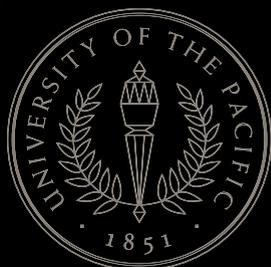


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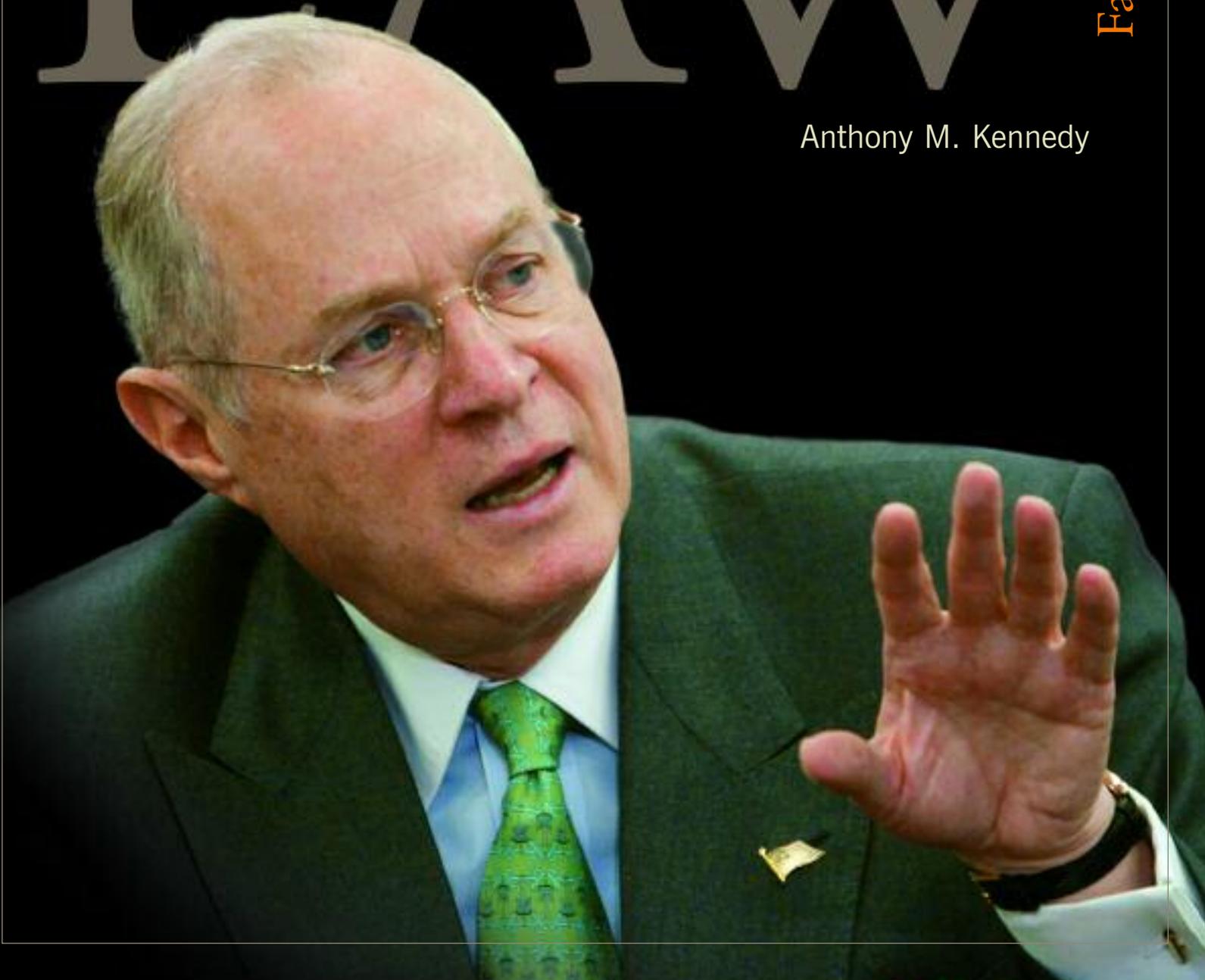
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**October 6, 2006**

**Alumni Breakfast at State Bar of California Annual Meeting**  
Monterey

**October 14, 2006**

**Women's Caucus 29th Annual Wine-Tasting**  
Discovery Museum, Old Sacramento

**October 16, 2006**

**Asian Pacific American Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament**  
Empire Ranch G.C., Folsom

**October 18, 2006**

**Sacramento Area Alumni Chapter Reception**  
Mason's Restaurant, Sacramento

**October 21, 2006**

**Alumni Reunion,  
Classes of 2001, 1996, 1991, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966**  
Pacific McGeorge

**October 27, 2006**

**Center for Global Business and Development Symposium  
Rethinking Corruption**  
Pacific McGeorge

**November 9, 2006**

**Distinguished Speakers Series: Professor Peter Linzer**  
Pacific McGeorge

**December 1, 2006**

**State Bar of California Swearing-In Ceremony**  
Pacific McGeorge

**December 7, 2006**

**Dean's Council Holiday Party**  
The Delta King, Sacramento

**January 4 - 5, 2007**

**National Security, International Breakfasts at  
Association of American Law Schools Convention**  
Washington, D.C.

**January 20, 2007**

**Alumni Association's Southern California MCLE**  
The Grand, Long Beach

**January 27, 2007**

**Alumni Association's Sacramento MCLE**  
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**U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony**  
Washington, D.C.

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# Message from The Dean

**A**s I write, the 2006-07 academic year is beginning and we are welcoming to campus our newest “counselors in training”—a group worth celebrating. Their qualifications are the highest in memory and they are our most diverse class in the law school’s history—28% minorities. On both accounts, it is clear that Pacific McGeorge is looking at a strong future; meeting each of them personally in back yard receptions at the campus Dean’s Cottage reinforces this view.

On a more personal note, this September begins my fifth year as Dean at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Personal milestones often prompt reflection on both our past and future. Looking backwards, I am reminded of why I was so attracted by Pacific McGeorge when I first visited campus in 2001. Its three important areas of distinctiveness—global business and development, advocacy and dispute resolution and government law and policy—seemed vitally important to the legal profession as it entered the 21st century. When a fourth focus was added—dedication to producing the very best practicing lawyers—Pacific McGeorge could be described as providing a unique and powerful recipe for legal education. It was a model for what a law school should be if our legal system was to retain its central importance to our nation and to the world in a time of post-Cold War change.

As Justice Kennedy remarked on a recent visit, “sometimes we stumble onto the truth.” Perhaps that describes my decision to join Pacific McGeorge. Yet, no matter how my luck in becoming the eighth dean is explained, I am even more convinced today than I was five years ago that Pacific McGeorge may be poised for national leadership in our profession. As my understanding of legal education has deepened, I have realized increasingly that the type of remarkable preparation our students receive may be unique among law schools. Today’s Pacific McGeorge retains its traditional rigor, but does so in a supportive context, which ensures that each student can do his or her best. No other California school requires all California Bar subjects, offers more electives or internship opportunities, or provides a better Academic Support Program. Our faculty, too, has never been more productive or relevant in their scholarship and in their specialized contributions, like our new *Journal of National Security*

*Law & Policy*, or the effort to globalize the curriculum. And our service contributions are unsurpassed. Consider, for example, our effort to create a more robust educational pipeline to increase the pool of well-prepared diverse students interested in the law. This initiative has captured the imagination of more than 30 law schools nationally and was adopted as the signature project of the President of the California State Bar. It also explains the increased diversity of our incoming classes. In sum, I’m convinced that Pacific McGeorge is a rising star. This was the conclusion of the consultants in our seven-year ABA Reaccreditation review this past spring. Their draft report, now on my desk, could hardly be more welcome.

Not only is our law school impressive, considered by itself, but increasingly, fewer and fewer law schools combine the dedication to teaching, scholarship and service that Pacific McGeorge offers. The decline in law schools’ dedication to producing fine practicing lawyers will be the subject of a national discussion in the next year as several reports critical of legal education are prepared. While I believe that the state of legal education, thus described, is bad news for our nation—and the world—it is nevertheless an opportunity for Pacific McGeorge leadership. Even more than at my arrival more than five years ago, Pacific McGeorge must light the way.

With all this good news, then, what could possibly hold Pacific McGeorge back? Could anything prevent our school from being one of the top institutions of legal education in the 21st century?

No one person can answer this question, yet each of us must. Until each of us begins to demonstrate appropriate pride in this wonderful institution, our combined leadership potential will not be realized. Stated in other terms, the time has come for every member of the Pacific McGeorge community to stand up and serve our law school, our profession and our communities with pride at the leadership demonstrated by Pacific McGeorge.

Take a look at the Alumni News section and you’ll see some alums leading us on this path!

With Warm Regards,

*Elizabeth*

**Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker**



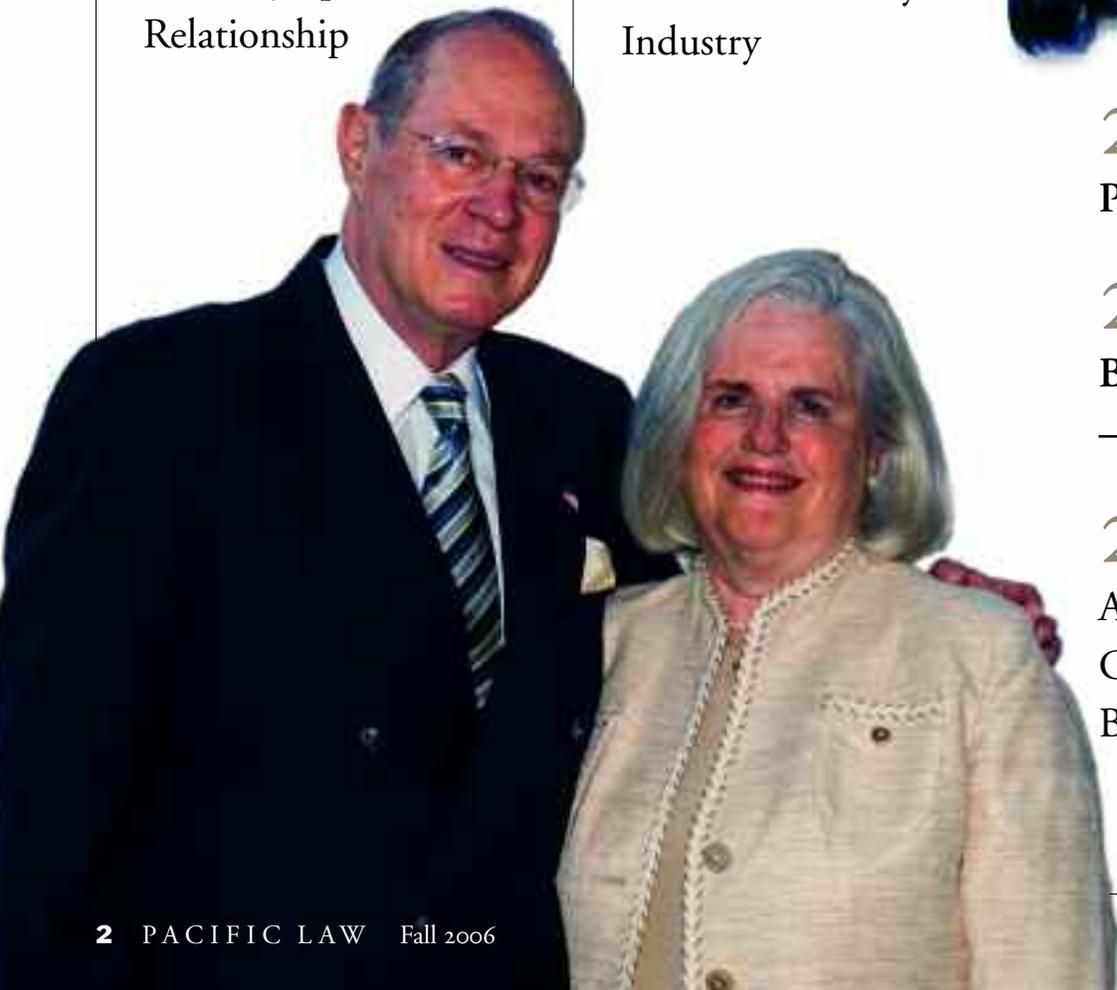
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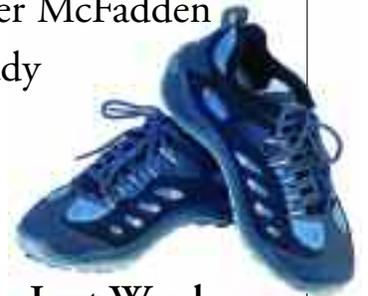
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# The Man

*As Swing Vote,*



The new Supreme Court of the United States: front row, from left, Anthony Kennedy, John Paul Stevens, John Roberts, Antonin Scalia, and David Souter. Back row, Stephen Breyer, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Samuel Alito.

# in the Middle

*Justice Kennedy Can't Escape the Headlines*

By Michael Heenan



Fresh from the Senate's stinging rejection of Robert Bork and the high profile implosion of replacement nominee Douglas Ginsberg, Ronald Reagan in 1987 was looking for a little peace and quiet. Besides impeccable qualifications in Constitutional law, his next appointment to the Supreme Court would need a somewhat lower profile.

When the president reached into a Pacific McGeorge classroom and selected longtime professor Anthony Kennedy, it seemed he had found his man. The Sacramento native was known as hard-working, competent and qualified. Perhaps most importantly, he was known to have a pleasant, unassuming personality.

Today, 18 years after he was sworn in, Justice Kennedy's profile could scarcely be higher. By the late summer end of the court's term, the supposedly low-profile jurist was getting more ink than Brad and Angelina.

Typical of the coverage was a *New York Times* story carrying this proclamation: "The Supreme Court has nominally been the Roberts Court since last fall, when John Roberts arrived as chief justice. But as a practical matter, the recently completed term marked the start of the Kennedy Court."

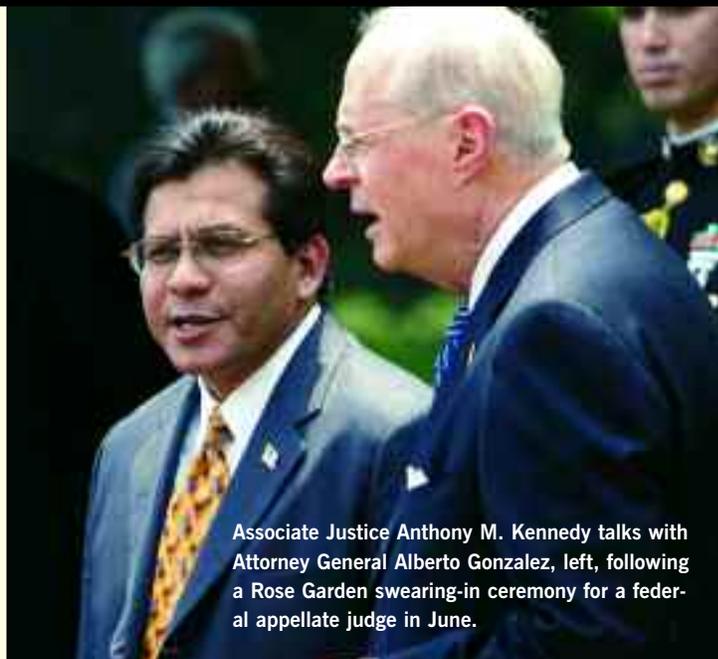
Other papers rushed to quote Washington lawyer Thomas Goldstein, who told a D.C. audience, "The basic principle that you need to understand is that it's Justice Kennedy's world and you just live in it."

The *Washington Post* declared that "On all the most divisive issues, today's court is now a Supreme Court of one."

Any doubt as to who that "one" might be was erased with the paper's description of the current trend among advocates at the court "who more and more frequently respond to the justice during oral arguments as though they were addressing themselves to the burning bush... trying to influence Kennedy has become something of an Olympic event."

So what happened to the low-profile Justice Kennedy? Court watchers from the right and the left seem to agree it was the court, rather than the justice, that did most of the changing.

From early in his career on the bench, Kennedy frustrated those who sought to assign him a clear-cut role in the court's philosophical divide. Although frequently voting with the conservative members and then-Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Kennedy proved he was no ideologue, casting



Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy talks with Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, left, following a Rose Garden swearing-in ceremony for a federal appellate judge in June.

occasional and important votes with the more liberal faction. His votes in 1992 to uphold the right to abortion and maintain a strict ban on school-sponsored prayer drew fire from the right. Subsequent votes to strike down the death penalty for juveniles or the mentally disabled and in favor of gay rights further distanced him from the reliably conservative members.

He emerged as partner to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in casting critical swing votes on a court divided almost evenly between conservative and liberal judges. O'Connor's retirement in 2005 left pundits wondering what role Kennedy would fill in the new court.

Some predicted he would be persuaded to join the conservative bloc by what *The Nation* called "the less acerbic and more politic conservative voices of Roberts and Alito." Left-wingers hoped—and right-wingers feared—he would maintain his presence in the center.

By the time the term had ended, it was clear Kennedy had done more than remain in the center, he had turned the center into a position of unrivaled influence.

"Kennedy cast the deciding vote in case after case," the *New York Times* reported in July. "The court's major rulings, on presidential power, environmental law and other issues, reflected his moderately conservative, but often fiercely independent, view of the law."

The *Los Angeles Times* put it this way: "In the most divisive cases before the court in the term just ended, it was Justice Anthony M. Kennedy who determined the outcome every time. In unpredictable fashion, he sided some of the time with the court's conservative bloc and some of the time with its liberals."

The *Christian Science Monitor* summed it up with a quote from Columbia University law professor (and former clerk to Justice Kennedy) Michael Dorf. "He who casts the decisive vote is going to be the person with all the power."

While some of that clout comes from being the sole remaining occupant of the territory between the court's conservatives and liberals, observers say much of it originates from Kennedy's keen understanding of how to use that position effectively.

Decisions including either the court's conservatives or liberals often included modifying language included specifically to gain Kennedy's approval. This creates a moderating influence on both sides of the divide and results in Kennedy's thumbprint indelibly stamped on the court's output.

This finessed independence was vividly displayed in the most prominent decisions made by the court this term. Most notably, on the final day of the court's term. Kennedy joined a five-justice majority to strike down the military tribunals

established to try foreign prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. The decision, though, reflected key reservations Kennedy held regarding proposed bans on secret evidence and on prosecutions for conspiracy. Similar Kennedy-inspired modifications ran through the court's decisions on federal authority to regulate wetlands and admissibility of evidence seized in unannounced police searches.

The combined effect of these factors is to make Pacific McGeorge's most famous professor the most influential judge in the nation's highest court. A columnist in Justice Kennedy's hometown paper, the *Sacramento Bee*, put it this way: "He is now, whether he seeks the role or not, the most powerful judge in America."

# A Very Special Relationship

For Four Decades, Justice Kennedy Has Been an Integral Part of Life at Pacific McGeorge

By Michael Curran

Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy never sought the public spotlight, much less the media deluge that swamped him this year after he assumed the unsolicited role of high court swing vote.

The personable, down-to-earth Sacramentan has always had a passion for the law—and a passion for teaching it. Pacific McGeorge has been the beneficiary of the latter for more than four decades.

Young Kennedy had taken over the practice of his father, a popular Sacramento attorney who died of a heart attack, when Dean Gordon Schaber approached him in 1965. The



Justice Kennedy talks with students during his March visit to campus.

Photography: Steve Yeater

late dean, legendary for his powers of persuasion, talked the 29-year-old attorney into accepting a position teaching Constitutional Law on the faculty of the small night school.

Kennedy thrived in the classroom. His first years on campus coincided with the law school's merger with the University of the Pacific and its ascension to ABA accreditation status. That distinction enabled the school to begin a Day Division. But as a successful attorney with a vibrant practice, Kennedy remained in the Evening program.

A wonderful raconteur and humorist who expresses himself in plain English, not legalese, Kennedy could hold a >

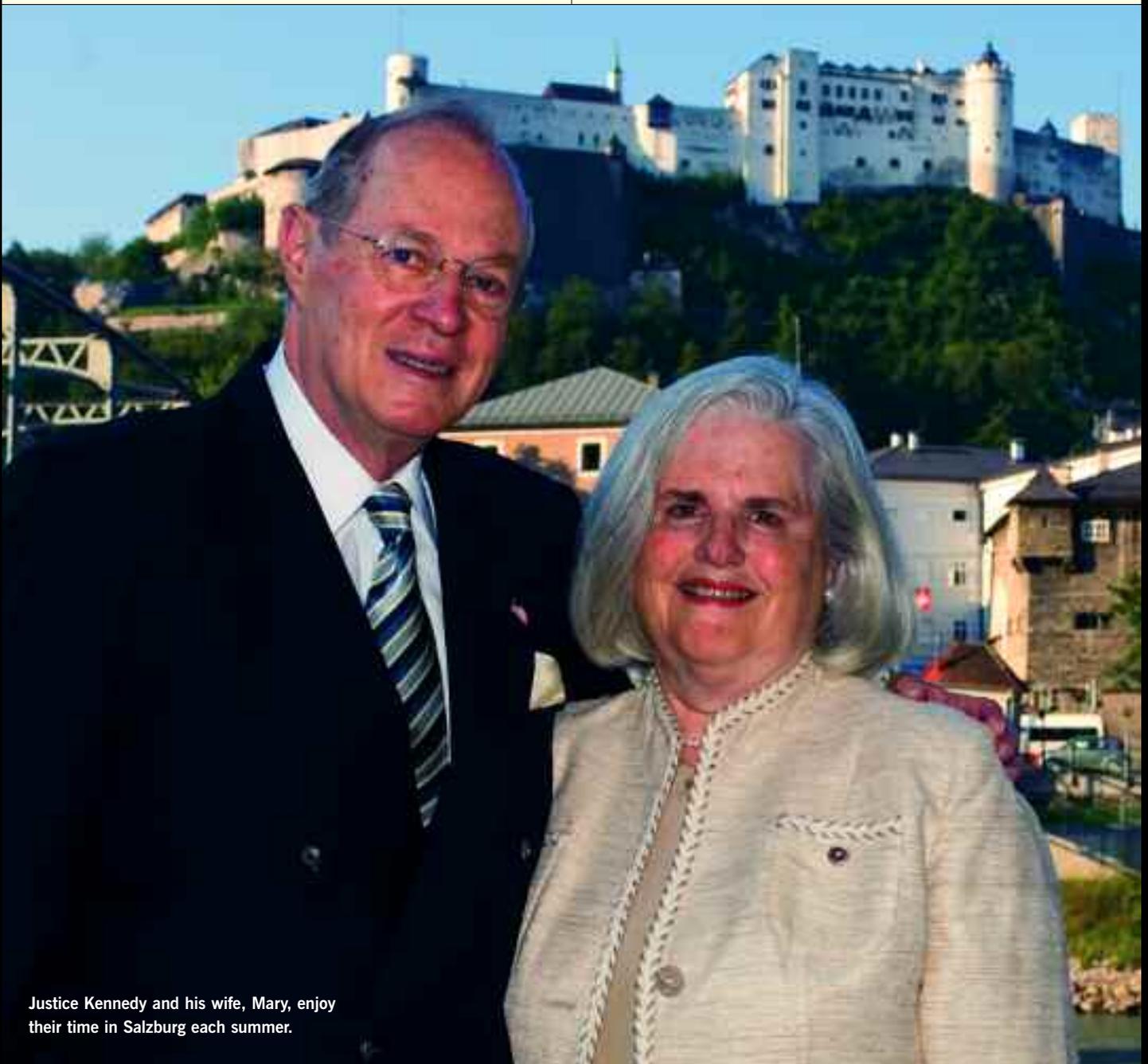
con law class' attention for three hours without referring to a note. Going up against TV's Monday Night Football in its 1970s heyday, he had to be good to curtail halftime deserts. "I remember his class vividly," recalls one of his early students. "Concepts were zinging over my head, left and right, but I always walked out of there feeling good about what I was going to do with my life."

Kennedy had a knack for putting himself in the position of the person to whom he was talking. Once in class, a student blurted out, "I'm sorry professor, I haven't read the case." Kennedy shot back, "That's good. The judge who wrote it didn't read it either."

Years later, in explaining his teaching philosophy,

Kennedy said, "I take the position that you should always make the student feel pleased that he or she asked the question or volunteered their comment. You should find something of merit in what the student says." Kennedy used to tell his students: "Within certain generous reason, I don't care what you think; I care passionately how you think. Look, I'm not here to demonstrate that I know more constitutional law than you do; I will stipulate to that."

