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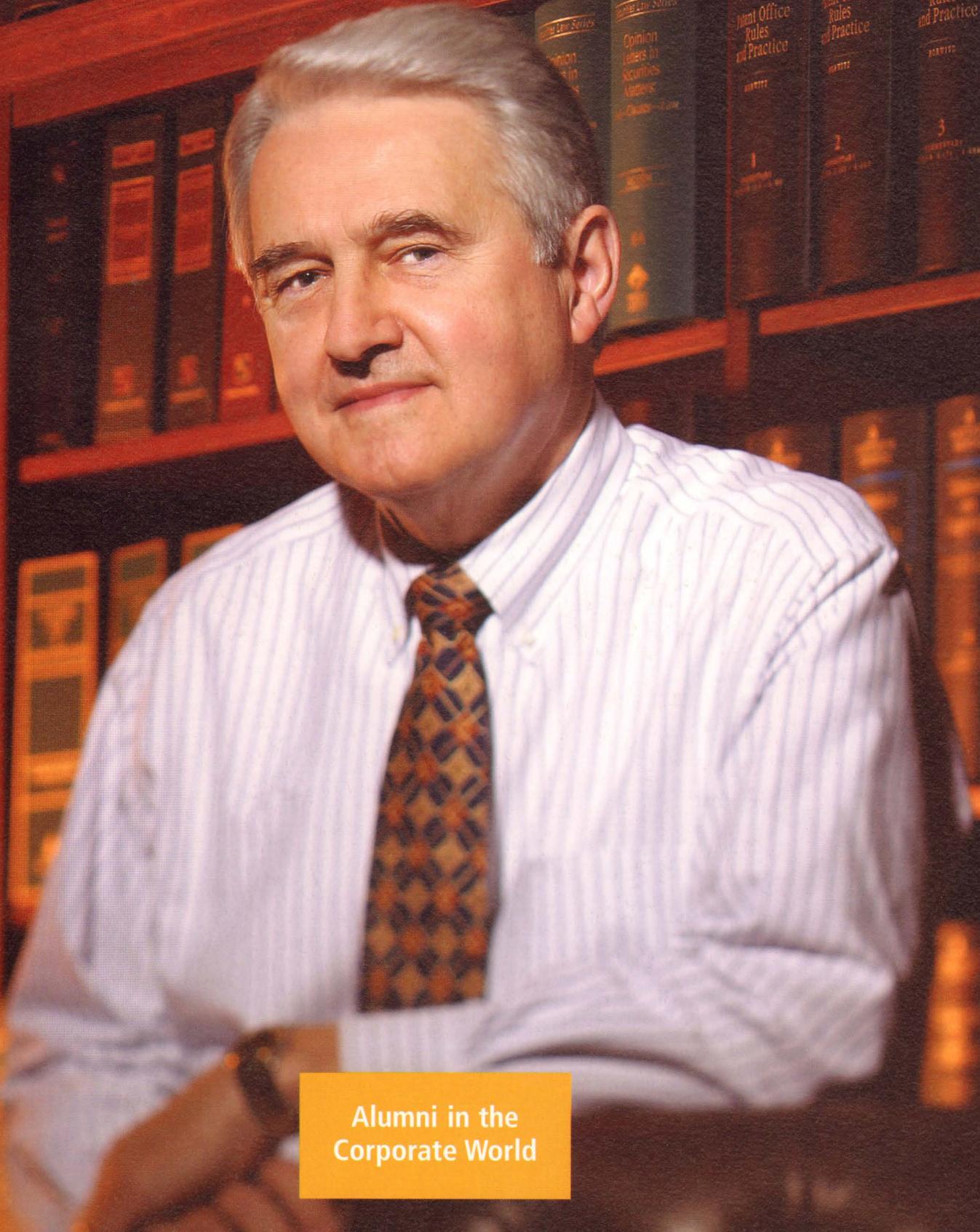
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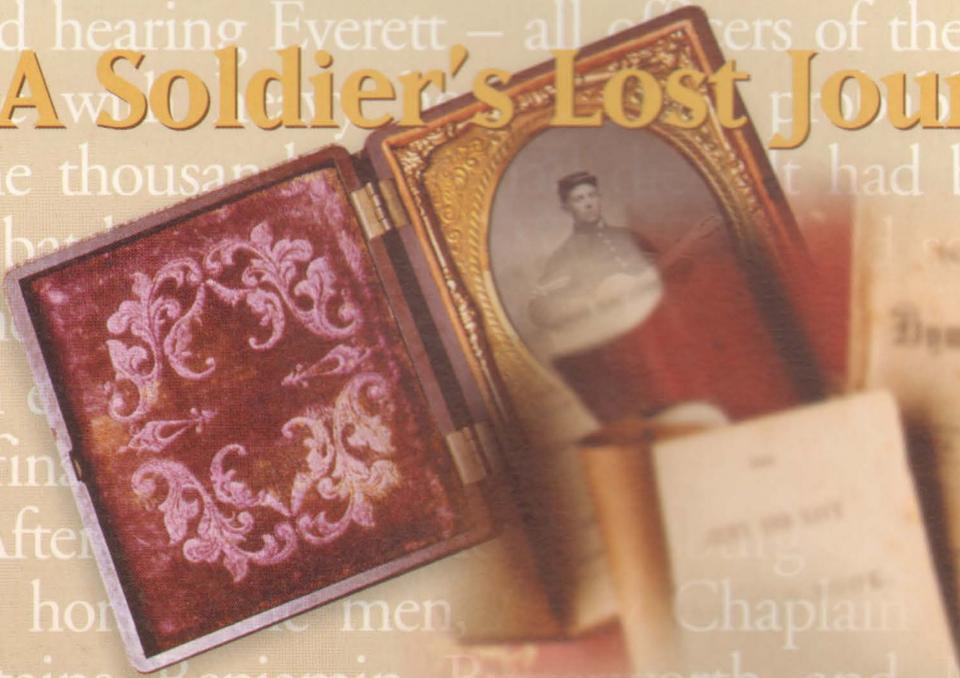
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Alumni in the  
Corporate World

prologue

# A Soldier's Lost Journal



*"During the past century and a quarter,  
over four thousand men and women have graduated from  
the Law School at Valparaiso. In doing so, they spent  
significant years of their lives studying law in an  
institution that has mirrored the changing values of its  
larger communities. When the School opened in 1879, these  
values included the Protestant faith and work ethic,  
Jacksonian principles of democracy, Midwest frugality, and  
the frontier characteristic of rugged individualism."*

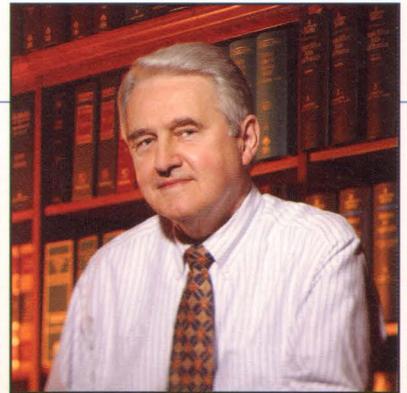
So begins the Valparaiso University School of Law history,  
"Law School at Valparaiso 1879-2004" written by Michael Swygert '67.  
His book will be completed in the fall of 2003.



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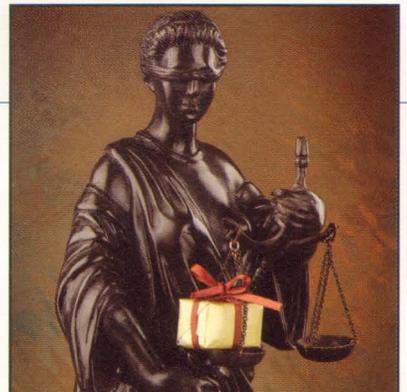
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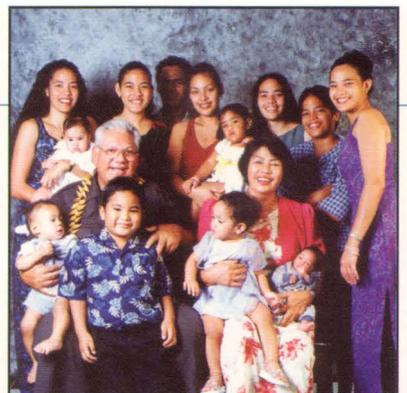
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# Where the Court Room

# Meets the Board Room

A Career in  
Corporate Law

by Harry Karabel

International travel, stock options and the sheer adrenaline rush of putting together a deal that dramatically impacts a company's bottom line are intriguing and enticing reasons for pursuing a career in corporate law. But anyone with experience will tell you that career satisfaction comes from loving what you do. For these Valpo Law alumni, the lure of the corporate arena had more to do with the intellectual challenges, the broad range of needs for superior legal skills and the even broader range of career opportunities for those who can help a business grow.



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### Jon Walton '69

Allegheny Technologies  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Legal and Administrative Officer

**"Anyone, anywhere, in any career must seek to balance job, family and faith."**

Jon Walton grew up in Pittsburgh and Gary, Indiana. His father worked for U.S. Steel for 35 years. His grandfather worked there for 40 years. Jon was one of those mill kids who spent his college summers working where his family worked. But unlike most college students, he went back to the mill after he graduated.

"During law school, I worked at National Steel," Jon said, "and I liked it. I had several offers after school for more money, including the FBI. I was also interested in joining the Judge Advocate General Corps and I did get a JAG appointment. But steel was in my blood."

He started at U.S. Steel in Pittsburgh "with 100 other lawyers. I had a very demanding boss who terrorized all the lawyers who worked for him. Every single time he called me to his office I was nervous. But I learned a lot from him, and I learned to be extremely well prepared." He worked at U.S. Steel for four years. "Then I got a phone call one day from a headhunter and took a dream job at Dresser Industries." There he became Vice President and General Counsel of one of Dresser's operating companies, also located in Pittsburgh. "I participated in deals and bought and sold companies and intellectual property all over the world. I had a great experience working in the operating group of a huge public company: commercial arrangements, corporate compliance, intellectual property law, antitrust law, environmental law."

In 1985, Jon Walton came to a career crossroads. Dresser Industries wanted to reorganize their legal functions around the world, and wanted him to transfer to Chicago. His children were in high school. He and his family were deeply involved in their church and community. The economy in 1985 made it a bad time to be looking for a job. But Jon was determined not to uproot his family. "I figured if there's a needle in the haystack out there, I'm going to find it."

Jon took the job with Allegheny in 1986 and has been there ever since, helping the company to grow. Today, Allegheny Technologies is creating the world's leading specialty metals company. Their high-value products include stainless and specialty steels, titanium and titanium alloys, nickel-based alloys and super alloys, tungsten and tungsten-based materials, and exotic alloys which include hafnium, niobium and zirconium. They are the leading supplier of high-performance metals for jet engines in the world.

But Allegheny had a different complexion when Jon joined the company as General Counsel and Secretary. "At that time, they were the Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation, a stainless steel producer, a private company with sales of about 800 million." His legal skills helped guide the corporation through a series of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures that enabled

them to focus on the specialty metals market. Today, Allegheny Technologies is a 2 billion dollar company.

"For 34 years, I've been doing exactly what I planned to do when I went to law school. And I owe it all to Valpo Law. Professor Charles Gromley was a tremendous teacher and Dean Louis Bartelt was great, too. They both encouraged me and were very supportive." He chose a career in corporate law for "the thrill of making something. We impact people's lives with what we do and you can see that impact very directly. In the role we (lawyers) play, we are the final protectors of the shareholders' interest. We need to do our jobs well."

Jon still puts in 13-hour days on a regular basis. He says his work ethic comes from his father. "My dad retired from U.S. Steel at 55. After a couple of years of playing golf in Florida, he went back to work for a different company and retired again at age 70. I asked him if he had any regrets and he said, 'I should

have worked five more years.'" Jon's dad is 85 and still going strong.

But, in a lesson he learned from refusing to uproot

**"We impact peoples' lives with what we do, and you can see that impact very directly."**

his family from Pittsburgh, Jon Walton is careful to maintain a balance in his life. He is a guest lecturer at Carnegie Mellon and once a year presents a course on ethics. "I close by telling the students that anyone, anywhere, in any career must seek to balance job, family and faith. That's advice I'd give to anyone, anywhere in the world. Figure out what you need to do to keep that balance and keep on a steady course."



### Randy Dessau '85

Former Senior Vice President  
Strategic Business Development  
First Data Corporation

**"If you like making and influencing decisions, this is the place for you."**

wanted to be a lawyer since I was 10. Couldn't wait to get to law school." For Randy Dessau, the career path was always clear: go to Law School, join a big firm and use that as a springboard to join a large corporation. After completing his undergraduate degree in Business and Economics at VU, he entered the School of Law.

After graduation, he went to work for a large firm in his hometown of St. Louis. "Those years in St. Louis were my training ground. I understood the need to start in private practice. It's similar to an in-house corporate practice, particularly in mergers and acquisitions."

But once he was in private practice, he didn't want to leave. "Then, in the late 80s and early 90s, firms were transforming themselves to being managed more like a business. I was frustrated with the slow pace of that transformation and so was ready for a change. When a friend of mine who worked for First Data called, I made the move."

First Data was a division of American Express. Randy was invited to come on board in 1992 just after the split from the parent company. "When I joined, First Data was already a



billion dollar company. I had the opportunity to help create the foundation for several legal practice areas within the company. I developed the FDC Code of Conduct and enforcement process, wrote the Intellectual Property Guidelines and helped develop the forms, processes and procedures for Mergers and Acquisitions and Real Estate. I helped create our own legal culture separate from American Express. This was a rare opportunity. I felt like a kid in a candy store.”

Based on his initial success, Randy became General Counsel and a member of the Executive Committee at First Data Investor Services Group in Boston, then a market leader in mutual fund and 401K record-keeping services. His

## “If you like **making and influencing decisions,** [corporate law] **is the place for you”**

contributions there led to his being chosen as the General Counsel and a member of the Executive Committee of First Data Merchant Services, a multi-billion dollar company which is the largest provider of merchant payment services in the world. Based on his work with them while in those prior roles, First Data’s CEO, COO and another member of FDC’s Board of Directors asked Randy to step out of the legal department and assume business management responsibilities, initially creating a new division by consolidating real estate development and operations worldwide.

