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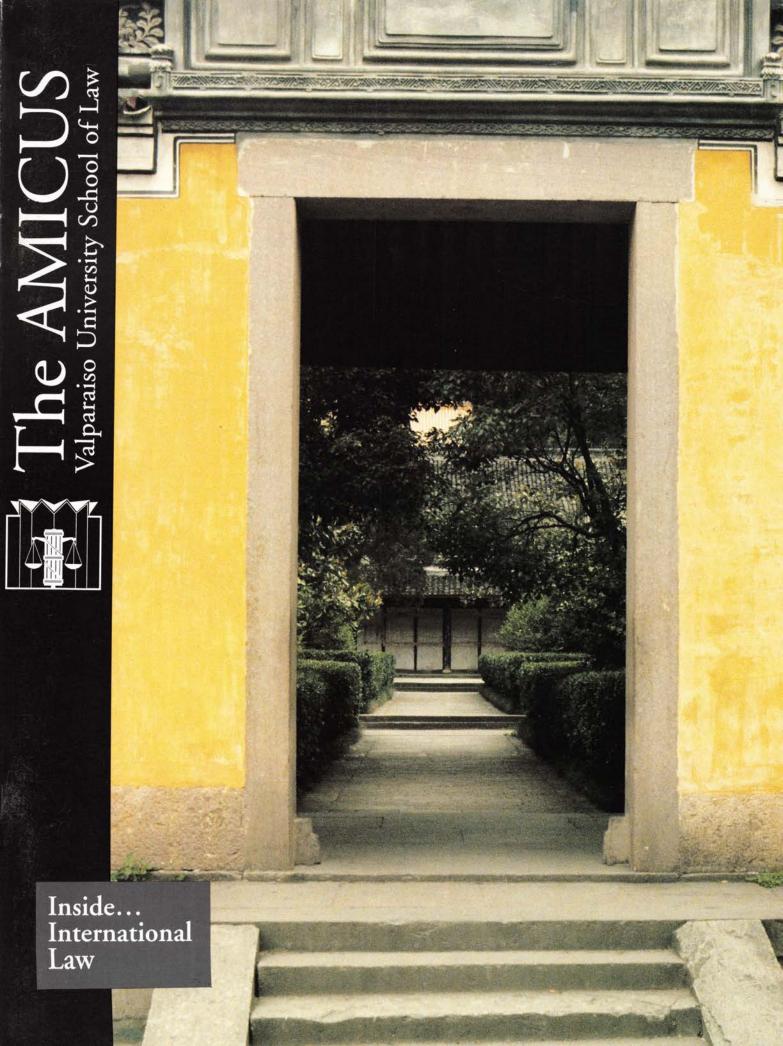
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VUSL Professor Jack A. Hiller, '55, took the cover photo during his travels in China. Professor Hiller was Director of VUSL's summer Study Abroad Program in Ningbo, China during 1991.



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#### The New International Law

The focus of this issue of *the Amicus* is international law; rather fitting since I am preparing this letter in Cambridge England (during our summer study program). In fact, the whole jurisprudence of international law was brought home to me with great emotional force this past week.

My colleague, Rosalie Levinson, '73, and I visited the Anne Frank Home in Amsterdam, where we met the brave Dutch woman, Miep Gies, who on a daily basis risked arrest and execution at the hands of the Gestapo by preparing the necessary food to keep the Frank family alive in their famous hiding place.

How do the actions of Miep Gies relate to international law? Consider this: there was a time when the phrase "international law" was unknown. Before the emergence of the modern nation-state, the law was thought to be global or universal — derived from the principles of rationality and coherence found in all persons. The positivist understanding of law as the dictate of a nation-state's sovereign is a relatively recent invention in the history of jurisprudence.

While positivism has had shining moments, it has also delivered the atrocious actions of the German and Austrian lawyers and judges who, without question, carried out the dictates of the Third Reich. Which leads us back to Miep Gies. Miep does not think of her acts on behalf of the Frank family as extraordinary. But if her actions serve as an example of our individual duty to disobey the law — particularly a law that falls heavily upon "neighbors" like the Franks, and in turn, on our shoulders, also — then Miep has raised the standard of morality for the entire human race.

You may be wondering what this discussion has to do with the following articles in *The Amicus*. I believe that the distinguished alumni you will read about in the coming pages — George Liu, '74, Jackie Liemer, '81, Jack Hiller, '55, and Gordon Hsin, '93 — represent the soul of modernity. In their various practices, they make global connections and forge deals among peoples of different nations and cultures ... which, you may agree, is an interesting return to the very ancient understanding of the law as a force that binds people together through universal norms of practical reasoning grounded in the dignity of the human person.