As private practitioner, Kennedy maintained his father's ties with California's Republican Party. In 1973, he volunteered to draft a tax-cutting measure for Governor Ronald Reagan. It lost at the polls, but he made a lasting impression on the future president's key advisors.



Justice Kennedy and his wife, Mary, enjoy their time in Salzburg each summer.

When an opening became available on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1975, Governor Reagan had a recommendation. So it was that President Gerald Ford appointed Kennedy to the circuit bench, making the 38-year-old Californian one of the youngest appellate justices in the nation's history.

Kennedy kept his chambers in Sacramento and, just like Howard Cosell, he remained a Monday night fixture in the game he loved. The classroom was truly his avocation, something he thought he'd never leave.

Fast forward 12 years and another turn of events brought Kennedy to the highest threshold of his profession. Along with a half-dozen others, Kennedy was interviewed for an opening on the Supreme Court of the United States. "Bork was Borked, Ginzburg self-destructed, and they needed to act quickly," recalls Professor Clark Kelso, who clerked for Kennedy on the Ninth Circuit.

President Ronald Reagan announced his third selection for the high court bench on November 12, 1987. Two days later, the national news media descended on Sacramento for a Courtroom of the Future news conference with the nominee. Kennedy was confirmed by unanimous vote of the Senate on February 3, 1988.

Kennedy was deeply honored, but there was something to do before Sacramento's native son left for the nation's capital. He asked Dean Schaber to schedule a farewell for his students. On a mid-February afternoon, five days before he was sworn-in at the Supreme Court, the new Justice Kennedy met with his Evening students and many Day students in a packed Lecture Hall. There were fond good-byes on all sides.

Justice Kennedy returned to Sacramento that May to give the Pacific McGeorge commencement address. It was a memorable one that included an anecdote about a Midwestern tourist who asked the unknown justice to take a picture of him with his wife and daughter in front of the Supreme Court. As always, there was something in the story that reflected the storyteller's character. The tourist had insisted the amateur photographer get the top of the building with the words "Equal Justice Under Law" in the picture.

Justice Kennedy has taught annually in Pacific McGeorge's summer abroad programs since 1989. He taught Fundamental Rights in Europe and United States for the 17TH consecutive summer this July in Salzburg, Austria, celebrating there his 70th birthday with his wife, Mary, several faculty members, international guests and Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. Many of Justice Kennedy's key votes on the high court in recent years have cited laws in foreign countries and some believe his jurisprudence has been influ-

enced by his long involvement in the European program and interaction there with notable jurists from around the world.

A frequent visitor to the Pacific McGeorge campus in recent years, Justice Kennedy would sometimes show up unannounced at an employee party or volunteer to take over a con law class for an hour for give-and-take with students. He returned in September 2002 to speak at rededication of Sacramento County Courthouse in honor of Schaber. He was the keynote speaker at the law school's 80th anniversary gala in October 2004, standing in a wedding-like receiving line for more than an hour to see old friends, make new ones, and pose for pictures with all. He reprised his role as headliner at an October 2005 retirement party for Rohwer.

Justice Kennedy returned again in March to Pacific McGeorge and students lined up around the block to get into the Lecture Hall and hear a testimonial to two of his former colleagues, the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist and the recently retired Sandra Day O'Connor. He later met with other students in the Student Center, patiently answering their questions until whisked away by U.S. Marshals.

"Pacific McGeorge is so fortunate to have a special relationship with Justice Kennedy," says Dean Parker. "Increasingly he is an inspiration to not only those of us concerned with the legal profession, but anyone who cares about the rule of law."



Justice Kennedy with, from left, students Trish Eichar, Michael Abrate and Elhahm Mackani.

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The Sacramento-based Pacific Legal Foundation has a heavy Pacific McGeorge influence. Standing, from left, Reed Hopper '87, Scott Sommerdorf '05, Anthony "Tom" Caso '79, and Meriem Hubbard '91. Seated, Sharon Browne '85, and Robin Rivett '75, the law firm's acting president.



Pacific Legal Foundation

# A National Force

By Jan Ferris Heenan

When the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a recent ruling on the Clean Water Act, determining that wetlands weren't "navigable waters" the federal government could regulate, it marked yet another victory for the Pacific Legal Foundation.

*Rapanos v. United States* pit a Michigan landowner against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which fined the man for dumping sand on his own wetlands property without a permit—though the closest "navigable waterway" was some 20 miles away.

"Ultimately, the question in the case was whether there were any limits to federal power. The Supreme Court, the majority, says there has to be," explains M. Reed Hopper, '87, who argued the case before the court in February.

"That's the only thing that stands between arbitrary government and us, and was just one case where the government overreached in such an extraordinary way that we felt we had to get involved."

The Pacific Legal Foundation has heeded that call hundreds of times since 1973 when it was founded by longtime Pacific McGeorge adjunct professor Robert Best, '70, and a handful of other attorneys to protect civil liberties from a more conservative standpoint than previously existed.

Critics describe the foundation, with some of its roots in the (then-Governor Ronald) Reagan Administration, as "politically right wing" and one of the forerunners of the "radical right." Anthony T. Caso, '79, the foundation's senior vice president and general counsel, prefers the term, "conservative libertarian."

Roughly 44 percent of the PLF's workload is centered on property rights, including ongoing vigilance of the California

Coastal Commission—the target of Best's victorious 1987 challenge in *Nollan* where that agency's public-access-with-no-compensation edict to beachfront property owners was shot down.

The other priorities are endangered species reform—creating a better balance between animal and human rights, Caso explains—and anti-discrimination law. The latter largely involves the defense of Prop. 209, the California initiative that bans government agencies from granting preferential treatment based on race and gender.

Sharon Browne, '85, has been the Pacific Legal Foundation's principal attorney on Prop. 209 matters. She scored the first of several major victories in 2000 when the

California Supreme Court ruled that the City of San Jose's public contracting program—which favored minority-owned businesses—violated the law.

Browne has also challenged affirmative action in K-12 public schools and won a case against the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, which argued that it was required to use race-based preferences for federally funded projects.

"In California, we have been if not the only ones

then the primary defenders of Prop. 209 in the courts," says Caso, who also teaches at Pacific McGeorge. "The government ought not to be categorizing people on the basis of race. When it has done that, it has led to very bad results."

Caso joined the Pacific Legal Foundation after graduating from Pacific McGeorge. Among the cases of which he is most proud: His challenge of the California State Bar's use of mandatory dues for political activities. The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled against the practice in 1991, deeming it a violation of the First Amendment.

Many years later, Caso vividly remembers his day in the nation's highest court. "Once the argument started, the rest of the room just disappeared from me and I focused on the nine justices," he says. "Everyone going to law school is interested in having a chance to work on something that will wind up in a casebook. It is the most amazing experience any attorney will ever have."

When Caso joined the foundation, the staff was, maybe, a dozen strong. These days, it counts nearly 25 lawyers and >

## Pacific Legal Foundation Major Property Rights Victories

*Nollan v. California Coastal  
Commission (1987)*

*Suitum v. Tahoe Regional Agency (1997)*

*Palazzolo v. Rhode Island (2001)*

*Rapanos v. United States (2006)*

three satellite offices, one in Miami, one in Hawaii and the other in Washington State (headed up by **Robin Rivett**, '75, the acting PLF president, and staffed by managing attorney **Russell Brooks**, '99, who recently argued a major case involving salmon fishing before the Ninth Circuit).

The PLF has become more visible in recent years, due not only to the high-profile issues it takes on but to its own stepped-up public relations efforts. "We've paid more attention to trying to get national attention," Caso says. "We are a non-profit, after all, and we are dependent on contributions." The foundation, governed by a high-profile board of trustees chaired by prominent Sacramento property attorney **Charles Trainor**, '77, has been quite successful in that regard, also.

That Browne was named one of *California Lawyer's* top attorneys in 2005 made additional headlines. And the foundation's work continues to speak for itself, staff members and their supporters say. In the past few months alone, PLF attorney op-ed pieces have appeared in *USA Today* and the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

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other calls. He has conferences lined up through early 2007. He says the experience is a "humbling" one. "I just feel privileged to be a part of making history," says Hopper, a University of California, Davis, undergraduate with a dual academic background in science and a stint as a U.S. Coast Guard pollution control officer on his pre-law resume.

**Scott Sommerdorf**, '05, is the latest alumnus to join the foundation staff. He was hired in September 2005. The PLF is a perfect fit for the Order of the Coif graduate.

"Throughout my study of the law, I have become increasingly uncomfortable with government infringement of citizens' and states' rights," he explains. "PLF allows me to protect these rights through litigation and public outreach."

The on-the-job training has been extraordinary, he adds. In his first year, Sommerdorf has taken on a host of tasks, from filing an amicus brief in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal to drafting complaints and finding relevant cases for the foundation to pursue.

"I would never have dreamed of getting many of these opportunities outside of working in the public interest," Sommerdorf says.

Or, as Hopper puts it, "I love waking up every day to fight a cause."

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Russell Brooks, Robert Best and Charles Trainor

# ‘The Third House’

Pacific McGeorge A Powerhouse In California’s Lobbyist Industry

By David Graulich

Walk the hallways of “the horseshoe”—the U-shaped California State Capitol floor that surrounds Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s office—or hang out at the popular watering holes along J and K Streets in Sacramento, and you may overhear political insiders talking about “the third house.” No, they’re not discussing residential real estate. Instead, they’re referring to the lobbying industry—known within the business of politics as the “third house” of California’s Legislature, along with the Senate and the Assembly.

There are more than 2,600 lobbying entities in California, according to a 2005 report by Secretary of State Bruce McPherson. Pacific McGeorge alumni work at many of the most prominent ones, including KP Advocates; Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP; Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello Mueller & Naylor LLP; and the California Chamber of Commerce, as well as at smaller firms and one-person practices. Located just a few miles from the Capitol Mall, Pacific McGeorge has traditionally attracted both professional lobbyists who are expanding their careers with legal training, as well as students who see a Pacific McGeorge degree as entrée into the third house.

Lobbying is a growth industry in California. The Secretary of State’s report said that nearly \$228 million was spent on lobbying efforts during 2005, setting a new advocacy >



Jerry Desmond and Mike Belote

Photography: Steve Yealer

spending record. The 2005 figure represents an increase of \$64.2 million, or 39 percent, over lobbying spending in 1999. The Secretary of State's statistics included expenditures for advocacy with administrative agencies, such as the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Insurance, as well as the Legislature. The "most prolific spenders" on lobbying were California cities, counties, school districts and other local government agencies, which accounted for just over \$35 million of the total expenditures, according to the report.

In Sacramento, lobbyists work in a variety of settings. They can be employed in-house at corporations such as AT&T or Edison International; they can work for trade and industry groups, such as the California School Employees Association or the Western States Petroleum Association; they can work for groups devoted to a particular social cause, such as the California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance, or they can be "contract lobbyists," i.e., private firms retained by clients to be their advocates with elected officials, regulatory agencies, and the media.

Wherever they make their professional homes, Pacific McGeorge alumni who work as policy advocates in Sacramento credit their law school training as excellent preparation. "We approach our work the way lawyers would," says **Michael Belote**, '87, a partner with California Advocates, Inc., a contract lobbying firm that was founded in 1971. "There are clear similarities between the worlds of litigation and legislation. As policy advocates, we make our arguments to legislative commit-

tees instead of juries. We still have to tell a story, and we still have to go through a discovery process prior to votes on bills." Belote adds, "There's no question that being a lawyer with McGeorge training is invaluable."

Belote was already working in the Capitol for a real estate trade group when he enrolled at Pacific McGeorge. One of his academic highlights was studying Constitutional Law with Professor Anthony Kennedy. "The whole Supreme Court nomination was percolating when I had Professor Kennedy," Belote recalls.

Belote emphasizes the entire law school experience more than any curriculum or specialty. "Law school is a very general education about how society is ordered. It's a thinking process, an analytical process. "I have an enormous variety of issues come through my office," he continues. "I need to have the ability to put down one issue and pick up another, then walk down the halls of the Capitol and cover five or six topics in fifteen minutes."

In one recent assignment, Belote's firm analyzed a proposed bill involving environmental disclosure statements in real estate transactions. "It took an enormous amount of research into what is happening all over California in terms of local ordinances, environmental contamination, rulemaking at the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, and then integrating all of that into California law."

For **Jennifer Wada**, '05, her fascination with public advocacy began when she was growing up in rural Idaho. "I always

Jennifer Wada keeps her eyes on what's happening in the California Assembly.



Photography: Steve Yealer

knew I wanted to get into politics,” she says. After completing her undergraduate studies in Los Angeles, Wada came to Sacramento with the express intent of gaining political experience. She joined Public Policy Advocates, where she is a legislative advocate and where she worked while attending Pacific McGeorge in the evening.

“My job is all about persuasion,” she says. “I meet with legislators, the governor’s staff and regulatory agencies to persuade them why my client’s position is good public policy. A lobbyist is paid to carry a message, and to be persuasive and competent in carrying that message.

“It’s a steep learning curve,” says Wada, whose firm represents clients in industries ranging from insurance to groceries to maritime transportation. “You rely on your clients, on experts in the area, and you do a lot of research and reading on your own.”

While taking law classes in the evening and working in the Capitol during the day, Wada was also a member of Pacific McGeorge’s prestigious Mock Trial competition team. Wada views her team and classroom training in “trial ad” as a big asset in her career as a professional lobbyist.

“I have the basic argumentative skills that certainly help me zone in on the opposition’s issues, and to respond to their arguments quickly. Often times I’m testifying in committee, sitting at a table before legislators up on the dais, some of whom start throwing questions at me. The person representing the other side is sitting there, too, and he or she could be making allegations that I have to respond to.” Her trial advocacy training, Wada says, “helps me ‘think on my feet,’ to grasp the issues more easily and to make an effective and appropriate response.”

**Jerry Desmond Jr.**, ’82, remembers the time in an Administrative Law class taught by **Professor Robert Best**, ’70, when his classmates began puzzling over an ambiguous sentence in a section of state code. “Because I had already worked as a lobbyist, I knew why the sentence was confusing,” says Desmond. “It was the product of negotiation.”

Desmond is a second-generation lobbyist whose father founded the firm that is now Desmond & Desmond. The younger Desmond often helped out with the business while growing up. “My father decided to start paying me when I graduated from law school,” he jokes.

Today Desmond represents clients who are travel agents, cemetery operators, marina owners and private investigators. He was involved with writing and negotiating many of California’s laws that regulate travel agencies, and he lobbied on behalf of clients for revisions in the harbor and navigation codes.

“Lobbying has grown from the days when my father started the firm,” he says. “Today, everybody has representation. People are often surprised at the number of government entities who are represented by advocates. For example, there’s an association of state election officials. Every California



**Monica Williamson**

county has an election official, and they have positions on various legislation that impacts on how people vote.

“A lobbyist tries to influence a law before it becomes law,” he says. At Pacific McGeorge, Desmond explored many parts of the school’s curriculum, such as corporate law, and served an internship at Sacramento County Juvenile Hall. He fondly remembers the late **Bill Morgan**, ’59, a Superior Court judge who presided at Juvenile Court, as a mentor.

“The client looks to us to interpret the impact of a particular legislative proposal on their issue,” Desmond says. If the analysis shows a possible negative impact for the client, Desmond continues, “our job is to eliminate that concern by seeking to amend or revise the legislation.” That means working within both the formal and informal systems around the Capitol—testifying at committee hearings as well as meeting one-on-one with elected officials and policy analysts to present and advocate the client’s viewpoint.

“The real skill of a lobbyist is relationship-building,” Desmond says. “There are legislators whose positions we may oppose, but on another day we’ll still need to have an open door to them. A good relationship, based on integrity, remains fundamental.”

**Karen Norene Mills**, ’83, associate counsel for the California Farm Bureau Federation, also stresses the importance of building—and maintaining—good relationships, even when the political debates get intense and partisan sentiments become inflamed. “It’s never a good idea to burn bridges. You always need to be polite and gracious about things, because you may meet up with people again,” says >

Mills, whose federation's members are more than 80,000 farmers and ranchers throughout California's agricultural industries. "There are ways to advocate strongly for your clients while doing it in a respectful way."

Mills worked in private law practice after Pacific McGeorge, doing primarily corporate work, before becoming a lobbyist. "It's very beneficial to be in private practice for a few years. You get a basic understanding of the traditional ways." At the Farm Bureau her focus is on water and electricity policies. "Since about 1996, energy policy has become very intertwined with the legislative and enforcement part," she says. "My work is largely regulatory work with the Public Utilities Commission."

"The most important thing," she says, "is to have a clear understanding of the rules and the process: the law, the court procedures, the regulatory procedures. If you know the rules real well, you have an advantage. If you understand the process, it gives you options that others may not even be aware of."

Pacific McGeorge alumni agree that a huge change in the lobbying industry came when California introduced term limits for the Legislature. In the old days, a committee chairman in a safe district could pile up several decades of seniority and have czar-like control of a key policy area such as taxation, telecommunications or education. If a lobbyist knew a couple of senior committee chairmen and their chief aides, that was pretty much all that mattered.

Today, term limits in Sacramento means there's constant turnover in the Senate and Assembly, with a stream of new officeholders having little or no background in particular controversies or issues. Often it is a lobbyist who serves the role of an educator, guide and guru.

And while Hollywood likes to portray the lobbyist's job as one of wining and dining, fundraising and socializing (in movies such as this year's *Thank You For Smoking*), Pacific McGeorge alumni say that they are more likely to be grappling with a dense section of legislative code than lifting a champagne glass. "Times have changed," says Wada. "It's not just a good old boys' club any more. Connections still matter, yes, but it's different now. There are a lot more special interests, a lot more groups that are able to organize." To be a successful lobbyist, Wada says, "you need a thorough policy understanding. You need substance, to get deeper on an issue than your opponents, to read the legislative code and really understand what is going on."

**Monica Williamson**, '01, was a veteran of California politics before entering law school, having worked on ballot initiatives and having served as a legislative policy analyst on health care. Today, as vice president of public affairs for the California Apartment Association, she represents the interests of the statewide rental housing industry that owns and operates more than 795,000 units throughout California.

"My job is to make sure that legislators know our position on

particular issues," Williamson says. "Each year, at the beginning of the legislative session, we scan all the bills and determine how they will impact on the rental housing industry or translate into hardship for tenants. Then we begin educating legislators on how bills will impact on their constituents." In August, for example, Williamson testified before Governor Schwarzenegger's High Risk Sex Offender Task Force at a public hearing in Sacramento. Her testimony concerned ramifications for apartment owners after a registered sex offender has moved into a complex, and how owners should deal with the concerns of other tenants. "I've been meeting continuously with legislators on this subject, and working with the chairman of the governor's task force to try to find ways to mitigate the problem."

Reflecting on her law school experience, Williamson recommends the Government Affairs Certificate program "and definitely election law classes." She adds, "Prior to going to law school, I didn't really know how to apply decisional law in analyzing bills. That's critical in analysis—knowing how to write legislation that doesn't run afoul of people and the courts."

"The perception that lobbyists are all about money and campaign contributions is overstated," says Mike Belote. "Certainly there are lobbyists who focus more on campaign activities than others—but the focus at my firm is on substantive changes in the law. If all my life was going to campaign fundraisers, I wouldn't be doing what I do."

Summing up his profession, Belote concludes: "There's an old adage around the Capitol: when everyone thinks they have given up something, you may have the right policy. I have the pleasure and privilege of seeing people work on the inside, learning what the issues are, and being part of a collaborative process."

**Karen Norene Mills consulting with a colleague on a proposed bill.**



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## Pacific McGeorge alumni who are registered lobbyists with the California Secretary of State

Name	Year	Lobbying Firm/ Lobbyist Employer	Name	Year	Lobbying Firm/ Lobbyist Employer
<b>Robert Achermann</b>	1978	Advocacy & Management	<b>Robert Lucas</b>	1984	Lucas Advocates
<b>Nancy Armentrout</b>	1998	California Association of Health Facilities	<b>Brian Maas</b>	1988	California Motor Car Dealers Association
<b>William Barnaby</b>	1974	William E. Barnaby, Inc.	<b>Fred Main</b>	1980	Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP
<b>Scott Baugh</b>	1987	Platinum Advisors, LLC	<b>Duncan McFetridge</b>	2001	Law Offices of Duncan McFetridge
<b>Michael Belote</b>	1987	California Advocates, Inc.	<b>David McHale</b>	1987	Allstate Insurance Company
<b>Cliff Berg</b>	1979	California Advocates, Inc.	<b>Jennifer McQuarrie</b>	1997	CharterVoice
<b>Roger Berliner</b>	1983	Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP	<b>Roberta Mendonca</b>	1976	Government Relations Group, Inc.
<b>Thomas Bone</b>	1976	Platinum Advisors, LLC	<b>Chris Micheli</b>	1992	California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC
<b>Louis A. Brown, Jr</b>	2001	Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP	<b>Eric Miethke</b>	1987	Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor
<b>Donne Brownsey</b>	1987	Sacramento Advocates, Inc.	<b>Karen Mills</b>	1983	California Farm Bureau Federation
<b>Nick Cammarota</b>	1991	California Building Industry Association	<b>Jack Molodanof</b>	1987	Holloway Rasmusson & Molodanof
<b>Tim Chang</b>	1992	Automobile Club of Southern California	<b>Thomas Newton</b>	1988	C.N.P.A. Services, Inc.
<b>Curtis Child</b>	1984	National Center for Youth Law	<b>John Norwood</b>	1980	Norwood & Associates
<b>Kim Dellinger</b>	1997	California Building Industry Association	<b>Maurine Padden</b>	1982	California Bankers Association
<b>Gerald Desmond, Jr.</b>	1982	Desmond & Desmond	<b>Craig C. Page</b>	1991	California Land Title Association
<b>Syrus Devers</b>	1997	California Medical Association	<b>Michael Paiva</b>	1997	Personal Insurance Federation of California
<b>Dominic DiMare</b>	2002	California Chamber of Commerce	<b>Nancy Peverini</b>	1988	Consumer Attorneys of California
<b>Michele Dias</b>	2002	California Forestry Association	<b>Randy Pollack</b>	1986	Greenberg Traurig, LLP
<b>Brooks Ellison</b>	1985	The Wilson Group, LLC	<b>Jeffrey Sievers</b>	1998	Civil Justice Association of California
<b>Kristian Foy</b>	1994	Arnold & Associates	<b>George Soares</b>	1973	Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP
<b>Erika C. Frank</b>	2002	California Chamber of Commerce	<b>Mark Theisen</b>	1983	Mark Theisen Advocacy
<b>Rex Frazier</b>	2000	Personal Insurance Federation of California	<b>William Thomas Jr.</b>	1975	Best, Best & Krieger
<b>Jeffrey Fuller</b>	1975	Association of California Insurance Companies	<b>LeaAnn Tratten</b>	1984	Consumer Attorneys of California
<b>Eloy Garcia</b>	2003	KP Advocates	<b>Cynthia Tuck</b>	1995	California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance
<b>Robert Garcia</b>	1978	Golden State Advocacy	<b>William Turner</b>	1992	Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor
<b>Paul Gladfelty</b>	1984	Gladfelty Government Relations	<b>Stanley Van Vleck</b>	1991	Dunlap, Van Vleck & Brown, LLC
<b>David Gonzalez</b>	2001	Greenberg Traurig, LLP	<b>Jeffrey Volberg</b>	1992	Hatch & Parent, A Law Corporation
<b>Gordon Hart</b>	1994	Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP	<b>Jennifer M. Wada</b>	2005	Public Policy Advocates, LLC
<b>Mike Hawkins</b>	1987	Carpenter Hawkins LLC	<b>Michael Webb</b>	1997	California Building Industry Association
<b>Maureen Higgins</b>	1978	Sloat Higgins Jensen & Associates	<b>Stanley Wieg</b>	1977	California Association of Realtors
<b>Thomas Hiltachk</b>	1987	Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk LLP	<b>Monica Williamson</b>	2002	California Apartment Association
<b>Lisa Kaplan</b>	2000	Capitol Strategies Group, Inc.	<b>Mellonie S. Yang</b>	1999	California District Attorneys Association
<b>Scott Keene</b>	1980	Keene & Associates, Law Offices	<b>Timothy Yaryan</b>	1974	Law Offices of Timothy Yaryan
<b>Ronald Kester</b>	1986	Kester/Pahos			
<b>Paula LaBrie</b>	2003	California State Automobile Association			
<b>Roberta Larson</b>	1997	Somach Simmons & Dunn			
<b>Patrick Leathers</b>	1978	The Gualco Group, Inc.			



