (Sacramento)

**Michael D. Welch**

*Formerly of Bartko, Zankel, Tarrant & Miller Mr. Welch, has joined the Sacramento office of Gordon & Rees.*

**R. Hilary Willett**

*Director, Publications & Services at USFN, America's Mortgage Banking Attorneys.* I have been creating and overseeing legal publications for about four years now. Must be doing something right — the latest educational video and the electronic newsletter won national publication awards in 2003. Took time for some vacations too — to Colorado, Virginia and France. Enjoyed Paris and the French countryside, although it would have been better if I had learned more French in my college days. Back to school?! (Tustin, California)



in contact. We value your friendship. Another big year—I've been in trial for a big piece of it. Grace has been doing her fundraisers for the non-profits. Alex is 10 now and is ice skating a ton. Maddie, she's the wild one. Last summer the girls learned how to surf, water ski, sail, and motor boat. They are really active and doing well. We are so proud of them! (Durham, North Carolina)

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**Stephen H. Baker**  
*Shasta County Superior Court Judge.* After 13 years with Carr, Kennedy, Peterson & Frost, Steve Baker left his Redding law firm to be sworn in as a Shasta County Superior Court Judge in September of 2003. (Redding, California)

**Jeffry B. Diamond**  
*Partner, Mullen & Filippi, LLP.* Hello, it's been a while. Work is busy as usual. We are very active with all the new legislation and attempts to revamp the workers' compensation system. Personally, the kids are 6 & 7, both in school and asking way too many questions. The Rotts are both gone and are now replaced (physically, not emotionally) by a Jack Russell that thinks he is a Rott. I'm just loving life and waiting to cash in the Lotto ticket. Bye. (Sacramento)

**Kenneth H. Flood**  
*Solo practice in Vallejo, California.* Still combining practice of law with real estate brokerage. Planning on moving to Sacramento area soon to specialize in bankruptcies. (Vallejo, California)

**Bill Lockyer**  
*Attorney General, California Department of Justice.* Assembly member (1973–82); Senator (1982–98); Chair, Senate Judiciary (1985–94); President Pro Tempore (1993–98); Attorney General (1998–present). (Sacramento)

**Donald B. MacDougall, Jr.**  
*Formerly a partner at the San Francisco law firm of Kenney & Markowitz, Mr. MacDougall has joined Garden City-based Nixon Peabody of counsel.* He is a civil litigator and trial attorney who has extensive experience representing international and domestic corporations, aviation-related entities, and airlines such as American, Southwest, and Spirit.

**Hollie Rutkowski**  
As a sole practitioner, I am doing very well and having great fun running my own law office practicing workers' compensation. Unfortunately, with the workers' compensation reforms of September 2003 with Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals to cut disability benefits and medical treatment even further, I may not be in the black much longer and my clients will be hurting even more than they already are. This is a very uneasy time for injured workers in California. On a personal note, I am still trying to have children, using the best medical science has to offer. (Sacramento)

**The Honorable Bernard J. Schwartz**  
Got a call on Tuesday, October 6, 2003 informing me that Governor Davis had appointed me to the Riverside County Superior Court Bench. I am honored to now serve this state as a judge. (Riverside, California)

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**Tracey S. Buck-Walsh**  
In the midst of a busy fall, I became Maria Shriver's Chief of Staff for the recall campaign—framing and launching the successful 'Remarkable Women for Arnold.' Lots of fun, but the double duty of campaigning and litigation reminded me why campaigns are populated with

young people. I have returned to the private sector and look forward to an interesting 2004. Kelsey is a junior at Christian Brothers, Maddy an aspiring Mia Hamm at age 9. (Sacramento)

**Barbara J. Christiansen**  
*Mediator and Arbitrator, JAMS, The Resolution Experts, a private provider of alternative dispute resolution services in Sacramento.* She also established Employment Dispute Resolution Services in Sacramento in 1999 and has more than 15 years' experience in the exclusive practice of employment law.

**Everett D. Emerson**  
*Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, Compton.* My wife, Yoland, and I are very busy with our children. Kaori was born in 1998, Everett Thomas in 2000 and Isabella in 2002. A highlight of every year is our holiday gathering with Uncles Ken Ralidis, Brian Walker, Brian's wife Mercy, and their two girls. (Compton, California)

**Tamara J. Gabel**  
*Law Offices of Tamara J. Gabel.* Opened a new office in San Jose in 2002 and continue to practice environmental law (regulatory and transactional). Escape to the solitude of our home amongst the redwoods each night. Never enough time to play, but still enjoy our winemaking travels and entertaining friends. This will be the fourth year that I have participated in the 3-Day Walk to raise money to fight breast cancer. (San Jose, California)

**Jack A. Gould**  
After nearly 13 years in civil litigation, I moved to the Federal Election Commission. No, we do not check for "dangling chads." Rather, we're the folks who regulate "hard" and "soft" money. I am having a ball. Last year, in a case involving Audiovox Corporation, I negotiated the largest civil penalty agreement in the history of the FEC. (Washington, D.C.)

