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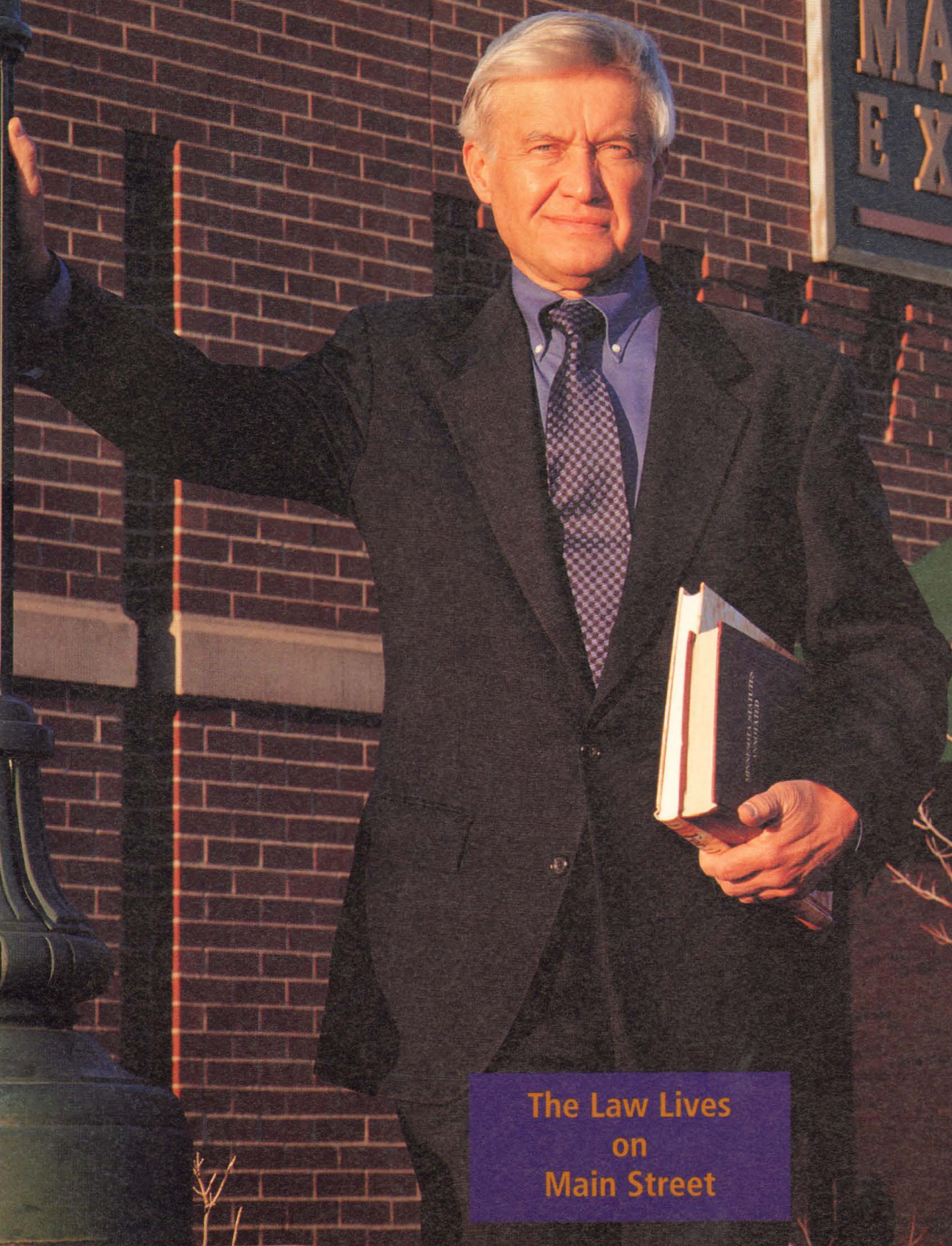
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VALPO Lawyer

NEWS FROM VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF LAW



The Law Lives
on
Main Street

OPENING statement

As far as Valpo goes for me, it was the people. When I moved to Nebraska, I spent a lot of time talking to my new friends about my law school experiences, and I realized very quickly they didn't "get it". And at first I thought they didn't "get it" because they went to different law schools. But as time went on I realized they didn't talk about their law school experiences the way we talk and talk and talk about our law school experiences. And I've come to appreciate over the years that for some reason something came together in those years, something that other people don't have. It's something that I appreciate more and more as time goes by.

Bill Morris '76

at his 25th reunion on 4/20/02



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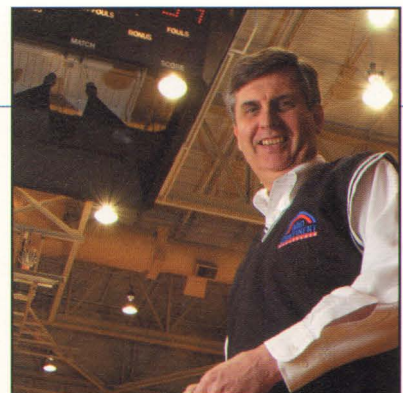
Their legal careers began at Valpo. From there, they took their legal expertise and entered the world of politics.



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A Great Hometown for Any Crusader

Dave Hollenbeck’s involvement with the Crusaders is just one of the advantages to raising a family and building a practice in the town where he went to school.





Designed for students with excellent credentials and demonstrated leadership abilities, the Valparaiso University School of Law Honors Program presents a unique opportunity for those committed to the highest levels of achievement.

The Honors Program provides both educational and financial benefits. The educational component combines the standard legal education curriculum and some special opportunities. First year honor students are placed in an advanced section of the required Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research course. Because of their demonstrated ability to write, the pace is accelerated, and the assignments are more advanced.

In their second year, Honors Students participate in a Great Books in the Law program which focuses on the reasons for law, the theory of law, and law as a force of social engineering. In their third year they work with a faculty member on a special project.

Each Honors Student is awarded a full tuition scholarship plus a \$5,000 annual stipend. The award is automatically renewed each year as long as the student maintains a 3.0 grade point average. At current tuition rates, that amounts to a three year award of \$74,850.

On graduating with honors

As our recent survey demonstrated,

Honors Students were well recruited and are off to a great start. They found the Honors Program course work, the interaction with the faculty and the ability to start a career debt-free, invaluable. They also made suggestions for making the curriculum even more reflective of the current working environment in the legal profession. While they all seem to miss the fellowship in particular, they are enjoying the excitement and the challenges of meaningful legal careers.

What benefits did you realize from the Honors Program?

"...the most beneficial aspect of the Honors Program has been the writing. With the more intensive and more closely scrutinized writing curriculum, I feel that my writing skills are on a par with, if not better than, those of Tier 1 schools." **Troy Cumings**

"I felt an immense sense of accomplishment not only by completing law school in the top 1/4 of my class, but also by doing that with the additional challenges of the Honors Program.

Additionally, Great Books allowed me to read, analyze, and enjoy the classic *To Kill a Mockingbird* from a different perspective, i.e., one more experienced in the law."

Sheila Lynch

"The opportunity to work one-on-one with a professor and receive individual attention and feedback. It was also a good resume builder and helped to defray costs of school." **Melissa Garland Hawk**

"For Valpo Law, the Honors Program brought many other interesting and intellectually stimulating people to Valpo Law that unfortunately may not have considered going without the Honors Program." **Beth Hooten**

"Primarily, my job search could include government jobs because I could afford to work for a government salary thanks to my Honors Scholarship! I am so thankful! Secondly, the Honors Program afforded me the opportunity to undertake a few areas of specialized study I would not have otherwise had in my law school curriculum, namely, my Great Books paper on The Federalist Papers with Professor Vandercoy and my 3L Honors Project on the constitutionality of criminal forfeiture laws with Professor Carter". **Marina Para**

"Excellent legal writing training from Prof. Adams..." **Richard Damstra**

"More personal attention and experience with legal issues..." **Ryan Evans**



Troy Cumings



What do you miss the most

about the **VU School of Law?**

"The wonderful friends I met and hanging out with them on a sunny, spring afternoon, talking about the largest reading assignments we just received from one of the professors. I met my husband at Valparaiso, so most definitely enjoyed the 'social' life there." **Melissa Garland Hawk**

"Friends, of course. The social aspect was better than what I expected a law school to be like. I met many wonderful people, and it is more difficult now to stay in touch with work." **Beth Hooten**

"The people: I had great classmates who became close friends, and I really enjoyed (most) professors..." **Richard Damstra**

"I miss the camaraderie of my peers and the relaxed environment at the law school. I also miss the variety of subjects that I was studying at any given time." **Sheila Lynch**

"I miss the relationships made with other students and faculty." **Troy Cummings**

"Free time—not having to get up before noon..." **Ryan Evans**

"The supportive and friendly community of professors and students." **Marina Para**

"Final exams and the stress on what grade I will get." **Beth Hooten**

"The legal research assignments and legal research class on Friday afternoons; the homework; studying for the bar exam..." **Melissa Garland Hawk**

"the stress of final exams..." **Sheila Lynch**

"Law review..." **Troy Cummings**



Melissa Garland Hawk



Sheila Lynch

What do you miss the least

about the **VU School of Law?**



"I wish I'd known more about how a practicing attorney actually spends his/her day. That would have given me a better perspective on the true utility of some of the assignments. ...I wish that I had understood the importance extracurricular activities play in receiving a complete legal education and in marketing one's self after law school." **Ryan Evans**



Ryan Evans

"The business side of a law practice is complicated and factors into work decisions (\$ restraints, client relations, etc.)..." **Richard Damstra**

"I wish I'd known how important seeing 'the big picture' is. Law school requires you to focus on minute parts of the law, while in practice being able to bring together all aspects of a case or transaction is much more important." **Troy Cummings**

"I wish I had known in law school that taking classes for subjects that are tested on the bar is almost essential. Some classes, like Secured Transactions, are very technical and hard to pick up in a bar course." **Sheila Lynch**

"...that grades are only a small part of getting a job. It helps to get involved, meet people, and make contacts" **Melissa Garland Hawk**

"That you should enjoy your time wherever you are and enjoy learning what is taught and to actually learn the law, not just to study and memorize materials to get a good grade. Grades will only get you so far." **Beth Hooten**

"Just how important it is to be able to research well (and remember years later!)..." **Marina Para**

If you could
design a course that currently
doesn't exist that **all law students**
should take, what would it be?

"Perhaps the business of law..." **Richard Damstra**

"I would require all students to work in a clinic, externship, or clerkship in a firm. The experiences I had in Domestic Violence & Criminal Clinics were wonderful! I really got to learn how to work with clients, as well as practical aspects of the practice of law such as where to file documents with the court and the proper manner in which to interact with the judge." **Marina Para**

"Law school teaches theories and a specific method of analysis, but does not teach some of the practical aspects of being a lawyer. A course showing how and where to file court documents, billing, and other practical matters would be helpful." **Sheila Lynch**



Marina Para

"I participated in a clinic and found it invaluable. Every law student should have the experience of drafting a motion for court, dealing with 'real life' clients and going before a judge to argue for your client." **Melissa Garland Hawk**

"Either a course on depositions strategies (experts vs. laypersons) or a better detailed course on discovery—and other more practical courses on practicing law." **Beth Hooten**

"Lawyering Skills 101: This course should include information on how to deal with overbearing partners, how to manage an appropriate balance between life at the firm and at home, and some basic Business 101 stuff (accounting, econ, investments, etc.)" **Ryan Evans**

What do you know now

that you wish
you knew in **law school?**



"Probably that I feel that I work at one of the top firms in Michigan and am learning from the best." **Troy Cumings**

What do you like the most about your job?