Wazhma Mojaddidi reacts to a reporter's question at a news conference in May.

# Wazhma Mojaddidi: Lawyer, Mother, Linguist, Designer and Beyond

Wazhma Mojaddidi does her most demanding legal work between ten at night and two in the morning. During the day, she deals with routine tasks for the solo practice law firm she runs out of her home in El Dorado Hills. Mondays and Fridays are reserved for appointments, interviews and meetings.

By Robert T. Wazeka

Such careful scheduling is needed because Mojaddidi (pronounced mo-JED-a-dee) is also raising three kids – two boys and a girl, ages seven, four and two. She also does all the cooking and cleaning, too. “If I’m not busy,” she says, “I feel I’m doing something wrong.”

Having a supportive extended family living at home helps. Her mother- and father-in-law provide extensive child care; and her husband, trained as an aeronautical engineer and now working as a real estate developer, has a flexible schedule that allows him to spend time with the kids during the week.

“I love running my own firm and I love working from home,” says Mojaddidi. “It gives the freedom and flexibility to do what I want when I want.”

“Flexibility” would be an understatement in describing Mojaddidi’s young legal career. After earning her J.D. from Pacific McGeorge in 2002 and taking a year off to have a child, Mojaddidi, now 31, passed the California Bar and opened her firm with the intention of specializing in family and immigration law. Asked to serve as defense attorney for the alleged Lodi terrorist Hamid Hayat, she hesitated because she’d had no trial experience. Then Johnny Griffin, a 1984 Pacific McGeorge graduate and a former Assistant U.S. Attorney, agreed to defend Hayat’s father, Umer Hayat, who was also under indictment. Griffin’s courtroom skills meshed nicely with Mojaddidi’s personal background and the fact that she speaks Pashto, Urdu, English, Dari Farsi and French.

Mojaddidi’s continuing work on the Lodi case – her motion for a retrial is scheduled for hearing on November 14 –

has won her national attention. The attention comes as much from who she is as what she does. Besides speaking five languages, she is articulate, tough, stylish and attractive. There’s already an aura about her. She has been profiled in the *Sacramento Bee*, by the Associated Press, by the UC Davis alumni magazine and by *Sacramento Magazine*, where she appeared in a cover article emphasizing her love of fashion.

“I do enjoy fashion,” Mojaddidi says. “I respect Muslim women who wear the obligatory traditional headscarf called *hijab*. It’s an obligation of Muslim women, and I hope to have the strength some day to also wear the *hijab*. I think that a woman can be feminine, fashionable and modest all >



Wazhma Mojaddidi makes her case to the media while fellow defense attorney Johnny Griffin, right, awaits his turn at the podium.

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at the same time. I'd love to open a boutique some day. When I was an undergrad at UC Davis, I created ten different designs for the salwar kamiz just for fun, had them tailor-made and actually sold some."

She also put in two years of pre-med work at UC Davis at the same time she was earning a degree in political science, and she doesn't dismiss the possibility of getting her medical degree some day. Eventually she'd also like to teach law.

Maybe it shouldn't come as a surprise that Mojaddidi was also a sprinter on her high school track team.

Though she spent the first five years of her life in Afghanistan, moving between Kabul and Khandahar, Mojaddidi remembers none of it. Nor does she recall the details of her family's midnight escape across the border into Pakistan as the Russian army advanced into Afghanistan. Her father, a British-trained economist, arranged for the family to move to Washington, D.C. Later they settled in Virginia.

Mojaddidi hasn't been back to Afghanistan. Having married a Pakistani, she visited his family in Pakistan a few years ago. "I underwent culture shock in Pakistan," she says, "when I saw how poor the Afghan refugees and their desperate lifestyles. I realized I could have been one of them."

In 1986, after completing fifth grade, Mojaddidi moved with her family to Concord, California, where she later attended Ygnacio Valley High School. She describes herself in high school as a serious, hard-working student who somehow wound up as the school's "social commissioner" even if, ironically, she didn't have much of a social life and not that many friends. Her family still lives in the Bay Area, and her four brothers and sisters are all professionals—an optometrist, a surgeon, a public school teacher and a teacher at an Islamic school.

When she attended UC Davis, Mojaddidi never had doubts, despite a flirtation with pre-med, that she'd major in political science and go on to law school. What surprised her about her college experience was how much it affected her religious beliefs: "Being at Davis allowed me to see my religion from all different perspectives. I got to learn what true Islam was, and to keep it real. Before that, I was practicing Islam because my family wanted me to; now I was practicing it because I wanted to."

Mojaddidi never dated before getting married, not even her husband-to-be. In college, after they decided to be married, they each asked their parents for permission. A practicing Sunni Muslim, Mojaddidi says she now prays as much as she can and believes in the Koran. She and her husband are raising their children as Muslims.

The combination of her language skills and religious beliefs proved of considerable value during the trial of Hamid Hayat, a 23-year-old Lodi cherry picker charged with having

## Mojaddidi Client Guilty; Griffin Gets Father Off with Time Served

The high-profile terror trials of two Lodi men ended in a split decision for defense attorneys Wazhma Mojaddidi, '02, and Johnny L. Griffin III, '84.

On April 25 in Sacramento federal court, Hamid Hayat, Mojaddidi's client, was found guilty of providing material support to terrorists by undergoing firearms training in Pakistan in 2003 and returning to the U.S. allegedly prepared to wage terror warfare against American citizens. He faces the possibility of a 39-year prison term, but his scheduled July sentencing has been postponed for four months. In the meantime, Mojaddidi has filed a motion for retrial based on jury misconduct and 14 other points. A prominent Bay Area appeals lawyer, Dennis Riordan, is now working with her on the case. A motion for retrial will be heard on November 14, before sentencing.

Griffin fought prosecutors to a draw earlier that same day in the trial of Hayat's father. A U.S. District Court judge declared a mistrial in that case. The father had been charged with lying to federal investigators during the same terrorism probe. After first moving for a retrial in early May, the government agreed to drop terrorism-related charges against him in exchange for a guilty plea in a customs case. The 48-year-old man was released for time served on May 31. Griffin felt vindicated by the plea bargain. "There is no way we were ever going to agree to any plea involving terrorism," he says, "because it was not true."

The FBI had arrested Hayat, a Lodi ice cream truck driver, and his son in June 2005. The key evidence in the separately tried cases was lengthy videotaped statements by the defendants, which the defense attorneys argued in court were just a matter of the two telling investigators what they wanted to hear.

attended a terrorist training camp in Pakistan. When the Justice Department brought in an expert who claimed that Hayat was carrying "a warrior prayer" on his person when he was arrested, Mojaddidi was able to show, through cross-examination, that what he had was really a traditional Islamic *Tawiz*, a kind of mantra used for protection. She also provided a more accurate translation than the government's of his *Tawiz*: "Lord, we put you at their throats so you can protect us from their evil."

Throughout the trial, Mojaddidi was also able to read and translate documents in Pashto and Urdu, using her knowledge and life experience when necessary to challenge or put them into a different context.

Shortly after she agreed to take on Hayat's case, she met with ten Muslim religious leaders, all men, and felt "intimidated." That is clearly no longer the case. And the first time she appeared before television cameras, she also felt intimidated. Now she handles reporters' questions like a pro.

You will be hearing from her again.

# Priming the P20 Pipeline

By Robert T. Wazeka

**I**t takes twenty years of education, from kindergarten through law school, to become a lawyer.

Right now, only ten percent of the students who make it through this pipeline into the bar are minorities, and the trends are not improving. At the same time, minority populations will continue to grow.

“Legal education is a clear path to national leadership. If we don’t expand the qualified pool of minority students interested in law, we will fail to have the diverse leadership our future demands,” says Sarah Redfield, professor of law at the Franklin Pierce Law Center and the co-author, with **Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker**, of a number of studies and proposals addressing the issue.

Minorities are significantly under-represented in the profession despite the implementation of affirmative action and similar programs; the legal profession is second only to the civil engineers as the least diverse profession. Only a concerted effort directed well-beyond the law school gates at the twenty-year educational process, according to Redfield and Parker, can provide a larger proportion of minorities with the skills, resources and incentives to make it and succeed in law school.

Such concerns are being voiced not only at Pacific McGeorge, but throughout the Sacramento legal community. “In order to diversify,” says Stephen Meyer, managing partner at Downey Brand, Sacramento’s largest law firm, “law firms and government agencies need a steady and much larger supply of minority lawyers graduating from law schools.”

Noting that Downey Brand recently contributed \$50,000 to Pacific McGeorge’s P20 educational pipeline initiative, Meyer adds, “We’re behind this effort for the long term.” Downey Brand also donated \$25,000 to fund four scholarships for racial minorities at Cristo Rey, a new Catholic college preparatory high school in Sacramento. The four scholarship

recipients also share one full-time job at the law firm, performing such tasks as delivering mail and working at the help desk.

Two years ago, in appealing to law school deans across the country to join her work along the educational pipeline, Dean Parker noted that “a continued lack of action, or moves in the wrong direction, will only exacerbate the situation.” Since then more than forty law schools and fifty other entities, including the American Bar Association, Wal-Mart, Intel and CalPERS, are assisting in the effort.

Nationally, the initiative is called “Wingspread” after the name of the Johnson Foundation Conference Center facility in Racine, Wisconsin where the first meeting was held in June 2004.

The hallmark of the Wingspread effort is a team-centered approach that is systemic and systematic. “We need more than ‘splash and dash’ interventions,” Redfield insists. “What’s needed is a sustained high-expectation and high-aspiration educational environment.”

Dean Parker takes the idea a step further: “Law has a pedagogical content with dramatic appeal, one that can reach the hearts and minds of students and cause them to make a powerful connection with the law. Teaching students to reason correctly and to be articulate by means of the Socratic method instills confidence, values and skills worthwhile for any discipline, not just law.”

Responsive to this idea, Pacific McGeorge is working closely with the Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep, a law-themed public charter high school. Pacific McGeorge is helping with curriculum development and cooperative programs and will provide guest speakers, law student mentors and other assistance. These are programs for the long haul. The school, according to Parker, is slowly moving towards its goal of 250 students from a present level of seventy-five.

Parker firmly hopes that other law firms, as well as corporations, will follow Downey Brand’s pioneering example and support educational initiatives such as the P20 Pipeline and others like it across the country. Law firms, she and Meyer both agree, need to increase their minority representation not only for their business needs but to ensure that our legal system continues to function as the shared culture that knits our powerful national diversity together.



# Competing for the Best and the Brightest—Nationally

By Steve Kennedy



Photography: Steve Veater

**B**y itself, Pacific McGeorge's idyllic law school campus attracts more than enough qualified applicants to fill its ranks.

But that's not enough. To provide students with the most rewarding law school experience, and to shape the next generation of leaders, Pacific McGeorge places great emphasis on diversity of all

kinds. This in turn mandates an extensive program of recruitment.

So Adam Barrett, the Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions, and Emily Randon, Assistant Director of Admissions, together with an enthusiastic team of recent graduates, recruit at a fervor that puts some college athletic coaches to shame—across the country

and around the world. Last year, the staff visited more than 250 schools in the U.S. and Barrett journeyed to Southeast Asia and Europe.

It's not that Pacific McGeorge is short on applicants—in fact they've more than doubled in six years to about 3,500 during which time the school's rank has risen from fourth tier to Top 100 in the *U.S. News & World Report's* annual survey of law schools.

"The goal, getting to the crux of things, is to try to find the best, the highest qualified, the most diverse student body we possibly can," Barrett says.

Given the range of colleges in Northern California to draw from, Pacific McGeorge might fill its campus with qualified nearby applicants.

"We could, but our mission is not only to educate lawyers in Northern California but to attract students who have intellectual curiosity, scholastic aptitude and diverse background, so that the classroom experience here is as rich as it can possibly be for all our students. This in turn helps us build a national reputation and prominence that draws in the very best students, faculty and administrators," Barrett says. "We are making progress on that front and you can see us rising up the rankings."

Randon, '98, agrees. "People think that if you get 3,000 applications and you only need to fill 240 seats, 'what's the big deal?' "she says. "But we have to find that right fit—not only students of high academic caliber, but also of differing background and experience. You have to find the person who's from a disadvantaged background and has pulled himself up to

## Incoming Class of 2009 Boasts Best Credentials

Despite a significant decline in the national applicant pool, Pacific McGeorge enrolled another of its best, brightest, and most diverse classes this August.

According to Law School Admission Council figures, national applications to ABA law schools fell by 10.3 percent this year. But Pacific McGeorge applications actually increased slightly to 3,409 this year, 3,034 of those for the Day Division.

The new Day Division class boasts the same high median LSAT, 158, as the previous two years, an all-time high median GPA of 3.42, and minorities comprise 28 percent of the class.

There are 97 students in the first-year Evening Division and 219 students in the Day group, making it the smallest incoming class in more than three decades.

"We are very pleased with the quality and diversity of the students who enrolled. We attract applications from excellent students from around the country, but it's increasingly difficult to land a majority of them because we are battling with the other Top 100 schools for the same people," says Admissions Director Adam Barrett.

Harvard. That's the type of diverse student whom we really want. It's not necessarily recruiting for numbers, it's recruiting for quality. In that way, it's very much like sports."

Barrett and Randon use Pacific McGeorge recent graduates as recruiters. They travel with Barrett or Randon to forums or universities and answer questions from prospective students, who benefit from talking to people in their age bracket. >



Admission Director Adam Barrett speaks with prospective students at one of the law school's "Legal Scholar Days."

Photography: Steve Yealer

“Our recruiters are graduates who are really pro-Pacific McGeorge, really have enjoyed their experiences, participated in a lot of varied activities on campus, and are ready to go out and talk to people about their experiences,” Randon says. “Adam and I both found that when we’re talking to students, they want to know what it’s going to be like. “Students like to talk to the admissions director or assistant director, although I think they probably get more information from the graduate students.”

In the fall, recruiters, loaded with brochures and lead cards with names of prospective law students, attend undergraduate professional school fairs. Randon sets the itinerary, after receiving invitations from all over the country, Canada and other parts of the world. Among the targets are historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic colleges, or colleges with large populations of diverse groups. There are also forums in large metropolitan areas where dozens of colleges are represented by administrators, alums and, in Pacific McGeorge’s case, recent graduates.

**Lucrezia Pratico, John Bridges and Libby Jacobson**, all of whom graduated in May and took the bar, hit the road on the law school’s behalf this September. **Dustin Johnson**, ’04, and Pratico did the honors the year before.

“When I decided to go to law school, I wanted to hear the students’ perspective, not the faculty or school spiel,” says Pratico. “I appreciated the phone calls I got from students asking if I had questions. I recruit for Pacific McGeorge because I really want to give back.

“Students at McGeorge have great relationships with professors. I have other friends who go to other law schools, and they’re shocked that the professors actually want to see the students; our professors are disappointed when they don’t come in during office hours. The professors like having very intellectual discussions with them.”

Bridges asked a Superior Court law judge about Pacific McGeorge before deciding to enroll. She told him the school’s location and bar passage rates made it ideal. “I think McGeorge offers more,” she told him. “It’s as competitive as you’d expect it to be, but the students are willing to work with

each other and with the faculty. They do a great job, not only helping you receive a law degree but helping you become a lawyer,” Bridges says.

Libby Jacobson came to Sacramento from Texas. Originally reluctant to meet new people, she pushed herself by finding acquaintances for study groups, joining on-campus clubs and taking the initiative to strike up conversations in the student center. She conveyed those adjustments last year to students during orientation sessions.

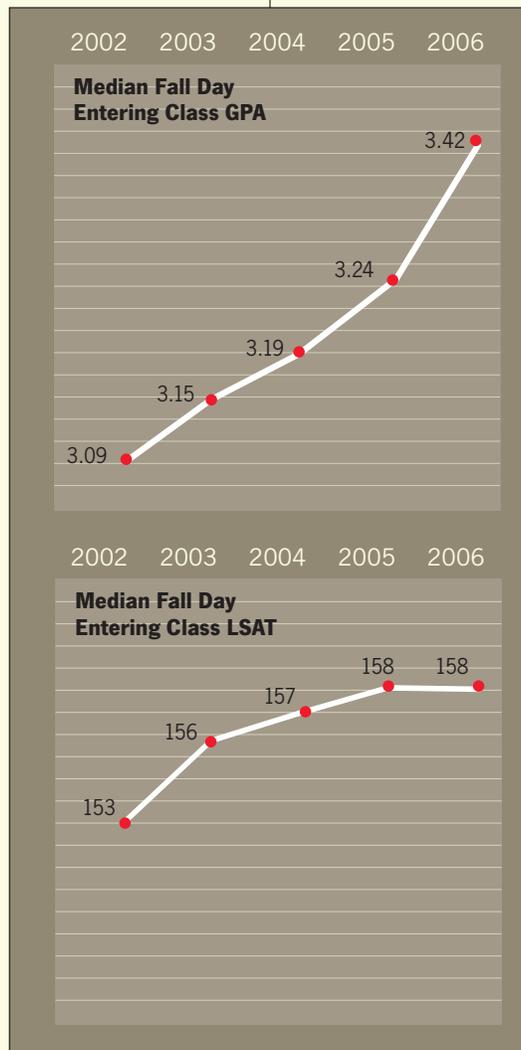
“Law school is such a new thing, so much more intense,” Jacobson says. “You need to have friends who will remind you that you don’t have to study all the time. You need a support system; some kids lack that, and they’re not as successful as they might be. You go through such an intense thing together with so many people.”

Johnson passed the bar on his first attempt and is working as a criminal defense attorney in Modesto. “I wanted to get minority students interested in looking at McGeorge,” he says. “At the minority colleges, a lot of students didn’t know too much about the smaller schools that were out of state. They probably appreciate an opportunity to speak to somebody who is African American.”

For Barrett and Randon, the recruitment mission pays off: The more contacts a potential student receives from Pacific McGeorge, the better the chance he or she will consider attending.

“Lots of other law schools either don’t do any recruiting or they don’t send out the top person in the office,” Barrett says. “They may send an alum or a faculty member. What we do is a concerted recruitment effort. We actually have five people on the road during recruiting season. I don’t know of another school in the country that has that many people on the road. I talk to my colleagues, and the deans say, ‘What do we need to go there for?’ And some of my colleagues say, ‘What the heck are you doing in southeast Asia?’ “But attracting quality students and a diversified class justify the effort.

Not all travel is outward bound. Pacific McGeorge may pay a top recruit’s airfare to visit campus for two Legal Scholar Days in March. Even some international students have part of





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—Adam Barrett

their way paid. Participants attend a class, a mock trial, information sessions about various programs of study and an alumni reception. Barrett says the yield rate for those days is more than 60 percent.

There are also student ambassador days, where present students talk to potential students; phone-a-thons from current students or faculty members to recruits; a diversity day; and an open house. It's all about exposure, which sometimes benefits the most unlikely people. "It's absolutely amazing," Barrett says. "I'll talk to people, they've lived in Sacramento their whole lives, and they've never been on the campus. It floors me."

Once a recruit has seen Pacific McGeorge, the comparisons begin. What will he or she receive for the base tuition of more than \$31,000 per year?

"What we're offering here is a personalized education, where each and every student is treated as an individual, because the class size is small, the faculty is accessible, and everyone on the faculty and staff really cares about each student," Barrett says. "I've worked at a couple other schools, and law schools really can become factories. The type of handholding and personal attention I see students receive here is amazing."

Randon also points to Pacific McGeorge's approach. "I believe you can have an individual experience here at law school, surrounded by supportive people. If there is something you want to do and are able to do, we will find a way for you to do it," Randon says. "There are so many opportunities, not only in the school but in the city, the state. Being where we are, in the capital of California and on the Pacific Rim, there are just so many opportunities for niche positions. Winery law, for example, is certainly something not a lot of law schools offer, but some alums in the Napa Valley have made it their profession."

Another strong selling point is the Pacific McGeorge campus. "No other law school in the world has a campus as large and, I think, as fine as ours," says Barrett. "We really encourage recruits to visit, because we are told, 'Look, what is unique here is your campus.'"

"We certainly sell the campus, we sell our academic strengths—governmental affairs, international affairs and



*"...not only students of high academic caliber, but also of differing background and experience. You have to find the person who's from a disadvantaged background and has pulled himself up..."*  
—Emily Randon

advocacy. But when I'm out there, I'm talking about what type of experience the individual will have here. Whatever they want to do and whatever they end up doing, there is a connection for them here and they will be able to do it. Other law schools are talking about this, but at Pacific McGeorge we do it. You're in a very familial, nurturing environment, and for a law school that's rare."

*Steve Kennedy is a free-lance writer who lives in Sacramento.*

Recent graduates, from left, Lucrezia Patrico, Libby Jacobson and John Bridges have already hit the road to recruit new students.



# All in the Family

ALUMNI GROUPS SEEK TO CONNECT THE DOTS BEYOND GEOGRAPHY

Imagine sitting at the kitchen table, three letters of acceptance dancing on the tabletop. The phone rings. It's Morrison England, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of California. He wants to chat about University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law and law school in general. Or, it's Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, dean of the law school, or a prominent lawyer in your area.

By Carol Terracina Hartman





Eric Barnum '94

Whaaaaat? A federal judge calling prospective students? And the dean?

It happens. It's working.

Calls are going out, too, from recently formed special-interest alumni groups. Thanks to the efforts of some very dedicated alums, these alumni chapters are forming based not solely on geography, but on ethnicity and interest areas.

Like members of the law school's established regional alumni groups, members of these new groups are active recruiters for Pacific McGeorge; but their voices promote the school not only for its academic excellence, but as a campus that is friendly and welcoming to all interests and backgrounds. That means phone contact after acceptance letters go out, mentorship through those first rough months, and it means resources and relationships, says **Ruthe Ashley, '88**, assistant dean for career and professional development.

"Alumni are the best resource for students, as mentors, role models, leadership guidance, and relationship building," Ashley says. "Helping students build relationships. Some people call it networking, but I view it as give and take. They may be 'taking' now, but they are the future givers. Someday, we will be colleagues."



William Yee '78

In the past two years, the Black Alumni group has formed, led by **Eric Barnum, '94**, with the Latino Alumni Chapter, chaired by **Daniel Hitzke, '00**, as well as the Asian Pacific Islander Alumni organization, with **William Yee, '78**, following suit. The latest to establish itself is the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender (GLBT) alumni group, with **Marie Nakamura, '01**, and **Joel Loquvam, '86**, as co-chair, according to **John McIntyre**, Assistant Dean for Development & External Relations.

With the number of African American applicants on the decline nationwide, law schools everywhere seeking to maintain diversity go fishing in the same, regrettably shallow, waters. But the changing face of Pacific McGeorge's alumni chapters may offer an edge.



Marie Nakamura '01

"Not every school has [black] alumni calling them and saying 'let's talk about Pacific McGeorge.' Or a federal judge calling and saying 'I'm going to be in your area. Want to get together for a cup of coffee and talk about what law school is like?'" says McIntyre.

The result: The classes of 2009 and 2010 entering in fall '06 had a 28-percent ethnic minority representation.

"Alumni networking can be very important in admissions decisions," says Adam Barrett, assistant dean and director of admissions. "Word of mouth contact is golden." The contact with prospects also helps meet the need many alumni have to stay connected, which is key to the alumni association and individual chapters, says **Brian Putler, '86**, alumni board president. "I think alums are always looking for a way to connect with one another and are eager to connect above

and beyond the geographic area," Putler says. While it might be difficult to identify what is common to a particular minority's legal education and experience, he contends those factors may have steered those students toward law.



Daniel Hitzke '00

Professor Larry Levine contacted Loquvam and Nakamura in March 2006 about a GLBT alumni chapter, just as Nakamura had been

seeking a way to do something for Pacific McGeorge. "So I thought about it for maybe five seconds and then I agreed," she says. "It's important now, in the midst of the Pacific McGeorge revival that we reach out to as many groups as possible."

While she doesn't pinpoint incidents at McGeorge, she says the overall atmosphere was not always friendly to gay and lesbian students. "I felt like it was more conservative than what I was used to," she says, describing her undergraduate work at University of California, Davis. "Things have changed. I think Larry [Levine] has a lot to do with that. And not just for gay students, but students who want a school that is more broad-based philosophically and attitudinally."

Alumni groups also offer current and former students career resources beyond jobs.

“The Asian Pacific Islander is the least-represented in leadership positions, but has the highest numbers of attorneys,” Ashley says. “So, one emphasis [for that group] is on leadership training.”

For more information on McGeorge alumni chapters, see [www.mcgeorge.edu/alumni\\_resources/alumni\\_association/index.htm](http://www.mcgeorge.edu/alumni_resources/alumni_association/index.htm).