His challenge was to create a new division, First Data Properties, assume control of more than 300 properties in 120 countries, develop a new strategy for real estate management and reduce a \$200 million budget by 20%. He accomplished the goal in 24 months and was asked to assume a broader strategy and acquisition role for First Data by moving into his current position. “I’ve been out of the legal department for 4 or 5 years now. But, obviously I’m very comfortable working with and relying on our lawyers. My legal training and the support of our legal department have been a key to my success in business manager roles.”

How different is the practice of corporate law? “We are all trying to understand our clients in attempts to provide better service. But I think it can be a little bit more stressful on the corporate side. From balancing the workload to prioritizing, it’s a lot to handle.

“In corporate life the deadlines are highly unpredictable, and the volume, extreme. The inability to control the timing is maddening, even more so than the outcome. Whether the answer is good or bad, you need to know it now so you can adjust and move the deal forward. But you always have to wait and that’s the worst possible outcome.”

But at the end of the day, there’s no place he would rather be. “The corporate world is a wonderful life. If you like making and influencing decisions, this is the place for you.”

Randy recently retired from First Data in order to pursue his long-time interest in becoming an entrepreneur. He plans to start or buy a business in the next few years using the same techniques he employed while working for others.



### Ann Bowman '77

General Counsel, WhiteCo

**“I was always interested in how deals work and how they come together.”**

**F**resh out of college, Ann Bowman worked for the Indiana Attorney General for 18 months. But she always had in mind the business aspect of law. “I was always interested in how deals work and how they come together.”

Originally from the Kokomo/Marion area, Ann preferred smaller schools, including Georgetown College just outside of Lexington. So Valpo Law was a natural fit.

When she joined WhiteCo in 1979, it was principally an outdoor signage company. That part of the business was sold in 1998, and Bowman was instrumental in putting the best deal together for her employer. “I never had the opportunity to do something of that scale and magnitude.” Since then, WhiteCo’s owner, Dean White, has focused on Real Estate Development. Ann is also General Counsel for a WhiteCo affiliate—White Lodging Services—run by Bruce White. That company buys real estate and hotels and then manages the properties.

For both sides of the corporation, Ann works on acquisitions, financing, zoning, titles and other areas where her legal expertise can help the business grow. “There is a lot of unique opportunity in this very non-traditional approach of blending the legal and business side of things. I enjoy watching a piece of land turn into a project which then turns into money.”

The variety of opportunity is what appeals to her the most. “Dean White is the quintessential entrepreneur. He has a lot of proposals sent his way. He decides what he’s interested in, what’s best for his company. Then we go to work to make it happen.”

For those who choose a similar career path, Ann Bowman offers this advice: “Develop a strong sense of curiosity. A good business background helps, too.”



### Bruce Yungman '69

CEO, Nature’s Resource, Inc.  
Retired

**“Don’t be afraid to take a risk on a dream.”**

**B**ruce Yungman’s legal journey began with his mother. “She was a commissioner of jurors, knew a lot of lawyers and judges. She wanted me to be a lawyer. But Dad wanted me to be an engineer. I guess I found a way to please them both, not an easy thing to do.”

After undergraduate work in Boston, where he earned an engineering degree, Bruce was looking for a small town atmosphere for furthering his studies. At that point in his life the choice was an MBA or law school. He was accepted at Harvard Business School “but law was what I really wanted to do.” He looked at Valpo Law’s 10 to 1 student to teacher ratio, talked to Dean Louis Bartelt and made his decision. “Valpo Law was the highlight of my educational experience. The professors and the camaraderie were incredible, significantly different than engineering school.”



After passing both the New York bar exam and the United States patent bar, he clerked for a top attorney in Orange County, New York. "But my interest was always the business side of the law. As an avid investor, even in the early stages of my career, I wanted to know more about the multitude of legal and financial structures companies used to achieve various business goals. So I looked for opportunities that were heavy in technology and heavy in business law."

The first opportunity came with the intellectual property department at Bendix Corporation in Utica, New York. They made jet engine parts. After stints at American Motors in Detroit and General Electric in Louisville, Kentucky, he joined an investment banking firm in what was then their new technology division and became their V.P. and General Counsel.

In addition to enabling him to keep his family in Louisville, his new position gave him opportunities to meld his two specialties: technology and the law. He moved into Venture Capital and applied his areas of expertise to assist companies in better commercialization of their technologies through licensing and, if appropriate, taking the company public on the strength of its technology. Finally he became president and CEO of one of those companies he helped take public. He later purchased that company's assets, changed its name to Nature's Resources and ran it for about eight years, until his retirement.

"Nature's Resources was a contractor for the Department of Energy. They developed alternate fuels that used coal, oil and water. These fuels could be used in furnaces that were designed to burn only oil. We also created a proprietary consumer product called Liquid Limestone, used for lawn and garden care and also for commercial hydro seeding. This became a very successful retail product on the East Coast. We sold to K-Mart and several other large retailers.

"I give a lecture each year to the University of Louisville graduate engineering students. I tell them, don't ever let a door close on something you really want to do. Renew your entrepreneurial spirit. Keep an open mind. Don't be afraid to take a risk on a dream. Corporate work provides a great background. But I wasn't really happy until I was on my own, creating my own opportunities. It's more fun to own and run a small business than be a tiny cog in a huge enterprise! With a vision of who you are, with the right skill set, and with courage and strong faith, you can be successful in whatever you do."



**Ron Pelligrino '94**

President, The Marlin Group

**"You get a lot more freedom and a lot more responsibility."**

If you asked Ron Pelligrino about the design for his career path, he would probably just scratch his head. He never actually put pen to paper to chart a course to his future. But he was driven by one guiding principal: "Keep an open mind."

After completing his undergraduate work, Ron earned his master's degree while working at IBM as a Systems Engineer.

"When I started at IBM, I thought that I'd either stay for a couple years, or 30 years. Gradually I realized I wanted to go to law school. IBM said that they would pay for my education, as long as it wasn't med school or law school." He and his new wife Ann decided to go to Law School together.

He worked for a law firm fresh out of Valpo Law, but "it was a different environment. I was more accustomed to a corporate environment, so that's where I went." His next step was working for Alltel, in the telecom division. "Most of my work was negotiating deals with emerging countries. My law degree, computer science and business degrees all worked together."

A recruiting firm in Texas asked for his help with growing the company. "Contracts and claims were holding them back." After he joined as Corporate Vice President they went from a \$400K company to an \$18 million company in a year and a half. That gave Pelligrino the

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**for the reward."**

incentive to go out on his own. "It pays to be a risk-taker. I wouldn't have it any other way. I'm willing to take a little more risk for the reward."

The "risk" he took was creating The Marlin Group, an executive search firm, back in 1999. He wanted a company whose success "wasn't tied exclusively to recruiting." The Marlin Group focuses on placing people in strategic, high-level positions as well as contract employees, usually in large numbers. The consulting practice went hand-in-hand with the staff augmentation efforts and the two-pronged strategy paid off. "The business is doing great! Even in a tighter job market, the company is performing well. As large staffing efforts go down, the need for strategic performers and contract employees goes up."

For the most part, he has recruiters placed on site at most of his larger clients. "This is a business of virtual offices. My recruiters appreciate the autonomy and work hard to keep it. They are rewarded proportionately." Ron's law degree and his experience with negotiations come in handy. "If I'm sitting there with a CEO of a large corporation, negotiating for their next Executive Vice President, and there are issues with the contract, I can resolve those issues right there, right then, and close the deal, because of my legal experience."

Where did the company get its name? "I tell my clients it's because we are big fishermen." But it's really named after his old, 150-pound Rottweiler. "He shall live forever." Ron runs The Marlin Group from his 7-acre home in Dallas, Texas where he lives with his wife, dogs and a new baby. He didn't necessarily set out to become an entrepreneur, but he wouldn't have it any other way. "You get a lot more freedom and a lot more responsibility."

As for his advice to others, he says, "there are plenty of corporate areas to look at. Companies like to have lawyers as



business developers and in other key roles.” Ask him if he would recommend his career path to others and he will probably laugh. “I don’t know. But it worked for me.”



### **Barbara Sutherland '79**

PMA Insurance Group — Philadelphia  
Vice President, Secretary and  
General Counsel

**“It’s hard to come out of law school with a lot of personal humility. But it’s essential. You have to be willing to learn even more to succeed.”**

“I looked at a variety of different law schools,” Barbara said. “Having attended a Big Ten School (Purdue) for my undergraduate education I wanted more direct contact, interaction with classmates and faculty. Valpo’s smaller class size meant a more intimate learning environment which was very important to me for my professional and personal development.” She was particularly fond of her Contracts and Corporations classes because they taught her to think like a lawyer and a businessperson. “The essence of corporate life revolves around contractual undertakings, particularly when you are in the insurance business where the product that you develop and sell in the marketplace is a contract.”

Her special affinity for the development and interpretation of contract language and the handling of contractual disputes resulted in an eighteen-year corporate legal career with The Northland Insurance Companies in St. Paul, Minnesota. There, she served as Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel for a holding company operation and a group of property and casualty insurers. Barbara recently located to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to accept the position of Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel with The PMA Insurance Group. She welcomed the opportunity to continue to manage areas of law that she was familiar with: mergers and acquisitions, regulatory, legislative and corporate compliance, employment law, corporate governance, and contracts. But her role with PMA also includes a new challenge: managing twenty-five litigators in four remote locations.

The PMA Insurance Group, while underwriting the majority of its property and casualty insurance coverages in the Northeast and the Southeast, also has national capabilities. “The primary focus of my practice is complying with the insurance and insurance-related laws enacted by all of the states and the federal government.” In the past year, developing and implementing a comprehensive corporate response to the regulatory requirements underlying the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the medical privacy aspects of HIPPA has consumed PMA’s Legal Department. “But it has also taught everyone the importance of functioning as a multi-disciplinary team, without the distraction of a ‘silo mentality.’”

In addition to a high degree of legal knowledge, Barbara believes that successful corporate lawyers must possess a strong sensitivity about a client’s business goals and have the ability to facilitate these goals without sacrificing the best

interests of the company. “It is more than compromising or learning how to say ‘No’ without upsetting the client. A lawyer must have sufficient acumen and leadership skills to maintain his or her independence while solving a problem that may be both a legal and a business issue.” Such skills may not always be acquired in a traditional legal education. It is for this reason that Barbara considers some of her most worthwhile lawyering experiences to have occurred in the “boardroom and not the courtroom.”

In many respects, Barbara has found the Northland and the PMA corporate environments to be very similar in that corporate lawyers are expected to earn their ‘seat at the table.’ “The least effective lawyers spend most of their time in their offices responding to clients’ requests. Such lawyers are typically viewed as ‘outsiders,’ distant from the business process, and only included in business deliberations when it is absolutely necessary.”

Barbara considers it imperative that the lawyers in the PMA Legal Department are not only knowledgeable about the business operations, products and distribution systems, but that they keep current as to legal and regulatory developments. “It’s hard to graduate from law school with a lot of personal humility. But it’s essential. You have to be willing to learn even more to succeed.”

The financial services industry, whether it is the banking, insurance or securities segment, requires a corporate lawyer to be the kind of businessperson who is “revolutionary and evolutionary. Revolutionary in that you are able to develop and articulate creative solutions that are not always to be found in a lawyer’s ‘bag of tricks.’ Evolutionary in that you must be able to anticipate changes in the legal or regulatory environment and brief management as to the potential consequences that could occur to the bottom-line.” In this respect, throughout Barbara’s career she has found that being a good listener has helped her to be more proactive and less reactive. In her own words, “you can hear a train long before you ever see it.”



### **Joe Pomeroy '76**

General Counsel, Mercury Marine

**“The magnitude of the stage was compelling. I had the opportunity to develop the business and help the company grow.”**

Joe Pomeroy had no intention of going into corporate law. “I was in private practice for eleven years, became a partner after three years. I did trial work almost exclusively, argued in the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. It was a very satisfying and profitable practice and I was very happy.”

But like so many of his fellow alumni, Joe recognized an opportunity when he saw it. “In 1987, I received a call out of the blue from a friend who was working at Mercury. They were looking for an attorney to handle their litigation worldwide. I told them I wasn’t interested, but that I would have lunch with them. I had lunch with their General Counsel and after talking with him, joined Mercury in 1987



as an attorney." Joe immediately began managing or participating in trials all over the U.S. and the world.

Once he made the switch, he realized what he had been missing. "In private practice, I served a variety of different clients. Some were large national corporations who came back to me more than once. But I didn't have the opportunity to do sustained work and watch it contribute to a company's growth over time. I didn't feel like I was part of something. You just try a case, finish it and move on. It was not the kind of satisfaction I was looking for."

Mercury Marine is the largest division of Brunswick Corporation, with headquarters in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, manufacturing facilities in the U.S., Mexico, Belgium and with international joint ventures, sales and distribution facilities all over the world. Their principal products are Mercury outboard motors, MerCruiser stern drives, inboard engines and Mariner outboard motors, international. "It was

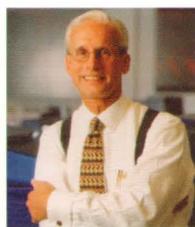
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challenging learning about the product, business and industry side that I didn't know about. I also had to improve my skills with certain parts of the law, such as anti-trust and dealer distribution law."

In 1992, Joe was promoted to General Counsel. "The magnitude of the stage was compelling, I had the opportunity to help develop the business and help the company to grow." He began working with "national players, including cabinet members of the present administration and high level people at the FTC. We work on a lot of trade issues. I learned how to help all parties involved achieve a level of success."

As General Counsel for a multi-national corporation, Joe has "burned up a lot of passports." But he says the real perk of a corporate job over private practice is the ability to focus on one client and see progress over time. "You look at decisions you made five years ago and you can see how they played out."

After 26 years of successful practice, Joe Pomeroy still counts his blessings. "I'm just a guy from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin," he says, "and I have been very fortunate. But after a while you develop certain philosophical skills that help you succeed. For me, all successful people have three key attributes: discipline to apply in a productive way, a passion for success and excellence, and the ability to isolate and ascertain critical points in any issue or challenge they face. Those are abilities you develop in law school. How you continue to apply those abilities determines your success."



## David Kundert '67

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Banc One Investment  
Management Group

**"The study of law is invaluable because it teaches analytical thinking, a critical tool for business success."**

**A**fter leaving Valpo Law, David Kundert went back to his home state of Wisconsin, passed the bar exam and went right into corporate work as an attorney. "I had no desire to enter private practice. I didn't want to be cubby holed in divorce law or contract law. I saw a corporate career route as an opportunity to get a broader exposure to and learn a broader business. I wanted to see what was out there and what I could do with the skills that I had."