**Victoria L. Kalman**  
*Counsel, Fairfield Resorts, Inc.* We are starting our fifth year in Kona

and I can't imagine living anywhere else. So, in 2003 I sat for the Hawaii Bar. Presently, I serve as in-house counsel for Fairfield Resorts, a relationship which began in 2002. (Kailua-Kona, Hawaii)

**Hugh A. McCabe**  
*Shareholder, Neil, Dymott, Perkins, Brown & Frank.* Life is good. Living in San Diego. Working hard, playing hard. Beautiful wife and two wonderful kids (ages 5 & 3.) (San Diego, California)

**S. Elizabeth Poteat**  
*Assistant U.S. Attorney, Organized Crime Section.* (Washington, D.C.)

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**Daniel A. Johnson**  
*Holland & Knight* has added Daniel Johnson as partner in its litigation practice in Los Angeles.

**John A. Sheehan**  
*Partner at Cellino & Barnes, P.C.,* western New York's largest personal injury law firm with 40 attorneys. Landed the new job in March 2003, moved home from Georgia with my fiancée, Donna Lee, and her daughter, Chelsea "Wolf" Forster. Closed on our home Friday, June 13, 2003. Married on July 12, 2003. Honey-moon in Montreal. Life is sweet and everything remains possible! Fondest salutations to all Duck Rugby Alumni from Fig! (Buffalo, New York)

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**Robert R. Aguilar**  
Effective January 1st, I have become a sole practitioner concentrating on

personal injury, family law, and business litigation. I am also one of the owners of two Mexican restaurants and sports bars in Visalia and Hanford known as Amigos Restaurant & Cantina. I continue to coach boys varsity basketball at a local high school. (Visalia, California)

**Ruthe C. Ashley**  
*Director, Career Services, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.* Just finished year as President of National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Now at alma mater as Director of CDO. Two grown children. No grandkids, but have a granddog and grandcats. (Sacramento)

**Benjamin K. Helfman**  
*Attorney, McDermott & McNamara, LLP.* (San Bernardino, California)

**David G. Knitter**  
*Partner, Gow, Van Male, Smith, Myers & Miroglio, Napa / Fairfield.* (Fairfield, California)

**Peter D. Lemmon**  
I have been a partner with Myers Widders et al for three years now, and my wife Jackie and I have eight children and expect our ninth in March. We built a new house on 10 beautiful acres here in Ventura County, and we enjoy all the elbow room. I work primarily in business transactions and litigation and municipal law. I will be president of my local Rotary International club, active at our parish, and very busy with all obligations both at work and at home. (Ventura, California)

**Paul C. Smith**  
I was elected to the Tiburon Town Council on November 4, 2003. We are still working on a remodel of our home. (San Rafael, California)

**Henry P. Yorston**  
Assistant Director, Public Services Support Dept., Palm Beach Property Appraiser's Office. Achieved Bronze Life Master at Duplicate Bridge. Earned International Association of Assessing Officers' designation of Assessment Administration Specialist. (West Palm Beach, Florida)

## 1988E

**Antonio C. Amador**  
*United States Marshall, Eastern District of California.* (Sacramento)

**Mark J. Garibaldi**  
*The Garo Method of Mental Fitness.* The Garo Method is keeping me extremely busy. Over the past year, I have made many appearances, including CD signings at several Border's Books and music stores. I am also making personal tapes for adults, athletes, and professionals. My program covers all ages, including children, teenagers, and adults. Please feel free to visit my website at [www.thegaromethod.com](http://www.thegaromethod.com) to learn more about the program. (Bakersfield, California)

**Daniel S. Glass**  
Still a sole practitioner. Enjoying the freedom of no billable hour requirements. It's been a busy few years. I got engaged at the top of Half Dome in Yosemite, in 2000; married in 2001; first child—a daughter—in 2002 and second child—another daughter—in 2003. It's probably time to focus on work. I cannot believe we graduated more than 15 years ago. (Sacramento)