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**John McIntyre, Assistant Dean for Development and External Relations**

## Alumni Put Money Behind Their Efforts To Support Admissions

By Carol Terracina Hartman



As if mentoring first-year students or conducting mock interviews with current students weren't enough, alumni in many chapters sponsor scholarships to support their future colleagues. One notable effort is the Jeffrey K. Poile' Gay Lesbian Civil Rights Scholarship, established about three years ago.

The scholarship supports continuing students who have shown commitment to using their legal education to further

the rights of the gay-lesbian community, says Professor Larry Levine. At Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker's suggestion, the scholarship is named in honor of Levine's life partner, who died of AIDS in 1992.

Levine says he is quite touched by the existence and support of the scholarship, and the efforts of Dean Parker and Alumni Board President Brian Putler to create the fund.

“[1992] was a time when McGeorge was a very homophobic place” and “To have a partner dying [in 1992], at a time when Pacific McGeorge seemed a less tolerant place, added to the loss,” he says. “It's tremendous to have progressed in 14 years to a point where the campus welcomes all diversity in its broadest sense.”

Alumni, straight and gay, contribute to the fund annually. To date, approximately \$120,000 has been raised, catalyzed with a bit of seed money from the school. Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Alumni Chapter co-chair Marie Nakamura, '01, counts five applications for fall 2006 and says she hopes that number climbs. Approximately, \$5,000 is awarded in a given year, which both Levine and Nakamura predict will grow. “Somewhere, down the road, we'd like to be able to offer a 'full ride',” Nakamura says, mentioning the lifetime burden of law school graduates to repay student loans.

Presently, three other alumni chapters support scholarships, with the Latino chapter announcing ambitions to establish its own.

The Black Alumni Chapter supports two endowed scholarships, one honoring the late Judge William K. Morgan, '59, according to John McIntyre, assistant dean for development and external relations. The law school's first African American graduate to sit on the bench, Judge Morgan was a respected community leader who served on the Sacramento County Juvenile Court.

Both the Hawaiian alumni and the Asian-American alumni organizations sponsor their own scholarships, honoring students who display leadership in the corresponding student clubs at Pacific McGeorge and within their communities. Applicants for the Hawaiian student scholarship must plan to practice law in Hawaii.

All these efforts, says Ruthe Ashley, '88, Assistant Dean for Career and Professional Development, keep alumni engaged with the law school.

“There's a lot of connection between future lawyers and alums. It makes a stronger experience for students,” Ashley says, “and enhances our concerted efforts to expand the diversity of our school to the benefit of all.”

Photography: John Blaustein

# School News

## International Program in U.S. News Top 20

Pacific McGeorge was ranked among the nation's "Top 20 International Law Programs" in the 2007 *U.S. News & World Report* annual guide to "America's Best Graduate Schools."

Such recognition is long overdue, said **Professor Michael Malloy**, the director of the Center for Global Business and Development. "This recognition represents an important milestone for every member of the Pacific McGeorge community who has a genuine commitment to international, transnational and comparative law," he says.

The elite status was conferred by experts in international law, and thus is especially valued. **Professor Frank Gevurtz** is leading a national effort to 'globalize' legal education and **Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker** sees the national recognition as validating that focus. She notes that, of the highly ranked international programs in the West, "the top four schools are Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA and Pacific McGeorge—in short, good company."

Pacific McGeorge was also recognized by the magazine as among the "Top 100 Law Schools" in the country and listed as one of the most diverse law campuses in the nation. Dean Parker said the law school is pleased to be recognized in the "Top 100" again, but is hesitant to place much value



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*U.S. News & World Report*  
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2. Columbia University
3. Harvard University
4. Georgetown University
5. Yale University
6. George Washington University
7. American University
8. University of Michigan
9. University of California, Berkeley  
University of Virginia
11. University of Texas, Austin  
University of Iowa
13. Cornell University  
Duke University  
Stanford University  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Vanderbilt University
18. Washington University  
University of Miami
20. **University of the Pacific (McGeorge)**  
Fordham University  
Temple University
23. Case Western Reserve  
University of Chicago  
University of Georgia  
University of Minnesota

*\*This ranking was computed in January of the year cited, based on data from a survey sent out in the fall of the previous year.*

on it or any other survey. "No survey can effectively evaluate which school might be the best for students—what their best learning environment would be, which programs would best

hone their skills, provide the most practical training and send them out well-prepared for the profession," she says.

While the magazine's annual ratings are oft-maligned as a popularity con-



**Michael Greco, president of the American Bar Association, gave the keynote address at the commencement ceremony.**

test, it is nonetheless a tool widely used by the public and prospective applicants as a means of comparing the quality of schools.

**Greco Issues Warning On Judicial Independence**

Michael Greco, the outgoing president of the American Bar Association, gave the keynote address at the commencement ceremony marking Pacific McGeorge's 82nd academic year on May 13 in Sacramento. Greco warned about the threats to judicial independence coming from special interest groups and political parties that seek to force judges to decide cases on popular opinion, not the law.

Birgit Fladager, '86, received the Alumna of the Year Award. The chief deputy district attorney for

Stanislaus County was recognized for efforts in the prosecution of Scott Peterson.

More than 310 Pacific McGeorge students received J.D. degrees and another 31 received LL.M. degrees. Carolyn Caforio and Hanspeter Walter were the valedictorians for the Day and Evening divisions, respectively. Caforio and Erich Shiners were recognized with Outstanding Graduating Senior awards.

**State Extends CalPAP Contract**

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has exercised its option to continue Pacific McGeorge's administration of the California Parole Advocacy Program.

CalPAP is responsible for providing legal representation to parolees throughout

the state. The law school's Institute for Administrative Justice has earned a stellar reputation among clients for the first two years of the program's existence.

With 11 regional offices, 20 full-time attorneys and 250 contract attorneys, IAJ will handle approximately 85,000 cases in the current fiscal year. "In more than 98 percent of the cases, CalPAP has met the state's obligation to provide adjudication before the Board of Parole Hearings in accordance with a 35-day federal mandate," says Mary Swanson, '94, program director.



**Charlene Mattison**

**Mattison Named to Development Post**

Charlene Mattison, '06, has been named Director, Capital Campaigns and Major Gifts at Pacific McGeorge.

Mattison was the director of development at the University of Colorado at Denver's Graduate School of Public Affairs for three years before entering law school.

She also previously served as development director for the Cal State University, Sacramento library and the Sacramento SPCA, and was

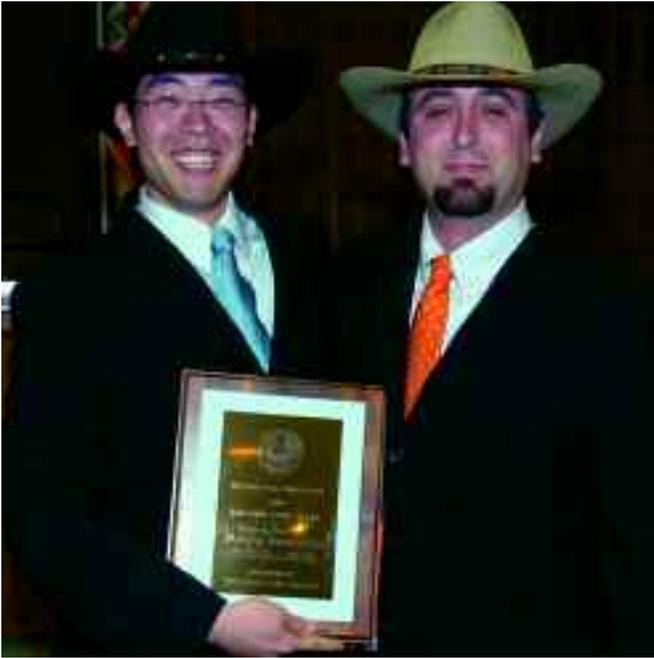
special projects coordinator for WEAVE. In addition to her J.D. from Pacific McGeorge, Mattison holds a B.A. from San Diego State.



**Chlorine Plant Scenario Enlivens Workshop**

Suppose a New Jersey chemical company that manufactures chlorine gas wants to build a new plant near Sacramento. Suppose further that the Saudi Arabian government buys out that company while the costs and benefits of constructing the plant are still being assessed. What are the national security implications involved in approving construction of the plant, with or without new security and safety requirements—or should the plant be approved at all? Are the economic benefits it can bring to the local community worth the potential risks? And what governmental agencies should be involved, and when, in the decision-making process?

This, in rough outline, is the scenario discussed by people from a variety of California organizations, both public and private, at a two-day workshop, moderated by former Defense Department Deputy General Counsel Richard



**Brandon Takahashi, left, and Jason Schaff got into the spirit of things when they competed in the Texas Young Lawyers' National Trial Competition. They also reached the championship round of the prestigious event.**

Shiffrin, on June 23-24 in Squaw Valley.

The Squaw Valley meeting marked the second workshop sponsored by Pacific McGeorge that focused on educating citizen leaders on national security issues and challenges. The workshops are being funded by a one-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The first featured a series of high-level speakers who gave a broad overview of national security issues and concerns. At the Squaw Valley workshop, by contrast, the participants became intimately involved in discussions and role-playing exercises devised around the underlying implications of the chlorine plant scenario.

**Joe Dhillon**, staff director for Pacific McGeorge's national security program, says that evaluations from

the participants following the workshop were uniformly positive. "It is hard for me to remember any previous conference I have attended," one person wrote, "where the participants were so actively engaged. There seemed to be a high level of attention and participation."

#### **Moot, Mock Teams Make Championships**

A Pacific McGeorge team advanced to the semifinal round of the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, held April 6-8 in Chicago, the law school's best showing at the prestigious annual event since 1996.

Class of 2006 graduates **Aaron Avery**, **Rachel Julagay** and **Erich Shiner**s swept through five opponents in the New York

regional in February, then continued their winning streak in Chicago until falling to Seton Hall University. Regent University School of Law won the national title.

**Professors Geoff Burroughs, '64 Ed Telfeyan '75 and George Harris** coached the team.

Two other 2006 grads, **Jason Schaff** and **Brandon Takahashi**, advanced to the quarterfinals before falling in the championship round of the Texas Young Lawyers' National Trial Competition, held March 22-25 in Dallas. Another Pacific McGeorge team also made it to the championship round in that event after both teams went unbeaten in a regional in Spokane, Washington.

#### **Jones Foundation Gives \$500,000**

The Fletcher Jones Foundation has given a gift of \$500,000 to help continue the law school's remodeling of the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library.

The Los Angeles-based foundation's mission is support of private colleges and universities in California. It is named after the founder of Computer Sciences Corporation, a large, publicly traded technology company. Jones was killed in a 1972 private plane crash.

Pacific McGeorge received a pledge for \$1.5 million from the **Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation** for the library project in 2005.

#### **Student Proves It Pays to Go to Class**

Elk Grove almost dashed the homeowner hopes of **Jonette Banzon, '06**, but a lesson from **Professor George Gould's** Property Law class enabled her to fight back and beat city hall.

Banzon and her husband applied for a building permit in 2004. The city's response was approval with stringent conditions: the family must donate a portion of the land to the city and pay \$240,000 in lieu of roadway improvement fees. The couple had originally estimated about \$25,000 for the roadway fees, and that figure was built into the financing they had obtained.

Banzon felt the council action was unconstitutional based on the "Takings Clause," and Nollan and Dolan cases that most Pacific McGeorge students encounter in Property Law. Other affected homeowners got on board with Banzon. Eventually, the Pacific Legal Foundation filed a complaint against the city's roadway fee policy. In March, the city changed its ordinance so that single-family homes in its eastern area are assessed a maximum of \$18,000 in roadway fees. Banzon's fee was recently reset at \$9,700.

"If it were not for McGeorge, I would never have known what rights I have with respect to government exactions. Thank you, Professor Gould," Banzon said.

# National Ethics Competition Debut a Smash Hit with Top Trial Programs

By Stephanie Flores

Last March, Pacific McGeorge invited 13 other leading law schools from around the country to compete in its first National Ethics Trial Competition at the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse in Sacramento. Although the tenacious host school itself put up a struggle that extended to the final round, SUNY Buffalo School of Law took the title.

During the three-day event, Pacific McGeorge competed against Stetson University, Temple University and South Texas College of Law, which were ranked, respectively, the top three trial advocacy programs in *U.S. News & World Report* ratings in 2006.

“We had great competition from all over the country,” says Professor Jay Leach, competition director and director of Trial Advocacy at the law school’s Center for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution. “We are proud that our team finished second in such a talented field, and we are delighted that the overwhelming reaction of all attending schools was so positive. They all left saying, ‘We hope you will invite us back next year.’”

Plans are already in the works for next year’s ethics competition, slated for March 15-17 at the federal courthouse. Competition organizers hope to expand the competition to 16 teams next year, Leach says.

Pacific McGeorge professors were successful at defining the rules, says mock trial team member **Jim Kuhne 3D**, and that kept teams focused on the core of the competition—fair play and skills. Other competitions haven’t had that success, leading to a sometimes fuzzy interpretation of material facts in the trial, adds Kuhne, who won an individual award for top advocate.

Each school was allowed a four-student team, and teams took turns as witnesses and lawyers advocating on both sides of a legal malpractice suit. Several judges and students said this case was difficult to try on both sides. “This problem was well-balanced,” said Dominique Heller, a Stetson student. “The law was a little stronger on one side and the facts were a little stronger on the other side. This made for a great competition.”



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The Pacific McGeorge team of, from left, Victor Pippens, Megan Schwedhelm, James Kuhne and Carolyn Caforio was thrilled with a second-place finish against stiff competition.

Students were responsible for opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments. Each round of the competition had a presiding judge and two scoring judges who gave marks for presentation, courtroom style and professionalism.

**Nancy Sheehan, '83**, practices employment litigation locally at Porter Scott Weiberg and Delehant. She agreed to judge the final round of competition and was impressed with the next wave of lawyers entering her field. “I would have hired every one of those lawyers in that final competition,” she says. “What I find most refreshing about mock trials is that [the students] have refreshing, new ideas about ways of communicating, new approaches to problem solving. They think outside the box because they haven’t been inside our box yet.”

Pacific McGeorge students **Kuhne, Carolyn Caforio, '06**, **Victor Pippens 3D** and **Megan Schwedhelm, '06**, were selected from the 24-member Mock Trial Competition Team. Joining the team as coaches were alums **Christine Long, '97**, with the law firm of Berliner Cohen in San Jose and **Jake Flesher, '00**, partner at Barry Ubaldi McPherson & Flesher LLP in Gold River.

Dreyer, Babich, Buccola & Callahan, one of California’s leading plaintiff law firms, was the major sponsor of the event along with the ABA Section of Litigation. Roger Dreyer and **Bob Buccola, '83**, were honored at the closing banquet, where they presented trophies and Buccola keynoted the event. The Anthony M. Kennedy and Milton Schwartz Inns of Court played a key role in coordinating a large panel of volunteer judges drawn from the local bar.

The other schools that were entered in the competition were: SUNY Buffalo, Stetson, Temple, South Texas, Chicago-Kent College of Law, University of Connecticut, UC Davis, University of Denver, Fordham, Georgetown, University of Georgia, University of Houston and Pepperdine.

# Faculty News



Professor Frank Gevurtz, left, watches as David Fries, the president of the Pacific's Academic Council, reads a citation bestowing on him the University's Distinguished Faculty Award. President Donald V. DeRosa, middle, looks on.

Photography: Gail Matsui

## **Gevurtz Shares Stage With Eclectic Trio**

Professor Frank Gevurtz shared the stage with actor Clint Eastwood, jazz icon Dave Brubeck and astronaut José Hernandez at the University of the Pacific's graduation ceremony on May 20 in Stockton.

Gevurtz received the University's Distinguished Faculty Award for his work in leading a national movement to globalize the American law school curriculum. "I am thankful to be part of a faculty whose excellence in teaching and scholarship means that distinguished achievement is the norm, not the exception," Gevurtz said. He also offered advice for the graduates as they enter the work force. "Go forth. Do good. All the rest is commentary," he said.

Eastwood, Brubeck and Hernandez each received honorary degrees from the University for excellence in their fields. Brubeck and Hernandez are graduates of the University of the Pacific. Eastwood told the audience that his plans to attend college at Pacific were sidelined by a small movie role that led to other things.

Gevurtz, who was also honored as a Distinguished Professor and Scholar by the law school in February, made three speaking appearances this summer in Europe. He spoke on U.S. law relative to "Vertical Restraints on Competition," at the International Conference on Industrial Organization, Law and Economics in Athens, Greece, and at the XVII

International Congress of Comparative Law in Utrecht, The Netherlands. He also lectured on comparative corporate law and governance at the ICN School of Management in Nancy, France.



Professor Fred Galves

## **Galves Recipient of Two Awards**

Professor Fred Galves received two faculty awards from the University of the Pacific in May. He was one

Photography: John Blaustein

of eight recipients of a 2006 Faculty Innovation Award for creating on-line learning modules for his Computer-Assisted Litigation class, a popular elective that he developed and has taught here and at Southwestern University School of Law and University of Denver College of Law.

He also received an Eberhardt Faculty Scholar Award for articles and presentations on technology and for developing the new Street Law International class that will enable Pacific McGeorge law students to interact with and inspire local high school students interested in the law.

Professor Galves has been a member of the Pacific McGeorge faculty since 1993. A noted proponent of technology in the classroom and the courtroom, he teaches all of his classes using display technology.

One of his articles, "Where the Not So Wild Things Are: Computers in the Courtroom, the Federal Rules of Evidence, and the Need for Institutional Reform and More Judicial Acceptance," 13 Harv. J.L. & Tech. 161 (2000), was the first law review article with an accompanying CD-ROM with full-animation video footnotes.

### **Carter Continues International Work**

Her scholarly interest in international criminal law has taken Professor **Linda**

**Carter** around the globe. In July 2005, she attended Gacaca trials in Rwanda as part of a research project on that country's recovery from decade-old genocide. A month later, she participated in a workshop on the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

She was the co-director of a January conference in M'bodiene, Senegal, sponsored by the Brandeis Institute for International Judges. It was the third time that she and Professor **Gregory Weber** had participated in BIIJ events as rapporteurs and program consultants. Three days after the conclusion of that conference, Carter made a presentation on "The Death Penalty in National and International Law" at the West African Judicial Colloquium in Dakar, Senegal. That event, which featured simultaneous translation between French and English, attracted judges from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

Back stateside, Carter was an organizer and panel moderator at "The Faces of Wrongful Conviction," held April 7-9 at UCLA Law School. She oversaw a panel on "Applying International Models of Justice to the U.S. System" at the conference, which examined problems in the state justice system. Seven



**Professor Linda Carter**

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past and present Pacific McGeorge students acted as exoneree liaisons at the conference: **Kelly Bentley, Eli Consilvio, Heather Heming, Christy Hernandez-Kalb, Molly Sword, Kathryn Turner** and **Brian Wanerman**.

Carter taught International Criminal Law this July at Pacific McGeorge's annual summer program in Salzburg, Austria. Not content to just lecture on the state of justice worldwide, she brought three prominent international jurists to her classroom. Judge Navanethem Pillay, former president of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and presently a judge for the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court, taught with Carter

for two days. Judge Fausto Pocar, president of the International Criminal Court for the Former Yugoslavia, co-taught for four days. Retired South African Constitutional Court Justice Richard Goldstone was a guest speaker for another day and he also gave a talk on "The Legacy of the Milosevic Trial" to all the Salzburg students.

"It was truly an incredible experience for the class to have each of these individuals participate in discussions with them," Carter says.

### **Myers' New Book Advocates Changes**

Professor **John Myers'** new book, *Child Protection in America: Past, Present, and Future*, has been published by Oxford University Press. >

Myers, one of the foremost authorities on child abuse laws, uses the history of child-protection as a jumping off point to make recommendations for improving the child protection system.



Professor John Myers

“We have to change the mindset of adults that it is okay to hit kids. It is no more ‘okay’ to hit your child than it is to hit your spouse, your employee, or the guy standing next to you at the bus stop,” Myers says. “In the latter three scenarios you’d be arrested and hauled off to jail. Children deserve the same protection. Outlawing ‘corporal punishment’ will begin the long process of helping adults understand that hitting those we love is not acceptable. Banning ‘corporal punishment’ will reduce child abuse.”

That’s just one of the proposals Myers advocates in the book, which first details the causes of maltreatment before offering possible solutions to the problems. Since it will never be possible to prevent all maltreatment, Myers says

it’s critical to strengthen the existing child protection system and pursue attainable reforms.

Myers’ latest work, which is aimed at child welfare professionals and policy-makers, follows the 2004 publication of his *A History of Child Protection in America* that is available in paperback. But he doesn’t just write books. Since joining the Pacific McGeorge faculty in 1984, he has made more than 200 presentations to judges, attorneys, police, doctors and mental health professionals. In July, he led a two-hour video conference workshop for the Midwest Regional Children’s Advocacy Center that was transmitted to social workers and law enforcement professionals at 26 sites around the country.



Professor Joe Taylor

**Taylor Appointed to Davis Committee**

Professor Joe Taylor was appointed to the city of Davis’ three-person Police Advisory Committee charged with review of citizen complaint investigations and with providing recommendations to the city man-

ager on Police Department policies and training.

“I am honored to participate on the committee, and I look forward to applying more than 40 years of service in the legal profession to serving the city of Davis,” says Taylor. A member of the Pacific McGeorge faculty since 1992, Taylor’s impressive resume includes service as the Riverside County Public Defender and stints as a senior prosecutor in Ventura and Sacramento counties.

Davis City Manager Bill Emlen announced Taylor’s appointment on May 4. He joins former UC Davis Police Chief Calvin Handy and state Department of Water Resources Chief Counsel David Sandino on the advisory committee.

Taylor also completed six days of service as a judge pro tem with the Sacramento County Superior Court in mid-May. His duties included presiding over a misdemeanor DUI jury trial and pronouncing judgment and sentence in the matter. It was the 13th consecutive year that Taylor has taken the bench at the end of Pacific McGeorge’s spring semester to pay back, in part, the volunteer service of Superior Court judges in the Trial Advocacy program.

**House of Lords Asks For Malloy’s Help**

Professor Michael Malloy is Pacific McGeorge’s most prolific faculty author,

having written or edited more than 75 books or book-length supplements. Carolina Academic Press recently published new 2006-2007 supplements to two of his casebooks, *International Banking and Banking and Financial Services Law*.



Professor Michael Malloy

Legal education isn’t the only field where his work is in demand. Malloy has been asked to submit written evidence in a wide-ranging inquiry by the Economic Affairs Committee of the United Kingdom House of Lords into the impact of economic sanctions.

A recognized international authority on that subject, he just finished a related study for the National Foreign Trade Council in Washington, D.C. Malloy has written on the subject of international economic sanctions—including successive books for Little, Brown & Co. (now Aspen Publishing) and Kluwer Law International—for a quarter century.

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# New Faculty Boast Excellent Credentials



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Professor Miriam Cherry



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Professor Emily Garcia Uhrig



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Professor Sabine Schlemmer-Schulte

Pacific McGeorge welcomes three new tenure-track faculty members this academic year and each brings an interesting background and varied experience in the private and public sectors to the campus.