"The people I work with are wonderful, helpful, and I am learning constantly from them. My work is interesting as well. I'm not at a huge firm, so I don't feel the huge pressure for hours." **Melissa Garland Hawk**

"Aside from having a steady income, which was nonexistent in law school, I enjoy going to court, meeting other attorneys and judges, and learning how to affectively practice law." **Beth Hooten**

"Great co-workers, I'm learning a lot, my employers treat us well and are really investing in us." **Richard Damstra**

"I work at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and I love it! I have always wanted to be a prosecutor, and I really enjoy the camaraderie among everyone in the office." **Marina Para**

"I'm getting great business experience while still using my law degree." **Ryan Evans**



Richard Damstra

"Billing time—it's difficult to be efficient, and I hate always worrying about it; also, few opportunities to get into court so far..." **Richard Damstra**

"Billing." **Troy Cumings**

"The lack of courtroom time. Most of our cases settle; therefore, I rarely get over to court. I am the newest associate; so, therefore, I often do the work no one else

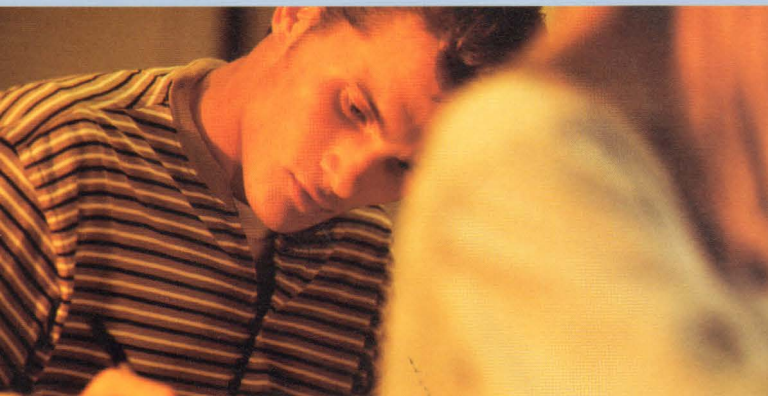
What do you like the least?

wants – primarily discovery!" **Melissa Garland Hawk**

"As a young associate, I realize I am bound to make mistakes, but I still hate making them. All I can do is learn from them and do a better job next time." **Beth Hooten**

"The government salary..." **Marina Para**

"Having to adjust to 'corporate culture'" **Ryan Evans**



To qualify for the Honors Program, you must first be admitted to the

School of Law and have at least a 3.50 undergraduate grade point average and at least a 158 LSAT score. For the most recent entering Honors class, the average LSAT was a 161 and the average GPA was a 3.77. For more information about the Honors Program, contact Ivan.Bodensteiner@valpo.edu.

2001 Honors Graduates

Employment Summary

Jobs

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Firm Size | |
| 1-19 attorneys | 4 |
| 20-100 attorneys | 6 |
| greater than 100 attorneys | 6 |
| greater than 500 attorneys | 1 |
| Corporate Attorney | 1 |
| Judge Advocate, US Marines | 1 |
| Judicial Clerkship | 5 |
| Prosecutor, Asst. State's Attorney | 2 |

Location

| | |
|------------|---|
| Indiana | 8 |
| Illinois | 8 |
| Wisconsin | 5 |
| Michigan | 3 |
| Minnesota | 1 |
| Washington | 1 |

Salaries

Range up to \$125,000

If you could have worked on any case in the history of law, what would it have been?

"I think everyone wants to work on a high profile case that changed the course of legal history. I think that Roe v. Wade has always interested me because of the volatility and politics that surrounded the decision at that time. And of course, there is always the 'hairy hand' case (Hawkins v. McGee). Who wouldn't want to have been a part of that!?"

Melissa Garland Hawk

"Roe v. Wade—the majority did great damage to our Constitution, not to mention millions of unborn lives."

Richard Damstra



Beth Hooten

"I would probably pick the Nuremberg trials because of the importance internationally and for mankind." **Beth Hooten**

"Because criminal prosecution is an area of law that greatly interests me, I would have liked to work on several of the pivotal criminal law and procedure

cases such as Miranda and Terry v. Ohio. These cases proved to be of great importance in that they changed the direction of the law." **Sheila Lynch**

"Campbell v. Acuff Rose because it would have required the incorporation of true creativity into the representation..." **Ryan Evans**



125 Years — Anniversary Gala

The Valparaiso University School of Law community will be celebrating its past and looking toward its future at the 125th Anniversary Celebration Gala Event on May 1, 2004, at the Field Museum in Chicago.

Mark your calendars now!

To strengthen our appreciation of the history of the School of Law, we are seeking written recollections, photographs, and other memorabilia from alumni and friends.

We recently received a wonderful gift – The Official Valpo Law Student Cane – from Frances Weaver ('25), our oldest living graduate. "In the early 1900's each law student was issued such a cane for Law Day, and as a group, the students would march through downtown Valpo, canes in hand." This cane, with its history, provides a tangible link with students, professors, and law school life in times now past.

We encourage you to look in your attics, basements, libraries, and photo albums for connections to our past. But please do not stop there. Dean Conison obtained for us the 1892 Annual Commencement Program of the Northern Indiana Law School (as we were then known). We learned from the program the names of the twenty-seven law students who graduated on "Wednesday Evening, June 1st, 1892". (Five of these were from Indiana, 11 from Illinois, three from Wisconsin, two

from Kentucky, and one each from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Missouri, New York and California.)

We would be delighted to be able to add your memorabilia to our collection or to return them to you after the Gala Celebration.

Please send your recollections and photographs to or otherwise contact:

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| JUN 5 | Year in Review (6 CLE) | SEP 4 | Estate Planning 2002 (6 CLE) |
| JUN 12 | Year in Review (6 CLE) | SEP 11 | New Property Tax Regulations (6 CLE) |
| JUN 19 | Here, There and Everywhere: What Every General Practitioner Needs to Know About Trademarks, Copyrights & Right of Publicity (6 CLE) | SEP 18 | Labor and Employment Law Update (6 CLE) |
| JUL 10 | Construction Law (6 CLE) | SEP 25 | Bankruptcy Chapter 7 & 13 (6 CLE) |
| JUL 24 | Business Law Institute (6 CLE) | OCT 2 | Basic Will & Trust Drafting (6 CLE) |
| AUG 7 | Recent Developments in Employment Law (6 CLE) | OCT 9 | UCC Article 2: Sale of Goods (6 CLE) |
| AUG 14 | Trial Objections, Tactics & Strategies (6 CLE) | OCT 16 | Planning & Zoning (6 CLE) |
| AUG 21 | 7th Circuit Roundup (6 CLE) | OCT 23 | Social Security Practice (6 CLE) |
| | | OCT 30 | Health Care (6 CLE) |
| | | NOV 13 | Legislative Update (3 CLE) |

Registration

Video Series are held in the Stride Courtroom, Wesemann Hall at 9 a.m., unless otherwise noted.

To register, call ICLEF in Indianapolis, 317.637.9102. For all other information, call Jan Zoladz at 219.465.7810.



WINNER AT VALPO LAW

Two winners in three years!

Catherine Halliday-Roberts '02 is one of this year's recipients of the Burton Awards. This award is given to 10 law students nationwide each year for excellence in law review note writing.



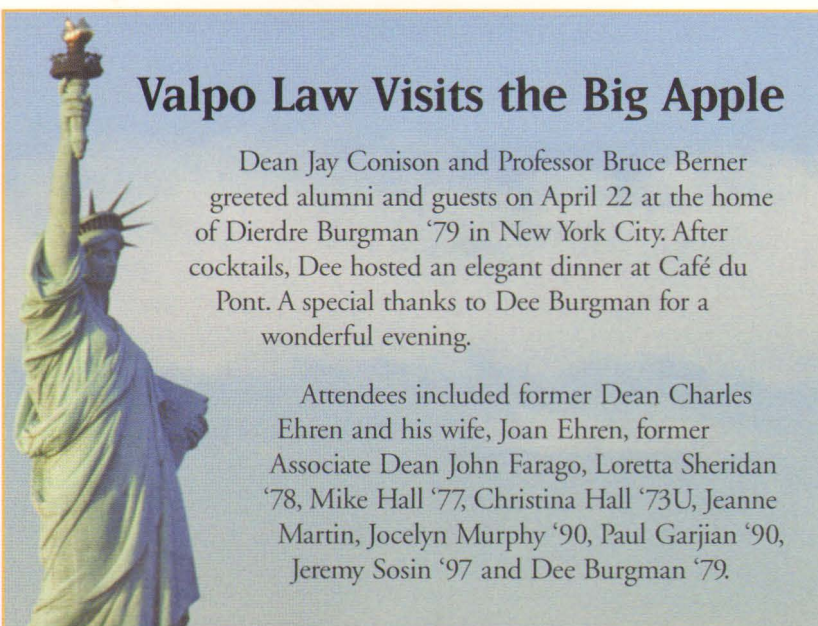
Penny Meyers '00 received the award two years ago, when the award was first instituted.

This year's other winners are from Stanford, Michigan, Duke, Penn, Cornell, Emory, Vanderbilt, Chapman, and Wayne State. Cate will receive her award in New York City on June 18. Master of Ceremonies will be Dennis Smith, former state senator from Missouri. Guest speaker is Tom Brokaw.

The Burton Award is a national program, dedicated solely to refining and enriching legal writing by lawyers and law school students.

The program rewards authors who use plain, modern language and avoid archaic, stilted legalese.

The quality and number of submissions by law firms and law schools has been extremely competitive. Award recipients were selected from nominations by deans of 181 ABA-accredited law schools, as well as from nominations by managing partners of the 500 largest U.S. law firms.



Valpo Law Visits the Big Apple

Dean Jay Conison and Professor Bruce Berner greeted alumni and guests on April 22 at the home of Dierdre Burgman '79 in New York City. After cocktails, Dee hosted an elegant dinner at Café du Pont. A special thanks to Dee Burgman for a wonderful evening.

Attendees included former Dean Charles Ehren and his wife, Joan Ehren, former Associate Dean John Farago, Loretta Sheridan '78, Mike Hall '77, Christina Hall '73U, Jeanne Martin, Jocelyn Murphy '90, Paul Garjian '90, Jeremy Sosin '97 and Dee Burgman '79.



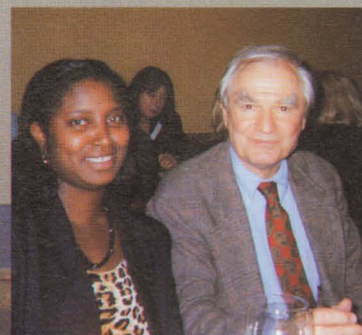
L to R: Mike Hall '77, Dean Jay Conison, Christina Hall '74U



Jeremy Sosin '97



Jeremy Sosin '97 and Paul Garjian '90



Jocelyn Murphy '90 and Charles Ehren



Of Love and Law...

VU School of Law is looking for VU law grads who have shared nuptials as well as VU law degrees. If you and your spouse are both VU School of Law grads, or if you know of married VU law grads, please let us know. E-mail information to lawalumni@valpo.edu.