His first position was with Northwestern Mutual Life in Milwaukee in Advanced Underwriting, where his focus was higher end estate and business planning utilizing life insurance. After four years there, he began to look for a new opportunity. "I couldn't get involved in the trenches with the clients. I wanted more client involvement." So he joined a Trust Department in Neenah, Wisconsin, taking what

he learned at Northwestern Mutual and applying it to Trust Law and the management of trusts.

After ten years in Neenah, he had the opportunity to move back to Milwaukee to run the trust department for the entire state of Wisconsin for the Marine Corporation. Banc One purchased Marine in 1988. In 1992, Banc One gave him the opportunity to lead the consolidation of all their asset management activities, which up until then had been decentralized. He consolidated them into one department with a move to Columbus, Ohio. "At that point, the lawyer migrated into a full-time manager."

Today, David runs Banc One's Investment Management Group, which includes Banc One Investment Advisors with over 160 billion dollars in assets under management;

One Group mutual fund family with over 100 billion dollars in assets; and Banc One Insurance. He supervises about 2,500 people.

From David's perspective, the study of law is a perfect complement to a business career. The study of law is invaluable because it teaches analytical thinking, a critical tool for business success. "A large corporation includes a lot of component pieces and a lot of very specialized businesses. This broadens your intellectual horizons while it complements your legal skills.

"One of the interesting things about the study of law is that it's really a study in logic. There is no perfect answer to any situation. The law is never black and white. It's gray. One of the most valuable things I learned in law school was the



ability to think gray instead of black and white. This is invaluable in a corporate setting. It helps you better weigh your options and decide on the best approach. At one point in time, it was commonly accepted that banks couldn't be in the mutual fund business. But today they are. We were one of the pioneers when we created a mutual fund in 1985. This was due to a change in the interpretation of the law, gray thinking, instead of black and white thinking."

He urges students to keep their options open. "Going to law school doesn't mean you have to head to private practice. It is a broad-based education that opens and broadens your horizons and allows you to do many things."



### Stephen Krigbaum '83

Kraft Foods International  
Vice President and Chief Legal  
Counsel, Asia Pacific

**"This job is not for the delicate or the frail. But it is highly rewarding, personally."**

The evolution of Stephen Krigbaum's career was driven by his attempt "to try to find a better work/life balance and better control over my time." This led to two stints in private practice and two more in corporate.

When he left Valpo Law, he wanted to work for a large Chicago firm, and

he got his wish. "I feel the best place to go and get education and training in the actual practice of law is with a law

firm," Stephen said. "Most corporations can't provide that kind of training." He was a litigation and trial attorney. But he soon discovered, "as a trial attorney, your schedule is really at the mercy of the trial judge." In his first effort to seek balanced life, he changed to the corporate arena and went to work for the Dow Chemical Company. "I managed Agent Orange litigation and Dioxin litigation."

In one of the cases, the State of Florida was suing Dow. "It was a hands-on case. I was taking depositions from the state's expert witnesses. I got to know the law firm that was handling the state's case. After the case was resolved they said 'we like your style, we want you to start a new litigation practice in West Palm Beach.'" So Stephen returned to private practice and headed for a warmer climate.

Soon, he was trying a lot of cases and building a good reputation. Then, in 1995, the Attorney General of Florida filed a lawsuit in West Palm Beach, suing all the tobacco companies for reimbursement of state health care costs associated with smoking. Phillip Morris USA hired Stephen as their local attorney. "This became an all time-consuming litigation, with time in the courtroom, time in front of the cameras, time with reporters, time with government officials. For four years I commuted to and from New York from West Palm Beach once a week. I had an apartment in Manhattan

and a home in West Palm Beach, came home on the weekends. When the case resolved, I was asked to join Phillip Morris in New York to manage the defense for a number of similar Attorney General lawsuits."

He was back in the corporate world, but he was still a long-distance commuter.

He managed the global settlement of the Attorney General lawsuits. Then, his boss became the General Counsel of Phillip Morris Companies Inc., now called Altria Group Inc. and Steve worked on a number of corporate legal projects on the General Counsel's staff. "In January of 2002 I was asked if I was interested in a broader International assignment in the food side of the business." Stephen Krigbaum had a chance to have one home again. But the new home would be in Melbourne, Australia.

Melbourne is regional headquarters for Kraft Foods International, Asia Pacific. Krigbaum is responsible for all of Kraft's Asian Pacific legal issues. "Asia is very complicated: two dozen different jurisdictions and sovereign countries. The rules of the game are different everywhere." In order to get the work done, he relies on "highly talented local attorneys. There is a huge difference between making an acquisition in the People's Republic of China and making one in Malaysia, in terms of regulatory hurdles you have to address. These are very different legal environments."

Basic communications is a huge factor in progressing projects and deals. "Luckily, most people have some level

**"Asia is very complicated:** two dozen different jurisdictions

and sovereign countries.

**The rules of the game are different everywhere."**

of fluency in English, most business is conducted in English. At their worst, their English is better than my Malaysian or Japanese."

Normally, 50% of his time is spent traveling. But travel right now is a particular challenge. Due to terrorism threats and the SARS outbreak, the company suspended travel into many Asian destinations. That means "lots of phone, email and faxes, a more difficult way to deal with the languages, customs, and legal barriers."

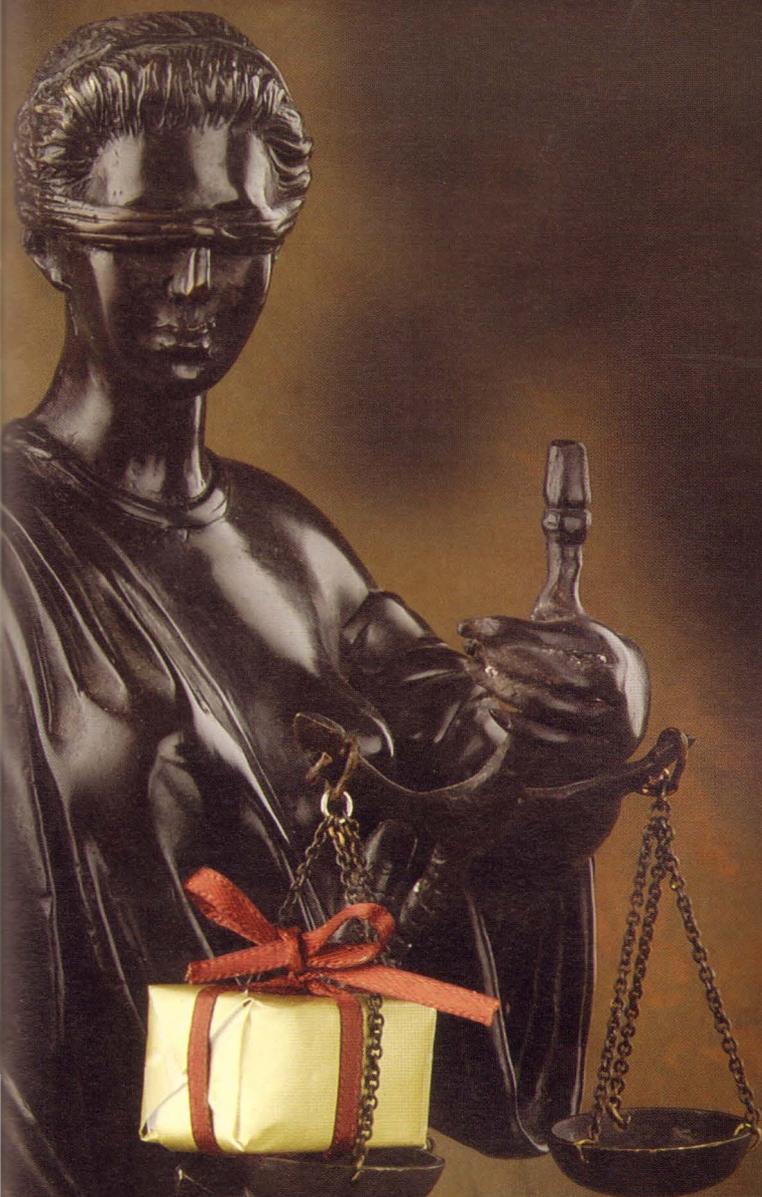
"This has been a highly exciting experience for me and my family. We have had opportunities not to just observe different cultures but actually live in different cultures. This has changed my outlook and my political views." Stephen Krigbaum still hasn't found that balance he is looking for. But it feels closer. "This job is not for the delicate or the frail. But it is highly rewarding, personally."

Since the writing of this story, Stephen was once again promoted to Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Altria Group, Inc. He will be responsible for overseeing legal issues for some subsidiaries and global functions and will be moving back to New York this summer.

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## Valpo Law Faculty Profile

**Name**

JoEllen Lind

**Your current and past teaching subjects**

Civil Procedure, Remedies, UCC, Jurisprudence"

**Significant Other**

William Satterlee

**His Occupation**

Attorney

**Children**

Daughter – Erin who is 24 years old and graduating from University of Michigan School of Law in May 2003.

**Pet(s)**

Lizzy (Scotty Terrier); cats, Samantha & Bud

**Birthplace**

Honolulu, Hawaii (military kid)

**Education**

B.A. Stanford, Phi Beta Kappa 1972; J.D. UCLA 1975; and Ph.D in Philosophy, U of Utah

**Favorite memory**

Bringing my daughter home from the hospital after she was born.

**Favorite film(s)**

Recent: "The Hours"; "Moulin Rouge"

**Last book read**

John Ringling, The Florida Years — I love history and Sarasota, Florida – this book combines both.

**Favorite meal**

Smoked salmon and great champagne!

**Greatest fear**

That our children's futures might be worse than our own.

**Greatest extravagance**

Taking the Eurostar "First Class" from London to Paris.

**Idea of perfect happiness**

Peace.

**Historical figures you identify with most**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Biggest coup**

My greatest professional satisfaction is enabling a student to master difficult material.

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## Valpo Law Hosts First Gromley Society Dinner

In the fall of 2002, the VU School of Law invited its most prestigious group of alumni and friends to the first annual Gromley Society Dinner. The dinner was in recognition of their continued generosity and commitment to the law school. Members gathered in Valparaiso on November 8, 2002.



Norma Gromley

Gromley Society members, consisting of alumni and friends, commit to making annual gifts of at least \$1,000 in support of the law school's Annual Fund. The society is named in honor of Professor Charles Gromley who taught at the law school from 1960 to 1992. Membership in this society reflects a high level of commitment to the school, and a shared vision for ensuring excellence in legal education.

The 2003 Gromley Society dinner will be held on September 13 in Chicago. To become a member, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1.888.825.7652 or visit our website at <http://www.valpo.edu/law/alumniservices/supportvalpo/gromley/>



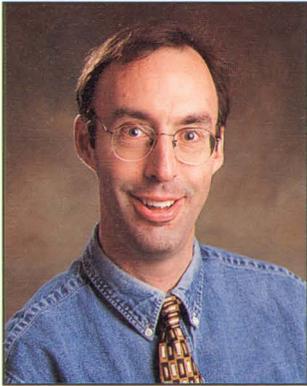
Left to right: Mike Swygert '67, Carey Morrisson, Al Morrisson '62, Dianne Swygert



Left to right: Terry Lantry '61, Glenn Vician '78, Dawn Vician, Judy Lantry, Ann Bowman '77, Barb Young '76



## FACULTY briefs



**Mark Adams**  
professor of law

**Mark Adams** (mark.adams@valpo.edu or 219.465.7869) gave a talk and served on a panel regarding “The Rise in National Origin Discrimination” at Arizona State University.

**Alex Geisinger** (alex.geisinger@valpo.edu) is the first Chair of the New Law Professor’s Section of the Association of American Law Schools, a section that Alex was a leader in organizing. Alex also provided counsel to PROUD, a local group organized to stop development of a landfill in south Porter County.

**Rebecca Huss** (rebecca.huss@valpo.edu) has published “Valuing Man’s and Woman’s Best Friend: The Moral and Legal Status of Companion Animals” in the *Marquette Law Review*; and “Separation, Custody and Estate Planning Issues Relating to Companion Animals” in the *University of Colorado Law Review*. Rebecca attended the Law and Society Association in Vancouver, B.C. (corporate and securities issues) and the American Veterinary Medical Law Association (veterinary law issues).

**Karen Kole** (karen.kole@valpo.edu) published an article, “As Good as It Gets: Appeals’ Fast Track, Settlement and Post Appeals Mediation” in *Tax Practice & Procedure*.

**Rosalie Levinson** (rosalie.levinson@valpo.edu) and **Ivan Bodensteiner** (ivan.bodensteiner@valpo.edu) have completed supplements to both their treatise and casebook on Civil Rights, and both are completing articles in that field. Ivan also continues his extensive involvement in community activities: he is on the Board of Indiana Legal Services, Inc., and Hilltop Neighborhood House, Inc., and is President of the Board of Hilltop Community Health Center, Inc.

**JoEllen Lind** (joellen.lind@valpo.edu) has published an article, “The End of Trial on Damages? Intangible Losses and Comparability Review,” in the *Buffalo Law Review*.

**Sy Moskowitz** (sy.moskowitz@valpo.edu) is serving pro bono as co-counsel for plaintiffs in a class action challenging the Indiana Medicaid Agency’s failure to provide home and community-based services.