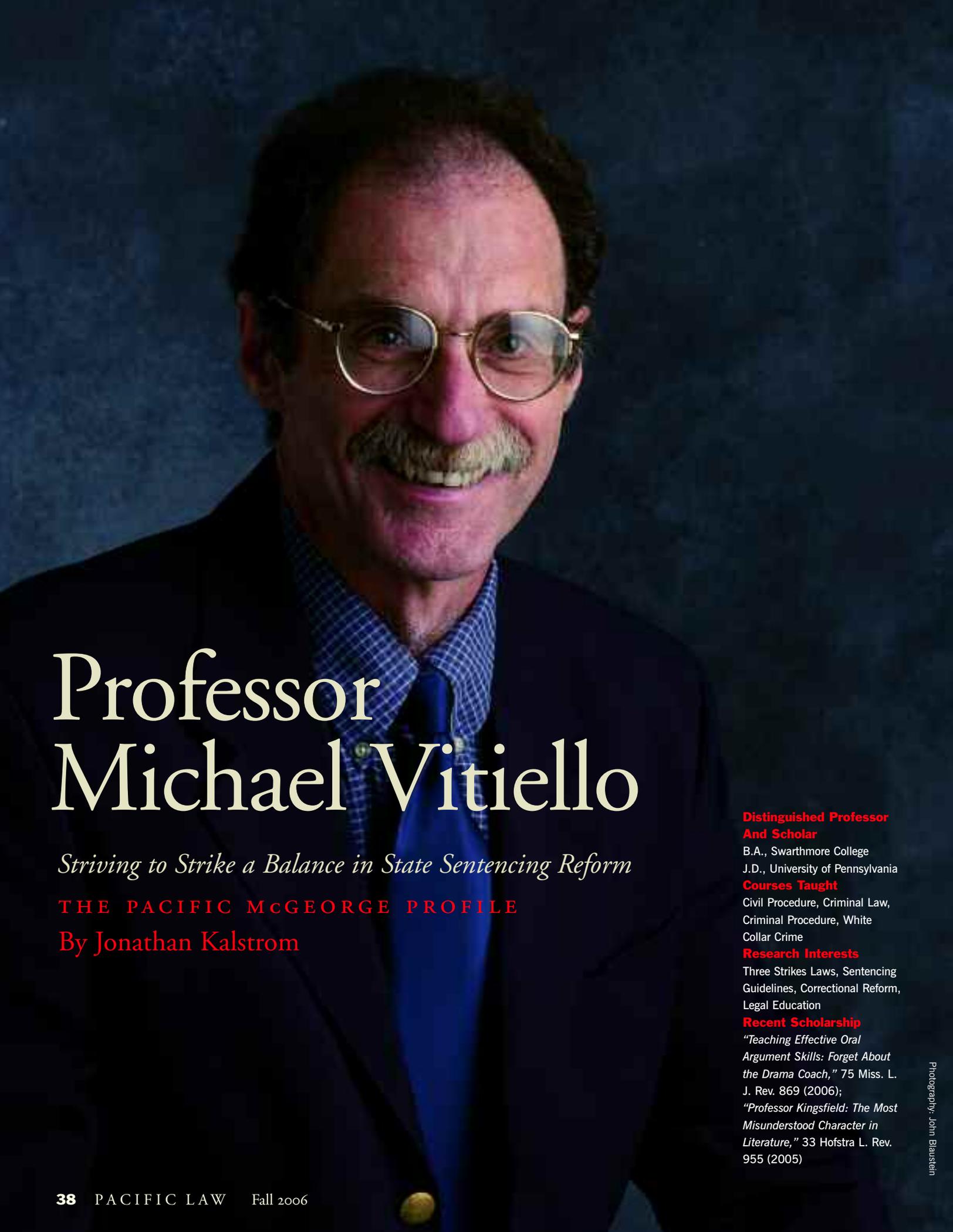
“These are already accomplished members of our profession, highly regarded and enthusiastically endorsed by their peers,” says **Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker**. “It’s a tribute to the quality of the Pacific McGeorge community that these three decided to join our faculty. **Professor John Sims** and his faculty hiring committee did a fine job bringing us such excellent candidates and we’re thrilled to have them join us. I want to thank every member of our faculty and particularly **Associate Dean Christine Manolakas** for their tireless effort in courting these new colleagues.”

**Professor Miriam Cherry**, a Harvard Law School graduate, comes to Sacramento from the faculty at Samford University’s Cumberland Law School in Birmingham, Alabama. She was a visiting professor at the Hofstra University School of Law for the 2005-2006 academic year. A former associate at the Boston firm of Foley Hoag LLP where she practiced corporate law, she was involved in litigating several accounting fraud cases at Berman, DeValerio & Pease, including those against former telecom giant WorldCom and Symbol Technologies, which resulted in a \$139 million settlement. Professor Cherry emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach in her scholarship and has published articles for law journals at Harvard, Northwestern and UC Berkeley, among others.

**Professor Sabine Schlemmer-Schulte**, a former associate with law firms in Cologne and Frankfurt, Germany, has taught full-time at several European universities. Most recently, she was a visiting scholar/professor for international finance and business law at the Max-Planck-Institute for International Law in Heidelberg, Germany. She was senior counsel and special advisor to the senior vice president and general counsel of the World Bank for seven years in Washington, D.C. She has served as an adjunct professor at several U.S. law schools, including American University’s Washington College of Law where she earned an LL.M. degree in International Finance and Business Law. She also taught at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Services. Professor Schlemmer-Schulte has published seven books and written more than 20 law review articles.

**Professor Emily Garcia Uhrig**, a Stanford Law School graduate, has an extensive background in federal government. After two years as an associate with Hogan & Hartson in Washington, D.C., she served as an attorney-advisor with the Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice in Washington D.C. In 1997, she joined the Office of the Federal Defender in Los Angeles, where she handled numerous federal felony trials and appeals. Most recently, she served as an attorney with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, where she reviewed and presented to the court hundreds of requests to appeal in habeas corpus cases and provided training to new circuit judges in federal habeas.

Cherry, Uhrig and Schlemmer-Schulte are all teaching second-year Day Division courses this fall. Professors Cherry and Schlemmer-Schulte each have a Business Associations section while Uhrig is teaching Evidence. In the spring, in addition to those classes, they will teach Sales & Leases of Goods, Personal Property Financing, and Sentencing & Post-Conviction Remedies, respectively.

A portrait of Professor Michael Vitiello, a man with a mustache and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket, a blue checkered shirt, and a blue tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a dark, textured blue.

# Professor Michael Vitiello

*Striving to Strike a Balance in State Sentencing Reform*

THE PACIFIC McGEORGE PROFILE

By Jonathan Kalstrom

**Distinguished Professor  
And Scholar**

B.A., Swarthmore College  
J.D., University of Pennsylvania

**Courses Taught**

Civil Procedure, Criminal Law,  
Criminal Procedure, White  
Collar Crime

**Research Interests**

Three Strikes Laws, Sentencing  
Guidelines, Correctional Reform,  
Legal Education

**Recent Scholarship**

*"Teaching Effective Oral  
Argument Skills: Forget About  
the Drama Coach,"* 75 *Miss. L.  
J. Rev.* 869 (2006);  
*"Professor Kingsfield: The Most  
Misunderstood Character in  
Literature,"* 33 *Hofstra L. Rev.*  
955 (2005)

If you get into a conversation with Professor Michael Vitiello, don't mention California's "Three Strikes Law," or the well-known literary figure, Professor Kingsfield... unless you are prepared to listen. You see, Vitiello, a leading scholar on the impact of that state law, has clear and passionate views on these subjects.

Take the subject of Professor Kingsfield, perhaps the literary embodiment of the Socratic method. Vitiello is a strong advocate of the method. As a student at the University of Pennsylvania, where he met his own Professor Kingsfield, Vitiello wasn't fond of the method. He changed his view, though, when he started practicing law: "It's the way in which judges talk to lawyers. They expect them to be able to make coherent arguments while thinking on their feet, based on the lawyer or the student being extremely well-prepared, and developing real mental agility in honing arguments," Vitiello says.

If you don't subject students to that kind of academic rigor—not demeaning them, but forcing them to think harder and be more prepared than they want to be—you're failing them and their future clients, he explains. In his first few years as a teacher, Vitiello recalls that he didn't require students to be prepared for class. "And then it occurred to me, if you don't push them, they [aren't] going to push themselves," he says. "My own view is that I rub some students the wrong way inevitably, but I accept that as a cost of doing a responsible job as a professor."

Vitiello brings a little bit of Kingsfield himself to the classroom, but his demanding style is backed up by an open door to his office—he always helps students fight through the more demanding points of the law. And his scholarship recently earned him the title of Distinguished Professor and Scholar.

The Kingsfield subject intrigued Vitiello so much that he presented a lecture in the 2004 Pacific McGeorge Distinguished Speaker Series entitled "Professor Kingsfield: The Most Misunderstood Character in Literature." John Jay Osborn Jr., author of *The Paper Chase* as well as an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco Law School, saw Vitiello's lecture on Kingsfield advertised and contacted him. "I eventually sent him the presentation and the article, and he's enthusiastic about them," Vitiello says. Efforts are underway, now, to bring Osborn to Pacific McGeorge to meet with students and faculty.

The Socratic method is not the only subject Vitiello is passionate about. He is the co-author of several books on written and oral advocacy, and has written many law review articles, including numerous ones on reforming the state's "Three Strikes Law."



Professor Michael Vitiello holds strong views on the criminal justice system.

Professor Vitiello, who once debated former Secretary of State Bill Jones on the "Three Strikes Law" on television, became interested in it after a former student invited him to host a panel on the subject for a three-hour public radio show in Fresno. The 14-member panel included such diverse individuals as a prison warden, a sociologist and two fathers who had lost their daughters to crime. It grabbed his attention.

"An interesting thought about law professors and the legal academy is that very often we are too distant from the human drama," he observes. "And here I was thrown into the middle of the human drama, watching these people debating the pros and cons of this law and seeing how it affected real lives. It was gripping."

As a result, a summer writing project evolved: to think, research and write about the "Three Strikes Law." In addition,

Vitiello and Clark Kelso organized a symposium for prominent national scholars discussing prison reform, and they came up with a thesis.

"Our thesis is that what we need is wholesale sentencing reform," he says. The sentencing system in California is so complicated that defense lawyers need a computer program to figure out the right sentencing enhancement. "And a quarter of the cases that are reversed on appeal involve a mistake in sentencing," he notes. These

cases have to be sent back for re-sentencing as a result of the complexities involved in the sentencing system.

What we end up with, and which everyone in the public should be upset about, is very long sentences, he says.

"Sometimes you want to put people away for a long time, because they remain dangerous," he adds. But there is hard criminology data that shows that most felons phase out of their violent years and so the social risk is minimized. Vitiello argues that proportionality is a basic notion and that sentences ought not to be so severe that they destroy any hope of life for the offender.

Vitiello also argues that a good use of our financial resources is essential, and that the large dollar amount the state spends on its prison system is "this big sore thumb."

"The theme I've worked on," he says, "is that not only should do-gooders be concerned about excessive prison sentences, but that ordinary citizens who are more concerned about financial matters ought to be, because we're making a terrible use of our resources."

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

# Message from The Alumni Board President



*Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends,*

In August, I was pleased to attend the Orientation/Welcome Event for the incoming 2006 class. As is probably true for you, I well remember (twenty-four years later) my orientation seated in the Lecture Hall, as

they were. It was a striking contrast. Rather than the Dean telling the first years to, “look to the left, look to your right, one of you will not be here next year,” Dean Parker told the Lecture Hall of incoming students, “look to your left, look to your right, these are your friends who will help you graduate from law school.”

When it was my turn to welcome them on your behalf, I shared my pride in being president of the largest law school association in the West, with over 11,000 alums practicing in all 50 states and more than 50 countries around the world. This is a great time to be a member of the Pacific McGeorge community. Our law school is ascendant in national rankings, in the scope of its expanding reputation, and in the excellence and influence of its programs.

We alumni each had very different law school experiences, yet we all have in common our rigorous legal education should encourage us to seek ways to help Pacific McGeorge students as our own. Today, alumni:

- Invest in and oversee the distribution of a series of alumni-endowed scholarships;
- Serve on boards and committees focused on improving programs for students and alumni;
- Sit as judges for appellate and trial advocacy programs;
- Participate in mentor programs and offer practice job interviews;

- Produce, through the Alumni Board of Directors, a number of events on-campus and around the country for networking, no matter where they are in their careers or in the world;
- Develop student-centric efforts, such as the spring Dine with Alumni dinners and the new “friendly voice” program where first-year students in their second semester are paired with an alum for support and advice.
- Invest in charitable gifts to the school that build the programs, scholarships and facilities that serve students every day;
- Hire many recent graduates into their first job; and
- Recruit the next generation of graduates by encouraging prospective law students to consider a Pacific McGeorge legal education...

The list goes on, and alumni are doing a lot—yet there is a lot more we can do—to help students, but also to help ourselves. I hope that, no matter where you are in your career or around the world, you will consider ways you can connect with and support your law school.

If you have not done so yet, I encourage you to help educate and develop the next generation of Pacific McGeorge students.

*With best regards,*

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "J. Brian Putler". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Brian Putler '85**

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## From Copenhagen to Honolulu, alumni chapters are getting together

Chapter events halfway across the globe highlighted spring and summer activities of the Pacific McGeorge Alumni Association.

Professors **Michael Malloy** and **Jed Scully** spoke at the 8th Annual Pacific McGeorge International Reunion Conference of the law school's European Alumni Chapter, held May 19 & 20 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Malloy delivered the keynote address and updated the attendees on the recent successes of the Global Center for Business & Development. Scully talked about the international ramifications of recent court decisions in his speech on "Music on the Century—Is It a Wrap for Grokster?"

The conference also featured a legal education program put on by **Keith Pershall, LL.M. '95**, and Reinhard von **Hennigs, LL.M. '98**.

**Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, Associate Dean Glenn Fait, '71**, and **Assistant Dean Ruthe Ashley, '88**, met with alums at an August reception in Honolulu for the Hawaii chapter that was organized by **Gayle Lau, '74**.

**John Bitar, '99**, successfully defended his Southern California Alumni Chapter poker

title by defeating **Patrick Lin, '98**, in the finals of this year's tournament on June 23 at The Bicycle Casino in Bell Gardens. **Joy Harn, '92**, the general counsel of the casino, helped organize the event that raised more than \$1,000 for the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

A first-ever Modesto reception, organized by **Dustin Johnson, '04**, took place on April 18; a Northern Nevada Chapter reception honored state Supreme Court Justice **James Hardesty, '75** on April 25 in Reno; and the Bay Area Alumni Chapter turned out in force again for a September tour of San Francisco's de Young Art Museum.

Upcoming events include a hosted breakfast at the State Bar of California's Annual Meeting on October 6 in Monterey, and a Sacramento Area Alumni Chapter reception on October 18 at Mason's Restaurant. The annual MCLE programs are set for January 20 and January 27 in Long Beach and Sacramento, respectively.

For information on these and other alumni events, please visit our web site, [www.mcgeorge.edu](http://www.mcgeorge.edu) or call 916 481-7926.



**A reception for the Hawaii Alumni Chapter, held in conjunction with the ABA's annual meeting in Honolulu, brought out some familiar faces.** Front row, (from left) John Masterman '78, Kevin Adaniya '95, Ruthe Ashley '88, Judge Connie Callahan '75, Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, Gayle Lau '74, Derek Kamiya '99, Vicki Kalman '87, and Trevor Covington '07. Back row, Wayne Tanna '90, Mary McGuire '83, Mike Lilly '74, Scott Holbrook '99, Glenn Fait '71, Lynn Hodgson Park '83, Chris China '82 and Charlene Mattison '06. Not pictured, Margaret Masunaga '87 and Wayne Wong '86.

Photography: Karis Lu

# ALUMNI NEWS

## 1935-1959

### **Richard J. Jacinto '51**

Died on May 9 at the age of 87 in Sacramento. He founded his own law firm and was a labor relations adviser for Sacramento area employers for 30 years.

### **John E. Gann '56**

Died at the age of 86 in Sacramento. He was the pastor of the Community of Christ Church.

## 1960s

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#### **Burl W. Waits '66**

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### **David E. Mackenroth '68**

He won a \$2.375 million settlement for a bicyclist hit by a San Francisco city bus in an arbitration forum before arbitrator Jerry Spolter, '74. Mackenroth is a partner in the law firm of Mackenroth, Laird & Lynes. (Auburn, California)

### **Frank Urias '68**

"For the record, my father Frank Urias, 70, is retiring this year. My father's law office is located in Oxnard, CA, about 12 miles west of his home town of Santa Paula. He has been very successful in his endeavors since graduating from Mount Saint Mary's College and then from McGeorge, so we, his children (Michelle, Noelle, Michael and Raymond) and his wife (my mother Eva), are very proud of him. My father was employed at McClellan AFB while attending your school; he met my mother there. They were married in Sacramento in 1967 and moved back to Ventura County thereafter. He has practiced law since 1969 and completed 31 years of self-employment this year. Indeed, a quality education can last a lifetime. Thanks again." Submitted by Michael Urias. (Port Hueneme, California)

## 1970

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#### **The Honorable**

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#### **Donald N. Hubbard**

Recently promoted to grandpa; Asher 18 months son of Jessica & Josh, Auburn, CA; twin daughters at Santa Clara, I will bop 'til I drop. (Carmel, California)

#### **John E. Ryan**

He announced he will retire as dean of John Marshall School of Law in Atlanta at the end of the academic year. He was instrumental in gaining ABA accreditation for the Georgia law school. Ryan was the longtime associate dean of Pacific McGeorge under the late Gordon D. Schaber and served as interim dean in 1991-92. (Napa, California)

#### **Howard J. Stagg**

Continues to practice civil trial practice, primarily in real estate and business. General counsel for several large residential real estate brokerage companies in Northern California. (Sacramento)

## 1971

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#### **Phil Hiroshima**

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Retirement is hectic - I put in so many hours (but none are billable) that the days fly by. Looking forward to a lunch sometime this year with Ed Boullier, Sam Jennings and Bill Wunderlick - have to put it together. (Sacramento)

#### **Jeff B. Marschner**

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#### **Ross E. de Lipkau**

He and his partners at the Reno law firm of Marshall Hill Cassas & de Lipkau have merged with Utah's largest firm, Parsons Behle & Latimer, through acquisition by the latter. (Reno, Nevada)

#### **Paul W. Grunwald**

Died of complications from a bacterial infection in Sacramento at the age of 63. A long-time sole practitioner, he spent his entire 33-year career in the same office in the Land Park area. (Sacramento)

#### **Steven Van Sicklen**

He is expected to take over as supervising judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court criminal courts on January 1, 2007. He is currently the assistant supervising judge of the criminal courts. A member of the bench since 1998, he was a partner at Baker, Silberberg & Kenner in Irvine for 13 years. (Los Angeles, California)

#### **Peter P. Vlautin**

Retired from Sacramento County Public Defenders Office fall of 2004. Spent the fall and winter of '05 in Hawaii, Australia, and Palm Desert. Opened a law office in El

Dorado Hills in Fall of '05 - using LLM in tax practice, probate, trust and business litigation. Having fun!! Give me a call. (Sacramento)

## 1973

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#### Rudy Nolen

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#### William R. Holm

Died at the age of 57 at his home in Glide, Oregon. He practiced law and was a partner in the Stockton law firm of Mayall, Hurley, Knutsen, Smith and Green for nearly 20 years before moving to Oregon in 1992 and establishing his own practice. (Glide, Oregon)

#### David W. Lo

He is completing his six-year term as a judge of the District Court of the Hawaii First Judicial Circuit in Oahu. The chief justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court appointed him to the bench in August 2000. He previously was a managing partner for the law firm of Doo and Low; staff attorney for Pacific Insurance Company; instructor of business law at Hawaii Pacific College; deputy attorney general for the State of Hawaii; and deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu. (Honolulu, Hawaii)

#### Duane Miller

He won a major environmental legal victory in June. A San Francisco jury ordered three chemical manufacturers to pay the city of Modesto \$178 million (including \$175 million in punitive damages) for contaminating its water with suspected carcinogens. The case involved perchloroethylene, the main solvent used by dry cleaners. A judge later reduced the award to \$13 million. (Sacramento)



## Lynch Leaves Reno Office with Many Accolades

by Jonathan Kalstrom

Patricia Lynch, '73, who retires in November as Reno City Attorney when her record fifth term is up, is a shining example of the first wave of females who entered the legal profession, remained true to their goals, and made an impact on the law.

With a natural interest in government and politics, "I saw being a lawyer as the best way to bring about change ... as a woman's avenue to power and its positive use," says the founding member of the Women's Caucus at Pacific McGeorge.

Drawn to public interest law from the start, her first job was as a Vista lawyer at a legal aid society. "I went into law to help people, so that seemed to me to be the place to start." When she moved on to the city attorney's office, she determined to remain an advocate, not a bureaucrat. She vigorously prosecuted domestic violence cases and cre-

ated a multi-disciplinary training team in her office to educate law enforcement and other agencies on elder abuse. She created the Victim Witness Advocate Program to help people navigate the criminal justice system. "And now they are routine in prosecutors' offices throughout the country," she notes.

Lynch has won many awards, both national and international, including the Outstanding Public Lawyer Award from the Nevada State Bar Association and the ABA's Jefferson Fordham Award for excellence in local government. In 1998-99, she served as President of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, an association of more than 1,400 municipal law offices in the United States and Canada. That group will honor her this September with its IMLA Distinguished Public Service Award.

And Lynch isn't done with public law yet. She's running for a Justice of the Peace this fall. "I want to try something new that can draw on my base of experience and education that would make it very interesting to me," she says.

And she can still draw on her fine sense of humor. "I remember one time a man called our office to complain about a just-announced Supreme Court decision holding that many private clubs couldn't exclude women from their membership," she recalls. "He apparently thought the Reno city attorney could take action. It really pushed him over the edge when my secretary had to interrupt his tirade with 'I'm sorry, sir, she's not in yet'."

**Patrick S. Quinn**

Died at the age of 62 in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

**Gary P. Reynolds**

I have retired this year! (Sacramento)

# 1974

**Class Representative****Gary L. Vinson**

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**Patrick R. Beasley**

Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court, director, Board of Directors of Northern California Association of Defense Counsel, and Board member at large, California Defense Counsel. (Redding, California)

**Darrell F. Champion**

He has joined Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, Pallios, Pacher & Silva as a partner and will head the Modesto firm's construction litigation department. He has practiced law in the area for more than 30 years, has served as a mediator-arbitrator for the Stanislaus County Superior Court and is president of Champion Industrial Contractors Inc. (Modesto, California)

**James M. Fallman**

After 14 years as the Pelican Bay State Prison prosecutor, I'm now the Pelican Bay State Prison contract public defender. (Crescent City, California)

# 1975

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**Connie M. Callahan**

The U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals judge was named as the Sacramento County Bar Association's Judge of the Year. A former San Joaquin Court Superior Court judge and state Court of Appeal justice, Callahan has served on the nation's second-highest court since 2003. (Sacramento)

**Robert F. Cochran**

July 15, 2006 marked 34 years of marriage. Dean Schaber cautioned not to marry before starting McGeorge in the Fall of 1972. Sure glad I didn't listen. Life in Crescent City is great—be sure to call if you pass through. (Crescent City, California)

**Deborah A. Fialkowski**

My retirement didn't last long but I'm doing research now rather than practicing law. Less stress and more time for snorkeling and enjoying my granddaughters. (Stockton, California)

**John W. Hawkins**

Retired from practice of law/Nevada Supreme Court settlement judge part-time ADR position/arbitration 2nd Judicial District Court, also, part-time ADR position. Also, just returned from a trip to China which was enlightening wonderful trip. (Reno, Nevada)

**Bruce A. Kilday**

Partner, Angelo, Kilday & Kilduff. Founder (i.e., debtor). Elizabeth is getting her masters and working at the Smithsonian while Patrick is pre-med at Berkeley. Sue is teaching and a consultant for the state Department of Education. I'm still practicing and was pleased to be named a "Super Lawyer" in Northern California in the field of constitutional law. (Sacramento)

**James V. Mancuso**

He announced he will not run for reelection as Incline's Justice of the Peace after serving the Nevada village for more than 25 years. When his term expires in December, he'll apply for a senior Justice of the Peace commission from the Nevada Supreme Court. (Incline Village, Nevada)

**J. Mark Nielsen**

Died on March 30 at the age of 75 while vacationing in China. A Placerville attorney, he was El Dorado County's first chief administrative officer and a member of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors from 1993 to 2000. (Placerville, California)

**Michael P. Semmens**

I am a trial attorney and have a 28 year old son names Steven who graduated from Sacramento State with a degree in geography. We camp and fish and play golf together. (Sacramento)

**Robert C. Tronvig**

U.S. Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration.