Valpo Law Faculty Profile

Name:

Marcia Gienapp

Children:

Christian (21), Dan (18), Kate (17)

Pet:

Sam, an old pound puppy

Birthplace:

Trenton, Michigan

Last book read:

Night by Elie Wiesel

Favorite dish:

Buttered noodles

Greatest fear:

Drowning in swamp water

Greatest extravagance:

I was raised too "Lutheran" to allow myself any.

Idea of perfect happiness:

Watching a coral reef

What do you consider the most overrated virtue:

People smiling all the time.

Comment on Valparaiso University School of Law:

Where else could I direct an annual musical with a cast of students and law professors?



Aran Kessler



Aran Kessler

Name:

Bob Blomquist

Children:

Drew and Courtney

Pet:

My Babe Ruth Autograph

Birthplace:

New Jersey

Education:

University of Pennsylvania (BS 1973);
Cornell Law School (JD. 1977)

Most marked characteristic:

Enthusiasm for things I love.

Favorite memory:

Being present for the births of my two children.

Favorite film:

Wizard of Oz (1939)

Last book read:

Lincoln's Virtue: An Ethical Biography by William Lee Miller

Favorite dish:

Sushi

Greatest fear:

Seeing the USA slip into decline

Greatest extravagance:

Macanudo "Hampton Court" cigars

Idea of perfect happiness:

A "charged up" first year torts class

Historical figure you identify with most:

Thomas Jefferson

Most ironic defective product:

Foreign matter in a plate of "health food"

Biggest coup:

Getting my son his first car.

What do you consider the most overrated virtue:

Obedience

Comment on Valparaiso University School of Law:

The "Little Engine That Could".

Why you teach?

To do something positive in an otherwise notoriously negative profession.



FACULTY briefs



Aran Kessler

Laura Dooley,
professor of law

Professor **Robert F. Blomquist** was invited to participate in a law review symposium by the Golden Gate University School of Law Law Review on the topic of "Rio Plus 10" – the state of the law and policy on international environmental law ten years after the landmark international conference in Rio de Janeiro held in 1992 called "The Earth Summit". Blomquist authored an article entitled: Ratification Resisted: Understanding America's Response to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 1989-2002. This article will be published at 32 GOLDEN GATE U.L.REV. (2002).

Professor Blomquist was also asked by authors of a new book, *Teaching the Law School Curriculum* to contribute his thoughts and ideas for effective teaching of Torts; Blomquist was asked to do this because of his past receipt of the Charles Gromley Teaching Award at Valparaiso. Professor Blomquist will be authoring a short piece for this upcoming book.

Professor Blomquist has been at work on various consulting projects including providing advice to a regional nursing home on indoor-air environmental standards; and, helping with an appeal of a medical malpractice case challenging the constitutionality of an "occurrence-based" statute of limitations limited to medical malpractice claimants. Blomquist is also at work on his fifth article on the environmental contributions of the late Senator Edmund S. Muskie, an article on the dissenting opinions of Judge Richard A. Posner and an article on law and spirituality.

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Associate Professor **Michael Bushbaum** will attend "The Third Conference on Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries" in Orlando, July 18-19, 2002. The mission of the conference is to prepare academic law librarians for the evolving role in legal education.

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Professor **Laura Dooley** attended the American Law Institute meeting in Washington, D.C. in May.

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Naomi Goodman, Technical Services Librarian, was elected Secretary for a two-year term for the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL). The 300 members of CALL are librarians for Chicago law firms, courts, and government departments, as well as the law schools in the Chicago area and Northwest Indiana. Goodman previously was editor for the group's newsletter, "The CALL Bulletin", in 1999-2001, and continues to be a regular contributor. She is also a column editor for AALL Spectrum, the magazine of the American Association of Law Libraries.

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Sally Holterhoff, Government Information/Reference Librarian, is an Executive Board member of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Holterhoff was the invited guest and speaker for two conferences held by AALL chapters during April. She was the chapter visitor and luncheon speaker for the annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL in Fort Lauderdale, FL and also for the spring meeting of the Law Librarians of New England chapter at Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, NH. Holterhoff's article, "Strategies



Aran Kessler

Sally Holterhoff,
government information/
reference librarian

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for Implementing a Strategic Plan," was published in the Spring 2002 newsletter of Academic Law Libraries section of AALL. She is currently serving as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for the AALL Executive Board.

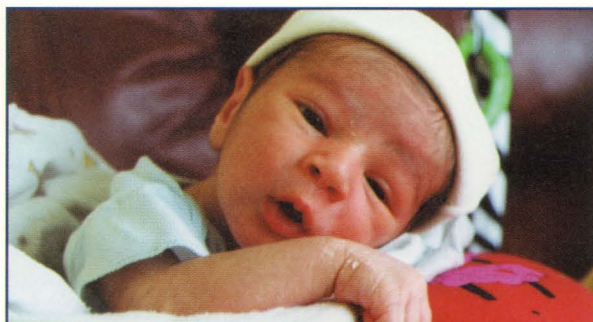
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Professional **Rosalie Levinson** delivered a lecture on "Sexual Harassment Claims against Public Entities and Public Sector Employees" at a conference in San Diego sponsored by the Defense Research Institute's Governmental Liability Committee. In March Levinson participated in Chicago-Kent's Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference. Her topic was "Litigating Sexual Harassment Claims Under Section 1983 and Title VII."

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Professor **Linda Whitton** has been nominated to the Supervisory Council of the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law. Her term will begin in August. She is also serving as the Co-Chair of an Advisory committee to the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Trusts and Estates Acts. The Board is conducting a national study of durable power of attorney legislation and practice to determine whether the Uniform Durable Power of Attorney Act should be revised.

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And baby makes three...

Adam Jerome Myers IV, nicknamed Khoka, was born on April 3 to Adam J. Myers III, Associate Professor of Law, and Nandini Bhattacharya, Ph.D., Associate Professor in VU's College of Arts and Sciences. Prof. Myers teaches Trusts and Estates, Business Associations, and other courses related to business and finance. Prof. Bhattacharya teaches courses in English literature and is Director of the University's Gender Studies Program. Khoka means "little boy" in Bengali, and is the nickname of Prof. Bhattacharya's father.

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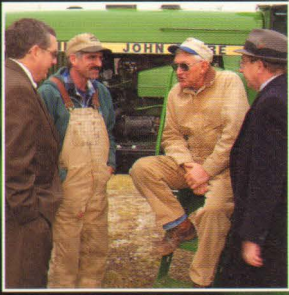


Rendezvous in Rio

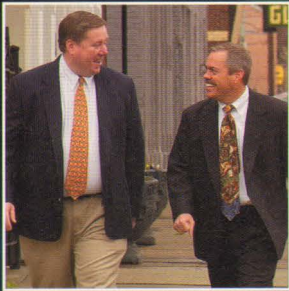
Professor Sy Moskowitz traveled to South America over Spring Break to visit his 24-year-old son, David, who currently teaches English to Brazilians in Rio. Sy and David spent a few days in Rio before flying to northwest Brazil. They spent 5 days in the Flooded Forest Sustainable Development Reserve, part of a national park. While there, they traveled to villages in the Reserve and used dugout canoes to explore the Amazon and its tributaries with a biologist and guide. Wildlife includes a variety of unique and endangered monkeys and tropical birds, as well as river dolphins and caiman. They returned to Rio via Manaus and then hiked mountain trails north of Petropolis where this picture was taken.

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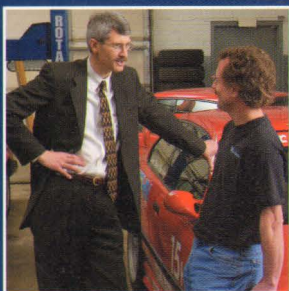
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THE LAW LIVES ON MAIN STREET

Their clientele is as diverse as their geographic locations. They are general practitioners: the legal equivalent of those small-town doctors who still make house calls, indispensable to those communities they serve. They handle personal injury, criminal law, divorces, real estate—the full gamut of the legal profession. The complexities of their cases have nothing to do with their addresses. For these eight VU School of Law graduates, Main Street law was a life-shaping decision, one that offered a blend of career and lifestyle that cannot always be found in larger cities and at bigger firms. Naturally, every decision has an associated cost. But each will tell you that the location of his shingle was worth the price.



Paul Marshall

From his office window, **Paul Melchert** '58 can survey the main intersection of Waconia, MN, population 8,000. He sees Bob's Barber Shop, John's Appliances, Ozzie's Eat Shop and Red Rooster Antiques, among others. He owns his building, which he renovated with a turn-of-the-century look to match the rest of the downtown architecture. Waconia was a town of 1,500 when Paul first set up shop in 1959. It has grown since then, but the character of the place, the nature of its people and the integral role Paul Melchert plays in the lives of those he calls neighbors, friends and clients has not changed.

Waconia was an easy decision for him. This is where he graduated from high school. His father was a pastor in this town. Thanks to a childhood friend who was an actuary, Paul took an early interest in the law. When it was time for college, the atmosphere at VU met with his father's approval. Paul worked hard, on and off campus. He helped build 14 miles of toll road near Valparaiso one summer and used the money to pay for his education. "We didn't have any jackhammers at first, so the work was pretty hard. We earned \$1.85 an hour, but I'd have my 40 hours in by Wednesday, with half a week to go. There was lots of overtime." The university also had a need for his construction skills. "I made and spread the muck (mortar) for the Chapel of the Resurrection. We had a lot of fun climbing on top of those tall beams, laying brick. People thought we were crazy."

After graduation, he returned home and set up practice. He started slow. "I made \$28 my first month of practice," Paul said. "\$3,000 that first year." Today he is trying to hire his fourteenth actuary and runs a title company that employs 40 people. Three other VU

grads have since found their way to Waconia: Dave Hubert '67, Scott Lukas '93 and Paul's brother, Luke Melchert '63.

"Waconia is 32 miles from the Minneapolis court house," he explains. "That used to be dairy farmland. Now it's all subdivisions. But we're still far enough from downtown to beat downtown prices but still provide that same quality of legal services." 90% of his original clients were farmers. Now that their community and their lives are changing, Attorney Melchert's firm plays an even more important role.

"Our community has the thirty-fifth highest per capita income in the nation," Paul said. "Housing developments are going up everywhere and a lot of that dairyland is for sale. Some of my clients have been offered up to \$77,500 an acre. Our job is to write up purchase agreements to make sure our clients get a good return on their investment and that they're protected."

As his community grew, so did his practice, as well as his involvement in his community. Paul has long given up trial work. "I leave that to the young people." But he still

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works hard and stays involved in his community. One role he relishes is singing in the church choir. "That's my passion and my therapy." After raising five children and 10 grandchildren in Waconia and having them all live within ten miles of his office, building a strong practice and a healthy community and social life, Paul Melchert "can't imagine living anywhere else."

Attorney **Tom Guelzow** '72 will tell you that fate drew him to practice in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Tom grew up in Windsor, Wisconsin, near Madison. He was in his second year of law school when his wife was killed in a car accident, leaving him to care for their son who was one and a half-years old. That life-changing event would put Tom on a mission that continues to this day.

After the tragedy, a friend from New York invited Tom to visit. There, he met a young lawyer from Eau Claire who is today a judge in that community, Ben Proctor. Ben was working at another firm at the time and invited Tom up for the summer "so I could see what Eau Claire was like," Tom said.



In the meantime, Tom had to figure out how to take care of himself, his young son and finish law school.

"I got a call from the Dean of Men at the law school and he asked me if I would be dorm director at



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Lembke Hall," Tom remembers. "I was as qualified as Satan to do this (job). I was single, with a baby, living in a dorm. But the school helped me work it out. On Sunday's, when our cafeteria was closed, they arranged so that we could eat at the women's dorms, free of charge."