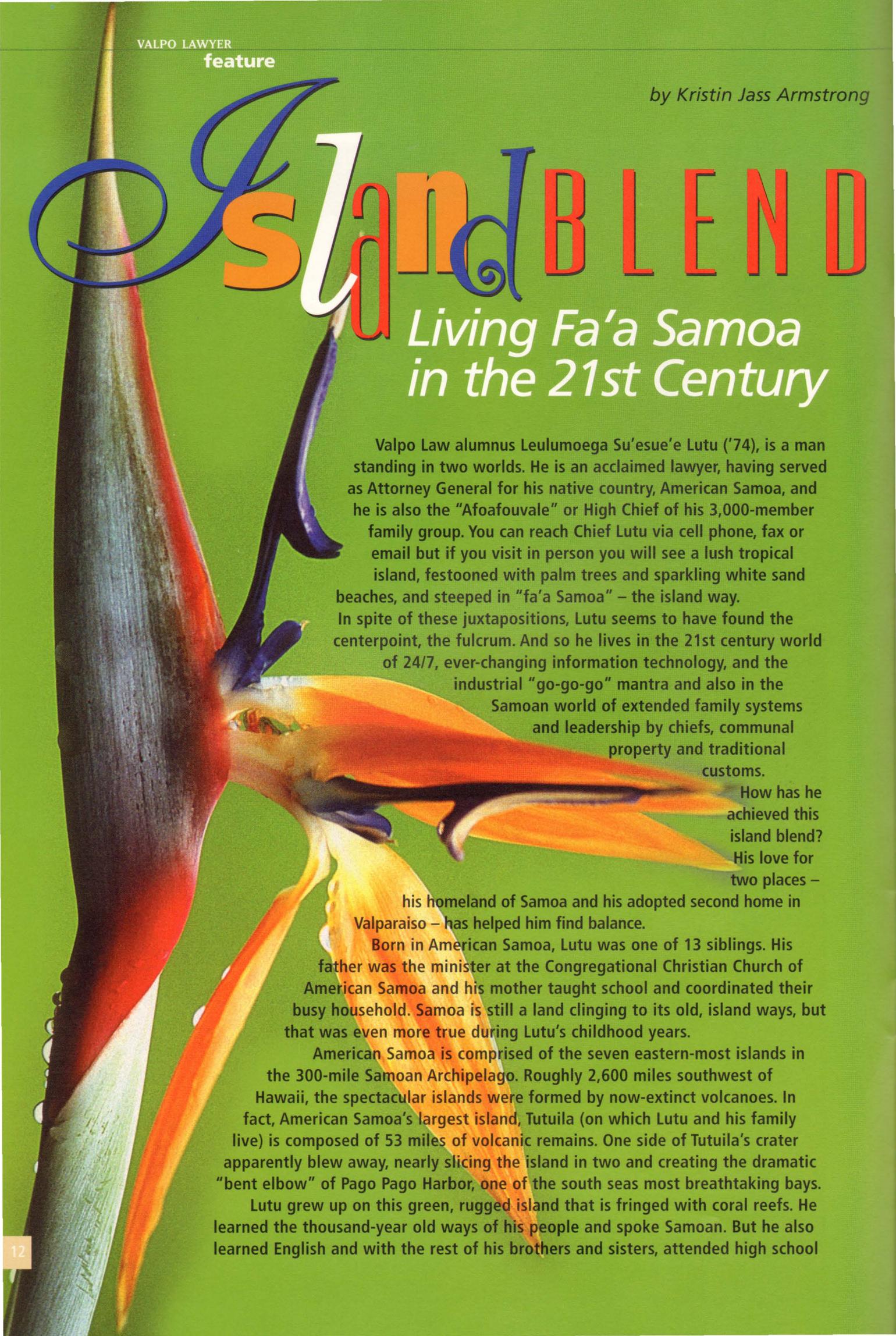
**Richard Stith** (richard.stith@valpo.edu) has published an article, “Location and Life: How *Stenberg v. Cathcart* Undercut *Roe v. Wade*,” in the *William & Mary Journal of Women & the Law*. In December he delivered the following lectures to the Calcutta University Law Department: “The Peculiar Nature of American Legal Education”; “Educating Judges vs. Educating Advocates”; and “Social Theory vs. Legal Theory”. Richard recently presented “Mexico: A New European Colony?” to the EU-NAFTA Comparative Integration Symposium in Miami. He will present his talk again at the Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (in Galicia, Spain) in May. It will be published in Mexico. His article “The Priority of Respect” has been accepted for publication in the *International Philosophical Quarterly*, where it will appear in June 2004.

**Linda Whitton** (linda.whitton@valpo.edu) has been appointed Reporter for the Revised Uniform Durable Power of Attorney Act. She has also been appointed to the Council of the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, in which capacity she oversees the section’s Elder Law and Disability Group of Committees.



**Rebecca Huss**  
associate professor of law

by Kristin Jass Armstrong



# Island BLEND

## Living Fa'a Samoa in the 21st Century

Valpo Law alumnus Leulumoega Su'esue'e Lutu ('74), is a man standing in two worlds. He is an acclaimed lawyer, having served as Attorney General for his native country, American Samoa, and he is also the "Afoafouvale" or High Chief of his 3,000-member family group. You can reach Chief Lutu via cell phone, fax or email but if you visit in person you will see a lush tropical island, festooned with palm trees and sparkling white sand beaches, and steeped in "fa'a Samoa" – the island way.

In spite of these juxtapositions, Lutu seems to have found the centerpoint, the fulcrum. And so he lives in the 21st century world of 24/7, ever-changing information technology, and the industrial "go-go-go" mantra and also in the Samoan world of extended family systems and leadership by chiefs, communal property and traditional customs.

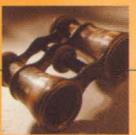
How has he achieved this island blend? His love for two places –

his homeland of Samoa and his adopted second home in Valparaiso – has helped him find balance.

Born in American Samoa, Lutu was one of 13 siblings. His father was the minister at the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa and his mother taught school and coordinated their busy household. Samoa is still a land clinging to its old, island ways, but that was even more true during Lutu's childhood years.

American Samoa is comprised of the seven eastern-most islands in the 300-mile Samoan Archipelago. Roughly 2,600 miles southwest of Hawaii, the spectacular islands were formed by now-extinct volcanoes. In fact, American Samoa's largest island, Tutuila (on which Lutu and his family live) is composed of 53 miles of volcanic remains. One side of Tutuila's crater apparently blew away, nearly slicing the island in two and creating the dramatic "bent elbow" of Pago Pago Harbor, one of the south seas most breathtaking bays.

Lutu grew up on this green, rugged island that is fringed with coral reefs. He learned the thousand-year old ways of his people and spoke Samoan. But he also learned English and with the rest of his brothers and sisters, attended high school



in Pago Pago (pronounced Pahngo Pahngo) and began dreaming of far off pursuits.

"During my senior year of high school I was elected student body president," Lutu says. "This experience combined with debate tournaments in which I competed got me interested in becoming a lawyer." Then, Lutu discovered he was bound for America as the school's first foreign exchange student. He spent a year about as far away from the sun-drenched shores of Samoa as he could get: in Spirit Lake, Iowa. "It was my first time to actually see and feel snow," Lutu says, recalling the adventure. "I learned how to ski during my stay in Spirit Lake. But I didn't care too much for the cold. It was just too depressing and I was homesick."

Nevertheless, Lutu struggled through the culture shock and ended up receiving a scholarship to Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). He made it through two years at the Kirksville, Missouri, institution before homesickness got the better of him. He decided to transfer to warmer climes: the University of Hawaii.

Lutu received his undergraduate degree from the U of H in 1971, and still had his sights set on law school. He received word from a small institution back in the Midwest – Valparaiso University School of Law – that he had been accepted and awarded a scholarship. Lutu says he was overjoyed. Armed with scholarship funding from Valpo Law and additional financial aid from his homeland Lutu packed his winter gear again and headed for the Hoosier State.

"When I arrived in Indiana, memories of the great farmlands and vast plains all came back to me," he says. "It actually suited me well. I love rural areas and the smallness of Valpo. Except for the changes in climate and the unending flatlands of the Midwest, the quiet, slow pace of life in Valparaiso reminded me a lot of home."

Amazingly, Lutu was not the only Samoan in the Valpo Law Class of '74. That same year, two other Samoan students were admitted. Lutu – or "Moe" as he was affectionately nicknamed – says the three helped each other with the language (all spoke English as their second language), their studies, and acclimating to the American culture.

Dave Hollenbeck, a '74 classmate, says he has fond memories of Lutu and the other Samoan students. "Back then we were an incredibly homogenous group

with one exception – those three," Hollenbeck says with a chuckle. "The vast majority of the class was composed of white males just out of college. Then along come these classmates from Samoa who were so very, very different. It was something."

Hollenbeck points out the many obstacles Lutu faced when entering Valpo Law. Not only the language, cultural and climate difference, but also social differences. "The times were tumultuous in this country. When they walked into the law school in '71 the University's administration building (Kinsey Hall) had been burned by student protesters less than a year before. Even Valparaiso wasn't "calm middle America" at that time.

"You can't think of too many other things that could

have been thrown on these guys' plates," Hollenbeck says. "In retrospect I think, boy, to make it through law school under those circumstances you've got to be focused and you must have been there because you really, really wanted to do this."

Lutu managed to clear those numerous hurdles and even nurtured a genuine affection for his adopted American home. He says in spite of the arduous hours of study, he harbors plenty of good

memories. Among his favorites? "We spent leisure times at the Orange Bowl singing island songs for drinks," he reveals. Needless to say, these unique activities became the material of law school legends. After all, how often does one walk into a bar in Valparaiso and hear islanders serenading guests with sultry tropical tunes?

Jim Jorgensen, another member from the Class of '74, chuckles recalling memories of escapades at the Orange Bowl. "The Orange Bowl was a true classroom for the law school back then. Many people, including some of the professors, spent a lot of time there so there was a great deal of instruction taking place over a beer or two.

"Every time I was at the Orange Bowl, Moe was there singing," Jorgensen says. "In fact, I remember him singing "Tiny Bubbles." Lutu remembers the same and adds a twist. "You know," he says, "I think the Valparaiso Law professors had the original idea for karaoke with live piano or organ players. I have many memories of good times there."

Lutu returned for his second year of law school with his new wife, Etenauga Lam Yuen. Etenauga was a nurse and found a job at Porter Memorial Hospital where the couple's first daughter, Christinna was born.





After three years at Valpo Law, Lutu was faced with a decision: where to take his law degree. More than 70% of Samoan high school graduates leave the island within one year of receiving their degree. Clearly, the odds favored Lutu settling in Hawaii or California, both of which host large enclaves of Samoans including several of his brothers and sisters.

But he decided to return to his island. Lutu went back to Tutuila and hung out his shingle. He began a general law practice, among the palm trees and tropical breezes, concentrating on personal injuries, admiralty, property and estates, and corporate law. As the years passed, Lutu's practice attracted more and more of the local lands and titles disputes and so his focus shifted to meet the needs of his clients. He says proudly that he has been fortunate enough to win some of the largest lands and titles cases in the territory's history.

It should be noted that Samoans live under a centuries old, traditional system of communal ownership. Family groups rather than individuals own all material property from clothing to appliances to land. Clan chiefs, of which Lutu is one, control family assets, dispensing property, material goods, money, healthcare, etc., as needed to all family members. Officially, American Samoa is ruled by a Governor and two-tiered legislature (modeled after the American system). The populace elects both the Governor and the members of the House of Representatives, but the members of the Senate are chosen, as is tradition, by the family chiefs. Practically, day to day needs and concerns are mediated and settled by the chiefs.

Lutu is "High Chief" of his village and family network. The title is a great honor that also brings a great deal of responsibility and work. "As High Chief my duties include oversight of other families welfare and safety in the village," he explains. "I preside over the Council of Chiefs which is comprised of main members of other families in the village. The council serves as the main keeper of traditions and adjudicators of non-compliers." Additionally, the council represents the village in its dealings with other villages and advocates the keeping of traditions and customs in its relations with the territorial government.

Having established a successful reputation on the island, Lutu was tapped in 1985 to serve as the island's Attorney General. He held the post for four years, and during the time facilitated an arduous overhaul of the territory's code of law. Lutu notes that many of the laws and regulations enacted during his tenure remain in use today.

After leaving the office of Attorney General, Lutu was asked to serve as Special Counsel to the President of the Senate of the American Samoan legislature. During

this period, he says, he became intrigued with politics and saw the arena as a way to work for positive change in his country. He ran for his county's seat in the House of Representatives and won two terms, serving from 1992 through 1996.

With this experience on his resume, Lutu was asked to run for the Lt. Governor's post as part of a team. In both of the last elections, Lutu's slate lost after close run-offs, but he says this hasn't soured him on politics yet. "Something about these hard fought political battles fuels my convictions and drives me to continue to fight for the common good and against corruption, waste and abuse" he says.

In the meantime, Lutu has his plate full with his

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private practice as well as his work as Chief Legislative Counsel and Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Supervising a staff of 40, Lutu deals with all matters pertaining to legal issues in both the American Samoan Senate and House.

With all this experience and success, how does Lutu feel about his Valpo Law education? He believes it has more than served him well over the years. "I still remember Professor Gromley's lectures in Rules of Perpetuity," he says. "And Colonel Jones' outlines of the elements of a crime. And of course, Dean (Al) Meyer whose wisdom and fatherly advice I cherish even to this day." Lutu says he believes the dedication of these professors and others at Valpo Law gave him the desire to go back to American Samoa and serve his country and people.

"Now I've got two children who aspire to be lawyers," he says. "I hope they will consider Valpo as their choice for a legal education. As I think back, I am really thankful for the opportunity given me by Valpo Law. At the time there weren't that many options open to me but because of Valpo Law's scholarship I was able to attend."

Law school mythology aside, that is the true story of how Chief Leulumoega Sa'esue'e Lutu traveled to Valparaiso, Indiana, survived the winter snows and spring slushes, mastered the English language, and left as a proud member of the Class of '74. It is also how he manages to balance the easy going, tropical life of tradition-bound American Samoa with the 24/7 realities of modern law and politics.

And he insists you look him up the next time you're in Pago Pago – he has some wonderful island tunes to sing for you.



## CLASS actions

### 1925

**Frances Tilton Weaver** practiced law in Chicago, IL from 1925 to 1936 and in Valparaiso from 1940 to 1975. She just celebrated her 98th birthday and is living at the Life Care Center in Valparaiso, IN.

### 1949 Reunion April 30, 2004

**Harold "Jerry" Hanna** served for 18 years as District Court Judge and was also elected and served for 14 years in the Wisconsin State Legislature. He has been retired for the last 10 years and lives in East Wenatchee, WI.

### 1950

**Robert Schirmer** is retired from the insurance business. Bob resides in Joliet, IL and spends his time out on the golf course and traveling.

### 1951

**Harold Gray** is in private practice in the Palm Beach, FL area. His firm mainly specializes in the areas of real estate law including all phases of management of personal and business properties, international business transactions. Harold is personal legal counsel and advisor to Willis H. du Pont.

**Robert Wilson** retired in 1995 after 43 years in the title insurance industry. He was honored in October 2002, as a member of the Michigan State Bar.

### 1955

John Delworth has retired as a Pulaski County Judge, and is now spending his winter months relaxing in Phoenix, AZ.

### 1956

**Ned Myers** has retired from the FBI, and is now consulting for Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, GA.

### 1959 Reunion April 30, 2004

**Roy Dakich** is retired as Probate Commissioner of the Lake County Circuit Court after 14 years of service. He is now semi-retired and practicing in the Merrillville, IN area.