**Judith A. Goss**  
Enjoying work as a rehab counselor for State of California in Yreka. Checking out weather to decide where to buy a house. Mt. Shasta is beautiful! One granddaughter and second on the way. Having 14 month-old visit for two weeks reminds me why I had my kids in my 20's. (Yreka, California)

**Julie B. Gustavson**  
Concentrating on the resolution of business, construction, labor, municipal and real estate disputes through alternative dispute resolution methods, with a group of six professional negotiators, including retired judges and labor union leaders. (Orangevale, California)

**Brooke B. Vos**  
I'm no longer the class contact and I understand that no one had stepped up to those duties, but my course

has run. My almost 3-year-old girl is keeping me running about and loving life. I am still a sole practitioner, environmental, but a majority of my time is with the kidlet. Wishing everyone well. (San Rafael, California)

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**Barbara A. Brenner**  
*Meyers Nave, Ribback, Silver & Wilson, Oakland.* Specializes in natural resources and environmental law, with an emphasis on water resource issues. (Oakland, California)

**Denise L. Dirks**  
*Law Offices of Denise L. Dirks.* Still working hard at the practice of law. The firm is growing and so is the family. Never hear from the '89 Day Crew anymore. Where are you all? (Roseville, California)

**Paul E. Echols**  
*Shareholder, Curtis & Arata, Modesto.* As a shareholder he has the added responsibilities of mentoring new attorneys and contributing to the management of the firm.

**John L. Gezelius**  
*Solo practice, Tustin, California.* Retired from Air Force Reserve with 24 years, 8 months and change. Active in local Bar activities and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. (Tustin, California)

**Todd F. Haines**  
*Attorney, Law Office of Todd Haines.* Practice continues to grow. I am still a councilman in Oak Park, Ventura County, California. Still married—three kids, Kelsey, Chad and Trent. (Agoura Hills, California)

**Jenny D. Hubach**  
*Judge Pro Tem, Reno Justice Court.* Own and operate Law Offices of Jenny Diane Hubach. (Reno, Nevada)

**The Honorable Barbara A. Kronlund**  
Husband, Mike Kronlund, jumped to the plaintiff's side for a change and won a major victory in a wrongful termination, age discrimination case. The punitive damage phase has yet to be tried. Second Kronlund baby due in February, 2004. (About time, after 14 years of marriage.) (Tracy, California)

**David A. Prentice**  
After years of being plaintiff's counsel against cities, counties and other public entities, I accepted an appointment as County Counsel, Madera County. These are four-year appointments, but I expect to retire here. (Madera, California)

**Laura G. Skojec**  
Thanks to Aaron Gumbingel for a wonderful vacation in California. It was wonderful to see the McGeorge campus and Professor John Myers. I can't believe it's been 14 years. (Poughkeepsie, New York)

**Molly Stuart**  
*President, Bearing Witness to Life.* This past year I have returned to Sacramento and settled in with old friends and new. Completed Critical Incident Trauma Intervention certification and Trauma Chaplain training and provide support in homicide, fatal accident and hospital crisis, as well as juror traumatization. Teaching a lovely new group at McGeorge. (Sacramento)

**Elise O. Thorn**  
*Attorney, Stanton Clay Chapman Crompton & Iwamura.* (Honolulu, Hawaii)

**Thomas J. Welsh**  
*Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP.* (Sacramento)

**William S. Yee**  
*Principal, Berger Kahn.* Litigating away in employment and breach of contract cases. Wife Michelle and two kids have nixed my plan to buy a sports car, but at least I don't have to drive the minivan to work. I live less than three miles from work which is a rare nicety in L.A.! (Marina Del Rey, California)

















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# Stark's Gift Goes to the Underdog

*When it came to academics, the late Robert Stark '55E, was known for supporting the underdog, the student with intellectual gifts and a good work ethic but not necessarily the financial resources.*

To even out the score, Stark and his widow, Dorrie, created the Robert N. and Doris D. Stark Endowed Scholarship, through an \$80,000 bequest to Pacific/McGeorge. The first recipient of the annual scholarship will receive approximately \$4,500 to support his or her studies next fall.

"I'd like to make it a little bit easier for somebody who likes the law," she said, adding that she's still considering her involvement in the screening and selection process. "I think Robert would, too."

Stark says her husband always credited Pacific/McGeorge for launching his successful legal career, although his previous work as an auditor for Shell Oil Co. and with the inheritance division of the State Controller's office also earned him accolades.