John Ohlfest, who was head of the university financial department, also helped out. "John

wanted to know what kind of tuition payment I could afford. He told me to write it down on a piece of paper. I wrote down '\$100 a month.' That was good enough for John. The university really helped me out when I needed it."

Eventually, he followed his friend Ben Proctor to Eau Claire and joined a firm there. "I always thought I'd end up in San Francisco. I wanted to be a big city trial lawyer. But the grace of God brought me here. It's

tranquil, quiet, has great schools and a great quality of life and I can be in Minneapolis in an hour and a half." Tom lives on 85 acres of land, just ten minutes from the office. "It's never the physical location you pick that makes you successful. Talent and drive determines that." He remarried, raised two more children and stays active in his community.

Tom set up his own practice in 1973 and focused on civil litigation, primarily, liability and personal injury. "We are in a small town, but we have a nationwide practice. I am working out of town about 90% of the time." Chrysler, GM and John Deere are among his many clients. He admits that his chosen career path can be a risky venture. "We handle 30 cases or less at a time, so we end up having a lot of money tied up in a single case. But I have been successful."

Tom Guelzow measures that success by what he has been able to do in his work. "We're a personal injury trauma center. No one comes here for good things. You do what you can to compensate people for their losses. And you hope you're pushing the world toward becoming safer."

Rick Fox and Lee Cotner '87 did not know each other in law school. But after they graduated and went their separate ways, they ended up in the same town, New Albany, Indiana. New Albany was Lee's home town. Rick grew up down the road at Floyds Knobs. They opened up their practice in 1987.

"We started our practice right out of the box," Lee said. "People thought we were certifiably nuts. After about eight years on our own, they thought we were geniuses."

"It was hard going in," Rick added. "You start off wondering when the phone is going to ring. Now we're wondering, 'will it ever stop?'"

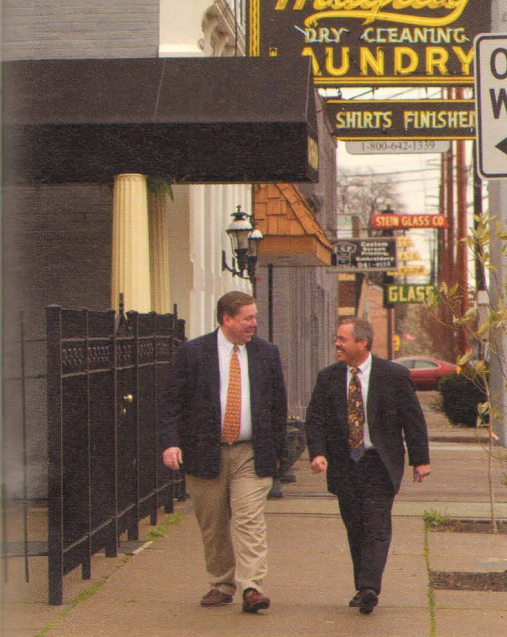
But they never wondered if New Albany was the right place for their practice. "We get the same type of cases you might get anywhere," Lee explains.

"You're going to have people injured at work, family law consultations, criminal cases, real estate, the whole thing." Rick handles personal injury, family law and other litigation. Lee, who was a Deputy Prosecutor and a Public Defender before they joined forces, handles the criminal work.

New Albany is just across the river from Louisville, Kentucky, a very cosmopolitan city. But in the meantime "you can drive to work in no time, not fight traffic or pay to park," Rick said. Raising children in

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the community keeps them very active. They agree, "You have to go out and meet people, and the kids keep us involved." They sponsor a softball and baseball team

each year. Lee is running for school board and Rick is President and on the Board of Directors for the local USA Swim Club which is in competition year-round.

Rick and Lee's opinion about one aspect of practicing law in a smaller community was echoed by

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all the other attorneys interviewed for this article. As Rick explains: "The gentlemanly practice of law still exists. It's very friendly and cordial. You really get to know the people you practice against."

"You also get to know the judges a lot better, too," Lee said. "There are three judges in this county, and you work with them all." In a very short time, Lee might be able to make the claim that he knows one of the judges better than the others. Just outside their office window is a sign that reads "Fox for Judge." Rick Fox is running for judge in the next election. If he wins, that will be the end of the partnership. While the firm's future is uncertain, it is certain that Rick and Lee will remain two of New Albany's favorite sons.

Robert Cook '75 joined Tom Cockerill's '68 firm because, at the time as Bob says, "it was the only job I was offered." Tom graduated from Valpo Law and returned to his home town of Winchester, Indiana to join his father in practice.

Winchester is 30 miles east of Muncie, Indiana. It has the second largest Civil War Memorial in the state, the fastest 1/2 mile track in the world and it's the home of those famous Wick's Sugar Cream pies. It is also where Tom's father, Meeks Cockerill, set up his own practice just after World War II. "We're fortunate that Tom's father started practicing back in 1935," Bob explained.

"Grandpa Meeks Cockerill built up our clientele," Tom said. "Today, we're serving some of those people's children." Their practice includes a little bit of everything: family law, title insurance, probate, contractual litigation and criminal law. Their experience is like that of many of the other main street lawyers:

you have to offer full service. "The people are great," Tom will tell you. "The people you service are the same people you do business with. They run the gas stations and the grocery stores. So you really have to give them good service."

You also have to be polite to the rest of those in the profession.

"Judicial temperament is very important," Tom said. "The rules of the

game are that you don't BS the brotherhood. We have to see each other. We're going to run into each other at the Rotary or Kiwanis Club or Church."

"Your reputation starts with your colleagues," Bob added. "You have to be able to get along. If you promise something, you have to follow through with it."

Bob and Tom also acknowledge that Main Street law is not for everybody. Bob raised two children in Winchester.

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One returned to town and the other is currently looking at law schools. Tom raised three children, all of them lawyers. A daughter, Heike Cockerill Spahn '95, formerly worked as Assistant Dean of Admissions at VU School of Law. Only the middle son returned to Winchester to try his hand at Main Street law.

It is easy to understand why **Roger Burriss** '82 returned to his hometown of Zionsville, Indiana to practice law. His father, **Otis Burrus** '52, had done the same almost three decades earlier. This story starts with Otis.

Otis Burriss moved to Valparaiso from Jasper County in 1942. He graduated from Valparaiso High School and



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went on to the University and the School of Law. The Korean War interrupted his final year in law school. After serving eleven months in Korea, he returned, graduated, and talked to Dean Morland about setting up a practice. The dean told him about an attorney named Byron, who had a practice in Zionsville. He was looking for a career change and wanted someone to take over the practice. "I came down, met Byron, took over the practice and bought



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my law books for \$126," Otis explained in a slow drawl that disguises the speed at which he thinks. "I became the most asked-for attorney in town and made myself available to the most people. Got involved in everything I could and that helped." He thinks that's good advice for any Main Street lawyer. "Join every service club you can get into: the Lion's Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, whatever you can." At first, he took every job that came in the door. Today the firm specializes in property, banking and real estate work.

When Otis Burrus came to town in 1952, the population of Zionsville was about 800. Today, it's about 14,000. An interurban railroad used to run through the center of town and featured a lot of brickwork. When that service stopped, the town decided to pick up that architectural element and remodel its downtown with an early American look. Zionsville's downtown has a quaint, classically American feel. Its proximity to Indianapolis helped to make it a preferred residence for corporate executives. That kind of growth and that influx of wealth was good for the Burrus' law firm.

It was in this atmosphere that Roger Burrus was raised. His father was the most noted attorney in town and was very involved in the life of his community. "I grew up respecting my father for what he did," Roger

said. "I never really thought about doing anything else. I went to college and majored in accounting, just in case. But then I headed right to law school." Was there ever any question which law school he would attend? "Not really. I mean, I applied at Notre Dame, but in the end, I chose VU." He met his wife, the former Danielle Baepler, during his senior year. They are raising three boys. Roger echoes his father's advice. "Getting involved in this community has served us well. Now that my kids are teenagers, between their activities and our practice, I don't really have time for very much else."

With Main Street law, Roger explains, the challenges are different every day. "The variety of our practice is very neat. You have salt-of-the-earth kinds of people and, because of the affluence of the area, you also deal with presidents of corporations."

The Burrus and Burrus practice is ensconced in a main street building that is very much a part of the family: it's where Roger went to Sunday School. "This used to hold the Sunday School and offices of the Zionsville Christian Church. Dad was the building committee chairman for this building. When the church needed a new facility, they tore down the old building across the street. Now that's our parking lot. The Zionsville Town Hall is the church's old fellowship hall."

Roger kids his father about moving him to smaller and smaller offices in this place that has been such an integral part of their lives. "Dad is currently in the old pastor's office." But after fifty years of Main Street law, Otis Burrus doesn't really mind where they put his desk. These days, he gives the impression that he would

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just as soon reach for a fishing pole as a law book. He is proud of his many records for prize-winning vegetables at the Indiana State Fair. He would probably like to win more and is looking forward to having more time to do that. Thanks to a lifetime of work, the future of the Burrus practice on Zionsville Main Street is secure. Otis says, with great pride, "Roger is twice the attorney I am."



THE POLITICS OF LAW

They do not share the same political affiliations or career aspirations. They work in organizations of different sizes for very different rewards. Sometimes, they diverge dramatically on the issues of the day. But they all want the same thing for the candidates and the parties they represent—to win and keep on winning. They all have had careers that began at Valparaiso University’s School of Law. They all took their legal expertise and entered the world of politics.

Peter Manous

His family has always been involved in local politics; so, Peter Manous ’87 had that interest at an early age. While a senior in high school, he worked on the Ted Kennedy for President campaign. But the law was always part of what he wanted to do with his life and career. After earning an undergraduate degree in Public Administration, he entered VU School of Law. It has always been important for Peter to balance his education with practical, real-world experience. Valpo gave him the opportunity to maintain that balance. So did advice from the faculty. “Professors Gromley, Levinson and Bodensteiner, in particular, were very encouraging about my approach to my career.” In addition to his ongoing work in local politics, Peter clerked for a private law firm, Sachs and Hess, while he finished his degree.

The political arena has become more and more structured by legal requirements, increasing the demand for qualified legal minds. But there is even more value to the legal perspective when running a successful campaign. “The analytical side is key to a campaign.

Attorneys are trained to think about things from a lot of different angles, and that really helps in politics,” Manous explains. “You’re also working on a lot of different messages that go out to the public. (Attorneys) are trained to think on their feet and that comes in handy during a press conference.”

Peter Manous worked on Senator Bayh’s campaign and O’Bannon’s race for governor. When O’Bannon was elected, Peter was part of the transition team. He has been on the State Democratic Central Committee since 1996 and, in July of 2001, was named Chairman of the Democratic Party Indiana.

Adept at multi-tasking since his college days, Peter conducts business for the Democratic Party—a full-time, paid position—and runs his own law office in Merrillville.

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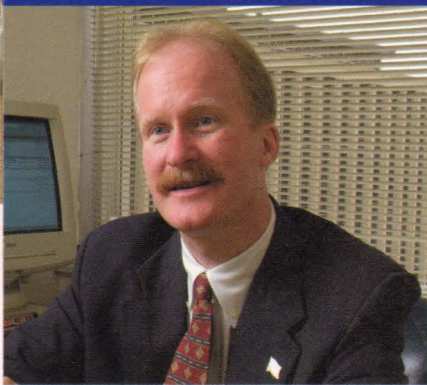
"I'm usually in Indy three days a week. The role of the Party Chairman is to set policy and directions for the party, to raise a lot of money, and to serve the Democratic National Committee. We have to raise \$6-8 million dollars a year. I'm lucky to have a very young, energetic staff of about 40 people to help me do that. In the law office, I have a staff of four who help me handle the work flow."