Like these alumni, many of our VUSL faculty members also actively contribute to the growing arena of international law. Among those leading the way, Richard Stith (who has a PhD in philosophy) is as concerned with Comparative Law as he is with Jurisprudence. Likewise, JoEllen Lind (who has nearly finished the requirements for a PhD in Philosophy) is as interested in the particular historical development of the laws protecting the dignity of women as she is with the general philosophical underpinnings of the law. I am proud of the achievements of these colleagues in making appropriate connections between law and philosophy.

Likewise, I am proud of Professor Robert Blomquist who, earlier this year, addressed an international conference on the environment at the United Nations in New York. And, I am proud of Professors Seymour Moskowitz, David Meyers and Rosalie Levinson who all taught courses during our Cambridge summer program (I should note that Rosalie team taught a course on Gender Discrimination with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg).

These VUSL faculty members, along with many others on our outstanding faculty, provide one of the best training grounds for the modern practice of international law ... and as you will read, Jackie, George and Gordon agree.

Dean Edward M. Gaffney, Jr.

# Building Bridges Across East and West: George Liu Focuses on Asia and America

Building bridges across vast societal expanses, George Liu keeps one foot in the eastern hemisphere and the other in the western — straddling two distinct cultures. Liu says the world's focus is now on Asia ... and that's where his focus is, too.

Based in Hong Kong as the resident managing partner of the international firm of Fulbright & Jaworski in Asia, Liu is an Americaneducated lawyer with deep Asian roots. Though he was born and raised in Taiwan, Liu received an American college education, which included a law degree from Valparaiso University in 1974.

"It's eastern culture versus western culture and my job is to facilitate an understanding between the sides."

Because of this unique background, Liu has "double vision" focused on both the eastern and western worlds. What he sees reminds him daily that while the global community is shrinking, cultures remain continents apart.

"Today's emerging Asian nations are totally different from typical American and European Judeo-Christian cultures," Liu says. He points out that Asian societies are not based on Judeo-Christian moral codes or belief systems. As a result, everything, including their legal systems, is different from western structures.

These fundamental differences make Liu's job as an international lawyer in the Pacific Rim even more complex. He maintains that being a good attorney in Asia demands more than technical competence. Lawyers dealing with eastern and western clients must also function as mediators, bringing two distinct sides to the table to establish relationships or resolve disputes.

"I try to help my clients understand two fundamentally different cultures," Liu says. "It's eastern culture versus western culture and my job is to facilitate an understanding between the sides."

Who better to bridge cultural gaps than a man with experience on both sides of the globe. Indeed, Liu's passport is well-worn.

Leaving Asia in the early 1960s, Liu arrived in Iowa where he attended Central College. There he met his wife, Susan, and eventually decided to pursue a law degree. Why Valpo?

"I was looking for a school with an academic environment," Liu explains. "I decided the University of Chicago and Valparaiso had what I wanted." But he confesses, with a chuckle, that U of C turned him down, while accepting his wife's application. The cards were dealt, and Liu attended Valparaiso while his wife studied at Chicago.

After graduation, Liu established his own law office in Chicago. At that time he was the only Chinese-speaking attorney in the city. Later he was approached by then-Governor Jim Thompson, with a request to work for the State of Illinois, expanding the State's presence in Asia.



Susan, Leane & George Liu

This job took Liu back East, to Hong Kong. During that period, he formed what would become a deep, lasting friendship with Walter Mondale. Eventually, Liu moved to Winston & Strawn, the same firm Mondale had joined stateside. Another move followed, to Dorsey & Whitney, where he practiced for 3 years.

In 1990, Liu again followed Mondale's lead, moving to Fulbright & Jaworski where he currently practices corporate law.

"I think I'm the only American lawyer in the world right now who sits in internal meetings representing Chinese clients."

Liu's strong views about working within international legal systems have been profoundly shaped by the coupling of professional experience in Asia and educational experience in the States.

"The law does not exist simply because it is the law," Liu says. The law exists because a society demands that it exists. Therefore, you must understand the people in a society to understand their laws."

"If you studied law just to pass the bar, you missed the boat," he continues. "Lawyers must understand why laws exist." Liu has devoted

his life to this principle — and has become very successful as a result of this unique perspective.