In a sense, the Starks went through law school together; he enrolled in September 1951, they married in October 1951. Classes were conducted at the law school's earlier site, at 9th and J streets, in a room above a radio store. Gordon Schaber, who later became dean in 1957, was on the faculty then and a close personal friend. Schaber, the architect of the law school's growth from that site to today's 22-acre campus in Oak Park, persuaded Stark to join the faculty.

"We were kissing cousins," she said. "Gordon was such an integral part of Sacramento and Robert was proud of the wonderful law school his friend built up in Oak Park."

Upon graduating in 1955, with great distinction, and his admission to the State Bar of California in December 1955, Stark joined Bradford, Cross, Dahl & Hefner, a firm that traced its history back to 1896. It later became Dahl, Hefner, Stark & Marois and was one of Sacramento's largest law firms in the 70s and 80s.

Stark taught law as an adjunct professor at McGeorge from 1962 to 1988. His academic assignment included Estate Planning and Estate and Gift Tax—courses that blended his legal talent with his analytical skills.

Outside of the law office, Mr. Stark was a member of the Easter Seals Guild and the Boys Club, and enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews, as well as their canine friends. He passed away in February 2000 at age 78.

Thanks to the foresight of Dorrie and Robert, a half-century later those who follow his legal career path through Pacific/McGeorge will benefit from his love of the law and his law school. —**Carol Terracina Hartman**

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# Dahl's Devotion to the Law Lives On

*It is fitting that the Judge Loren S. Dahl Award for Bankruptcy Excellence is based solely on merit. Judge Dahl's 1980 appointment as U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of California came after a rigorous, merit-based selection process. And, according to his daughter, Candy Dahl '96D, the judge was a stickler for excellence in everything he did.*

The annual award goes to the second- or third-year student at Pacific/McGeorge who earns the highest grade in the law school's bankruptcy class. Last year's award was \$2,700, but next year's will be upwards of \$4,000 because of increases in the fund's endowment.

Upon his retirement from the bench in 1994, friends and colleagues at the Sacramento Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section set up the scholarship fund as a tribute to Judge Dahl and to his long-standing association with the law school.

Subsequent contributions, particularly from the judge himself, have increased the endowment to more than \$50,000. A substantial addition is anticipated from his will. Judge Dahl died on March 12, 2003.

Dahl graduated from the College of the Pacific in 1942. He met his future wife, Luana Siler, in a chemistry class; he helped fund his college education by his winnings playing pool; and he once arranged for classmate Dave Brubeck to practice piano at Luana's sorority when the music school was closed on a weekend.

Postponing law school, Dahl enlisted in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He attended navigator school at Mather

Air Force Base, where his superiors quickly recognized his potential as an instructor. Dahl served during the rest of the war teaching navigation at bases across the country.

After graduating from Hastings College of the Law in 1949, Dahl set up a practice in Sacramento's Forum Building, where he found himself crammed in with a battalion of other lawyers. "His office was so small," says his son, Walter Dahl, "that his secretary had to work outside in the hallway when he was seeing a client." Judge Dahl went on to head the firm of Dahl, Hefner, Stark & Marois, where he maintained a general practice. Over time, he developed a reputation as a "reorganization specialist."

"When Dad became a bankruptcy judge," says Candy, "he thought it would be a way of slowing down after 30 years of intense private practice. But the combination of the new 1979 federal bankruptcy law and the 1981-82 recession, which greatly increased bankruptcy filings, made that impossible. He had to work very long hours."



(from left) Candy Dahl '96D, Adjunct Professor Walter Dahl and Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker

following a four-year period as an Assistant Attorney General in Arizona, Candy Dahl joined her brother Walter at the Sacramento firm of Dahl & Dahl, whose specialties include bankruptcy.

Judge Dahl maintained his connections to the University for the Pacific throughout his life. Both Luana, who died in 1977 of cancer, and his second wife Pamela were highly supportive of his involvement with the University and the law school. He was active in the alumni association from 1970 on, including two terms as president. He served on the University's Board of Regents from 1980 until his death. After retirement, he frequently sat in as a judge in Pacific/McGeorge's Trial Advocacy course.