The tenure of state party chairmen is usually 2-4 years. Peter has no political aspirations beyond "working for the party and getting our candidates

elected." His next big political challenge "is helping to get a presidential candidate to run against Bush."

Peter Manous wants people to know there is room in politics for more good legal minds. "VU provides a great background. The faculty to student ratio is great. You really get to know your professors and it opens a lot of doors for you. You have professors who are elected officials and who do public service work.

"If you're involved in your local community, law and politics go together."



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Mark Rutherford '86 also had a family very involved in politics. His father was a journalist and was in charge of press relations for Indiana Senator Robert Garton's run for Congress in 1968.

Throughout his life, Mark was encouraged to attend political functions. "I got to see the good side of politics," he said. He was raised to look at politics as a necessary avenue for resolving conflict, and as a noble calling. Today, in addition to his law practice, he is State Chairman of the Indiana Libertarian Party.

While he was involved in Republican Party politics, his parents began to discuss the Libertarian movement. Mark made the switch to the Libertarian party in 1996. In 1998, Secretary of State Steve Dillon ran for office and asked Mark to be his treasurer. "That was a great experience," Mark said. "I met some good people and felt this was the right place to put my political interest, which grew from there." In February of 2000, Mark became the State Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Indiana. In June of 2001, he became a member of the Libertarian National Committee and the Board of Directors for the Libertarian Party.

Mark gave his perspective on the role attorneys play

Mark Rutherford

in the legal arena. "Political parties are saddled with complex election laws. The campaign finance laws, in particular, are minefields. They serve as 'Incumbent Protection Acts.' They are so complicated that they can scare people away from even seeking public office." The attorney's job is to help the party and its candidates maneuver safely through that "minefield".

Mark is not paid for his political work. So keeping up his share of the work at Laudig, George, Rutherford and Sipes is important. The firm handles everything from acquisitions and mergers to public intoxication and murder. It comes as no surprise that he is also very active in his community. "That's good for the

community and good for the practice." Mark's interests have included the Police Athletic League, a non-profit organization that does community youth outreach through the Indianapolis Police Department, and Lambda Chi

Alpha where he has served as local alumni president for eight years.

But politics will always be part of his life. "You have to understand and appreciate politics. The best politicians are in it for higher principles. I'm a big fan of the U.S. Constitution, and Libertarians believe in working for the ideals of that document. We believe that government should be small, competent, fiscally responsible and socially tolerant."

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Allen Fore

After his graduation, Allen Fore '91 began practicing law. At the same time, he was asked to run a State Senate campaign in Northern Illinois. So, he worked both jobs as long as he could. The campaign was successful, and he was approached by other campaigns to manage them. Allen served as general counsel for the lieutenant governor in 1997. He served as assistant attorney general from 1999-2002 and began to focus all his energy into politics. "But I never shelved my degree in any way," Allen said. "It's always been an important part of the job." It is a very important part of his job as Executive Director of the Illinois Republican Party.

Like the other Valpo Law graduates who went into politics, Allen's interest has been lifelong. "Like so many other people, I was inspired by Ronald Reagan's campaign in 1980. I was fortunate enough to get a Reagan Scholarship to the President's alma mater, Eureka College. I had the opportunity to meet Governor Jim Thompson and the President and stayed active all through college.

His current position comes with a wide variety of responsibilities. In all cases, Allen feels his law school education is invaluable to his success. "I had heard great things about VU School of Law. I wanted a small school because I went to a small high school and a small college. I was impressed by the facilities and the faculty. I appreciated the academic focus and the practical applications of the law. I had great experiences with the moot court, negotiations and total advocacy that the school did. My education really prepared me for this job."

Allen feels that some law school graduates are too limited in their thinking in terms of what that degree can do for their careers. "If you're in law school and you're thinking about politics, be open-minded. There are lots of opportunities in public service. If you think outside the box, your degree can help to open lots of non-traditional doors. When I hire, I look for people who graduated with law

degrees. So do many other people. It's very beneficial to be flexible."

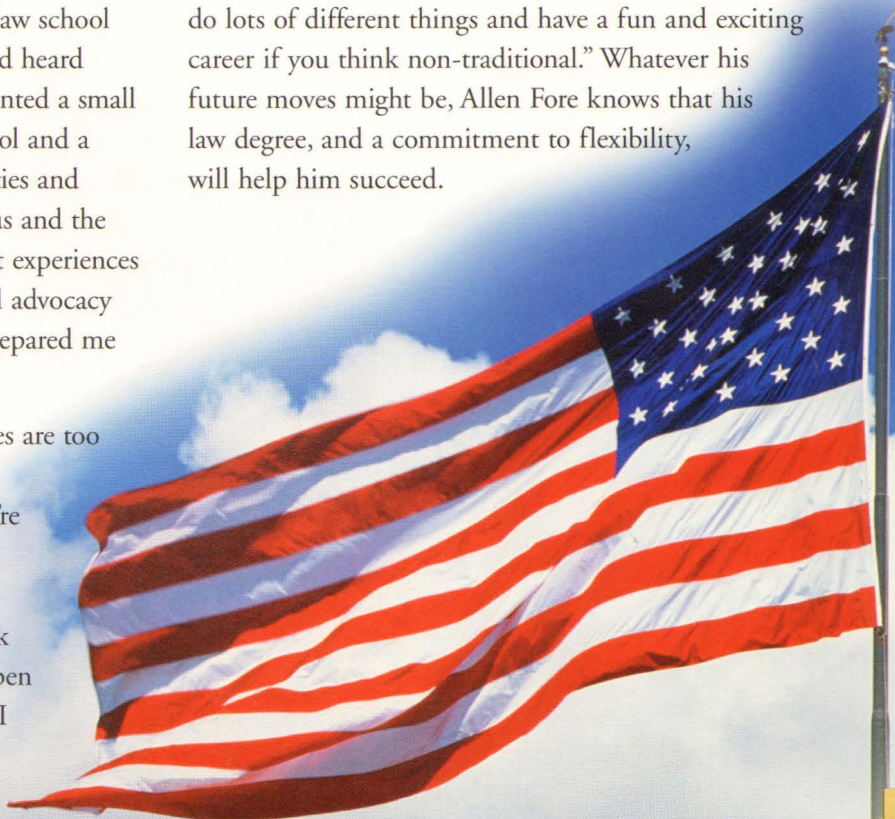
Allen has also gained political experience from the candidate's side. He ran for and was elected to the City Council in Belvidere where he lives. His legal background was essential in that pursuit. "There were lots of legal ramifications. I had to set up a committee, you need petitions that have to be filed properly, and you have to be careful about raising money." It was a good learning experience for him, and he can see a time in the future when he might like to serve in other public offices. "I've always been interested in the work of the Illinois General Assembly. I would like to serve there some day."

"In ten years, I've been in private practice, a government prosecutor, counsel for a state-wide official and had lots of political opportunities. You can do lots of different things and have a fun and exciting career if you think non-traditional." Whatever his future moves might be, Allen Fore knows that his law degree, and a commitment to flexibility, will help him succeed.

Paul Marshall



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A GREAT HOMETOWN FOR ANY



CRUSADER

If you talk to Dave Hollenbeck '74, it will not take him long to get to his favorite subject: the VU Men's Basketball program. His involvement with the Crusaders is just one of the advantages to raising a family and building a practice in the town where he went to school.

"One of the joys of staying in Valparaiso is playing a very small role in the progress and development of the University's Division I basketball program," Dave said. Along with his friend and fellow attorney Dave DeBoer '74, Hollenbeck has operated the time clock, game clock and scoreboard for men's basketball since 1987. They also work the Mid-Continent Basketball Conference for men and women, which runs 14 games in 4 days. But there's more to his involvement in his alma mater, and his community, than great seats at the Crusader games.

Dave Hollenbeck graduated from Valparaiso University twice. He first came to the school in 1965 as an undergraduate. His home was in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, a western suburb of Chicago. "My parents and I had a number of different criteria for choosing a college," he said. "We wanted a school that was close, academically strong, small, and one with a religious connection. I was also looking for one with a law school, to leave that possibility open for me."

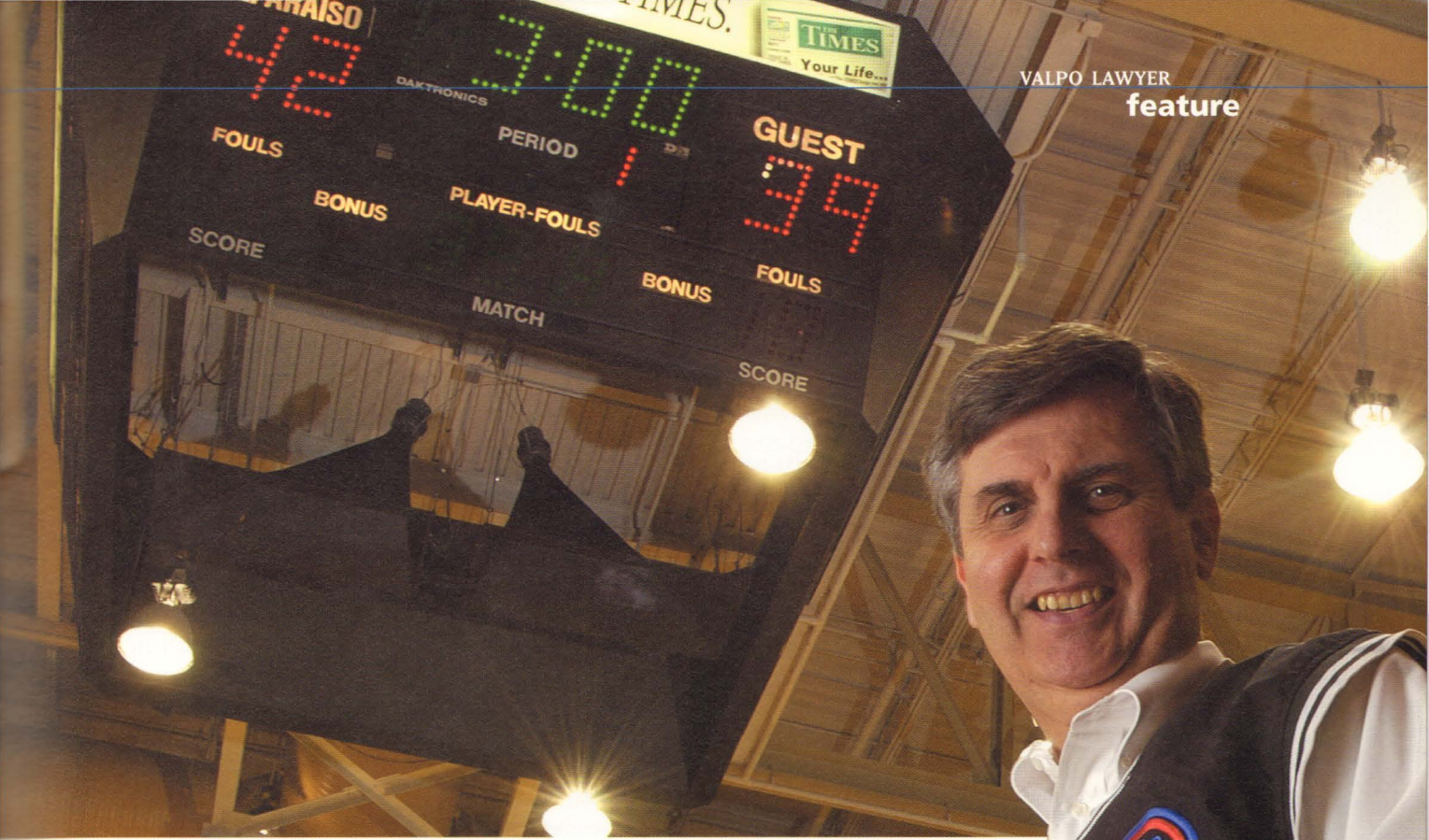
Dave graduated in 1969 and entered law school. A year later he was drafted and went into the service. He returned to the School of Law in 1972 and graduated in '74. In planning his career Dave "didn't have an epiphany," as he puts it. "It was a matter of practicality." He began clerking at Blachly, Tabor, Bozick and Hartman while attending law school. When he graduated, they offered him a job. He is still with that firm, and made partner in 1980.