**Kennard Kopp** has retired from Amcore Bank & Investments and resides in Kansas. Kennard is currently the Treasurer of the Children's Christian Concern Society, which is a Lutheran organization that provides funds for Christian education in 11 countries.



**G. Allen Andreas '68** was honored in October at the 2002 Partners for Democracy Award in New York City. The two other honorees were George Schultz, former U.S. Secretary of State and Eli Hurvitz, Chairman of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. The 2002 Partners for Democracy Award is bestowed upon individuals and corporations who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields and businesses and in their support of United States-Israel friendship.

Allen became Chairman and Chief Executive of Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) in 1999. He served in both domestic and international positions before being named President and Chief Executive in 1997. Archer Daniels Midland Company is a world leader in agricultural processing with the mission to unlock the potential of nature to improve the quality of life. Headquartered in Decatur, Illinois, ADM has over 24,000 employees.

In addition, Allen is a member of the Supervisory Board of the A.C. Toepfer International Group with headquarters in Germany, and he sits on the Board of Directors of Gruma, S.A. in Mexico, and Agricore United in Canada. Allen is a member of The Trilateral Commission, The Bretton Woods Committee, the International Policy Council on Agriculture, Food and Trade, the Emergency Committee for American Trade, the World Economic Forum, the G100, The Business Roundtable, and he is a Trustee of the Economic Club of New York.

**Chris Pappas** is in private practice with his daughter, Catherine Pappas, in the Boston, MA area. Their firm concentrates in the areas of personal, business, real estate, and probate and estate law.

### 1960

**Raymond Hall** is owner of Solar Equation, Inc. in Burnsville, MN. Solar Equation is a distributor of indoor sun-tanning products and equipment. In addition, he actively purchases mortgages and land contracts for investment purposes.

**Dieter Nickel** is retired from active service as CEO of Church Mutual Insurance Company as of March 2001. He is enjoying his retirement, but is still serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Church Mutual.

### 1962

**Alan Morrisson** is retired as general counsel, secretary, and Senior Vice President of Sverdrup Corporation. Al and his wife Carey have relocated to Valparaiso, and Al is now an Adjunct Professor at VU School of Law.

### 1967

**John Ruck** has been named Chief Judge of the Family Court by the Michigan Supreme Court in Muskegon, MI. John previously was

the presiding judge of Muskegon County's Family Division of Circuit Court for the past three years.

**Mike Swygert** is a visiting professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School for the 2002-03 academic years. He teaches courses in contracts, law and economics, and advanced jurisprudence.

### 1968

**Raymond Nimmer** is on the faculty of the University of Houston Law Center in Houston, TX. Ray was recently listed in the International Who's Who of Internet Lawyers and is now Chair of the State Law Committee of the Licensing Executives Society. He was the keynote speaker at the International Conference of Business Law Faculty in Albuquerque, NM speaking on property rights in the digital economy. The Washington University Journal of Law & Policy published his article, "Licensing in the Contemporary Information Society."

**Robert Pressler** has retired from legal practice. Robert is living and working in Sarajevo, Bosnia, doing Christian ministry and humanitarian aid with refugees. He is serving as part-time instructor for the Army Education Center, University of Maryland, at the multinational military base in Sarajevo.



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**James Springer** serves in the Solo & Small Firm Section, of the Indiana State Bar Association and chair of the Midwest Solo and Small Firm Success Conference at VU School of Law, May 2001. James is also serving as delegate to the Indiana State Bar Association and is a new member of ISBA Law Practice Management Committee.

James is in private practice in the Fort Wayne, IN area specializing in general, estate planning and probate law.

### 1969 Reunion April 30, 2004

**James Brophy** is a trial attorney for the U.S. Coast Guard in Virginia. James was appointed by the Governor of Virginia to the Volunteer Selective Service Local Virginia Board.

### 1972

**Karen Arnett** passed the Florida Bar in the spring of 2002, and now is in practice in Destin, FL concentrating in business, real estate and civil trial. Karen has been requested to speak before the Supreme Court because of her high score on her exam.

**Thomas Guelzow** is in private practice in Eau Claire, WI concentrating his practice in personal injury and product liability law. Tom has also been elected to Chair the Litigation Section of Wisconsin State Bar.

**Thomas Jaffke** is with the law firm of Stroebel, Meyer, Jaffke, Shinnars & Ellsworth in Frankenmuth, MI.

**Robert Keenan** has retired as a circuit judge for the State of Illinois after 22 years of serving on the bench.

### 1973

**William Alexa** has been named by Governor Frank O'Bannon to serve as Judge of Porter Superior Court II. Senator Alexa has served continuously in the Indiana State Senate since 1988. He has resigned his Senate seat to complete the term of Judge Thomas Webber Sr., who has resigned. The court term runs through 2006. His Senate service at various times included seats on the judiciary, corrections and finance committees, and he is current chairman of the Criminal Law Study Commission.

**Scott Christopher** is currently inactive in the legal capacity, and is now working as personal business manager in the Oak Park, IL area.

**Charles Deible** and **Stephanie Funcheon** were married on January 31, 2003. Charles is in private practice in Hammond, IN.



In January, **Jim Jorgensen '74** was presented the 2002 Distinguished Community Leader Award by the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce. Jim is a partner at Hoepfner Wagner & Evans LLP in Valparaiso.

He is past Chair of the Porter County Bar Association. He is an Elder and Deacon, former Clerk of the Session and long-time Senior High School Co-Teacher at the First Presbyterian Church. He is an Adjunct Professor at Valpo Law. Currently, Jim is a Director (and past Chair) of the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce and is a Director and immediate past Chair of the Northwest Indiana Forum. He is also a Director of the Community Development Corporation, Society of Human Resource Managers, Valparaiso Economic Development Corp., Center for Workforce Innovations, Valparaiso Community Festivals & Events, Inc., The Race Relations Council of Northwest Indiana and the United Way. He is also Chair of the Downtown Implementation Board, a member of the Northwest Indiana Initiative, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Entrepreneurial Conference. Jim also serves as a member of the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission.

Jim has previously served as a Director of the Entrepreneurial Academy, the American Cancer Society, Junior Achievement, Porter County Crimestoppers and Porter County Building Trades. He was a Co-Chair of the Winning Communities Initiative and a member of the Valparaiso Wellhead Protection Board.

Jim's philosophy of service is simple: "I've received far more blessings than I could ever deserve. I will never be able to do enough to say thank you."

**Ted Lasseigne** is currently practicing in the Haines City, FL area concentrating in the areas of criminal, family and probate law. His two daughters, Leah and Leslie, have both followed in their father's footsteps and practice in Florida.

**John Voorn** is practicing real estate and elder law at the firm of Hiskes, Dillner Law Office in Orland Park, IL. John was recently elected Secretary of the Florida Bar. He has written various articles for the Divis Newsletter and is a member of the bar's elder law section.

### 1974 Reunion April 30, 2004

**Thomas Mandon** has been named Business Manager of the school corporation in Greenwood, IN. Tom has 20 years experience as a business manager in the government and school sectors.

**Thomas Hill** practices in the areas of collection and corporate law at H & R Accounts, Inc. in Moline, IL. Tom's son graduated in May from Purdue University with a B.S. in Construction Engineering & Management, and has located to the Austin, TX area. His second son, Jonathon, starts his second year at University of Montana in the MFA program studying creative writing.

**Dave Yoder** was named Executive Director of Legal Aid of East Tennessee. Dave's son is also in the legal profession practicing in the Los Angeles area. Dave, his wife and his daughter, reside in Knoxville, TN.

### 1975

**James Chovanec** has recently located his practice to Logansport, IN. James is also serving as a part-time deputy prosecutor in the Cass County area.

**Richard Federico** enjoys the general practice area of law in Hagerstown, IN. Rick spends several weeks a year at his Canadian



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fishing retreat in the Wawa, Ontario area. Rick's son recently graduated from the University of Kansas Law School, and recently completed Officer Indoctrination School for the U.S. Navy.

**Jim Mueller** is retired from practicing law and is teaching 8th Grade Social Studies in the Scottsdale, AZ area.

**Steve Wolaver** was elected Common Pleas Judge for a six year term in Greene County, OH in November 2002, and started serving the bench in January of 2003. In July 2002, Steve received the national award for Outstanding Trial Advocacy in Capital Litigation from the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation at the Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

### 1976

**Peter Mallers** is a managing partner of the Ft. Wayne, IN law firm of Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Peter concentrates his law practice in the areas of business, real estate, development & land use.

**Timothy McGuan** is a U.S. Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in Buffalo, NY. Tim and his wife, Sharon '73U celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in August, 2002.

**Melvin McWilliams** is with the Lansing, MI firm of Howard & Howard, practicing in real estate, commercial, probate and employment and labor law. Melvin was elected Vice Chair of the National Bar Association's Real Estate and Probate Law Section at the annual conference in San Francisco.

### 1977

**Anna Bush** practices divorce law at her firm of Bush & Heise in Barrington, IL. Anna also works in other areas including mediation, and litigation. She is the Plan Commission Chair and teaches as adjunct faculty at Hayes College in Palatine, IL.

Anna's husband, Bob, is an account manager with Canadian National RR, her son, Scott is a junior at Western Illinois University, and her daughter, Kathryn is a senior at Barr H.S.

**William Maakestad** is currently a professor at Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL. William was recently the recipient of the "Studs Turkel Humanities Service Award" for 2000-01 from the Illinois Humanities Council in Chicago, IL.

**Larry Warkoczeski** is with the Mountain States Health Foundation in Johnson City, TN. Larry has co-authored a book, *Taming the Storm: The Art of Synergy*. This story is about a disaster at sea and the conflicts of three individuals struggling to stay alive. Throughout the story is a simple and effective conflict resolution process using the art of synergy.

### 1978

**Ellen Eggers** is working in the Office of the State Public Defender in Sacramento, CA. Ellen concentrates in capital appeals, and represents indigents who are on death row in California.

**Loretta Sheridan** is in private practice in Katonah, NY. Loretta's practice is limited to mediation and non-litigated family and matrimonial law matters. Recently her daughter, Lizzie, began at Brown University in Providence, RI.

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**Ernest Wruck** is in private practice in Patchogue, NY. Ernest and his wife, Michelle, have a baby, Natalia, born March 8, 2001.

### 1980

**Angela Pasula** was appointed to the District Court Bench in 1999. Prior to her

judicial appointment, she served as Berrien County Prosecuting Attorney from 1996 to 1999. Since graduation she has served as assistant prosecutor and chief assistant prosecutor in both Kalamazoo and Berrien County, MI.

**Joy Phillips** is an Administrative Law Judge since 1999, for the Office of Administrative Hearings in Hunt Valley, MD.

**Robert Shafis** recently took the position of Director of Planned Gifts at Alexian Brothers Health System Foundation in Elk Grove Village, IL. Robert and his wife Carol, have three children ages 1, 3, and 12.

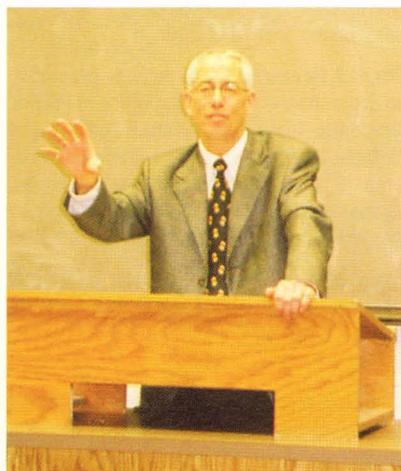
**Nancy Vaidik** was appointed in 2000, by Governor O'Bannon to the Appeals Court Statewide 5th District. Before joining the court, Nancy was a judge and chief deputy prosecutor in Porter County. She is also a steering committee member of the Women in Law Conference and serves on the Indiana Judges Association Board.

### 1981

**William Demmon** recently assumed the position of Chief Claims Officer for Kemper Professionals Architect and Engineer program in Columbia, MD. Bill will be responsible for managing the litigation and defense of Kemper's architect and engineer clients on a nationwide basis.

**Jon Dilts** was awarded the National Press Club First Amendment Fellow from the National Press Club, in Washington, D.C. recognizing his work in that area.

**Mabel Mayfield** was appointed in 2000 to the bench in Berrien County, MI. Before her appointment, she worked for seven years with Judge Stuart Meek as an attorney-referee in the Probate Court. She has also worked with the Berrien County Legal Services, providing legal aid and access to the courts to low-income clients.



**Jeff Smalldon, Ph.D.**, a 1975 graduate of VU and a forensic psychologist in Ohio, was the recent speaker at the Law & Psychology Colloquium: Forensic Psychology in the Courtroom.

Dr. Smalldon discussed the challenges and roles of a forensic psychologist in the American system of jurisprudence. He has worked extensively with law enforcement and has served as a consultant on numerous criminal trials, including high profile ones involving murder, the death penalty, and serial sniper Thomas Lee Dillon in Ohio. Dr. Smalldon has made recent appearances on *Good Morning America*, *48 Hours*, and *60 Minutes II*. The colloquium was sponsored by the VU School of Law, the Graduate Division, and the Department of Psychology.



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### 1982

**Michael Anderson** practices medical malpractice and personal injury law at his firm of Anderson, Agostino & Keller, P.C., located in South Bend, IN. Michael's other areas of practice include; divorce, bankruptcy, commercial law, entertainment law, domestic relations, adoptions, estate planning, probate, mediation and municipal law.

**Daniel Banina** has recently been re-elected to the bench as Judge for the Miami County Superior Court in Peru, IN.

**Cathy Cupp** was named general counsel and Vice President of Galileo International, Inc. in Parisippany, NJ. Cathy started with Galileo in 1991, as senior counsel. In 1999, she became senior counsel and legal director-international, where she handled world wide regulatory matters.

**Sherie Hampshire** practices family law and domestic relations at her firm of Hampshire & Associates in Fort Wayne, IN. Sherie has been listed in Best Lawyers in America 2003-2004; became a certified family law specialist in June of 2002; and was invited to membership as a Master in the Benjamin Harrison American Inn of Court.

**Paul Leonard** is with the Merrillville, IN firm of Burke Constanza, & Cuppy. Paul concentrates his practice in the area of family law. Paul has been named fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; he is a certified family specialist; Chair of the ISBA section of Family and Juvenile Law; second Vice President of Indiana Legal Services and a member of the Board of Directors of the 1st Judicial District Pro Bono Committee Inc.