**Stephen J. Wagner**

He received the 2006 Family Person of the Year Award from the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is a principal in the Sacramento law firm of Dick Hemmer & Wagner and former Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board president. (Sacramento)

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**Gilbert B. Feibleman**

It has been an interesting year professionally. I was made the first fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers from the Pacific Northwest. This peer review honor came while I was arguing Islamic jurisdictional law in our local court. Who would of thought I would become an expert on the Egyptian Sharia law of personal status? The legislature asked me to chair a task force on the reinstatement of spousal support. I was invited to Kentucky in the Spring of 2006 to speak on "Balancing your Personal and

Professional Life." Apparently my 12-15 week travel schedule qualified me. And on and on. Family law, which I never took at McGeorge, has provided me an interesting 30 year career. On the personal front, Ellen and I continue to enjoy being empty nesters. Our son Ben finished his 5 year tour as a U.S. Marine and made it safely home to Oregon fro Iraq without physical or psychological scars. We did have a wonderful 3 week trip to Sicily and Malta last November where we attended the US Embassy ball in Valletta Malta. Our son was an Embassy Guard and snagged us an invite, so how could we refuse. For a look at photos, go to <http://www.fodors.com/wire/archives/001382.cfm>. For my annual Pat Laffin report, she continues to practice in Auburn. She may make one appearance at this year's 30th reunion which will equal her # of appearances in class during our third year in 1976. (Salem, Oregon)

**Steve Flinn**

He finished second in a three-man race for the office of Napa County District Attorney that was won by the incumbent. A former assistant D.A. in that office and in El Dorado County, Flinn has been in private practice since 1998. (Napa, California)

**Robert B. Packer**

He won a defense verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court for two obstetricians who were charged with medical malpractice for failure to diagnose brain abnormalities in a baby later born with Proteus syndrome. packer is a shareholder with the Los Angeles law firm on La Follette, DeHaas, Fesler & Ames. (Los Angeles, California)

**Robert J. Sandoval**

Died on February 28 at the age of 56 after suffering a heart attack. He had been diagnosed with leukemia a month earlier after successfully battling lymphoma. A Los Angeles County Superior Court judge, he was on the bench for five years after serving as a court commissioner for 16 years. (Los Angeles, California)

# I977

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Life is good, tho' hot, in L.A., still enjoying non-profit work (El Pueblo/Olvera St. docent—come for my historic tour anytime; UCSB Foundation; and Leukemia & Lymphoma Society), travel and just life without the crazy schedule of days gone by. Harvey is slowing down on private judging, too. Went on an amazing interfaith trip to Israel and Jordan last year with L.A. Christians, Jews and Muslim-Americans, a life-changing experience ("they're just like us"). 30 Years—yes, unbelievably that's how long it has been since we graduated from McDuck—this calls for a party. And there will be one, mark your calendars for June 15 and 16, 2007—see you in Sacramento! Stay cool, it's blazing here,  
Marilyn

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### Stephen F. Clayton

I had my 18th Anniversary with Sun Microsystems in June while I was in Dubai investigating corruption allegations. Now I work from home since my clients are all outside the USA. Daughter Elizabeth is graduating college in December, and Allie starts college in August. Karen is writing a mystery novel. My current band, Copper Dome Bodhi, recorded a demo CD and is gigging. (Piedmont, California)



## Beauvais Remains True to His Beliefs And It Pays Off in Stockton Case

by Jan Ferris Heenan

### This was one wager Oakland attorney David Beauvais, '78, was happy to lose.

Moments before the verdict this past spring in his case against the City of Stockton, Beauvais' client bet him a dollar the award would top \$1 million. In fact, the federal jury returned a \$2.6 million verdict against Stockton police for violating the constitutional rights of a Fair Oaks man and his 4-year-old daughter by taking her into custody without a warrant.

"That's the highest I've heard of anywhere in the country for this type of violation," Beauvais says.

Beauvais has handled a series of juvenile dependency cases over the years. Many—the ones he prefers—are civil rights matters involving the removal of children from their parents.

The Stockton case was a prime example. The father had joint custody of his daughter when the girl confided she didn't want to return to her mom's because of physical abuse in the home. A complaint was filed with the Stockton Police Department, and the initial officer agreed it was best to keep the girl with her father in Fair Oaks even if it was her mother's week for custody.

The detective later assigned to the case decided otherwise, picked the girl up from day care without contacting her father and placed her in a foster home.

The jury also ruled against the city for not having a policy to protect children from lawless seizures. Such steps toward systemic change are what Beauvais relishes most.

"I've always had this idealistic bent. I've wanted to do something where I thought I'd make a difference," says Beauvais, an American University student at the height of the anti-war movement in the late 1960s.

Beauvais works hard, but clearly relishes his time off. He travels extensively, and is partial to third-world countries. One of his more recent interests: ancient rituals and shamanism in the Peruvian Amazon. In fact, Beauvais traveled again to the Amazon region this past summer.

Beauvais has remained true to his beliefs. In the 1990s, he helped defend People's Park activists over the University of California's plans for volleyball courts at the legendary Berkeley gathering place. He worked with Desert Storm protesters. And he's currently representing a homeless activist arrested at a Santa Cruz City Council meeting in 2002 for his Nazi salute to the mayor.

Part of the drive is personal for Beauvais, who spent age 3 to 8 in foster care. "Maybe it's because, when I was growing up, I felt I was on the outside," he said.

**Thomas H. Dahl**

Died on March 25 at the age of 66 in Moss Point, Mississippi from injuries suffered from a fall while taking part in a Hurricane Katrina volunteer relief project. A retired clergyman in Anchorage, Alaska, he held many positions of leadership within the United Methodist Church, including chief counsel to the Alaska Missionary Conference. (Pasco, Washington)

**Margaret W. Ellison**

Died on April 4 of cancer in Sacramento. A former attorney with the Fair Political Practices Commission, she was the assistant chief administrative law judge of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board before her retirement earlier this year. (Sacramento)

**Ronald L. Dick**

Our son, Bryan, married in Australia. He and his wife, Marina, have blessed us with our new granddaughter, Ruby. So, we're off to visit the Land of Oz. (Sacramento)

**Glenn R. Fort**

I continue in my estate planning/financial services business in Sacramento. Eva and I have been married 33 years this year. We have returned to Germany at least every other year since we were married. Our daughter, Christine, graduated from Cal and St. Mary's. She is now 27 and is a paralegal in Boston, MA. We are looking forward to our thirty year reunion (gulp!) next year. See you all then. (Elk Grove, California)

**Lyman F. McConnell**

He announced that he will retire as project manager for the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in July after serving in that position in Fallon, Nevada for 22 years. (Fallon, Nevada)

**Chris Melonakis**

Still crazy after all these years. Enjoying my grandchildren and grinding towards retirement. (Brighton, Colorado)

**John G. Neville**

I retired January 2006. (Boulder, Colorado)

**John H. Sullivan**

After co-chairing successful initiative campaign (Proposition 64) to amend state Unfair Competition Law, I'm now leading our Association's project to bring balance and predictability to California's class action rules and statute. (Sacramento)

**Gerald D. Waite**

Left Las Vegas and private practice after 28 years to return to Oregon to the good life in the forest with the deer and squirrels. (Corvallis, Oregon)

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**Thomas W. Anthony**

Closed my private practice in April '05 and took the appointment as a Workers' Compensation Judge, originally at Stockton WCAB and just transferred to Sacramento. (Sacramento)

**Robert W. Armstrong**

Spending more time on charitable work and McGeorge Alumni Board - I got writer's cramp signing all those contribution letters so would everyone please send a response? Shaner, Creatura, Cheek, Boarman, Shirley - call me. (Long Beach, California)

**Robert J. Drabant**

He won a defense verdict in Sacramento Superior Court for an apartment owner in a breach of

warranty of habitability case involving water leakage and alleged presence of toxic mold. (Sacramento)

**John M. Freeman '78**

Died on May 18 at the age of 54. He practiced insurance law in the Bay Area for many years. (Martinez, California)

**Robert M. Jones**

He is running for a newly vacant City Council seat in Atascadero. The former city attorney and planning commissioner has also served as president of the Atascadero Mutual Water Board and Atascadero Loaves & Fishes. (Atascadero, California)

**Sherri Kirk**

She was appointed a principal at the Sacramento office of Stoel Rives LLP where she is a member of firm's resources, development and environment practice group. (Sacramento)

**James M. Tuthill**

Vice President, AB Trucking and Demolition, Inc. Demolition's a lot more fun than trial law. (West Palm Beach, Florida)

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Paul and Carole were named 'Santa Clarans of the Year' by Santa Clara University Sacramento Alumni Chapter in April 2006. Paul retired from basketball officiating in 2003 and now works as an "official observer," rating and evaluating basketball officials for the WNBA, Big West Conference, Big Sky Conference and West Coast Athletic Conference. (Sacramento)

**Kevin D. Clymo**

Died on May 3 at the age of 58 in

Sacramento from complications following back surgery. A prominent criminal defense attorney, his clients included Ted Kaczynski, the Unabomber, and Dorothea Puente, the F Street landlady who enjoyed midnight gardening. (Sacramento)

**Paul S. Hokokian**

He made his second run for the presidency of the State Bar of California. An attorney with the Fresno County Department of Child Support Services and member of the bar's board of governors, he was one of the three candidates for the office. (Fresno, California)

**Albert J. Lenzi**

This has been an exciting year so far. In March, I attended my daughter April's graduation from Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. Then in May and June, my second-cousin and her husband came from Tuscany for a three-week visit. (Chico, California)

**Bruce Elworthy**

Bruce Back in Monterey County after 20 years! (Monterey, California)

**James C. Smith**

We welcomed our first grandchild and I retired from state service to pursue legal, historical and insurance interests. We spent a great 4th of July with Don Rill, Troy Anderson and Dean Meidrich. Please call. We wish everyone the best!

**Daniel Wong**

I continue to be busy as the chief solicitor general and am still riding the Harley whenever possible. A cheerful 'hello' to all of my classmates. (Carson City, Nevada)

# 1980

**Vincent A. Consul**

I just completed my term as president of the State Bar of Nevada—it was a very interesting and challenging year. My travels around the State of Nevada allowed me to meet up with some old McGeorge classmates and alumni, who are numerous throughout Nevada. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

**George W. Foley**

United States Magistrate Judge, District of Nevada, appointed August, 2005. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

**Robert Litchfield**

He came in third in a six-person race for a seat on the Nevada County Superior Court bench. The Auburn attorney specializes in estate planning and business law. (Auburn, California)

**Joseph E. Maloney**

In February of 2006, I left the USDOJ and hung out my shingle in Auburn. Refer your Federal Civil Litigation clients to me! (Auburn, California)

**Craig A. Paul**

Have recently celebrated 30th wedding anniversary. (Elk Grove, California)

**Peter T. Steinberg**

Attempting to minimize work, maximize fun! Enjoying life in wonderful seaside Malibu. (Malibu, California)

**James W. Taylor**

Legal Counsel to the Vice President of the Republic of Palau. After private practice and in-house corporate law positions came a year working for the Marine Corps' legal office on Okinawa, Japan followed by my current position. As legal counsel to the Vice President of a country, I am really a political lawyer - advising on political, regulatory, governmental, legal and related issues. This is consistent with my education with a BA and MA in political science as well as my Pacific McGeorge degree. I'm very pleased to be here as Palau is of the top scuba diving locations in the world ([www.visit-palau.com](http://www.visit-palau.com)). It is also a beautiful country with limestone island peaks dotting the clear, warm waters; abundant fish; magnificent corals, beaches and a diverse marine life. I have what is more than a full-time job but, when not at work, I'm out enjoying the environment. Come visit, just not all at once (Palau)

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**Lewis A. Davis**

He was named to the Contra Costa Court Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Davis served as executive director of the California Juvenile Court Law Revision Commission from 1983 to 1984 and a deputy district attorney in Alameda County from 1984 to 1990, when he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Oakland. (Walnut Creek, California)

**David D. Doyle**

Enjoying life and practicing law in Fresno. Married two kids (Joe and Brenna), graduated two kids from college (Brenna and Caitlin) and started the fifth in college (Colleen). Re-married a wonderful lady from Indiana (Susan). Had a great time camping with Terry Cassidy and Irv Joseph. (Fresno, California)

**Janet Holmes**

She won a defense verdict in an ADA Unruh Civil Rights Act case against a plaintiff who charged that small Contra County Courthouse in Martinez was inaccessible to people with disabilities. Holmes is a senior deputy county counsel. (Martinez, California)

**Patricia A. Lynch**

Working way too much! Mostly busy representing school and college districts in defending personal injury/employment cases. Skiing with nephew Sean in Winter. Soccer with niece Erin the rest of the year. Keeping busy!! (Santa Ana, California)

**Terry Sharp**

He has joined Tamapais Bank as vice president for small business lending in its Sacramento office. (Sacramento)

**Donald E. Shaver**

He took a four-month sabbatical from the Stanislaus County Superior Court bench to serve as a visiting professional at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands. (Modesto, California)

**Noel S. Waters**

He announced he will not seek reelection as Carson City District Attorney and will seek a Carson City District Court judgeship left open by retirement. He has held the D.A. office since 1985. (Carson City, Nevada)

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**William G. Anderson**

Hi all - I'm general counsel at Millennium Challenge Corp, The US' signature foreign policy initiative. 'Foreign aid with accountability.' Long hours, great work! (Washington, DC)

**Scott Boras**

He scored another pro baseball coup when the Newport Beach super agent saw his client, former University of Tennessee righthanded pitcher Luke Hochevar, taken as the first selection in major league baseball's annual amateur draft. The latter turned down a \$3 million bonus offer from the Los Angeles Dodgers last year and now figures to command a \$4 million bonus from the Kansas City Royals, who drafted him this year. (Newport Beach, California)

**Paul L. Brimberry**

Trying to do more collaborative work —see the possibilities at [www.divorceoption.com](http://www.divorceoption.com). (Sacramento)

**Paul E. Dassenko**

My three companies are in play so I'm up to my eyeballs with bankers - so much for any summer plans!! (Stamford, Connecticut)

**Paul E. Gold**

Working for largest landlord eviction firm in US. President of Manhattan Beach Kiwanis Club. Our son Pluto will be 16 in August. Member Quality Paperback Club, National Geographic Society. (Los Angeles, California)

**Carl McMahan**

He helped a severely injured client gain a \$2 million settlement from the estate of driver who was partially at fault in a triple-fatality accident in 2002 in Mexico. The plaintiff was unable to obtain jurisdiction over a Mexican bus company (the other party to the accident) in the United States. McMahan is a Los Angeles-based attorney whose specialties include medical malpractice. (Los Angeles, California)

**Douglas C. Miller**

Still slogging through the world of unions and labor relations. My daughter Laura Marissa in 14, going on 30 and has a rapier-like wit. She's still the 'Doug - clone' and great fun. Missing all my great friends from McGeorge. I'm back to sculpting and oil painting which is a nice change! (Carmichael, California)

**James E. Morton**

He is a new shareholder with Eisenberg, Gilchrist & Morton in Salt Lake City, Utah. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, medical malpractice, products liability and environmental torts. (Salt Lake City, UT)

**Glenn E. Wichinsky**

Recently admitted as a member of the International Masters of Gaming Law. (Henderson, Nevada)

**David M. Zeligs**

Congrats to Rob Kronick on his new sushi bar - Sosum. Likewise to Tom Janzen as California's new pancake tsar. Finally, Paul Ready has declared himself an unincorporated area. (Long Beach, California)

# 1983

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### Douglas A. Amo

20-plus years of practice - where did the years go? Beautiful wife Nancy + 3 kids (2 in college, so now broke again!). Saw some familiar faces at IAN. MCLE course on Queen Mary in Long Beach. Hello to Tim McAdam, Pomy, Mr. Wilson, & 'the boys' from '83E Class! (Costa Mesa, California)

### Tommy E. Clinkenbeard

Died on July 20 of esophageal cancer at the age of 51. A long-time Sacramento County deputy public defender, he defended several high-profile clients in major criminal cases, and was also an active board member of several local charities. (Sacramento)

### R. L. Lovejoy

He has joined the Attorneys Title Insurance Fund in Pensacola, Florida. It is the largest single title insurance underwriter and title information provider in the state of Florida. Previously, she was an assistant attorney general in Tallahassee as of October 2005. (Pensacola, Florida)

### Craig R. Mausler

In August 2005 my wife and I had our second child - Andrew Robert Mausler. (Albany, NY)

### David Pumphrey

He died from injuries sustained in a bicycle accident at the age of 64 in Reno. A former administrator for Bentley Nevada who practiced law in Gardnerville for several years, he served on the Douglas County Commission from 1989 to 1996. (Reno, Nevada)

### Marc D. Remis

Continue to enjoy working with Glenn Fait & Mary Swanson the California Parole Advocacy Program. Under the Valdivia class action we ensure parolees facing revocation hearings are afforded due process of law. (Sacramento)

### William G. Walker

After a twenty year career in the Public Defender's office followed by a two-year sabbatical, I'm currently accepting a few cases and am mostly working to improve local drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs and helping criminal and CPS clients obtain resources to help their rehabilitation and improve their lives. (Grass Valley, California)

# 1984

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### Linda T. Barney

After 20 years as the square peg, doing civil litigation and appellate work in family law firm, I hung out my shingle in January 2006. Enjoying life as a solo practitioner. (Glendale, California)

### Kimberly Bennion

Associate general counsel, Robert Half International Inc. (Menlo Park, California)

### Katherine H. Chew

Director of Real Estate and Legal Programs, University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles, California)

### Janice N. Keller

Until January 2005 I was a deputy public defender. I am now retired, traveling, serving as a judge pro tem and until December 2006 a member of the Lompoc City Council. (Lompoc, California)

### Kevin L. Pasquale

He was considered for the vacant Third District Court seat in Nevada. A former Churchill County District Attorney, he is a partner with the Reno law firm of Bradley, Drendel and Jeanney. (Reno, Nevada)

### Marjorie A. Rasmussen

Chief Administrative Law Judge - CA Department of Insurance. (San Francisco, California)

# 1985

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### Cheryl L. Van Steenwyk

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### Thomas P. Aplin

I just completed a three-week jury trial in Siskiyou County (Yreka) and successfully defended a \$3 million action brought against former members of the board of directors of an owners' association. I even passed through Sacramento and stopped by McGeorge. It was nice to be back on campus. (Costa Mesa, California)

### Ellen Corbett

She won a tough, three-way battle for the Democratic nomination in California Senate District 10. The former Assemblywoman, a consumer trial attorney from San Leandro, is a prohibitive favorite in the November general election. (San Leandro, California)

### Susan H. Johnson

She was one of three candidates for a seat on the District Court bench in Clark County whose names were forwarded to Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn by the state Commission on Judicial Selection. A Las Vegas attorney who specializes in personal injury and family law cases, she has served as a judge pro tem, arbitrator, mediator and child support hearing master hundreds of cases. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

### Julie A. Quirk-McManus

I was appointed to the bench with former classmate Jan Conklin. We

spent a week together at new judge's orientation in San Francisco and had lunch with Anthony Hampton. We just completed 2 weeks of judge's college in Berkeley where, out of the blue, Dana Fox called in the middle of class—just like being back at McGeorge. Best wishes to all! (Grass Valley, California)

### Susan B. Rothe

Deputy Attorney, City of Reno, Nevada. (Reno, Nevada)

### Mark S. Steed

Died on May 4 at the age of 47. He practiced real estate and business law for many years with firms in San Francisco and Oakland, in addition to a stint as legal counsel with manufacturer Fibreboard in Concord. (Roseville, California)

### D. Tyler Tharpe

He was appointed to the Fresno County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Tharpe has been a partner in the law firm of Kimble, MacMichael & Upton since 1996. (Fresno, California)

### Joyce Ann Vermeersch

Died in Davis of complications from cancer at the age of 60. She was chief of CalPERS' Health Program Development Division and responsible for negotiating and administering HMO contracts for more than a million members. (Davis, California)

# 1986

## Class Representative

### Andrea C. Nelson

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OK. Better sit down. TWENTY YEARS have passed since our graduation. Can you believe it? Where on earth did the time go? Remember when we were all young and hot? Now we are... oh, my gosh... our parents! Oh, wait, I must be mistaken, we're now simply enjoying the prime of our lives... and we're still hot! Yeah, that's it. Now for the kicker: It's time to stop eating carbs

again, because our 20-YEAR REUNION takes place this fall! Here's the deal: All reunion classes meet at Pacific McGeorge for a general reception in the Student Center on Saturday, October 21 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. It's \$15 per person. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, soft drinks and water will be served. McGeorge will send you an invitation, so please watch for it and RSVP. If we'd like, McGeorge will also help us organize an additional event—dinner at a restaurant, picnic, whatever we want. If we decide to do this, they will include the price of the additional event on the invitation and keep track of the rsvp's and checks. I need to know if you guys would like me to try to plan an additional event (and, if so, what kind of event?) Please e-mail me your preference at anelson@sunvalleyonline.com. Unless I get several e-mails from people who are definitely planning to be there, we'll just go with the reception at McGeorge and let people plan their own "post parties." But if there's lots of interest in something else, I'm more than happy to set it up! Watch for that invitation. Rod, Alexandra (our nine year old daughter) and I will have just returned from two different trips, so I will probably have to leave my family in Idaho and make Debbie Bain, Bill Douglas and their delightful spouses come as my dates. I'm also going to do my best to get Summer to fly up for it... after all she was the student body president. (Note the subtle pressure... Dam, I'm good!) Hope all is well with all of you. We're doing great up here in paradise. We're grateful for every day.

**Charlotte M. Bible**  
Chief Deputy Attorney General, State of Nevada. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

**David Doyle**  
Hello to all. Still grinding out a living in Oregon. My oldest child, Andrew, is in college and has threatened to attend law school. What is he thinking? Where do the years go? Wishing good health to all. (Corvallis, Oregon)



## Asmundson, Bellingham Have Grown Up Together

by Cynthia Scanlon

While most kids dream about becoming astronauts or baseball players, **Mark Asmundson, '80,** dreamed of working in government.

It was an unusual calling for a five-year-old, but when city crews installed a sewer system in his neighborhood, he watched fascinated with the complexity of the work. "I became friends with the crew, and my neighbor was a firefighter, so I had early contact with people working in city government," he says

Asmundson carried his fascination with government throughout his 15-year law career and into his dream job: mayor of Bellingham, Washington.

The Bellingham native has been "Mayor Mark," to what are now more than 800 city employees and nearly 75,000 residents, since 1995. He has been re-elected twice.

"I use my legal knowledge with my work every day," says Asmundson. "The thinking processes I developed in law school allow me to shift between issues of consequence and are applicable to every situation I deal with."

His legal training was critical in leading state and national efforts to address pipeline policy weaknesses after a severe 1999 pipeline accident in Bellingham. "We went to Congress and testified in front of House and Senate committees," he says. "We obtained significant revisions that have dramatically increased pipeline transmission safety throughout the country."

Under Asmundson's continued leadership, Bellingham has grown 30 percent in the past 10 years and transformed itself from a mill town with a natural resource-driven economy into a vibrant city with a strong business base, a professional workforce, updated infrastructure and an overall sense of community.

Perhaps his greatest accomplishment is the city's revitalization, particularly downtown, which now boasts a mixture of retail, permanent housing, and restaurants. Asmundson has also succeeded in getting a "Local Infrastructure Financing Tool" bill passed that will assist in the redevelopment of Bellingham's waterfront. "It's an historic bill for an historic project, and it's a big step for the state of Washington," he says.

Throughout his years as mayor, Asmundson has relied heavily on his law school training at Pacific McGeorge, which, he says, taught him how to think and prioritize. "I use my training whether I am dealing with neighborhood, finance, taxation or law enforcement issues," he says. "My legal training has been the foundation for my success."