At first, Dave and his wife Anita weren't sure they would stay in Valparaiso. But the longer they stayed, the more they realized that everything they were looking for as far as building a family and a future, was right here. "We were looking for that balance between career opportunity and quality of life. Valparaiso is still a great place to find that balance."

Dave always had an interest "in the governing process, in this great experiment of democracy." When he first joined the firm, opportunities presented themselves to represent local government units. "This is not always the most lucrative part of the law," he said. "It's also not everybody's favorite area of interest. Originally the clients came to me by default." But Dave was able to pursue his legal interest and build that part of the practice. "Today this area of the law is a significant part of what I do, and what this firm does." The firm represents 27 different units of local government, including the City of Valparaiso, the County Board of Health, the County Park Board, the Visitor's Commission, the Town Council and the Valparaiso Community Schools. Dave says his work with those clients "means a lot of evening meetings. Just ask my wife."

After 28 years of practice, Dave Hollenbeck feels it's best to give advice and representation that help to avoid problems, rather than solve them. "I am a firm believer that it's a lot easier and cheaper to keep a client out of trouble than to get a client out of trouble." Representing his clients puts him in contact with lots of other local attorneys which, from his perspective, sheds light on one of the greatest advantages of practicing law in a smaller town.

"There is a lot of talk about civility in our profession." Dave's office window looks out on the courthouse right across the street. "When you work in a community this size, you are very aware of the need to remain civil. You meet and work with other attorneys you will see day in and day out throughout your career. You want to be sure to deal with people the way you want them to deal with you."



This strong sense of civility is something Dave actively imparts to his law students. He has been an adjunct professor at the School of Law for the last 17 years. Staying connected with the school and the students is another important component of his life and career, as are his other community activities, which have included stints on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce and the Boys and Girls Clubs. His family is very active at Immanuel Lutheran Church where his wife works. Dave served on the church's school board and as president of the congregation. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Undergraduate Alumni Association and on the Board of the School of Law Alumni Association. Daughter Laura just graduated from medical school and is about to enter a pediatric residency. Son Andy is a first year law student at Indiana University. Dave wanted to be sure we knew that "dad hasn't disowned him yet."

Dave laughs when questioned about what he does in his spare time. "I started playing golf four or five years ago. But I soon realized that when you start playing in your forties, you're not going to get to be that good."

Luckily, there's Crusader basketball. When the University first decided to compete in sports at a Division I level, Dave was part of a group of alumni committed to making that decision a successful one. The first step was a fundraising effort to make sure the athletic department had the financial support it needed to compete at a higher level. The next major step was the arrival of Homer Drew, 14 years ago. "We got the phone call," Dave said, "and of course, nobody ever heard of him. We know him now. The last ten years or so have been magic."

Yes, he's pleased to play an ongoing part in the life of his alma mater. But his participation is driven by the way he feels about the community where he chose to live and work. "I believe that competitive athletics has an important role in the educational process. The lessons we learn in competition can be applied to other areas: lessons about winning, losing, teamwork and tenacity. Those are an important part of the ongoing educational process."

After 28 years of building a life and a career in a smaller community, Dave Hollenbeck will tell you that he is still willing to learn.

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CLASS actions

1958

William Winterhoff has recently opened a general practice firm in Lansing, IL.

1961

Jack Lawson was recently awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash award by Governor O'Bannon. The award was presented October 15, 2001 at the Zionsville Plan Commission. Jack represents the Zionsville Board of Zoning Appeals and Plan Commission.

1962

Gale Saint practices agricultural and estate planning law at the firm of Saint & Carmichael in Bloomington, IL. Prior to that, he was a trust officer of IAA Trust Co. and Director of Insurance Planning with Country Life Insurance Co., both in Bloomington.

1969

Jon D. Walton has been with the Allegheny Ludlum Corporation as General Counsel and Secretary since 1986 and was named Vice President in 1990. He was named Senior Vice President in 1997. Jon also serves as Corporate Ombudsman and Chief Ethics Officer for the company.

1970

Carlton Lohrentz practices law in Arlington Heights, IL. In his spare time he's a ski patroller at Wilmot Mountain in Wisconsin. His wife, Jan ('70U), works for Northwest Suburban Special Education, performing vocational assessment testing. They reside in Ivanhoe, IL.

1972

Donald Snide has joined the Grand Rapids, MI firm of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett as corporate attorney. He concentrates his practice in general corporate law, commercial loans and real estate transactions.

1974

Rusty Seltz has joined the staff of Institutional Advancement as Director of Development for Principal and Planned Gifts at Valparaiso University.

1975

Carolyn Grant of the Indianapolis, IN firm of Grant & Grant, concentrates her practice in the areas of personal injury, insurance defense, product liability, medical malpractice, and corporate issues. She is the former Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana.

Marcia Sowles was appointed to the Grievance and Ethics Committee of the United States Figure Skating Association. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Figure Skating Association in Arlington, VA.

1976

Marie Failinger is a Law Professor at Hamline University Law School in St. Paul, MN. She is the editor of the international, interfaith Journal of Law and Religion. She has many published articles in the areas of constitutional law and civil rights, ethics and professional responsibility, law and religion, and poverty law. She also has been honored by the Minnesota Women Lawyers organization as a recipient of its first annual Service Award and is a founding member of the National Equal Justice Library.

Harold Hagberg has recently formed the new partnership of Hagberg, Mullen & LaTulip in Schererville, IN.

Anthony Zappia has been appointed to the Disciplinary Commission of the Indiana Supreme Court. Anthony's past experience includes Deputy Prosecutor, President of the local bar association and member of the St. Joseph Superior Court Superior Court Judicial Nominating Commission along with 25 years of experience in private practice.

1979

Michael Meyer has been appointed to the position of Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Sterling Commerce, Inc. in Dublin, OH.

1980

Greg Vega has joined the San Diego, CA firm of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek. Greg will focus his practice on complex litigation; including white-collar defense, accountant's liability, securities fraud, intellectual property and corporate compliance in regulated industries. Greg has also served as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California from May 1999 to May 2001 and previously in the Northern District of Indiana.

1981

Mark Lienhoop is the chair of the DTCI Publications Committee. He is also a managing partner in the LaPorte, IN firm of Newby Lewis Kaminski &

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CLASS actions

Jones. He has published and spoken on a variety of topics including motion practice, repressed memory, medical malpractice, and evidence.

1982

Jeff Stonebraker is serving as Chief Public Defender for Clark County in Jeffersonville, IN.

1983

Frank Lattal has been appointed to the position of Executive Vice President, Claims and Claims Counsel and Secretary for ACE Bermuda Insurance Ltd. in Hamilton, Bermuda. Frank will serve as chief legal officer responsible for all legal affairs and will manage the consolidated Legal and Claim Departments. Prior to joining ACE Bermuda, Frank practiced insurance law for 14 years in New Jersey.

Laurie Pangle has joined the Toledo, OH firm of Spengler Nathanson as a partner. Last December, Laurie was selected as a recipient of the Toledo Bar Association 2001 Kelb Distinguished Service Award to work with the Pro Bono Program. She is currently the Vice President of the Board of Directors of Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, and Legal Services of Northwest Ohio, Harbor House, Inc., Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Toledo, Inc.

1984

Frances Jagla has recently been named Senior Counsel of Patent and Trademark Division in the legal division of Abbott Laboratories in Abbott Park, IL.

Tula Kavadias practices family law in Crown Point, IN. Tula has also served as President for the Lake County Bar Association and Secretary to the Indiana State Bar. She also serves as volunteer counsel to Lake County's Old Sheriff's House historic site, Hammond's Haven House Battered Women's Shelter, and Caring Place Shelter in Valparaiso, IN.

Craig Morford is presently serving as Assistant U.S. Attorney, member of the Organized Crime Strike Force and trial attorney of organized crime prosecution in Cleveland, OH. (See story on page 26.)

Susan Taylor has been presented with the IUSB Distinguished SOEA Alumni Award. Susan specializes as a private legal advocate in the areas of child abuse and neglect, delinquency, custody, visitation issues, and guardianship.

1985

Deborah Hale has accepted a new position at the Office of Los Angeles County Counsel in Monterey, CA. Deborah also has identical twins, Haley and Chelsea born on March 3, 2000.

1986

Anne Buckleitner recently published an article "Checking out Claims of Harassment, How to Investigate by the Book," in the January/February 2002 edition of *Business Law Today*.

Linda Tape has joined the St. Louis, MO firm of Husch and Eppenberger. Linda will concentrate in the area of Environmental and Regulatory Practice. She has practiced in all aspects of Superfund issues and RCRA corrective action, and has an extensive background in state environmental compliance and enforcement cases. She has co-authored "Civil and Criminal Liability," Missouri Environmental Law Deskbook (1991-1997); and "Allocating CERCLA Costs? Get an Expert," National Law Journal, March 16, 1998.

1987

Andrew Thomas of Brazil, IN will seek the Republican seat in the Indiana State Legislature. Andrew is currently with the Prosecutor's Office in Clay County, Indiana. Andrew has previously worked in the Attorney General's Office, Securities Division of the Secretary of State's Office.

1988

John Hallacy was elected as Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney in Battle Creek, MI. John lives in Michigan with his wife Ellen, and his two sons, Frederick and Grant.

1989

David Barker has moved to private practice in Carmel, IN. He formerly practiced law at Thomson Consumer Electronics in Indianapolis, IN.

Heidi Jark has been elected to a three-year term on the Alumni Association Board of Directors of Valparaiso University.

1990

Susan Adams has been appointed as deputy director of the Legal Research and Writing Program of Chicago Kent College of Law.

Steve Krentz has recently become a Court Approved Certified Mediator.

1991

Jonathan Berkowitz has become a partner in the West Palm Beach, FL firm of Gay, Keyser & Berkowitz. He also has a new son, Joshua Ryan, born on September 12, 2001.

1992

Terry Boesch has lectured international comparative employment law in the country of Lithuania at the Vytautas Magnus University School of Law. Vytautas Magnus University is the only American-model graduate-level law school in Central and Eastern Europe. Besides Lithuania, he has also lectured in France and Ghana. Terry has been selected by the National Employment Lawyer's Association to be Chairman of the Law Office Practice Management Committee.

Jeffrey Clymer has been elected President of the Porter County Bar Association. Jeffrey practices law with the firm of Querrey & Harrow in Merrillville, IN.