**John Marnocha** was recently retained for an additional term as Judge for the St. Joseph Superior Court in South Bend, IN. John is an adjunct assistant professor at Notre Dame University Law School teaching Trial Advocacy.

**Robert McCune** was appointed by Governor Bush in February 2001, to serve as Judge of the County Court in Marion County, FL. Robert took office in March 2001 and is enjoying the challenges and opportunities his appointment brings.

**Diane Kavadias Schneider** has been appointed by Indiana Chief Justice Randall Shepard to the Board of Directors and the Jury Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Women Judges and The Indiana Judges Association. Diane is also a member of the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness.



Left to right: Jackie Leimer '81, Commissioner Anne Chasser and Associate Dean Curt Cichowski '81

The students in Curt Cichowski's Trademark & Unfair Competition class at Valpo Law were recently treated to presentations from Anne Chasser, U.S. Commissioner for Trademarks, and Jackie Leimer '81, Chief Trademark Counsel at Kraft Foods. Their presentations covered the importance of brands in a global economy and the value of federal registration.

Anne Chasser is the Commissioner for Trademarks at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. She is responsible for oversight of the examination and registration of trademarks, proposing policy and programmatic changes in the trademark system, advocating increased protection for the trademark rights of U.S. citizens throughout the world.

Immediately prior to joining the PTO, Commissioner Chasser served as President of the International Trademark Association (INTA) and was the Director of Trademarks and Licensing Services at the Ohio State University (OSU), where she established OSU's Trademark Licensing Program.

Jackie Leimer '81 has been Chief Trademark Counsel at Kraft Foods in Northfield, Illinois, since November 1996. Kraft is the largest packaged foods company in North America, generating over \$30 billion in sales, annually. Kraft's brands, including KOOL-AID, JELL-O, MAXWELL HOUSE, OREO and NABISCO, are some of the most famous in the world. Prior to joining Kraft, Jackie was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago, specializing in trademark, copyright and advertising law matters. She also has 10 years of prior in-house experience at The Quaker Oats Company.

**Howard Skolnick** is currently in-house counsel and Human Relations Director with Sai People Solutions, Inc. in Kingwood, TX.

**Mary Squyres** is practicing international trademarks law with the Chicago, IL firm of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione. Mary has also published a 2001-2002 edition handbook through West Group titled; "Trademark Practice Throughout the World and Licensing Law Handbook."

**Brian T'Kindt** has recently opened a new law office in the Ft. Wayne, IN area. Brian will concentrate mainly in the area of family law.

**Deborah Wildhage** is with the Plantation, FL firm of Shepard & Lesker practicing in the areas of real estate and title examination law. Deborah is enjoying life in south Florida with her husband Jerry, and two children Alexandra 8, and Michael 4.

### 1983

**Geoffrey Gould** practiced law in the Indiana and Illinois area before entering the family business of Specialty Doors. In 1997, he left to start his own computer networking consulting company, Gould Networking, Inc., in Chicago, IL.

**Daniel Granquist** was recently promoted to Senior Associate with the office of Pollina Corporate Real Estate in Park Ridge, IL. Daniel concentrates his area of law in the areas of negotiation in lease and purchase agreements for tenants and buyers for properties across the country.

**Frances Gull** was recently selected Citizen of the Year for 2002, by the Journal Gazette. Frances is currently a judge in Allen County in Fort Wayne, IN.

**Ted Habermann** has accepted a position of general counsel, Vice President, and Secretary of Shoney's Inc., in Nashville, TN.



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**Robert Land** entered the seminary in 1996 after 13 years of legal practice. Robert graduated with a Masters of Divinity in 1999, and was commissioned in the South Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. In June of 2002, after serving 3 years as a probationary elder, he was ordained an elder in full connection.

**Frank Lattal** has been appointed general counsel, Executive Vice President, and Corporate Secretary for ACE Bermuda Insurance Ltd., in Hamilton, Bermuda.

**Laurie Pangle** has joined the law firm as partner at the Toledo, OH firm of Spengles Nathanson. Laurie is also Vice President of the Boards of Directors of Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, and Legal Services of Northwest Ohio, Harbor House, Inc. In December 2001, Laurie was the recipient of the Toledo Bar Association 2001 Kelb Distinguished Service Award for work with the Pro Bono Program and the Access to Justice Dinner.

**Jane Ryan Taylor** is a senior trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, in Washington, D.C.

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**Susan Taylor** is a sole practitioner in the Mishawaka, IN area concentrating in the area of family law. Susan has published a variety of articles on unsolved murders in the Michiana area, Dismas House, and Drugs & Children. She is currently working on a book and has also published children's articles. Susan has been awarded Teacher of the Year three times at Indiana University, in South Bend, IN, where she is an adjunct professor.

### 1985

**Karen Davis** is with the firm of Sommer Barnard Ackerson in Indianapolis, IN. Karen focuses her practice on health care related issues including regulatory, reimbursement and HIPAA issues.

### 1986

**Robert Dignam** is currently with the Merrillville, IN firm of Spangler, Jennings & Dougherty practicing in the areas of medical malpractice and civil rights defense. Robert is also serving as an adjunct professor of Personnel Law and Human Resources Management at Purdue University- Calumet Campus.

### 1987

**Karen Guilde** is in private practice in Sandwich, IL. Karen specializes in business organizations and transactions, estate

planning, and real estate. Karen was formerly a partner in the firm of Rolewick & Gutzke, in Wheaton, IL.

**Marilyn Nickell Tyree** is with the firm of Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge in Grand Rapids, MI. Marilyn concentrates in the area of civil litigation. Marilyn has a full-time hobby playing in the Beltline Big Band, which she formed in 1999.

### 1988

**Andre Gammage** has been named Hearing Officer for the Department of Code Enforcement in South Bend, IN. In this position, Andre will conduct public hearings on substandard property on which the city has issued a repair or demolition order.

**John Hallacy** is the Prosecuting Attorney in Calhoun County, MI. John was elected in July 2002, during their annual meeting to the Board of Directors of the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan. John and his wife, Ellen, welcomed a daughter to the family in August, 2002.

**Rebecca Hill** is inactive in legal practice at this time. Rebecca has just welcomed son Josue, age 3, who was adopted from Guatemala. Rebecca and her family reside in the Indianapolis, IN area.



**Robert Scott** formerly of Anderson, IN recently joined the law firm of Clark, Quinn, Moses & Clark as a partner. Robert will continue to concentrate his practice in the areas of business, real estate and utility law.

**John Whitfield** practices with Phelps Dunbar in Gulfport, MS in the areas of complex business torts, products liability, insurance litigation, environmental litigation and criminal defense. Last October, John taught three segments of the "General Jurisdiction" courses at the National Judicial College, located at the University of Nevada-Reno, where he has served on the faculty since 1999.

### 1989 Reunion April 30, 2004

**H. Jonathon Costas** has a private practice in the Valparaiso, IN area. Jon practices in the areas of elder law, estate planning, real estate, probate and adoption. Jon was recently certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation.

**John Daerr** is with the Indianapolis, IN firm of Lock Reynolds. John was recently elected to the firm's management committee in June, 2001.

**Beth Henning** presented a paper at the June 2001 Ecospheres Conference, at the University of Nebraska, in Lincoln, NE on sustainable development, and participated in a panel discussion on "Community and Agriculture Land Uses." Beth was named to the Board of Directors of the Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Development, which is a not-for-profit organization promoting sustainable community development.

**Stephen Zollman** is with the Office of the Public Defender in the San Francisco, CA area for two years. During that time Stephen has tried 10 misdemeanor cases to verdict, and 4 felony juvenile cases.

### 1990

**Sam Brooks** is the Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division for Chicago, IL, representing the interests of the United States in a variety of practice areas including employment, environment, forfeiture, false-claims and tort. Sam and his wife Mary Jo, have four children Anthony 14, Katie 11, Samantha 9, and Patrick 2.

**Linnea Nicol** is with the Public Defender's Office in Waterloo, IA. Last fall, Linnea started lecturing and teaching classes in "Human Services in the Law" at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA

**Peter Richert** has recently enrolled as a Master of Divinity student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. Peter's son Patrick, is in the second grade at St. Paul Lutheran School in Ft. Wayne, IN.

**Andrew Riedmaier** is an administrative law judge with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration in Milwaukee, WI. Andrew conducts revocation hearings for offenders alleged to have violated their probation parole, or extended supervision rules.

### 1991

**John Haase** has become a shareholder of the Green Bay, WI office of Godfrey & Kahn. John has been a member of the labor, employment and litigation practice groups since 1996.

**Paul Landskroener** resides in Minneapolis, MN with his wife Marybeth, and two children Karl and Anna. Paul works as associate general counsel for United Health Care concentrating in the area of health insurance HMO. He is also an active board member of Friends School of Minnesota. He plays the banjo and leads group singing, sings shape note hymns from the Sacred Harp, and participates in the In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre annual May Day parade.



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**Julie Rietmeier** is now pursuing full-time management of her children Ted 7, Bethany 5, and Kate 3. Previously, Julie worked for West Group as legal editor, Lexis Publishing and managing editor of USCS & Led product lines. Julie and her family reside in New York.

**Mary LaSata Spiegel** is with the Law Offices of David Gervais in Crystal Lake, IL practicing in municipal and general law. Mary and her husband Jim, welcomed their second daughter Eileen, on February 18, 2002.

**Christopher Stride** is with the States Attorney's Office in Waukegan, IL. Chris and his wife Julie '86U have three children Jack, 7, Britta, 5, Brooke, 1 1/2.

**Christopher Vlachos** is now associated with the law firm of Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Echsner & Proctor, PA in Pensacola, FL. Chris previously was in private practice for 11 years in Michigan. Chris and his wife Stephanie, have a 2 1/2 year old daughter Elisa.

### 1992

**Terry Boesch** just returned from spending 5 months in the Eastern European Country of Belarus, where he taught three international law courses. Terry also spoke at three international conferences on topics including Christianity in the modern society, the relationship between the European Union and the Republic of Belarus, and the role of the university in the global age.

**Michael Drenth** is with the Porter County Prosecutor's Office in Valparaiso, IN. Michael and his wife Marian, welcomed a son, Steven, in June, 2001.

**James Doyle** is with the FBI in Milwaukee, WI. James is currently assigned

as coordinator of the Wisconsin Joint Terrorism Task Force.

**Robert Samuelson** is a Judge Advocate stationed at the US Army War College. Prior to joining the Army, he served in the U.S. Navy, assignments that included duty with joint operations in Bosnia, the UK, and coalition forces in Germany.

**Kimberly Timmerwilke** continues to work part-time in the area of family law and guardianship. Kimberly is married with two sons Cole 3 1/2, and Grant 19 months. Kim was honored by the Prairie State Legal Services as the 2001 Volunteer Lawyer of the Year at the May 1, 2002, Law Day luncheon held at the Forest Hills Country Club in Rockford, IL.

**William Wagner** is with the Indianapolis, IN law firm of Sommer Barnard Ackerson. William is a member of the area of litigation practice focusing on complex litigation, including business disputes and cases implicating fraud, government investigations and criminal defense.

### 1993

**Daniel Buksa** is an Advocacy Manager with the Academy of General Dentistry in Chicago, IL. Dan and his wife, Julie, celebrated the birth of their second daughter Mary, in July, 2002.

**Gretchen Ceppek** has served as Vice Chair of Investigations of the Judicial Evaluation Committee of the Chicago Bar Association for the last two years. Gretchen is also the director of her firm's summer clerkship program, editor of the newsletter, and a member of the hiring committee.

**Charles Douglas** is with the Indianapolis, IN firm of Riley, Bennett & Engloff. Charles and his wife, **Christine '96L**, have a daughter Lindsey Morgan, born February 24, 2002.

**Mark Hardwick** is in private practice in Lafayette, IN practicing in family, bankruptcy and general practice law. Mark and his wife have a son, Joseph Matthew, born in May, 2002.

**Edward Harney** is with the Indianapolis, IN firm of Hume, Smith, Geddes Green & Simmons specializing in civil litigation. Ed married Christina Cross in September of 2001.

**Jennifer Juarez** is with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office in Noblesville, IN. Jennifer was married in November 2000, to Eric, a probation officer in Hamilton County. They welcomed their first child Josie Marie, in May, 2002.

**Krista Marcheschi** worked for 7 years as Assistant States Attorney for the Cook County States Attorney's Office. Krista now prefers to stay home with her daughter Melissa Clare, born October, 2001.

**Ross Roloff** has become a partner at Merlo, Kanofsky & Brinkmeier in Chicago, IL. Ross and his wife, **Tracey Nicastro '94L**, have a son Oliver Torsten, born October 29, 2002.

**David Scott** is in private practice in the New Castle, IN area practicing in the areas of criminal and family law. David has two children, Ryan and Jenna.

**R. Matt Sensey** represents the Department of Public Works and the Department of Metropolitan Development for the City of Indianapolis, IN. Matt practices environmental, government and administration law.

**Christopher Yugo** is currently with the Highland, IN branch of Centier Bank. Chris specializes in trust and estate planning, and administration law.

### Alumni Updates on the Web!

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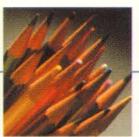
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- Help us by updating the law school on lost alumni

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**Holly Brady** is with the Fort Wayne, IN firm of Theisen & Associates. Holly practices in labor and employment law and general litigation. Holly and her husband Michael, have three children Nicholas, Alex and Megan Diane.

**Steve Brown** is with the Kalamazoo, MI firm of Early, Lennon, Crocker & Bartosiewicz. Steve's practice includes corporate, business and employment law. Steve and his wife Jennifer, have two sons Evans Howard, 2, and John Thomas, 4 months.



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**Helen Contos** is with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Chicago, IL. Helen and her husband, Mitchell Edlund '95L, have a son Aristides, born in July, 2002.

**Adam Decker** is with the Crown Point, IN firm of Austgen & Decker. Adam practices in the areas of real estate, municipal, bankruptcy, commercial and personal injury. Adam and his wife, Rebecca '95U, welcomed a third son Samuel in January, 2001.



**Michael Faehner** was elected president-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar. Mike will be sworn in June 27th at the Florida Bar Annual Meeting and will serve two terms, first as president-elect, 2003-04, then president, 2004-05. During these terms, he will also sit on the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar, which oversees 72,000 lawyers who practice in the state of Florida.