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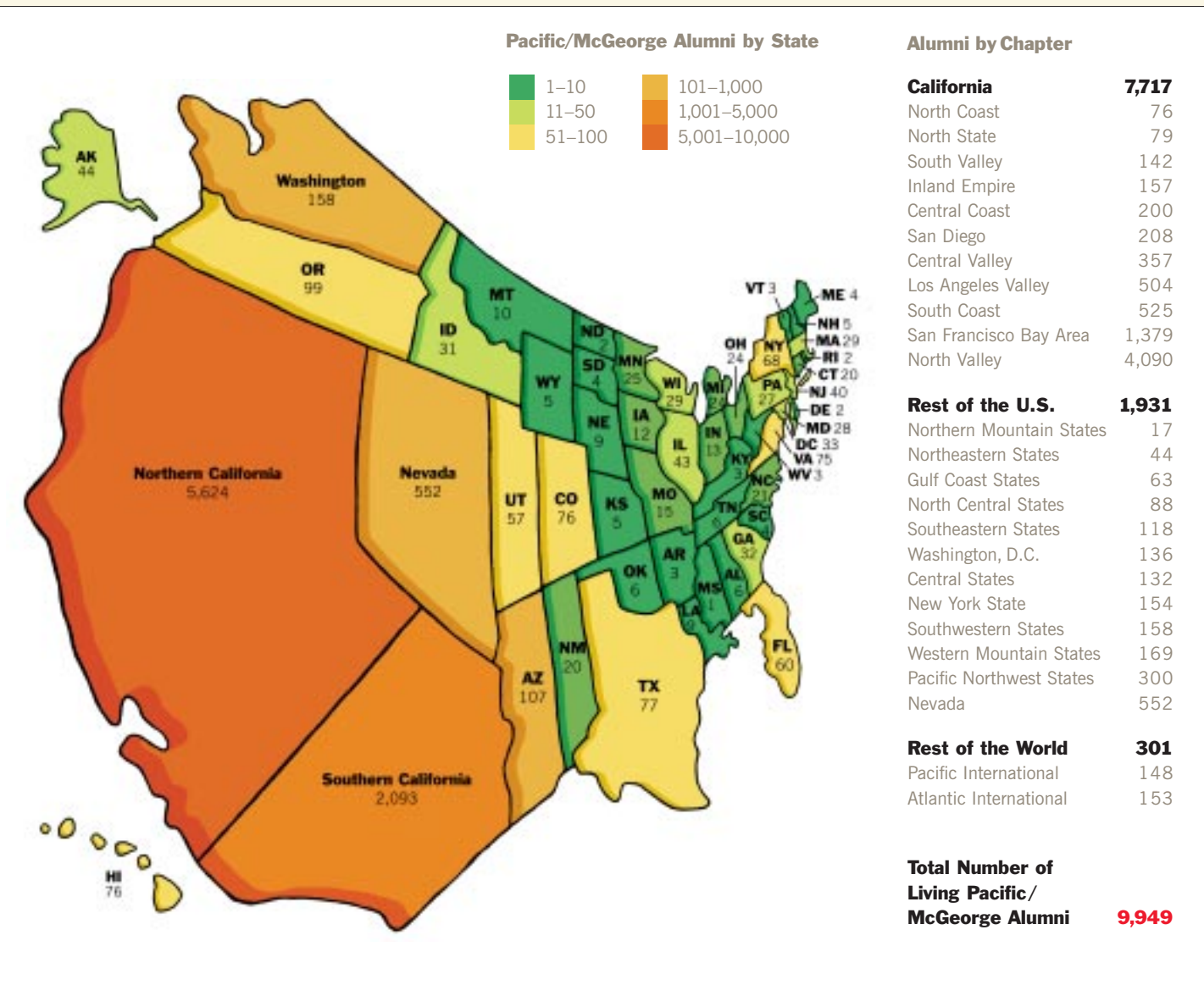


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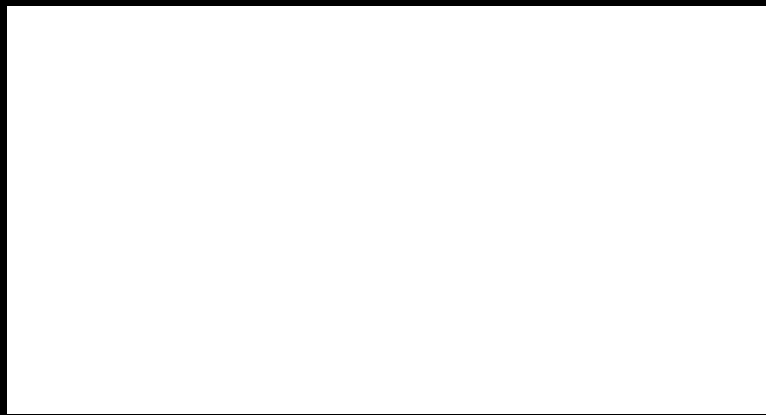
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