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Philip Hesch has been appointed as part-time Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Marshall County in Bremen, IN. Philip will also continue his private law practice of Hesch, Rosenberg and Roberts serving the areas of Bremen, Nappanee and Mishawaka, IN.

John Hintz has recently made partner in the Lansing, MI law firm of Glassen, Rhead, McLean, Campbell & Schumacher. John has been an associate with the firm since April 1995, and will continue his law practice concentrating in real estate, consumer and commercial debt collection, and domestic relation cases in Michigan and Indiana.

Kristin Hoeksema is pleased to announce the formation of the Hoffman Estates, IL law firm of Spangnolo & Hoeksema. They will specialize in business corporate law, probate & estate planning, commercial litigation and trust and probate litigation.

Matthew Soliday has been elected to serve as Vice President of the Porter County Bar Association. Matthew is in private practice in Valparaiso, IN.

1993

Carl Brizzi is the Republican Candidate in the May 2002 Primary for the Marion County Prosecutor. He has served as a Deputy Prosecutor in the Grand Jury Division and as Chief Prosecutor, Metro Gang Task Force investigating and prosecuting a variety of cases from white-collar crime to gang murders. He is a partner in the Indianapolis, IN law firm of Brizzi, Collignon & Dietrick concentrating in the area of civil litigation. (See story on page 23.)

Monica Conrad and her husband Christopher Hoham have just welcomed the birth of their new son, Benjamin Christoph Conrad Hoham on October 7, 2001.

1994

Kenneth Elwood has been elected to serve as Secretary of the Porter County

Bar Association. Kenneth is a partner with the firm of Rhame & Elwood in Portage, IN.

Deven Klein has been promoted to Vice President and Corporate Counsel for Kuman USA, Inc. in Teaneck, NJ.

Charlotte Lindell has accepted the position of Assistant General Counsel at Freddie Mac in McLean, VI.

N. Jean Schendel is a partner of the Fort Wayne, IN office of Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana. The DTCI is the professional organization of civil defense attorneys in Indiana promoting excellence in civil litigation and supporting the administration of justice in the courts and mediation.

Adam Stern has recently formed the new partnership of Lynch and Stern in Oak Park, IL.

1995

Christine Drager has accepted a position as counsel on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in Washington, DC.

D. Tyler Fellows is a partner in the Manitowoc, WI law office of Alpert & Fellows. His practice concentrates in the area of personal injury and family law. In July 2001, Tyler and his wife, Patti, welcomed the birth of their son, Cooper Thomas.

Robin King of Kalamazoo, MI has spent the last 4 years as an attorney-magistrate at Berrien County Juvenile Court in St. Joseph, MI concentrating in the areas of abuse and neglect of minor children and juvenile delinquency. In October 2001, she accepted a position in Kalamazoo, MI as an attorney-magistrate practicing in the same areas, with the addition of domestic relations. Robin was married on June 2, 2001 to Russell Panico in Kalamazoo, MI.

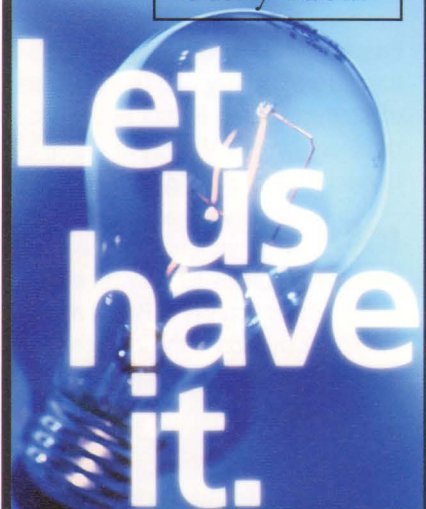
Jack Kramer has become a partner in the Merrillville, IN office of Hoepfner Wagner & Evans. Areas of concentration will consist of bad faith insurance litigation, product liability, asbestos and commercial litigation.

Ronald Rosenfeld is employed at the Northfield, IL firm of Kwiatt & Ruben. He is a member of the Corporate and Securities Service Area. His area of practice focuses on transactions involving mergers and acquisitions, securities, Internet and e-commerce law, in addition to general corporate and contract matters. Ronald was also recently married to Tracy Lee Wesolowski on May 29, 2001.

Ashley Rozek-Howell was recently married to Robert Howell, they reside in Fishers, IN. Ashley practices with the firm of Rocap Witchger and Threlkeld in Indianapolis, IN.

Jill Swope became a general partner with the Schererville, IN law firm of

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Valpo Law Alumnus Runs for Prosecutor

Marion County Prosecutor candidate says Valpo Law helped prepare him to battle crime

INDIANAPOLIS — Carl Brizzi, a 1993 graduate of Valparaiso University School of Law, is running for Marion County Prosecutor. Brizzi won the endorsement of the Republican Party in January and is unopposed in the May primary election.

Brizzi's notable achievements during his time at Valpo include a Moot Court championship and a showing as a semi-finalist in the Mock Trial competition. "I knew I wanted to be a prosecutor early on in law school," Brizzi said. "Programs like Moot Court and Mock Trial helped prepare me for the day to day combat that attorneys face in the Prosecutor's Office."

Brizzi served as a Deputy Prosecutor in the Grand Jury Division, and Chief Prosecutor, Metro Gang Task Force, under current Marion County Prosecutor Scott Newman.

"Having served as a Deputy Prosecutor, I have seen first-hand the challenges facing our community, and I

am committed to working together to prevent crime, protect our families and keep our neighborhoods safe," Brizzi said.

Brizzi cites a looming drug problem, child safety issues, and crimes against the elderly among the reasons he chose to run for Prosecutor. "I will face our city's alarming threat of methamphetamine, a drug that is coming to Indianapolis, and is every bit as dangerous as crack cocaine," said Brizzi.

With an assured spot on the ballot in the general election, Carl Brizzi is looking forward to November. "The coming months will be crucial to the success of my campaign," Brizzi said. "I appreciate the tremendous support I have received so far and am committed to doing everything I can to build the momentum I will need to win in the fall."

Wieser & Sterba. Jill practices primarily in the area of family law.

Shawn Swope was named partner at the Chicago, IL, law firm of Parrillo Weiss & O'Halloran. Shawn will concentrate primarily in the area of insurance defense litigation.

1996

John Falvey has joined the South Bend, IN, law firm of Boueri Murphy Rice Ryan & LaDue as associate attorney.

Gregory McEwen has recently been honored by being certified as a member in The Million Dollar Advocates Forum due to recoveries in excess of one million dollars in three recent cases. Greg is in private practice with the McEwen Law Firm in St. Paul, MN specializing in plaintiffs' product liability law.

Joseph Morris has accepted the position of attorney for the Plymouth Community School Corporation. Joseph has a private law practice in Plymouth, IN.

J. Thomas Vetne has become a partner of the South Bend, IN firm of Jones Obenchain.

Julie Weglarz has joined the Indianapolis, IN firm of Stevens & Associates.

1997

Angela Hoogeveen is a staff attorney with Indiana Legal Services, Inc., in South Bend, IN. Angela and her husband, Douglas ('93U), live in South Bend, IN, with their two daughters Mackenzie and Morgan.

Cariann Beaudoin is the senior associate at the Chicago, IL law firm of Cassidy, Schade & Gloor. Cariann specializes in medical malpractice defense and premises and products liability.

1998

Marcia Ferree was recently appointed to the Council of the Young Lawyers Section of the Indiana State Bar Association and Secretary of the Criminal Justice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association. Marcia is an

attorney in the Indianapolis, IN firm of Laudig George Rutherford & Sipes.

Andrea Slagh has joined the South Bend, IN firm of Hahn, Walz and Knepp as an associate attorney.

1999

Mowitt Drew has joined the Niles, MI firm of Hadsell, Landgraf & Lynch as an associate attorney.

RaeLee Hudson has joined the South Bend, IN firm of Baker and Daniels as an associate. RaeLee concentrates in the area of business planning, corporate finance and individual and family services, estate and probate law.

Michael Knight has joined the South Bend, IN office of Barnes & Thornburg as an associate attorney.

Jennifer Plants has joined the Buffalo, NY office of Damon & Morey as an associate attorney in the corporate and business department.



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Anthony Alfano and **Alicia Cannon** were married in September, 2001 in Barrington, IL. Anthony is an organizing coordinator for United Steelworkers of America.

Monica Ganjoo was recently married in March, 2002, to Kevin Akbari in San Francisco, CA. Monica practices immigration law in her private practice office in San Francisco, CA.

Bruce Huntington has joined the South Bend, IN office of Jones Obenchain as an associate attorney. Bruce will focus on real estate and related issues including brokerage, development, valuation, commercial lending and project finance, and construction matters.

2001

Rae Beehler has joined the South Bend, IN firm of Diamond & Diamond as an associate attorney.

Deanne Benjamin has joined the South Bend, IN office of Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros.

Clint Charnes has joined the Chicago, IL, firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson as an associate attorney.

Troy Cumings has joined the Grand Rapids, MI firm of Warner Norcross & Judd.

Richard Damstra has joined the Grand Rapids, MI firm of Warner Norcross & Judd.

Leslie Horn has joined the Muncie, IN firm of Brooke & Cloyd as an associate.

Daniel Lenington has joined the Grand Rapids, MI firm of Warner Norcross & Judd as an associate attorney.

Sheila Lynch has joined the Chicago, IL firm of Barnow & Associates as an associate attorney.

Matthew Macaluso has been selected to the Best Buddies Indiana Advisory Board. Best Buddies is an international nonprofit organization that strives to enhance the lives of individuals with development disabilities. Matthew is a member of the Bose McKinney & Evans Business Organizations Group in Indianapolis, IN.

Bethany Rudd has joined the business services practice group of Beckman Lawson in Fort Wayne, IN.

Kathy Samovitz has joined the South Bend, IN firm of May Oberfell & Lober as an associate. Kathy will concentrate in the area of medical malpractice and bankruptcy law.

Georgianna Walker has joined the South Bend, IN firm of May Oberfell & Lober as an associate. Georgianna will concentrate in the area of insurance defense and corporate sections of the firm.

The dean, faculty, staff, students and alumni of Valparaiso University School of Law honor the following alumni and friends who have passed away. We are grateful for their participation in the development of the Law School, and we extend our condolences to their family members and friends.

In Memory

1939

F. Jack Foersterling, Barrington, IL, April, 2002

1942

Frederik A. Kusch, March 22, 2001, Sun City West, AZ.

1970

Jerry Virgil, February 8, 2002, Rochester, IN.

1974

Mary McClintock Kennedy, February, 2002, Newtown, PA.

Donald Weidner, December 2001, Jacksonville, FL.

1980

Joel Speckhard, September 13, 2001, Burlington, N.C.

1989

Charles Wilber, Jr., South Bend, IN, August, 2000

1992

Thomas Wombwell, Valparaiso, IN, April, 2002

Position Posting Director of Admissions - Recruitment, Valparaiso University School of Law

The Valparaiso University School of Law is seeking a creative, energetic individual to serve as Director of Admissions – Recruitment. The Director must have a strong working knowledge of legal education, the ability to generate a strong and positive first impression of Valpo Law, and the ability to build and sustain professional relationships between the School of Law and key external audiences ranging from prospective law students to pre-law advisors and other influencers. The Director reports to the Associate Dean for Administration.

The ideal candidate will have a J.D. degree and at least two years of relevant experience. Moderate travel required.