**Kathleen Fogo** is with the Gunnison, CO firm of Bratton & McClaw. Kathleen practices in the general practice areas of real estate, litigation, and estate and probate law. Kathleen has a daughter Erin, born August, 2001.

**Beverly Hamersly** is self employed in the Indianapolis, IN area. Beverly practices in the areas of estate and financial planning, tax preparation and consulting. Beverly has three children Victoria, Jackson and Nicholas.

**Patrick McCarthy** is the Assistant City Counselor of the City of St. Louis, MO. Patrick is responsible to several development, planning and real estate related agencies for the City of St. Louis. Duties include construction contract drafting, project oversight, finance, land assembly, claims review, related litigation, and plan coordination with state and federal agencies.

**Tracey Nicastro** has become a partner at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Chicago, IL. Tracey and her husband, **Ross Roloff '93L**, have a son Oliver Torsten, born October 29, 2002.

**Christopher Ondrula** was promoted to general counsel and Vice President of Development with Spence Group Services in Crystal Lake, IL. Chris practices in corporate, business and commercial litigation. Chris and his wife Lisa, have three year old twins Reily Marie and Ryan Christopher.

**Angie Scarpelli** has recently taken a position at the Underground Organization Railroad, Inc. in Saginaw, MI. The Underground Railroad is an organization that operates shelters for abused and battered women in central Michigan. Angie

and her husband Scott '95, have relocated to the Sanford, MI area.

**Bruce Tepikian** recently became partner at the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, KS. His primary practice is products liability defense.

**Jeff Winters** is with the firm of McKaig & Balice in Ionia, MI. Jeff practices in criminal law, family law and appeals.

### 1995

**Tracy Arney** is with the Golden Rule Insurance Company in Indianapolis, IN, practicing corporate compliance law. Tracy has two children Maxwell, and a daughter Isabelle, born April, 2002.

**Beth Casbon** is with the Highland, IN firm of Richard P. Komyatte & Associates. Beth specializes in creditor's rights, health law, wills and trusts, probate and family law. Beth and her husband, have two children, Courtney, Lauren, and another on the way.

**Mitchell Edlund** and his wife Helen, (see **Helen Contos '94L**) have a son Aristides, born in July, 2002.

**Beth Flynn** is with the Michigan City, IN firm of Braje & Nelson. Beth married **Steven Etzler '97L** in March of 2001, and they have a daughter Maggie, born August, 2002.

**Tracey Head** is self-employed choosing to stay home to raise her son, Ayden. Tracey also serves as an arbitrator for the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration in Chicago, IL.

**Scott Loitz** is an associate attorney with the South Bend, IN firm of Jones Obenchain, LLP.

**Steve Meier** is a partner in the Charlotte, NC law firm of Malaney and Meier, L.L.C.

**Anne Morgan** entered the monastery of the Immaculate Conception as a postulant in August of 2002. Anne will be working fulltime for the monastery for the next two years.



**Robert Null** has been elected partner of the Indianapolis, IN law firm of Bose McKinney & Evans. Robert will practice in the areas of intellectual property law, including preparation and

prosecution of patent applications. Robert is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in patent cases.

**Paul Richards** is with the law firm of Rook Pitts in Chicago, IL. Paul will practice in the areas of corporate law, insurance coverage matters, general litigation and real estate.

### Denver Area Valpo Law Alumni Gathering



Tom Walter '70, Randy '85 and Linda Dessau



Bill '56 and Ruth Carew, Pat Walter '78



Stephen Kautz '71, Dean Jay Conison, Tom Ridgley '72

Tom '70 and Pat '78 Walter generously hosted a Valpo Law Alumni gathering at their home outside Denver on Sunday, March 9, 2003. Attendees included Bill '56 and Ruth Carew, Randy '85 and Linda Dessau, Steve Kautz '71, Tom '72 and Patricia Ridgely, Dean Jay Conison, and Director of Alumni Relations, Marilyn Otis. Other alumni visited on the Colorado trip were Terry '61 and Judy Lantry, George Hass '68, Steve Schapanski '74, and Jim Gerler '77.



**Ilse Saewert** has taken a break from practicing law to care for her two children Anna, and Reid, born in 2002.

**Scott Scarpelli** has joined The Dow Chemical Company as an in-house counsel in the Global Legal Office Litigation Section in Midland, MI. Scott practices general commercial litigation, securities and insurance litigation. Scott and his wife, **Angie '94L**, have relocated to the Sanford, MI area.

**Steven Schryver** is the Director of Alumni Programs at the Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, TN.

**Richard Schulte** is a partner in the firm of Thomas, Bohros, Kellin & Schulte in Payton, OH. Richard practices in the areas of wrongful death, personal injury, medical malpractice and class actions.

**Marjorie Lawyer-Smith** is senior judicial clerk for Judge Michael Barnes at the Indiana Court of Appeals in Indianapolis, IN. Marjorie and her husband Doug, have two children, Elijah Harrison and Tess Katherine.

**Jill Swope** is practicing family law with the firm of Wieser & Sterba in Schererville, IN. Jill and her husband, **Shawn '95L**, are the proud parents of Harper Lauren, born August, 2002.

**J. Robert Vegter** is a partner in the firm of Vegter & Vegter in Merrillville, IN. Robert practices in the areas of personal injury and criminal and traffic matters.

## 1996

**David Castleman** was recently elected partner with the St. Louis, MO firm of Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum. David practices commercial litigation and general practice.

**Kimberly Dewitt** is with the LaPorte County Prosecutor's Office in LaPorte, IN.

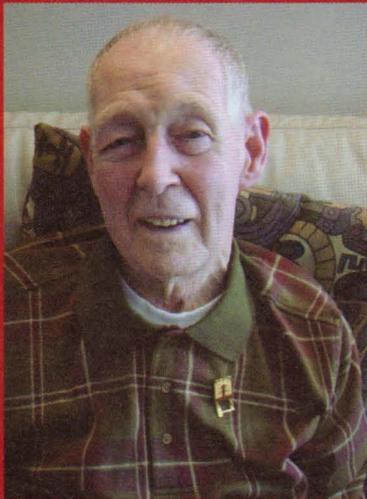
**Jennifer DeYoung** is with the Holland, MI firm of Hann Persinger. Jennifer practices probate, family and bankruptcy law. Jennifer, and her husband have one child Maxwell, born May, 2001.

**Gary Furst** is with the Fort Wayne, IN firm of Barnes & Thornburg. Gary and his wife, welcomed their second child Caleb, in May, 2002.

**William Hartley** is in solo practice in Wabash, IN, specializing in civil law. William was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Wabash County, IN.

**Gregory McEwen** is in private practice, McEwen Law Firm, in Inver Grove Heights, MN. Greg has a reported \$20 million dollar personal injury settlement in Iowa. This settlement is reported as the largest personal injury settlement in Iowa history.

**Alexander Núñez** has worked for the past year for Constellation Energy Group, as senior public affairs representative, and as Annapolis counsel during Maryland's Legislative session as the company's Maryland Lobbyist. While at



On a recent trip to NYC, Dean Jay Conison visited with Leslie Young '27 (our second oldest living alumnus) at Leslie's home in Manhattan. Leslie reminisced about his law school days – the white wooden structure serving as the law school, and Deans Bowman and Morland. Dean Conison presented him with a Golden Gavel Society pin.

Leslie hopes to attend the 125th Anniversary Gala in Chicago in May 2004!

Constellation Energy Group, Alex developed the company's policy positions on legislature matters. Previously, he worked 5 years for the Maryland General Assembly as committee and legislative counsel.

**Sara Russo-Doyle** is with the Bay County Circuit Court in Bay City, MI. Sara welcomed the birth of her daughter Emma, in June, 2002.

**Chad Schiefelbein** is with Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz in Chicago, IL practicing in commercial and intellectual property litigation. Chad and his wife have a daughter Laken Kay.

**William Siebers** is with the Quincy, IL firm of Scholz, Loos, Palmer, Siebers & Duesterhaus. William practices in commercial and insurance defense, civil appeals, estate planning and corporate law. William and his wife, have twins, Meredith and Lucas, born October, 2001.

**Beth Serafini-Smith** and her husband, Dave, welcomed their third child Maggie, into their family in September, 2002. Maggie joins Abby, 6, and Kyle, 3 years old.

**Kelly Travis** is with the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in St. Joseph, MI. Kelly and her husband Greg have two children, Ben and Grace.

## 1997

**Cariann Beaudoin** is with the Chicago, IL firm of Cassiday, Schade & Gloor. Cariann focuses her practice in medical malpractice defense and premises and products liability.

**Tim Braue** is currently with the U.S. Department of Justice. Tim was appointed in 2001 by President Bush to serve as a member of the White House staff.

**Julie Dykstra** is with the firm of Tolley Vandengosch in Grand Rapids, MI. Julie specializes in insurance defense and family law. Julie and her husband Dirk, are expecting their first child.

**Karen Edsell** and her husband, Robert Bader, are serving in the Peace Corp in West Africa. They will serve until April, 2004.

**Steven Etzler** is with the Highland, IN firm of Schreiner & Malloy, focusing his practice in worker's compensation, personal injury and products liability. Steve married **Beth Flynn '95L** in March 2001. They have a daughter Maggie, born August, 2002.

**Catherine Howard** is with State Farm Insurance Co. in Bloomington, IL. Catherine and her husband have a daughter Allison Laura, born April, 2002.

**Nicole Bennett Spicer** is working at the Lake County Prosecutor's Office in Crown Point, IN. Nicole and her husband Rich, have 2 children Alec, 2 years, and Rebeka, 15 months.

**Christopher Timmons** is in the legal department of ICN Pharmaceuticals in Costa Mesa, CA. Chris and his wife, Shelly, have a daughter Emma Rae, born August, 2002.

**Laura Vallejo** is with the Chicago Legal Clinic in Chicago, IL concentrating in the area of domestic relations. Laura married Humberto Vallejo, on March 13, 1999.

## 1998

**Rachael Anderson** is with the Chippewa County Office of District Attorney in Chippewa Falls, WI. On November 5, 2002, Rachel was re-elected to a second two-year term as Chippewa County District Attorney.

**Joel Baar** is with the law firm of Foster Swift Collins & Smith in Lansing, MI. Joel and his wife, Renee, have a daughter Quinn Adrienne, born May 2002.

**Marge Breclaw-Teeling** is in private practice in Griffith, IN. Marge practices general law including family law, wills and trusts, and traffic law. Marge married Michael Teeling in March 1999.

**Maci Doden** is an independent contractor focusing in the area of labor and employment law. Maci and her husband, **Eric '97L**, have two children Lawson, 2 years, and Quinn, 9 months.



**Marcia Ferree** recently opened a new law office in Indianapolis, IN. Marcia will focus her practice on criminal, family, contracts, wills and business law. Marcia is also a council member of the Young

Lawyers Section, Secretary of the Criminal Justice Section, and Chair-Elect of the PLEADS Section, all of the Indiana State Bar Association. In 2003, Marcia will provide pro bono services to families through the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic in Indianapolis, IN.

**Kristin Fox** is with the law office of May Oberfell & Lorbel in South Bend, IN. Kristin focuses her practice in real estate, estate planning, probate, corporate law and insurance defense.

**Kimberly (Herren) Kramer** is with the law firm of Jacobs and Kramer in Bay City, MI. Kim became an equity member of the firm in March 2002, concentrating in consumer and commercial bankruptcy law. Jacobs and Kramer conducts a statewide bankruptcy practice with offices located in Flint and Bay City, MI.

**David Lee** is in solo practice in Shelbyville, IN concentrating in general practice law.

**Bill Long** is with the State of Indiana Department of Revenue in Indianapolis, IN. Bill writes: that in order to alleviate the state budget crisis he is advocating the return of debtor's prisons and goon squads. In furtherance of the latter, he's been pricing plate mail and war horses, and has been practicing throwing burning torches onto the roofs of peasant huts.

**Jill Manges** is with the law firm of Ruman, Clements, & Holub in Hammond, IN focusing her practice in medical malpractice, personal injury and family law. Jill and her husband Richard, have a daughter Alison Marie, born June, 2002.

**Tanya Park (Biller)** is with the Chicago, IL firm of Cassaday, Schade & Gloor practicing litigation, medical malpractice defense and product liability law. Tanya was married to Arnold Park in October, 2001.

**Connie Postelli** is with the Highland, IN firm of Warner & Mehofer. Connie practices breach of warranty, consumer law defense, asbestos and insurance defense law. She

landed GM as a client for breach of warranty claims (lemon law) for the entire State of Indiana.

**Mark Thornburg** is with Indiana Farm Bureau Incorporated in Indianapolis, IN. Mark has been promoted to Director of Legal Affairs for Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. representing over 79,000 farm family members. Mark will be responsible for corporate legal activities, and will coordinate all legal activities protecting the interest of IFB's farm members.

**Timothy Withers** is in private practice in Indianapolis, IN. Tim is also working as an adjunct faculty member at Indiana University, Indianapolis Campus, School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

### 1999 Reunion April 30, 2004

**Mark Bloomer** has written four songs, and is currently working on a movie script.

**Michael Bryon** was married on August 10, 2002 to Laura Greives in LaFayette, IN. Michael is a staff attorney for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in Indianapolis, IN. Michael and Laura currently reside in the Indianapolis, IN area.

**George Carpenter** is with the firm of Smith-Gilbert, P.C. in Grand Rapids, MI. George and his wife, have one child Elsa June, born August 2000.

**Robert Coyle** is with the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson in Schererville, IN practicing in premise liability defense and employment law defense. Previously, Robert clerked for Judge Margret Robb of the Indiana Court of Appeals.

**Michael Fish** married **Cynthia Kraft '00L** in January 2002. Cynthia and Michael had a baby girl Aneka, in May, 2002.

**Kristine (Roningen) Guggemos** has been promoted to senior attorney with West Group in Egan, MN practicing corporate law. Kristine married William Guggemos in September 2000.

**Andrea Foltz-LaGrone** is currently with the firm of Akins & Nowlin L.L.P., in Round Rock, TX focusing in the area of family law.

**Brian Less** is a partner in the Hebron, IN law firm of Petry, Fitzgerald & Less. Brian

practices family, fertility, civil, municipal and property law.

**Camille Anderson-Lickliger** is the Director of Planned Giving at De Paul University in Chicago, IL. Her new position allows her to combine her legal expertise, and her love for philanthropy and advancement in higher education.

**Marcum Lloyd** is practicing insurance defense law with the firm of Smith Fisher Maas & Howard in Indianapolis, IN.

**Matthew Moran** was recently named Senior Associate at the firm of Kasdorf, Lewis & Swietlik in Milwaukee, WI. Matthew practices insurance defense, litigation and civil rights law.