**Birgit Fladager**

She emerged victorious from a hard-fought campaign to win the Stanislaus County district attorney race. The deputy prosecutor, who earned national attention for her performance in the Scott Peterson trial, will take the reins of the office later this month. (Modesto, California)

**Kenneth H. Flood**

I'm semi-retired in Florida with a home office. Living the bi-coastal life, coming back to California for business only a few times each year, to avoid summer storms and heat. (Spring Hill, Florida)

**Doris E. Hawks**

I was made a Fellow of NAFELA (national Academy of Elder Law Attorneys) and invited to become a member of Council of Advanced Practitioners (CAP). Santa Clara Co. Medical Association recognized me as their Citizen of the Year for my work in health care policy. I will be teaching Elder Law as an adjunct at Santa Clara University School of Law. (Los Altos, California)

**John P. Henderson**

All is well on the Henderson front. Austin and Janelle are both So. Cal bound to college - Grossmont and UCSB, respectively. Leanna's now a sophomore (H.S.) and playing every sport available. Pam holds down the fort and advises the other three. I sit and wonder where the times gone. (Auburn, California)

**Wendy S. Jaffe**

She has published a book, *The Divorce Lawyers' Guide to Staying Married*. The former entertainment and family law practitioner turned writer is a regular contributor to the Los Angeles Times and publications of the American Bar Association and State Bar of California. She interviewed 100 of America's top family law attorney in researching her new book. (Beverly Hills, California)

**William S. Papazian**

He was appointed to the board of directors of SKYE International Inc., a publicly traded company

based in Chandler, Arizona that manufactures electric tankless water heaters for residential homes, commercial establishments, pools and spas. The Phoenix attorney has a business background in corporate finance and operations. (Phoenix, Arizona)

**Paul J. Pimentel**

Still grinding it out in the sun-filled San Joaquin Valley. Doing more medical malpractice and will contest matters. Interesting work, but it can be rather expensive to move it through litigation. This year will have neck surgery, fuse blown out neck vertebrae (probably from cradling the phone too much) and will celebrate 25 blissful years of marriage by traveling to Hawaii for the first time. I plan on seeing the Steelers play Atlanta with Dave Doyle. If the team can keep its players off of motorcycles and out of jail, we may be able to repeat; just think, first team to win seven 'Lombardies'! (Fresno, California)

**Rebecca Powlan**

She has joined the Oakland law firm Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP as a partners in the business and real estate groups, and as senior counsel of the firm's real estate group. She previously served as senior counsel with real estate law firm Cassidy Shimko Dawson & Kawakami in San Francisco. (Oakland, California)

**A. P. Rausch**

Recently formed a new firm that handles complex business and commercial litigation with a focus on representing plaintiff's in professional liability claims. Hopefully we won't see any McGeorge alum on the other side of the table in the defendant's seat. (Stockton, California)

**Timothy M. Smith**

He won a defense verdict for the Kirkwood Ski Resort in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a ski accident case brought by a plaintiff who fell 30 feet off a chairlift and suffered injuries. (Sacramento)

**Samuel B. Taylor**

Just opened another business. Selling honeymoons and destination weddings. Still following the kids around—the 12-year-old skater and the 10-year-old actress (who is doing her first feature-film this summer!) Fond hellos to Karen Ponton, Julie & Brian Stainfield, and Marcie Strauss – miss you guys. Andrea – great to catch up with you! (Durham, North Carolina)

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**John M. Groen**

He announced that he is running for a seat on the Washington State Supreme Court. The Bellevue lawyer, a property-rights litigator, is a senior consulting attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation. (Bellevue, Washington)

**Larry D. Morse II**

He was sworn in as Merced County District Attorney after serving as the county's chief deputy for many years. He had won the June election for the office after the incumbent, long-time DA.. Gordon Spencer, '75, announced his intention to retire. (Merced, California)

**1988**

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**Diane L. Bras**

Family Law Facilitator/Managing Attorney, Legal Help Center, Placer County Superior Court. (Auburn, California)

**Jamie Clare**

He is a litigation partner at Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, a prominent law firm with offices in New Jersey and New York. Injured in a car accident in San Francisco in 1991, Jamie returned to his roots in New Jersey in 1993. Undeterred by adversity, Jamie has gone on to achieve great success both "in and on the court." In the courtroom, Jamie has a flourishing practice in construction, surety and fidelity and insurance litigation in the state and federal courts. On the court, Jamie is a nationally ranked wheelchair tennis player, competing against national and international players in weekend tournaments. Jamie recently competed the Jana Hunsaker Memorial Wheelchair Tennis Tournament at the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadow, New York. He has also been recognized for his community outreach and fundraising. Jamie resides in Englewood, New Jersey with his wife, Lisa, and two daughters, Rachel and Arielle. (Englewood, New Jersey)

**Kristi C. Kapetan**

An Assistant U.S. Attorney, she won a defense verdict on December 13, 2005 for the federal government in a U.S. District Court dangerous condition of public property case brought by the parents of a rock-climber who fell to his death in a 1999 Yosemite National Park accident. (Fresno, California)

**Christine A. Kubota**

Appointed Director of Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce 2006. On the Supreme Court Committee on Court Interpreters. (Honolulu, Hawaii)

**Steven Malone**

He was the top vote-getter in a San Bernardino County Superior Court election, but will need to win a November run-off to claim a seat on the bench. He garnered 44 percent of the vote to outdistance the second- and third-place finishers who took 31 and 25 percent, respectively. (San Bernardino, California)

**Paul C. Smith**

He is the new mayor of Tiburon. A partner in the San Rafael firm of Keegin Harrison Schoppert & Smith where his practice focuses on land use and real estate law, he has served on the Tiburon Town Council since 2003. (Tiburon, California)

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She has joined Dickenson, Peatman & Fogarty as a member of the Napa law firm's development and hospitality and wine industry groups. She has 25 years experience in water rights and water quality matters, as well as federal Indian law. (Napa, California)

**Rex A. Cluff**

Associate Transportation Planner, California Department of Transportation. (Woodland, California)

**Virginia J. Dunlap**

I became the general counsel for this national non-profit that regulates financial planners in December 2005. I oversee outside counsel and am learning about intellectual property, since we regulate through the use of trademarks. (Fair Oaks, California)

**Michele Nelson Bass**

Since we started our first year of law school twenty years ago this fall, I decided it was time to respond to the recent request for alumni news rather than throwing it in the trash as usual. In January 2005, six weeks after the birth of our second baby boy (Andy, who

joins big brother Max), my 37 year old husband was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and was treated with chemotherapy. The oncologist here in Colorado overdosed my husband with an agent called bleomycin and nearly killed him by causing pulmonary toxicity and ruining the architecture of his lungs. He spent three months in the hospital at UCLA and USC and a month on a life support ventilator in a drug induced coma. The head of pulmonary medicine at UCLA said, 'there is no medical feasibility for his survival,—we are talking miracles now.' I was asked to sign a 'Do Not Resuscitate' form. Psychologists came to meet with me to help me explain to my four year old that his Daddy was dying because his lungs no longer worked. I am delighted to report that despite this grave situation my husband not only survived but has truly made a miraculous recovery. The cancer is completely gone and his lungs have recovered to 70% capacity. He is back home in Aspen, Colorado living at 8,000 feet and biking and skiing with me and playing with our boys. His treating doctors have no scientific explanation for his recovery and are flabbergasted at this amazing outcome. After going through the trauma of that experience our family has a much deeper appreciation for all the gifts we have in this life. We try to live every moment with joyful gratefulness and truly 'do not sweat the small stuff'. I just want to remind everyone of the fragility of our own existence and not to waste a single minute. Remember to hug and kiss your kids every chance you get and tell your family and friends that you love them. Try to smile and laugh out loud at least once a day. Despite all of the sadness and chaos and suffering in the world, there is still goodness in the universe and miracles do happen. Never underestimate the power of positive thinking and LOVE. (Aspen, Colorado)

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Corfee Stone & Associates (Carmichael, California)

**Catherine M. Koshkin**

What's new with me? Marriage! After 6 1/2 years together, Patrick Cleary and I will be married September 24, on our ranch. Please note our new (for some of you) address: 695 Hunts Drive, McKinleyville, CA. Come visit! (McKinleyville, California)

**Luis Lopez**

He received the "Minority Advocate of the Year" from the Inland Empire Minority Business Enterprise Center at the Riverside Convention Center. A partner in the Riverside law firm of Lopez & Morris along with Geoffrey Morris, '91, Lopez was honored for his pro bono service as legal director of the Libreria del Pueblo clinic in San Bernardino. (Riverside, California)

**Jim Ratzer**

When you were doing your 80 For 80 Alumni tribute, I had a nominee: my classmate Whitney Davis. Here's why: Whitney has developed a great practice in, among other areas, personal injury law in the Sacramento area. He has taken on a number of tough cases and fought for tougher standards for mattresses and controlling flammability. (Carlsbad, California)

**Aaron Williams**

He was unsuccessful in his bid to unseat an incumbent judge on the Shasta County Superior Court in the June primary election. Williams is a Redding criminal defense attorney. (Redding, California)

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Self-employed, Dale Chipman, Attorney. (Fresno, California)

**Roy C. Levin**

Sole Practitioner, primarily in Workers' Compensation (Sacramento)

**Linda T. McKinney**

District Defender, Missouri State Office of the Public Defender. (Hartville, Missouri)

**Douglas L. Miller**

Keeping busy at home with wife, Erika and two sons (Danny, 12, Nicklaus, born May 11, 2006). Busy at work with my first capital case. Keeping fit by playing golf with Ufland, Nolan, Smith, Fessinger and Burgess and, of course, beating them and taking their money. (San Diego, California)

**Geoffrey S. Morris**

Attorney, Lopez & Morris. My partner, Luis Lopez, '90, was named by the Inland Empire Minority Business Enterprise Center (Inland Empire-MBEC), operated by CHARO Community Development Corporation, as its "Minority Advocate of the Year." In addition to our private practice Luis has volunteered his time pro bono and has acted as the legal director for a free legal clinic located in San Bernardino. Over the past four years Luis has personally met with over 4,000 persons at this clinic. While a student at McGeorge, Luis was very involved in school activities and since graduation has volunteered a lot of his time to different community groups in the Inland Empire. (Riverside, California)

**Glenn T. Rosen**

Partner, Loewenthal, Hillshafer & Rosen, LLP. Small firm life is rewarding and terrific. We now have seven attorneys. More importantly, my wife and I recently welcomed our daughter Olivia's little sister, Jessica. (Sherman Oaks, California)

**Herbert J. Santos**

I started my third term as the Nevada chair of the Republican caucus of ATLA, and am starting my second term on the Board of Governors of the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association. Most importantly, Kim and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary. (Reno, Nevada)

**Michael A. Terhorst**

He has moved to Lanahan & Reilly's office in Santa Rosa. An employment law specialist, he previously was with the firm's Sacramento office. (Santa Rosa, California)

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**Maureen Aplin**

Two of the four legal thriller novels I've written are being published in 2006. Check out amazon.com for *Pandemic Predator* and *Ponder River Poison*. (Laguna Niguel, California)

**David H. Barton**

President, Mercer Advisors. Recently relocated to Scottsdale where we are building a 65,000 square foot corporate headquarters. (Scottsdale, Arizona)

**Kent C. Cobb**

Lesley and I celebrated our 2nd anniversary in August. Wheaton Capital, our oil and gas investment group, is doing well and is consistently identifying profitable opportunities for our investors. (Tulsa, Oklahoma)

**Gina L. Genova Hons**

Proud parents Greg and Gina welcomed their second child, Jack Anthony, on November 1, 2005. Their daughter Margaret is three. (Santa Barbara, California)

**Jeffrey P. Hubbard**

Brier, Irish & Hubbard, P.L.C. (Phoenix, Arizona)

**M. B. Knotek**

Schuitmaker, Cooper, Schuitmaker & Cypher, P.C. (Paw Paw, Michigan)

**Stephan K. Rippert**

I joined the international law firm of Reed Smith in January 2006 in Munich, Germany, as partner. (Munich, Germany)

**Sundee M. Smykal**

Managing Partner, Winterbotham Parham Teeple Marchisotto, PC. (Santa Ana, California)

**Steven D. Strauss**

I am no longer practicing law. My most recent book, *The Small Business Bible*, was published last year. The kids are getting too old! (Portland, Oregon)

**Kyle K. Tambornini**

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The Stockton businessman, who represents the 26th Assembly District in the California legislature, was elevated to the second-ranking post in the chamber's Republican caucus. (Stockton, California)

**Tamara Boeck**

She was named the shareholder-in-charge of Bullivant Houser Bailey PC's office in Sacramento following that firm's merger with Bartel, Eng & Schroder. (Sacramento)

**Christopher A. Delfino**

All is going well with Kim and me in Sacramento. Our kids Samantha (6) and Ben (3) continue to keep us busy and very happy. In January 2006 I became the chair of Downey Brand's Corporate, securities and tax practice group. (Sacramento)

**William D. Harn**

Between our day jobs (and way too many professional & volunteer commitments) Joy (92D) and I continue to survive the bliss of parenting and life in Seal Beach. Hellos to all of our classmates and friends from Pacific McGeorge. (Seal Beach, California)

**Michael B. Harper**

He ran unopposed in the primary election for Trinity County District Attorney and will take office in

January when the current district attorney's term ends. Harper is currently a deputy prosecutor. (Weaverille, California)

**Shelby W. Hladon**

Student, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island  
Successfully completed 2-year sea duty tour in July, specialized in rules of engagement/operational law and international law. Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of 2nd award) and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal in June. Recognized by the San Diego Navy League as an Outstanding Military Woman of the Year. Promoted to the rank of Commander (O-5) in the US Navy JAGC on 1 August 06. Student at the Naval War College for next 10 months (August 06-June 07). Awaiting follow-on orders. Celebrating 10 years of marriage to husband, John, in September. (Newport, Rhode Island)

**Steve Holden**

He has formed a new labor and employment law firm, Holden Law Group, in Sacramento. He's a former partner at Palmer Kazanjian Holden LLP. (Sacramento)

**Christopher D. Lonn**

2006—What a year! I got engaged to Stacey in June—I am a lucky man. Donald Fagen and Steely Dan touring this summer really helps make 2006 'a wonderful thing.' (Scottsdale, Arizona)

**Janie Siess**

My most exciting news is not law-related! Every musician dreams of playing Carnegie Hall and that's what I'll be doing in March 2007. The Stockton Concert Band, in which I play flute will be performing there. Otherwise things are status quo- still fighting 'the good fight' for cure rights. The boys are now 19 and 15. Robert is a junior in college and my law school baby is a freshman in high school. Hard to believe! Best wishes to all in the class of 1993E! (Elk Grove, California)

**Thomas Weathers**

Melina and I now have a second son, Tate Thomas Weathers. We are doing well and living in San Rafael. I still practice Indian law. (Berkeley, California)

**Sean A. Wong**

I am having a lot of fun reliving elementary school through my son, Riley, in 3rd grade, and daughter, Alice, in 1st grade. I have had a lot of fun this part year seeing old McGeorge friends that live in SoCal like Sharon and Brian Cosgrove, Mark Jessee, Winston Chen and Cmdr. Shelby Hiadon. I am also really looking forward to playing in the Inaugural McGeorge Benefit Golf tournament on Monday, October 16, 2006 at Empire Ranch Golf Course in Folsom. I am hoping to see some of my old McGeorge golfing buddies at the tournament like Marto, Lattin, Ingram, Ramazzini, Anches (Honey) and Kohls. (Sacramento)

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**Michelle A. Ball**

Has been representing parents and students in discipline, special education and other school issues for eleven years! I love it and love helping students! (Sacramento)



## Marathoner McFadden Tries to Keep Kids in the Race

by Jonathan Kalstrom

Judge Linda McFadden, '87, has the patience and persistence of a marathon runner who knows what it takes to finish life's races.

For more than 14 years, she served as a deputy district attorney in Stanislaus County, winning most of the more than 200 felony cases she prosecuted. In 2003, she was appointed to the Stanislaus County Superior Court. She is now the presiding judge in Juvenile Court, where her focus on the long haul makes her an effective arbiter of justice.

"What you say as a judge can have an impact not only on the people that appear before you but on everyone in the community," McFadden observes. Her tack involves finding something positive in each person. "For certain people," she notes, "positive reinforcement works much better than negative."

"Sometimes with kids you can have even more of an impact," says McFadden. She hears delinquency cases, which involve kids accused of committing offenses. The juvenile system in California is designed to rehabilitate the minor, not just to put them in jail, she explains. And state law provides a host of different options for a Juvenile Court judge.

"So everybody works toward keeping the kid from coming back," she says. "Obviously there's still a goal of protecting society, and I have to consider that."

When not on the bench in robes, McFadden can be found in nearby streets or far-flung mountains in running shoes. Before moving to Modesto, she lived in Los Angeles for a time, and ran every day. So she decided to run the L.A. Marathon. She finished all 26.2 miles and hasn't stopped running marathons since.

In fact, not content with that distance she has stretched her sport to include events such as the 100-mile Western States Endurance Run through the Sierra Nevada and the 135-mile Badwater Ultra Marathon from Death Valley to Mt. Whitney.

She obviously enjoys long-distance running, but McFadden has also made a lot of friends along the way. "When I first moved to Modesto, I didn't know a lot of runners so I welcomed the opportunity to meet and run with them," she says.

But 135 miles? Death Valley? "I just like challenging myself," she says, matter-of-factly.



**Eric L. Barnum**

He has joined SchiffHardin LLP as a partner in that firm's labor and employment group in the Atlanta office. An experienced trial lawyer practicing in all areas of employment law and employment litigation, he previously was with McGuireWoods LLP. (Atlanta, Georgia)

**Brian J. Christensen**

Assistant Vice President and Corporate Counsel heads the litigation group at H&R Block, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. H&R Block is a Fortune 500 financial services company with nearly \$5 billion annual revenue that provides tax preparation, mortgage, investment, banking, and accounting services to millions of clients nationwide. Brian is responsible for cases of all types in the consumer finance industry including class actions in some of the most challenging jurisdictions in the country including Madison County, Illinois, West Virginia, and South Texas. After graduation from McGeorge, Brian served as an active-duty Navy staff judge advocate in various locations around the world until 1998. Prior to joining H&R Block's legal team in 2004, Brian's practice focused on labor and employment law and complex litigation, including class action defense. He is admitted to practice before the state and federal bars of Kansas and Missouri as well as the Court of Military Appeals for the Armed Forces. (Kansas City, Missouri)

**Wayne A. Pederson**

He was appointed by Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn to the Third Judicial District bench on April 18 to complete the term of a retiring judge. The Yerington attorney is a sole practitioner and also a contract public defender for Lyon County. (Yerington, Nevada)

**Erin E. Sarret**

Marketing Direct, Access Capital Partners. Access is an independent private equity fund of funds. I use my legal background to explain structuring of the investment vehicles. Lots of travel, very exciting!!

McGeorge alums should look me up when in Paris! (Paris, France)

**Jerry A. Wiese**

He is one of seven candidates for a newly created Nevada District Court judgeship in Clark County, A Las Vegas personal injury attorney, he recently settled a wrongful death case for \$2.65 million. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

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I continue to do criminal appeals, and I also represent parolees in front of the Parole Board. Michele (my wife) and I just put in our new backyard, and our 2 year-old twins love their new swing set and slide. Life has been generally good to me. (Fresno, California)

**Angele T. Cicala**

Senior Counsel, Gordan & Rees. (San Francisco, California)

**Dustin K. Finer**

He has been named senior vice president, Human Resources of Gemstar-TV Guide International, Inc., a Los Angeles-based media marketing company. Previously, he was the senior vice president of global human resources at Ascent Media Group, LLC. (Los Angeles, California)

**Mary M. Godar**

I currently head our Cincinnati office's immigration practice. We specialize in corporate immigration. Ran my 1st half marathon last year. I'm also keeping busy traveling around the world. This year I'm off to India. (Cincinnati, Ohio)

**James E. Jones**

He came close to unseating an incumbent judge on the Placer County Superior Court, but the deputy district attorney lost the June election by eight percentage points. (Auburn, California)

**Bernard P. Wang**

Jayden Micah Wang was born July 11, 2006 at Sasebo, Japan. He weighed 7lbs 10 oz and measured 21 inches. Jayden is Bernie and Erin Wang's first son. (Sasebo, Japan)

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He has been hired as executive director of the First 5 Yuba Commission, a county-funded organization that strives to help newborn children, infants and toddlers. The former Nevada County supervisor has worked in the mental health field for more than 20 years. (Grass Valley, California)

**Jenny M. Fjeld**

She joined Placer Title Co. in Sacramento as a commercial escrow officer. She spent nine years working as an attorney specializing in land development, most recently as in-house counsel with Hackard Land Co. (Sacramento)

**Robert J. Hatem**

He has joined Klinedinst PC as an associate in its Los Angeles office. Formerly with Hughes Law Firm in San Diego, Hatem is an experienced litigator in several practice areas, including construction, products liability, and premises liability. (Los Angeles, California)

**Donna L. Holtz**

She has been elevated to partner at McDonough, Holland & Allen, Sacramento's second-largest law firm. (Sacramento)

**Daniel W. Kim**

He has been elevated to partner at the Los Angeles office of Fulbright & Jaworski. He practice in the areas of public finance and corporate law. (Los Angeles, California)

**Amy Ruggles**

She joined the firm of Johnson Fort Meissner and Joseph as an associate. (Sacramento)

**Marnie S. Skeen**

Spencer and I are continuing to practice while raising our two kids. Our oldest is starting kindergarten this fall. (San Diego, California)

**Jonathan A. Saul**

Attorney, Thomas Minder & Associates (Sacramento)

**Vanessa W. Whang**

Partner, Carlton DiSante & Freudenberger LLP. I was promoted to partner in December 2005. We welcomed our new son, born May 8, 2006, who joins his older brother, born February 3, 2004. (Sacramento)

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Recently relocated to Arizona and am working as in-house counsel to First National Bank of Arizona as a vice-president. I was married to Daniel Ryan on May 13, 2006 in my home state of Rhode Island. After a honeymoon in Italy, I relocated to Dan's home city of Phoenix, AZ. I am very happy and excited about my new life in Arizona! (Phoenix, Arizona)

**Timothy B. Balcom**

The law firm of Balcom & Carbone was recently awarded a \$1.4 million dollar contract to provide criminal defense services to Placer County. (Auburn, California)

**Stacie M. Castro**

Married in 2001, 3.5-year old son and 1.5-year old daughter. (San Francisco, California)

**Kevin Dollison**

He has joined the real estate division of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. He previously practiced with the Sacramento law firm of Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard for five years. (Sacramento)

**Robert C. Hess**

I opened my own law practice (The Law Offices of Robert C. Hess) in May 2006 and my wife, Pam, and I had our third child, Rebecca, who was born March 30, 2006. (Clifton, New Jersey)

**Heather F. Cline Hoganson**

After a number of years with the office of Administrative Hearings, Heather Cline Hoganson (D) is now a staff counsel for the California Gambling Control Commission, which regulates cardrooms in California and oversees administration of funds and tribal-state compact issues regarding tribal casinos in California. She remains active with the Sacramento County Bar Association and is now co-editor of the *Sacramento Lawyer* magazine. (Sacramento)

**June D. Koper**

I married a fellow attorney, Jacob Koper, and my daughter and I wel-

comed him and his two sons into our family. Our two week honeymoon around the Mediterranean was too short. (Sacramento)

**Paul-Erik Lannus**

Just celebrated our first wedding anniversary. (San Francisco, California)

**Joseph H. Low**

He won a 5-4 ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States in a Sixth Amendment case, U.S. v. Gonzalez-Lopez, in which his would-be client was denied the counsel of his choice (Low) by a federal judge. Because the Newport Beach criminal defense attorney was barred, the defendant hired a lawyer who had never argued a criminal case, and lost. The U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals Circuit upheld that ruling, but the Supreme Court said the defendant's conviction must be reversed, whether or not the violation resulted in an unfair trial. Meanwhile, Low is representing one of the Marines charged on June 20 with the April murder of an Iraqi civilian. (Newport Beach, California)

**David P. Nemecek**

I am building up a securities and antitrust litigation practice here at the firm. I still see a number of alums, including Mike Webb, Nicole Wolff, Dan Keller, Steve Fishback, Mitch Fielding and Tad Devlin. Heading to Greece for two weeks shortly. (Los Angeles, California)

**David M. Verhey**

He was named Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. The appointment by Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne gives Verhey the delegated authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks until President Bush nominates and the Senate confirms someone to fill the position. Verhey has served as interior's associate solicitor, division of parks and wildlife, since last year. Prior to that, he was deputy legal affairs Secretary

for California Governor Arnold Schwarzeneger from 2003 to 2005 and deputy attorney general in the California Attorney General's office from 1998 to 2003. (Washington, District of Columbia)

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**Kenneth H. Brendel**

Came on as partner January 1, 2006. Nicole (6) and Peyton (3) are doing great and we love living here. (Flagstaff, Arizona)

**Susan E. Diedrich**

Deputy General Counsel, California Department of Social Services. (Sacramento)

**Sylvia Keller**

My husband and I just had our first child, Marina Grace, on May 27, 2006. (San Francisco, California)

**Alden J. Parker**

Recently left Jackson Lewis to form a new law firm, Basham, Parker, LLP. We concentrate on representing California employers in employment litigation, counsel, training & investigations. In February, my wife, Kara (Class of 1998) and I welcomed our second child, Morgan Blair Parker. Her big brother AJ (3 yrs) loves his baby sister. (Sacramento)

**Laura E. Stewart**

I joined Wood & Bender. (Ventura, California)

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Jury Consultant/Associate, Varinsky Associates. (Dublin, California)

**William S. Black**

Currently drafting international standards for North American high voltage electricity transmission grid. Also drafting enforcement & penalty standards for the post-Enron era. (Yuba City, California)

**William L. Brelsford**

Attorney, Poswall, White & Cutler. (Sacramento)

**Joseph A. Broyles**

He is currently the chair of the Beverly Hills Bar Association's Tax Section and the chair of the tax procedure and Litigation Committee for the State Bar of California. (Beverly Hills, California)

**Brian K. Duffey**

Senior Counsel, Hodgson Russ, LLP. (Boca Raton, Florida)

**Kimberly J. Graham**

Joined the California Attorney General's office in the civil ERA division in January 2006; gave birth to daughter Kate Helene in August 2005. (Fresno, California)