To apply, submit a resume, a cover letter detailing your qualifications and your approach to relationship marketing, and the names and contact information for three references to: Associate Dean Curtis Cichowski, Valparaiso University School of Law, Wesemann Hall, Valparaiso, IN 46383. See www.valpo.edu/law/admissions/director for a more complete position description. Closing date: June 14, 2002.



Class Reunions '67, '76 and '77

Let's Not Wait Another 25 Years

"For a far-too-brief three hours on Saturday evening, April 20, 32 members of the Valpo Law classes of '76 and '77 travelled down memory lane to our salad days as law students. Professor Al Meyer attempted to yet again strike fear into our hearts, and Professor Bruce Berner paced while regaling us with his unforgettable take on the criminal side of the law. The evening was filled with heartfelt renewals of friendships, visiting with the nine professors who prepared us so well, amusing and mostly-accurate reminiscences, lots of catching up, a teeny bit of bragging, and promises to not wait another 25 years before getting together again. I am pleased to report that everyone has withstood the vicissitudes of the legal profession swimmingly." — **Chris Nuechterlein '76**



L to R: John McKay '76, Barb Young '76, Ann Bowman '77, Phil Brockington, Tom Ruge '76, Pete Mallers '76



L to R: Tom Ruge '76, Pete Mallers '76, Lou Bartelt, Bill Morris '76, Dawn Wellman Denison '76



L to R: Chet Vahle '76, Bill Morris '76, Bruce Prillwitz '76—Staff of first VU School of Law Forum newspaper



L to R: Bruce Prillwitz '76, Tony Zappia '76, Chet Vahle '76



L to R: Ivan Bodenstiener, Chris Nuechterlein '76, Karen Carpenter Coulis '76, Richard Wolter '77, and Robert Travers '76.

Together Again After 35 Years

"A 35th reunion of the class of 1967 was held on April 27, 2002. The event brought good friends together again after many years. To the surprise of the current law students, the alumni of the class of '67 are still alive, active and practicing law. The gathering shared sweet memories, the joy of being together again, and mourning the passing of a few fallen comrades." — **Mike Hutson '67**



Jack Lund '67 and Duane Hartman '67



L to R: Mike Swygert '67, Lou Bartelt, and Jack Hiller



L to R: Don Martin '67, Bruce Berner '67, and Allen Landmeier '67

Craig Morford '84: Personal & Professional Success Story in Ohio

THE PLAIN DEALER

Trafficant case was a trial of tribulations Lead attorney found strength in his beliefs

By: Mark Gillespie, Plain Dealer Reporter

There is no such thing as "casual Friday" in the U.S. attorney's office, but no one faulted Craig Morford when he showed up several weeks ago wearing khakis and a green sport shirt.

The day before, after months of intense preparation and an exhausting nine-week trial, Morford had won the bribery and racketeering case against U.S. Rep. James Traficant.

The verdicts capped a six-year campaign that led to some 70 convictions of corrupt politicians and mob figures in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

Morford spent Friday morning and part of the afternoon returning congratulatory phone calls and e-mails from around the country.

"This is my 15 minutes of Andy Warholisms," he said. "As of Monday, it's going to be like this never happened, so I might as well enjoy it." Later that afternoon, folding his 6-foot frame into a comfortable chair in the living room of his Rocky River home, Morford seemed more relieved than triumphant. His face lighted up when his three younger children returned from school. He and his wife, Mary Jo, have four children, ages 6 to 15.

The prosecution of Traficant took its toll on Morford. The 16-hour days and constant haranguing by the combative congressman showed in his face. Already thin, he lost 12 pounds during the trial.

Morford, 43, has tried a number of high-profile cases during his 15 years as a prosecutor with the elite Strike Force, which targets organized crime and public-corruption cases in northern Ohio. But none of his cases was bigger than U.S. v. Traficant.

Traficant not only is a sitting congressman, he acted as his own attorney. The last time that happened - in 1983 - Traficant defeated two veteran Strike Force lawyers.

There is a normal rhythm established during a criminal trial,



a judicial pas de deux between prosecutor and defense lawyer working within the rules of evidence and criminal procedure. But with Traficant representing himself in a fashion that swung from the unorthodox to the bizarre, the trial at times was more of an awkward barn dance.

Morford became the target for many of Traficant's personal attacks. The congressman said Morford should be put in jail and even questioned his manhood.

"A lot of people said to me during the course of the trial, 'How can you just sit there and not respond?'" Morford said. "I know there were a lot of people praying for me, and I could feel it sometimes."

Prayer is a big part of Morford's life. The roots of his Christian faith stretch to his childhood in Schenectady, N.Y., and have nourished the principles by which he lives. He says he prays even for the people he prosecutes.

"I've had some cases with some pretty tough people, but they're not bad people," he said. "I don't view the world as white knights and black knights. And I don't view the defendants as the bad guys and us as the good guys, because I know everyone falls short."

Childhood aspirations

As a child, Morford was intrigued by "Perry Mason" and "Judd for the Defense" and would tell people that he wanted to become

a lawyer. But the admittedly indifferent student cooled to the idea when he realized how long he would have to go to school. He enrolled at Hope College, a small liberal arts school in Holland, Mich., uncertain about his future.

A semester in Washington during his junior year, when he had internships with Sen. Harrison Schmitt of New Mexico and Kimberly-Clark Corp., rekindled thoughts about becoming a lawyer.

He was accepted at VU School of Law, where he finished 20th in his class of 87. He also realized that his quick wit and argumentative nature would be useful skills for a trial lawyer and that his conservative values would serve him well as a prosecutor.

Upon graduation in 1984, he took the best offer he had at the time, with the Internal Revenue Service's district counsel office in Cleveland.

His first year was a struggle, and at one point he considered quitting to enroll in business school. But during a walk one day with Frank DiSantis, a senior lawyer in the IRS office, DiSantis told Morford he could try cases with him if he did not mind the extra work.

Morford said his first trial, a civil fraud case against a marijuana trafficker, "was the most fun I'd ever had in my life." DiSantis was impressed.

In 1987, Morford was hired by the Strike Force to help prosecute pornography czar Reuben Sturman,

who was convicted of hiding and laundering his profits. Morford then teamed with James Wooley to prosecute three Hells Angels accused of killing a man they mistakenly thought was a rival gang member.

William Kunstler, of "Chicago 7" fame, represented one of the defendants. Barry Scheck, who became famous for his role in the defense of O.J. Simpson, worked for the defense as a DNA specialist.

"Morford was not intimidated by the celebrity aspect of the case," said Terry Gilbert, who represented one of the defendants. "I could see then that he was a very bright and formidable advocate."

Lead prosecutor

Although he had served as co-counsel or "second chair" in most of his previous cases, Morford became lead prosecutor against mob influence and public corruption in the Youngstown area.

That case began with a wiretap on a small-time bookie, which led to taps further up the criminal food chain. Finally a judge gave permission to bug the home of mob boss Lenine "Lenny" Strollo.

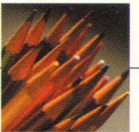
Morford won convictions against Strollo; his minions; several police officers, including Mahoning County Sheriff Philip Chance; three judges; eight lawyers; and the county prosecutor. All this gave Morford his greatest measure of satisfaction. Public corruption, he said, strikes at the very heart of the system he is sworn to protect.

Morford's defining characteristic, colleagues and opponents say, is his integrity, that he is as concerned with fairness as with winning.

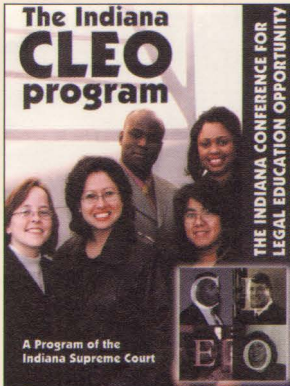
Gerald Ingram, a defense attorney from Youngstown, said Morford is someone you would be grateful to share a foxhole with.

"Morford is, quite simply, a fine person," Ingram said.

Craig may be contacted at Craig.Morford@usdoj.gov



Valpo Law to Host Indiana CLEO '02



VU School of Law will host this year's ICLEO program from June 16 through July 27. Professor Susan Stuart is the director

of the program, and Director of Admissions Zahra Nwabara is the co-director. The Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity was patterned after the well-known national CLEO program. The program takes approximately 30 college graduates who have applied to any of the state's four law schools and exposes them to a six-week Summer Institute immediately before they begin law school.

The Institute prepares students for the special nature of legal study, focusing on the areas of law they will study during their first year of law school, primarily legal writing, criminal law, contracts, and torts. Law school professors are the primary instructors and offer both traditional classroom instruction and tips for success in law school.

The Indiana CLEO program was launched in 1997 by Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard, in an effort to increase the number of minority, low-income, or educationally disadvantaged students in Indiana's law schools. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and enter an Indiana law school immediately after completing the Summer Institute.

Calling All Judges—Again!



We have extended our call to hear from more graduates who are or were judges. So, if you have spent time on the bench or currently do so, or if you know of a Valpo Law grad who has served or is serving as a judge, please let us know!

Fax the information to Valpo Lawyer Magazine, 1.219.465.7808, or e-mail it to lawalumni@valpo.edu.

One note we received is from The Honorable William Hussman, who shared information on his bench experience. He also made an interesting observation:

“Something about that Valpo education appears to prepare students for Magistrate duties. Tim Baker and I hold 2 of the 4

full time positions in the Southern District, and Chris Nuechterlein, Rod

Rodovich and Theresa Springman have 3 of the 4

Northern District of Indiana posts. Maybe it's something in the water, or more likely, in the drinks at the Orange Bowl.”

Class of '75 1/2 (It's a long story)

The Honorable William Hussman

By the way, the Orange Bowl is gone, but we are checking the water supply!





CLOSING argument

When I look back on those days, I remember we had only 8 professors.

Yet, these 8 people taught us how to think, how to analyze. The thing that was really of lasting value...something you probably didn't realize at the time...it wasn't that we were getting information and learning how to regurgitate the law or learning specific rules of law, we were really learning how to think and analyze as lawyers. As much as I was distressed by Prof. Stephenson's "why?...why?...why?", I recognized that ultimately there was sense to that, that it was probably very good for us. I look back very fondly on my years at Valpo Law.

Mike Swygert '67
at his 35th reunion on 4/27/02

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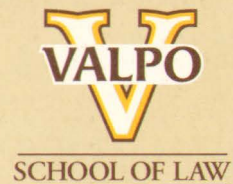
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June 8, 2002
Alumni Board Meeting
Wesemann Hall

June 24 to July 26, 2002
The London/Cambridge
Law Studies

September 14, 2002
National Council Meeting
Wesemann Hall

October 5, 2002
Meet Valpo Law Day
Wesemann Hall
Darlene Leatz, Admissions,
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October 11 to 13, 2002
Homecoming Weekend

Alumni Board Meeting
October 12, 2002
Wesemann Hall, 8:00 a.m.

Picnic
October 12, 2002
Wesemann Hall

Golden Gavel Society Dinner
October 12, 2002
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November 16, 2002
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May 3, 2003
National Council Meeting
Wesemann Hall

June 7, 2003
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Homecoming Classic Golf Outing

Friday, October 11, 2002
The Course at Aberdeen
245 Tower Rd., Valparaiso

Contact Jenny Banks
at 1.800.833.6792 x 23
or 219.464.5142

- \$100 per person
- Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m.
- Shotgun start at 11:30 a.m.
- Every golfer will receive a golf shirt and photo, and prizes will be awarded for contests.



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