**Brenda Robinson** became a partner with the firm of Stephens, Drake & Larison in Grant City, MO. Brenda practices civil liberties, domestic, and personal injury law.

**Steve Wolma** is the editor of the Religion & Liberty Journal, at Acton Institute of Religion & Liberty, in Grand Rapids, MI. Steve is currently attending Calvin Theological Seminary pursuing his Masters in Divinity. Steve and his wife Dana, have a daughter, Chloe.

### 2000

**Peggy (Scheckel) Carlile** is with the Fort Wayne, IN firm of Rothberg Logan & Warsco practicing commercial banking, collections, real estate and business law. Peggy and her husband Brett, were married in June, 2002.

**Adam Collins** is with the Washington, DC firm of Bonner, Kierman, Trebach & Croci. Adam and his wife Sheri, have a daughter Zoe Rose, born April, 2002.

**Donna Cuckovich** recently joined the firm of Clausen Miller P.C. in Chicago, IL. Donna will specialize in defense of medical malpractice, construction liability, commercial litigation and products liability.

**Cynthia (Kraft) Fish** married **Michael Fish '99L** in January 2002. Cynthia and Michael had a baby girl Aneka, in May, 2002.

**Carrie Rae Martinez** married **Keith O'Donnell '00L** in November, 2001.

**Rebecca McMillen** has been appointed Executive Director of The Upstate



### Careers with Americas Leading Corporations

On Tuesday, April 1, Hinton Lucas, Jr., Associate General Counsel of DuPont, spoke with students and faculty on "Job Opportunities for Young Lawyers in Major Corporations". Mr. Lucas also addressed the issues of diversity and tolerance for those with differing backgrounds in the workplace.

Photo — left to right: Dean Jay Conison, Hinton Lucas, Jr., Asst. Dean Art Bousel, Vazantha Meyers 2L and Derrick Julkes 3L



Mediation Center in Greenville, SC. Rebecca is certified as a mediator, handling disputes that include EEOC disputes, divorce, child support, landlord/tenant, employer/employee, mechanic/customer, student/teacher and other conflict issues.

**Eric McNamar** recently completed his clerkship with Justice Robert Rucker of the Indiana Supreme Court in Indianapolis, IN. Eric has now joined the firm of Schultz & Pogue in Carmel, IN.

**Lisa Nocus** opened her own practice in January 2002, in Naples, FL. Lisa concentrates her practice in guardianship, estate planning, juvenile and family law. Lisa and her husband Shane, have a daughter Graylin Christeen, born June 2002.

**Keith O'Donnell** is with the firm of Steinhafel Smith & Rouen in Brookfield, WI. Keith specializes in criminal, litigation, family, civil and real estate law. Keith married **Carrie Rae Martinez '00L**, in November, 2001.

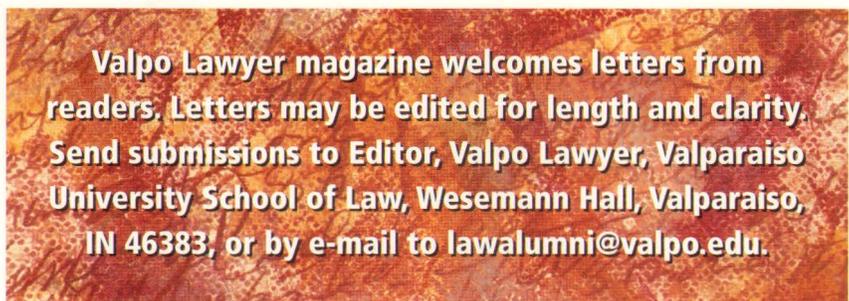
## 2001

**Cindi Andrews** is practicing law in the Plymouth, IN area. At this time, Cindi is practicing general law, hoping to specialize in family law. Cindi has participated in landlord/tenant cases, domestic violence, settlement negotiations, and personal injury cases.

**Shawna Baun** is with the office of Western Michigan Legal Services in St. Joseph, MI specializing in family, landlord/tenant and public benefits law. Shawna just had her first child Zachary, on May 13, 2002.

**Clinton Hansen** is with the firm of Fagel Haber L.L.C. in Chicago, IL practicing in bankruptcy/creditor's rights law. Clinton and his wife had a baby boy Tyler, born June 7, 2002.

**David Hooper** is with the Chicago, IL firm of Jenner & Block specializing in estate planning, probate, and corporate law. David married **Nicole Peters '02L** on March 2, 2002.



**Gregory Johnson** is currently at the basic school for the U.S. Marine Corps in Quantico, VA.

**Steven Kirkman** has been appointed captain in the Staff Judge Advocate Corps, Indiana Air National Guard, 181st Fighter Wing in Terre Haute, IN. He remains employed by the Norfolk Southern Railroad Police in Chicago and practices in the area of railroad defense litigation with the firm of Abrahamson & Reed in Hammond, IN.

**Nathan Lein** is with the Fayette County Attorneys Office in Fayette, IA. Nathan is the youngest assistant county attorney in the State of Iowa.

**Jennifer Lute** has accepted a position at Kopka, Pinkus & Dolen in Crown Point, IN focusing in insurance defense litigation. Previously, Jennifer was with Warrior Litigation Counsel since November 2001, and has been a supervising attorney of Northern Indiana since May, 2002.

**Matthew Macaluso** has become a member of the Valparaiso University School of Law Area Council of Indianapolis. Matt is with the firm of Bose McKinney & Evans, and has been appointed chairman of the Best Buddies Indiana Advisory Board. Best Buddies is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. Matt has also been named president of Delta Sigma Phi House Corporation at Purdue University where Matt earned his Bachelors of Science degree in management.

**David McGuire** has accepted a position at Bailey Law Firm, P.A. in Charlotte, NC. David will specialize in civil litigation.

**Teri Piechocki** has accepted a position with the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Daytona Beach, FL. Teri is a staff attorney working for the Honorable William D. Palmer, Appellate Court Judge.

**Ryan Prinkey** specializes in general practice with the law firm of Richard J. English in Union City, IN. Ryan married Cari Beam, on October 6, 2001.

**Michael Walt** has joined the Marquette County Prosecutor's Office in Marquette, MI. Mike is an assistant practicing in areas of criminal, juvenile and probate law.

**Scott Ward** is a law clerk for Dyn Corporation in Washington, D.C., contracting for the U.S. Department of Justice, in the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section.

## 2002

**Eric Hafferman** passed the Wisconsin Bar in July 2002, and has accepted a position at the firm of Hannon & Associates in Brookfield, WI. Eric will be focusing in the areas of construction law, professional responsibility, and civil & commercial litigation.

**James Palmer** received honorable mention for his law review article in the American Bar Associations Section of Business Law's 2001-2002 Mendes Hershman Writing Contest. James has accepted a position with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association as a legislative lobbyist. The WPPA is the largest law enforcement labor union in the State of Wisconsin.

**Catherine Halliday-Roberts** practices immigration law with the Immigration & Naturalization Service in Los Angeles, CA.

**Rebecca Smith** is an associate with Scopelitis, Garvin, Light & Hanson in Indianapolis, IN. Rebecca will practice in the areas of insurance law, corporate and individual taxation.

**Daniel Tomson** is clerking for Judge Margret Robb of the Indiana Court of Appeals in Indianapolis, IN.

**Mick Vande Griend** joined the law firm of Baird Holm in Omaha, NE. Mick will be specializing in the areas of estate planning, probate and tax law.

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We are eager to hear from you and share your news and accomplishments with your fellow alumni and friends. Keeping us informed maintains an important link you have to the School of Law. Please send news to:

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## In Memoriam

*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.*

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**Roger P. King**, September 9, 2001, Oceanside, CA

### 1951

**Holley F. Baker**, December 9, 2002, Marion, OH

### 1953

**Luther Johnson**, October 17, 2002, Terre Haute, IN

### 1955

**Anthony Cefali**, March 6, 1999, Hobart, IN

### 1956

**James Clement**, August 14, 2002, Merrillville, IN

### 1957

**Robert Gascoyne**, June 14, 2002, Rochester, NY

### 1961

**Eugene Brassfield**, November 2, 2002, Rockford, IL

### 1981

**Charles Ahrendt**, March 2001, Itasca, IL

### 1985

**James Thorpe**, March 21, 2003, Indianapolis, IN

### 1995

**Kate Koury**, December 15, 2002, Kingstowne, VA

## Sarasota, Florida Alumni Event

In late March, an alumni event took place in Sarasota, Florida. The guests included: Mark Bryan '77, Nancy Bryan '74U, Ted Lasseigne '73, Linda Lasseigne '69, Marlene Remmert '81, Vytas Urba '88, Don Waskom '52, Marjorie Waskom '51U, Prof. Geri Yonover, Ronald Yonover, Dean Jay Conison and Joan White, Director of Development.

Other Florida visits included: John Krueckeberg '52, Jonathan Berkowitz '91, Harold Gray '51, Judge Diane Dickenson Patrick '75, Raul Garcia '77, and Scott McMahan '86.



Dean Jay Conison with Mrs. Maryalice Savage

## Valpo Law Dean and Director of Development Host Recent Phoenix Alumni Gathering

Dean Jay Conison and Director of Development, Joan White, recently hosted an alumni gathering in Phoenix. One of the guests was Mrs. Maryalice Savage, widow of

Professor Jim Savage. Prof. Savage taught at Valpo Law from 1946

until retirement in 1970. He died in 1995 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The guests included: Butch Heerman '57, Ron Junck '74, Andrea Kever '90, Dennis Bassi '96, John Flynn '67, Mary Alice Savage '37U, John O'Hara '68, Jim Torgerson '79, Charles Weiner '79, MaryAnn Torgerson, Matt Smiley '97.

Other Arizona visits included: Sean O'Brien '85, Dan Siegel '94, Linda Weiss-Malik '79 and Tom Moshier '56.

## We want your information!

Ensure that your most up-to-date contact information appears in the Valparaiso University School of Law Alumni Directory 2003. To verify that your listing is accurate, please:

- Return the questionnaire that was recently mailed to all alumni
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Listings in the printed and on-line directory will include class years, home and business addresses, phone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses, and legal practice areas. This comprehensive volume will include your information in four sections of the directory: alphabetical, class year, geographical location, and areas of legal specialty.

Directories are available only to Valpo Law alumni. For those who respond before the August 15, 2003 deadline, special pre-publication prices are available: \$3995 (softbound), \$44.95 (CD-ROM), and \$64.95 (softbound and CD-ROM). (All prices subject to shipping and handling and taxes where applicable.) Purchases may be made by returning the printed questionnaire by visiting the above website, or by calling the above phone number.



# Class Reunions '68,

The classes of '68, '73, '78, '83, '88 & '93 celebrated old friendships, fond memories and renewed connections during reunions held in April.



Class of 1968: Mike Riley, former Dean and Professor Lou Bartelt, George Hass, and David Hessler



Class of 1978: Loretta "Rett" Sheridan and Ellen Eggers



Class of 1973: Gary Germann, Gary Boring, George Elbrecht, Mike Rush and Jim Nash. Missing from photo: J.J. Stankiewicz and Roger Bradford.



George '73 and Greta Elbrecht



George Elbrecht '73, Phil McGraw '73 and Hawk Kautz'73



Professor Bruce Berner and Jim Nash '73



# '73, '78, '83, '88 & '93



Janet Davis Hocker '93, Amy McColly McCabe '93, Professor Bruce Berner, Crystal Sharp Bauer '93, and Stephanie Doran Grider '93



Professor Dave Myers, Stephanie Doran Grider '93, Crystal Sharp Bauer '93, Mike Rappa '93, Professor Paul Brietzke and Koreen Payton '93



Amy McColly McCabe '93, Professor Laura Dooley, Janet Davis Hocker '93



Loretta and Stephen Bannwart '93



Scott '93 and Nancie Wagenblast



1993 Class Photo

1st row (sitting): Koreen Payton, Michael Fine, Kathleen Scott Gibson, Mary Vogt DeBoer, Janet Davis Hocker, Amy McColly McCabe, Susan Anderson Meadows, Stephanie Doran Griner, and Monica Conrad  
 2nd row (standing): Charles Calandra, Joe Pearman, Brad Boodt, Joanne Eldred, Steve Bannwert, Mark Hardwick, Crystal Sharp Bauer, Ono Olivadoti, Joe Cioe and Scott Wagenblast



## CLOSING argument

*“The four thousand plus men and women who graduated from the Law School at Valparaiso over its one-hundred and twenty-five-year existence empowered their lives by doing so. They became practicing lawyers, judges, legislators, governors, law professors, administrators, business women and men, and public servants. They bettered their and their families lives. Each was trained to possess the skills and knowledge of a competent lawyer as part of the academic mission of the University. Each had the opportunity to assimilate the values and principles of what it means to be an ethical, moral, and professionally responsible counselor and practitioner.”*

This is an excerpt taken from the introduction of “Law School at Valparaiso 1879-2004” written by Michael Swygert '67.

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# CALENDAR OF events

June 7, 2003  
Meet Valpo Law Day

August 27, 2003  
First Day of Classes

September, 2003  
Indiana Supreme Court Lecture  
(Date TBA)

September 13, 2003  
Gromley Society Dinner  
National Council Meeting

September 26, 2003  
Seegers Lecture  
Professor Mari J. Matsuda  
Georgetown University  
Law Center

October 3, 2003  
Alumni Board & Faculty Dinner

October 4, 2003  
Meet Valpo Law Day  
Alumni Board Meeting  
Homecoming Day Picnic  
Golden Gavel Society Dinner

October 17, 2003  
Be a Law Student for a Day

November, 2003  
Swygert Moot Court  
Competition (Date TBA)

November 7, 2003  
Be a Law Student for a Day

November 15, 2003  
Meet Valpo Law Day

December 14, 2003  
December Commencement,  
2:30 p.m., Chapel

January 19, 2004  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 29, 2004  
Monsanto Lecture  
Professor Anita Bernstein  
Emory University School of Law

April 15, 2004  
Tabor Lecture  
Professor Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr.  
University of Pennsylvania  
School of Law

April, 2004  
Law & Pastoral Ministry  
Conference (Date TBA)

May 1, 2004

125th Anniversary  
Gala,  
Field Museum, Chicago  
'4 & '9 Class Reunions

May 15, 2004  
Commencement  
2 p.m., Chapel

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