**Scott K. Holbrook**

After 18 years on the mainland, Scott is excited to return home to Hawaii as an associate with the Bays Deaver firm in Honolulu and looks forward to participating in the Native Hawaiian Bar Association activities. (Honolulu, Hawaii)

**Sarah K. Holt**

Dania Kanafan; 99E and I are working together here in San Francisco. We can't believe that it's been 7 years....Yikes! Call us if you're in the city. (San Francisco, California)

**Yraida C. Jones**

I recently got married to Douglas Jones. Our ceremony took place in Sacramento on May 13, 2006 at St. John's Lutheran Church. The reception at the Firehouse Restaurant and a great honeymoon in Turk and Caicos with a stop at Key West. Wonderful life changes! (Sacramento)

**Marc B. Koenigsberg**

I joined Greenberg Traurig, LLP, a 1,500 attorney international law firm, in October of 2005, when my prior firm, Livingston and Mattesich become GT's Sacramento office. I married my long-time boyfriend Robb Layne in a religious ceremony at Congregation B'Nai Israel before 130 family members and friends. (Sacramento)

**Adam J. Krolkowski**

My wife, Patricia, and I now have two sons: Roman (3) and Luke (10 months). I am back to playing rugby with the South Orange County Gators. If any alums are in South Orange County, feel free to stop by and visit. (Mission Viejo, California)

**Maria M. Ramirez-Palafox**

Opened law firm practicing immigration & naturalization law - August, 2006. (Roseville, California)

**Mindy A. Wolfe**

Started new practice with three other attorneys so I can maintain my clients and spend good time with our girl Phoebe (9/24/04). It is a dynamic group of lawyers and I continue to grow my land use/real estate practice. (Santa Barbara, California)

**Briny A. Woods**

The family and I just moved down to Newport Beach (in August) after living in Sacramento since law school. (Newport Beach, California)

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My husband and I are thrilled to announce the arrival of our first child, Anabel Clare Leigh, born on March 3, 2006. (Sacramento)

**Sheila Maloney Blackford**

Practice Management Advisor, The Oregon State Bar Professional Liability Fund. I was a speaker at the ABA Spring 2006 National Legal Malpractice Conference Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability in New York, April 6, 2006 - "Death by Laptop." Also a speaker, ABA General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division CLE Teleconference, July 6, 2006, "Maximizing CMS: The Rx for Preventing Client Complaints and Malpractice." (Portland, Oregon)

**Megan E. Barker Bowen**

I'm enjoying the break from billable hours and really like clerking. We had another baby in 2005, Cailin Rose Bowen, so having a three-year old and a one-year old keeps us busy. (Reno, Nevada)

**Rebecca Bruch**

She wrote an article, "Employment Issues and Undocumented Workers," that appears in the July issue of *Nevada Lawyer* magazine. She is a partner in the law firm of Erickson, Thorpe & Swainston. (Reno, Nevada)

**Lori D. Calvert**

Since 2001, I have operated my firm in the areas of criminal defense, personal injury, entertainment law, business/contracts. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, especially Hawaii. (Sacramento)

**Jeffrey A. Fishkin**

Associate, Maranga-Morgenstern, A Professional Law Corporation. (Newhall, California)

**Rex D. Frazier**

He was elected president of the Personal Insurance Federation of California. He has served the past

year as vice president and general counsel of that organization, which is the principal advocate for the property-casualty insurance industry before the California Legislature. He was previously in private practice with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. (Sacramento)

**Eduard F. Goodman**

Former secretary and current seminar chair for the State Bar of Arizona's Internet, E-Commerce and Technology section. Keynote speaker at the Northern California ISSA Security Conference (12/2005). Currently expecting a baby girl with my wife April, due September 10. (Phoenix, Arizona)

**Doreen S. Hartwell**

Awarded the Myrna Williams Pro Bono Award 2001 and the Judge Sally Loehr Pro Bono Award 2005. Was married in August 2002 and welcomed our new daughter in August 2005. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

**Michael W. Keane**

Senior Associate, Woodburn & Wedge. (Reno, Nevada)

**Courtney L. McAlister**

He has joined Downey Brand as an associate in Sacramento where he will specialize in real estate law. (Sacramento)

**Kimberley H. Sakai**

Associate, Cook Brown, LLP. Expecting first baby this November, 2006. (Santa Ana, California)

**Michael R. Santiago**

Corporations Counsel, Department of Corporations. (Sacramento)

**Anne M. Sherlock**

She recently changed law firms. She is now an associate attorney in the education law practice group with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard. She represents school districts and focuses primarily on special education law. (Sacramento)

**Becky M. Smith**

Partner, Muck & Smith, LLP. (Bakersfield, California)

## 2001

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Rachel Slutsky, Lisa and I urge all of our classmates to come to a reunion reception at Pacific McGeorge in the Student Center on Saturday, October 21 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. See the McGeorge web site for details.

**Bradley E. Angell**

Graduating with my Master of Architecture degree from Texas A&M University in August 2006. (College Station, Texas)

**Loris L. Bakken**

Member of Board of Directors for the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless; member of the Women Lawyers Section of the San Joaquin County Bar Association. (Lodi, California)

**Rachel A. Bouman**

After four years in private practice in Sacramento, I decided to join the public sector. My husband and I moved to the east coast so I could pursue a career as an employment attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) in Washington, DC. We are enjoying life on the East Coast. (Washington, District of Columbia)

**Jamie M. Errecart**

An attorney with Hansen Culhane Kohls Jones & Sommer. I now have 3 children - ages 6, 3 and 1. (Roseville, California)

**Daniel A. Flores**

Opening up my own shop has been a great experience and wonderful decision. The first personal injury

case Matt and I signed up the week our doors opened settled less than six months later for \$1.5 million! (San Francisco, California)

**Pamela D. Gourley**

Our son, Niko played on the Little League All-Star team representing the City of Vacaville this summer. I enjoyed a mini-McGeorge reunion with Yolanda Torres (O1E) and Tiffani Sharp (O2E) in June. What happens in Vegas... (Vacaville, California)

**Adam A. Grable**

Associate, Mendes & Mount. (Los Angeles, California)

**Gretchen M. Lachance**

She has joined the new Sacramento office of Lord, Bissell & Brook LLP as an associate. A health care law practitioner at K&R LLP, she previously worked as a lobbyist and as a legislative analyst for the state. (Sacramento)

**Sarju A. Naran**

He has joined Paul, Hastings, Janofsky as an associate in its employment group. He previously practices with Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel. (San Jose, California)

**Joy C. Rosenquist**

I obtained a large class action settlement on a plaintiff's case. (Sacramento)

**Matthew R. Stall**

Last November, I quit my job in Los Angeles and moved to San Francisco to start Flores Stall, LLP with my good friend Daniel from McGeorge. I am enjoying being my own boss and picking which clients I want to represent such as the indigent clients for whom we were recently able to obtain a \$100,000 settlement in a hotly contested landlord/tenant dispute. (San Francisco, California)

**Chad S. Tapp**

Loving life at Porter Scott with my friends and colleagues and chasing after my two-year-old son, Gavin, in my remaining waking hours. (Sacramento)



# Reisig Ready To Take Charge As Yolo County's Top Prosecutor

by Jan Ferris Heenan

Prosecuting a capital homicide case with multiple defendants would be plenty for most prosecutors.

Jeff Reisig, '96, brought the years-long case to trial last spring, ran for Yolo County District Attorney at the same time—and won the post in June, weeks before the “guilty” verdicts came in on the crimes known locally as the Halloween Homicides.

He'll be sworn into office in January.

Reisig has made his mark on the district attorney's office since joining in 1997 after a brief stint in private practice. He has handled most types of cases, from narcotics and domestic violence to elder abuse.

In 2000, Reisig helped establish the county's first gang unit, bringing together law enforcement officers from jurisdictions around the sizable county. He has earned the in-house “Prosecutor of the Year” title the past three years.

“I feel real passionate about the job and the work that we do, and pursuing public safety. I can't imagine doing anything else as a lawyer,” Reisig says.

Reisig was born and raised in Gilroy, and graduated from the University of California, Davis, with a bachelor's degree in managerial economics. A background that will come in handy, he says, once he begins to oversee the Woodland-based department's \$12 million budget and 110 employees.

His years at Pacific McGeorge clearly left their mark as well, Reisig says. Criminal law sparked his interest in the classroom, and the school's plentiful hands-on opportunities such as the trial advocacy program and law review prepared him for the working world.

“I'm looking forward to recruiting some good lawyers out of there,” he says.

Reisig describes his recent campaign as “brutal and exhausting.” He ran against a fellow Yolo County prosecutor but enjoyed the endorsement of outgoing District Attorney David Henderson, '75, and other top public safety officials. Henderson is retiring this year after serving as the county's chief prosecutor for more than 20 years.

His successor relishes the challenges ahead. “I see Yolo County as just being a real critical player in the development of this entire region,” he explained. “My goal is to do everything I can to keep everybody safe.”

**Ellen R. Yamshon**

New job as Director of Mediation, Senior Legal Hotline; Fulbright scholarship to study the grass courts (Gacaca) in post-genocide Rwanda resulted in new interest in conflict resolution; This research was published in the *Harvard Negotiation Law Review*, Spring 2006. (Sacramento)

**Cynthia M. Smith**

She has joined the Sacramento law firm of Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girrard as an associate in its education law practice. She previously practiced with Girrard & Vinson. (Sacramento)

**David T. Watkins**

LLM Taxation, Boston University, 2004. (Sacramento)

client (Results were printed in the Daily Journal Verdicts & Settlements, May 26, 2006). Marrying former model and current visual merchandiser or A.B.S., Talin Martirosian on July 23, 2006 in Marina Del Ray. (Pasadena, California)

**David C. O'Mara**

Law Clerk, Senior Judge Robert J. Yock, United States Court of Federal Claims. (Arlington, Virginia)

Patch, P.C. (Fresno, California)

**Jamie L. Veater-Verwayen**  
Deputy District Attorney; El Dorado County District Attorney's Office. (Placerville, California)

**Alaina M. Wichner**

Appointed special Assistant United States Attorney, Western Division of Texas in April 2006. (El Paso, Texas)

## 2002

**Nedda M. Asadi**

Sole Practitioner: Law Office of Nedda M. Asadi. (Sunnyvale, California)

**Tyrus O. Cobb**

He announced that he will run for the open Assembly District 26 seat in the Nevada Legislature. He is an associate at the Reno office of Jones Vargas who spent two years working as a civilian for the U.S. Department of Defense, including an assignment in Iraq helping rebuild infrastructure for the democratic elections. (Reno, Nevada)

**Paul D. Cotsonis**

has joined the Carson City, Nevada law firm of Dyer, Lawrence, Penrose, Flaherty & Donaldson as an associate. (Carson City, Nevada)

**Alexis Glenn Michaud**

Has joined the Las Vegas office of Kummer Kaempfer Bonner Renshaw and Ferrario. She will practice in the firm's transactional department. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

**Kelley N. Moran**

We have a new addition to our family this year! Our son Andrew was born on February 7, 2006. He joins his 2 year-old sister Olivia - we are very blessed! (Modesto, California)

**Erica L. Rosasco**

Attorney, The Costa Law Firm (Sacramento)

**Kerri L. Ruzicka**

I resumed volunteer position as court appointed special advocate in child dependency cases/court. (Sacramento)

## 2003

**Hector M. de Avila Gonzalez**

In July 2005 I obtained my registration as Foreign Legal Consultant (Mexico) before the State Bar of California. I opened De Avila Law Firm in February 2006 to provide Mexican legal services in Northern California. (Lincoln, California)

**Jessica M. Graves**

She was the subject of a feature story in the *Sacramento Bee*. She is in her first year as an assistant Sacramento County public defender and works in the same office as her mom, Linda Parisi, a well-known 30-year veteran of the office. (Sacramento)

**Lindsay S. Harrington**

He acted as defense counsel in a jury trial in San Joaquin County in January 2006, which resulted in a nonsuit. (Sacramento)

**Allen J. Korenstein**

Education Attorney with Fagan Friedman Fulfrost LLP. (Los Angeles, California)

**James W. Mallonee****Michael D. McEvoy**

Associate Attorney, Murchison and Cumming, LLP. (Los Angeles, California)

**Amy L. McEvoy**

Associate with Sheppard Mullin Richter Hampton. (Los Angeles, California)

**Mhare O. Mouradian**

Second chaired a 4-week jury trial in San Bernardino and received a unanimous defense verdict in favor of my

**Christopher S. Pallone**

Deputy Public Defender, Yuba County Public Defender's Office. (Marysville, California)

**Danielle K. Pieper**

Clark County District Attorney's Office (Las Vegas, Nevada)

## 2004

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**Jan Aune**

Associate, Oddenino & Gaule  
(Arcadia, California)

**Kelly W. Gullede**

Linda and Woody Gullede (class) are pleased to announce the first anniversary of opening their law firm, Gullede Law Group in Ventura. Their practice area focuses on employment law and their clients include both employers and employees from San Francisco to San Diego. (Ventura, California)

**Michelle M. McCarron**

Associate, Lerach Coughlin Stoia Giller Rudman & Robbins LLP. (Beverly Hills, California)

**Kristi A. Morioka**

Attorney, Ryan & Fong. (Sacramento)

**David T. Richards**

Associate Attorney, Lang, Richert &

## 2005

**Jessica Alves**

She has joined the Stockton firm of Neumiller & Beardslee as an associate. Her practice will focus on environmental, land use, natural resource and public agency law. (Stockton, California)

**Lisa I. Baker**

Attorney, Weaver, Schlenger & Mazel (San Francisco, California)

**Jennifer D. Bechtold**

Attorney, Diepenbrock Harrison. (Sacramento)

**Straun W. Boston**

I joined Mastagni, Holstedt, Amick, Miller, Johnsen & Uhrhammer as a labor attorney. (Sacramento)

**Mia S. Brown**

Associate, Neumiller & Beardslee. (Stockton, California)

**Craig Carnes**

has joined Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney as an associate. He will practice in the areas of general business, real estate and employment law. (Sacramento)

**Anthony R. Eaton**

He has joined Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney as an associate. He will practice in the areas of employment law, contracts disputes and tort liability. (Sacramento)

**Laurie A. Hodges**

She has joined the law firm of Herum Crabtree Brown as an associate. Her practice areas include civil litigation, estate planning and business law and transactions. (Stockton, California)

**Christopher Hudelson**

He has joined the Modesto firm of Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, Pallios, Pacher & Silva as an associate. He practices agricultural and business law. (Modesto, California)

**Kimberly E. Lewellen**

Finishing my judicial clerkship with the Honorable David A. Huff. Will begin at Murphy, Pearson, Bradley & Feeny for Mark Ellis on October 10, 2006. While a law clerk, I served on the NV Supreme Court sub-committee on Law Libraries, headed by Justice Nancy Becker of the Nevada Supreme Court. (Fallon, Nevada)

**David Leas**

He has joined the newly formed Holden Law Group in Sacramento as an associate. His employment law practice includes administrative actions before various governmental appeals boards. (Sacramento)

**Amy B. Lindsey-Doyle**

Amy was married on August 12, 2005. (Loomis, California)

**Kathleen C. Lyon**

An associate with Aronowitz & Skidmore, Inc. (Auburn, California)

**Tammy L. McCabe**

He has joined the law firm of Boutin Dentino Gibson DiGiusto Hodell Inc. as an associate. The former nurse's practice will focus on business, real estate, healthcare and intellectual property issues. (Sacramento)

**Marc E. Norton**

Law Office of Marc Eric Norton. (Sacramento)

**Tiffany B. Scalia**

Project Manager/Consultant, Complete Wireless Consulting. (Sacramento)

**Amanda L. Seymour**

Attorney and Partner - Seymour Law Group. (Lemoore, California)

**Scott A. Sommerdorf**

Attorney, Pacific Legal Foundation. (Sacramento)

**Richard R. Sutherland**

Since February 1, 2006, I have been an associate in the Civil Litigation Department at Mastagni,

Holstedt, Amick, Miller, Johnsen & Uhrhammer. Celebrating three wonderful years with Krysten Hicks, '06, and settling into life. (Sacramento)

**Alexis W. White**

I married Andrew White, '02D, in August 2004. (Irvine, California)

**Jennifer H. Rosario**

Associate, Law Office of James C. Kuppenbender. Married to Richard D. Peter on May 20, 2006. (Sacramento)

# 2006

**Julia Blair**

She has joined the Sacramento law firm of Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard as an associate and will specialize in water law and environmental law. (Sacramento)

**Rebecca Olson**

She has joined Olson Hagel & Fishburn as an associate attorney. (Sacramento)

# LL.M. TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS PRACTICE

**Julie A. Quirk-McManus '86**

I was appointed to the bench with former classmate Jan Conklin. We spent a week together at new judge's orientation in San Francisco and had lunch with Anthony Hampton. We just completed 2 weeks of judge's college in Berkeley where, out of the blue, Dana Fox called in the middle of class—just life being back at McGeorge. Best wishes to all! (Grass Valley, California)

**Deborah Frankel Silver '86**

Newly married to Elliot Silver, civil engineer with Peononi Associates in King of Prussia, PA. I am now Deborah Silver. (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

**B. P. Honnebieer '88**

Aviation Finance Law Practice with law firm in Aruba-Amsterdam. (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

**Jose C. Gonzales Narbona '89**

Founded the Mador International Tax Consultancy Firm in Spain (March 2006), with offices in Madrid, Barcelona, London, Lisbon, Amsterdam, Zurich and New York. (Madrid, Spain)

**Michelle A. Kaiser Bray '95**

She has joined Baker & Daniels LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana as a partner in its Intellectual Property Group where she will focus her practice on trademark law. The former chair of the Intellectual Property Group at Sommer Barnard, previously senior intellectual property counsel with Playboy Enterprises, where she was one of the first in the country involved in litigating the unauthorized use of trademarks on Internet Web sites. (Indianapolis, Indiana)

**Natalia Prisekina '95**

Was the subject of a major feature story on July 15 in the *Vladivostok Times*, She is the director of the branch office of Russin & Vecchi International Legal Counsellors. The former Muskie Fellow is Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Chile in Vladivostok and a professor of international law at the Far Eastern National University Law Institute. (Vladivostok, Russia)

**Anri Leimanis '96**

Managing partner, Treilons & Petrovics Attorney at Law. I have developed my international business practice since 1996. For 3 years now I have run Treilons & Petrovics Law Firm in Riga. This is a medium-sized law firm providing legal and business consulting services to international investors into the Baltic States - Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. More information on our activities is available on-line at [www.TSPS.lv](http://www.TSPS.lv). My wife is a TV Producer and we are raising two kids, 8 and 3 years. Downhill skiing and yachting are my favorite hobbies. (Riga, Latvia)

**Urs P. Gnos '00**

I wrote an article 'Practical Experience with the Swiss Merger Act', held many presentations on that topic and was on the panel of the CICS annual conference in Montreal talking about 'Practical Aspects on legal Due Diligence in M&A Transactions'. (Zurich, Switzerland)

# IN MEMORIAM

The University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law expresses sympathy to the families and friends of the following law school alumni:

**Richard Jacinto '51**

May 9, 2006

**William R. Holm '73**

June 15, 2006

**Patrick S. Quinn '73**

December 12, 2005

**J. Mark Nielsen '75**

March 30, 2006

**Robert J. Sandoval '76**

February 28, 2006

**Thomas H. Dahl '77**

March 25, 2006

**Margaret Ellison '77**

April 4, 2006

**John M. Freeman '78**

May 18, 2006

**Kevin Clymo '79**

May 3, 2006

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July 20, 2006

**David Pumphrey '83**

July 29, 2006

**Mark A. Steed '85**

May 4, 2006

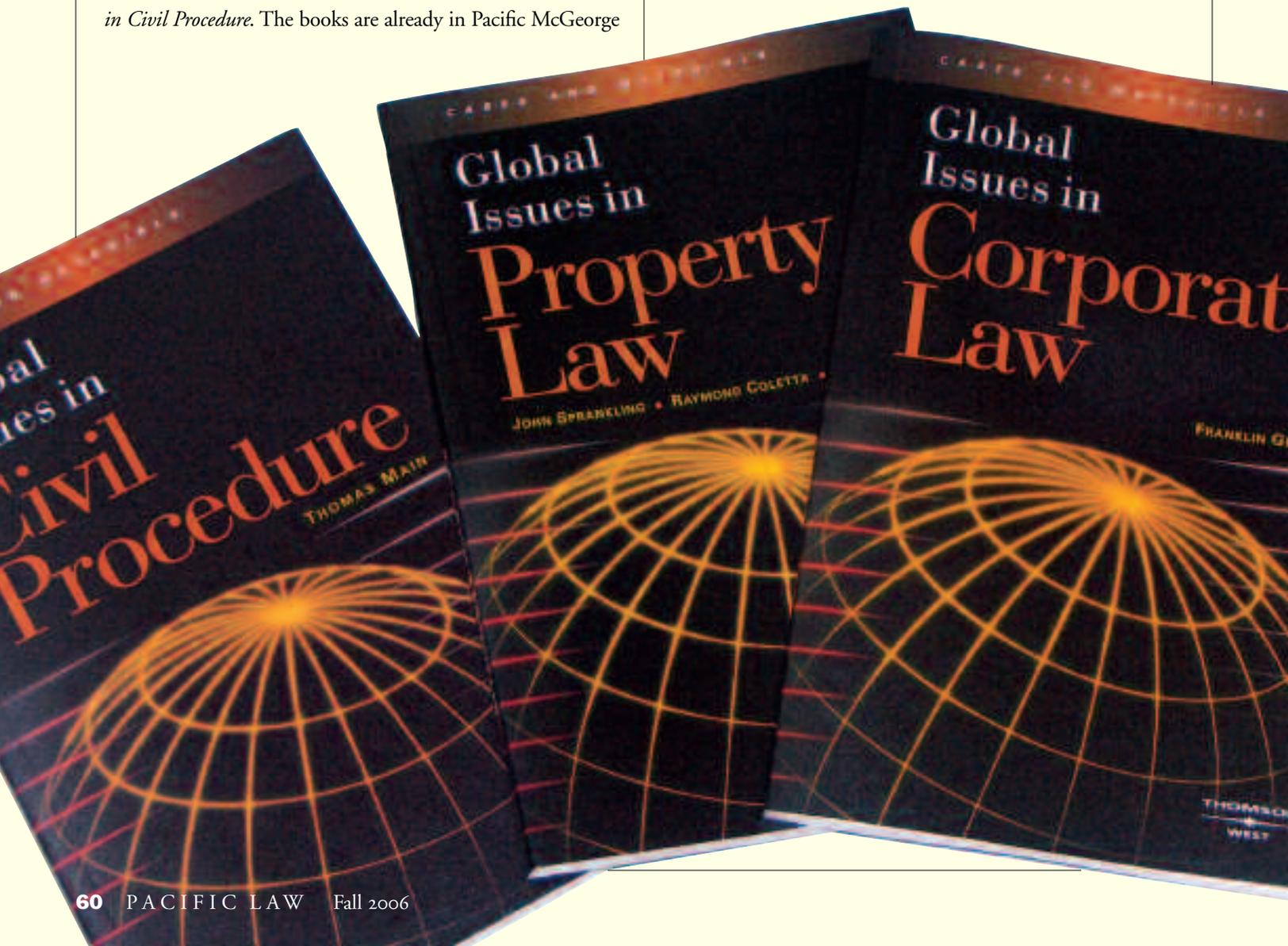
**Joyce Ann Vermeersch '85**

June 12, 2006

## *Globalizing the Curriculum Initiative Gains Momentum*

**T**he Pacific McGeorge initiative to globalize the curriculum took major steps forward this summer with the publication of more books in the Global Issues series by Thomson-West. The law school is at the forefront of a movement to prepare 21st Century students to practice in a legal world that has become increasingly global. Professor Frank Gevurtz's book, *Global Issues in Corporate Law*, is out. It follows the publication of *Global Issues in Property* by Professors John Sprankling, Ray Coletta and M.C. Mirow of Florida International and Professor Thom Main's book, *Global Issues in Civil Procedure*. The books are already in Pacific McGeorge

classrooms and Main's book is in use at several other law schools. Next year, all three and others to follow will find their way into law classrooms across the country. Additional Global Issues books on Contracts (Professor Michael Malloy), Criminal Law (Professor Linda Carter), Torts (Professor Julie Davies), Professional Responsibility (Professor George Harris), and Constitutional Law (Professors Brian Landsberg and Leslie Jacobs) are in the works. And the law school will host another Globalizing the Curriculum workshop in January at the Association of American Law Schools' annual meeting in Washington, D.C.



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