He currently represents both American and Chinese clients at the table. But, he says, his work with Chinese clients is the most remarkable. "I think I'm the only American lawyer in the world right now who sits in internal meetings representing Chinese clients." This opportunity, he believes, is a result of his holistic legal philosophies.

He adds, however, that he is not the only lawyer benefitting from the boom in east-west expansion. "When I came to Hong Kong 16 years ago, there weren't enough western lawyers to fill a table of twelve. Now you would need an auditorium to seat all of them," Liu says.

"When I first began practicing over here, going international was a big thing," he adds. "But now it's a routine occurrence. I believe the biggest boom in the future will be international law. That is where the world is going."

If Liu's predictions are correct, he will be at an excellent vantage point to watch the coming together of east and west. But will there be a collision or a melding?

The answer to that question lies in the efforts of lawyers like George Liu.

-Kristin Jass

#### Professor Jack Hiller:

# Learning, Living, & Teaching International Law

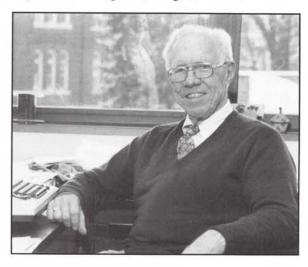
Sitting in Professor Jack Hiller's office, I am distracted — as usual — by his book shelves filled with an eclectic array of volumes, trinkets, and works of art. A small porcelain statue of a Buddha, a well-worn copy of Plato's "Great Dialogues," an intricately carved wooden fan, and slim yellow volumes entitled "Third World Legal Studies." I hastily scribble a note to ask him about the publication.

"Just one more minute," Hiller says, shuffling through the latest press releases from the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (an international coalition of lawyers working to defend other lawyers against unfair government treatment — in some cases, "unfair treatment" means torture and execution). I smile to myself, thinking just how appropriate this pre-interview exercise is.

"Okay," Hiller says, swinging his chair around to face mine, "what would you like to know?" An excellent question, I think, wondering exactly how to approach the broad topic of international law with this teacher and lawyer who carries a well-worn passport.

Hiller's resume reads like an exotic travel itinerary: 1959, University of London; 1966-68,

University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Africa; 1973-75, University of Nairobi, Kenya, Africa; 1986-87, School of Law, Instit Teknologi Mara, Malaysia; 1991, Director of VUSL's Summer Study Abroad Program, Ningbo, China.



All this from a man who began his career with a B.A. and J.D. from Valparaiso University and its School of Law. It's a long way from Valparaiso, Indiana to Nairobi, Kenya.

So we start at the beginning. What, I ask, was the genesis of his interest in international legal issues? Hiller's tale begins as many stories do, being in the right place at the right time.

In the early 60s, Hiller found himself at the Yale Law School, working on an LL.M. As a graduate fellow, he was asked to assist foreign graduate fellows who were also at Yale. After receiving his degree in 1963, Hiller was hired by the Law School to teach and also continue his work with international students.

At that point one of Yale's Assistant Deans, who was a former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, asked Hiller to consider a teaching position at a then young law school in Tanzania, East Africa. Though Hiller demurred, the invitations from the University of Dar es Salaam arrived every year until he packed his bags in 1966 and headed for Africa.

I ask if his international experiences have shaped the way he teaches domestic law. Hiller replies with a smile, "One learns a lot more about one's own legal system by teaching that of another." Joining the chorus of VUSL alumni working in international law, Hiller emphasizes the

complexity of non-American systems.

"Law is culture specific. Therefore, you always have to spend a certain amount of time learning about a culture to fully understand the culture's laws," he says.

As the conversation shifts from specific to abstract, how, I wonder, does a law student prepare for a career in the international arena?

Hiller argues that a fair amount of academic preparation can be gathered in the classroom. "The student who goes to law school to get theoretical training is better off because while the specific rules are always changing, the basic theories of law — the foundation of legal systems — remain stable," he says. However, Hiller also encourages students to participate in summer overseas programs.

Remembering my original musing about those slim yellow volumes of "Third World Legal Studies," I ask Hiller to fill in the blanks.

He explains that he, along with VUSL Professors Paul Brietzke and Mary Persyn, edit the niche publication. Their primary audience is academics and overseas lawyers who share a common interest in the legal issues of developing nations.

Hiller adds that it is unusual, in his opinion, for a school of Valpo's size to have so many faculty members with an interest in global legal issues. Though he admits VUSL may not be as focused on international issues as east or west coast schools, he is encouraged by the growing interest demonstrated by both students and faculty.

"Learning about foreign legal systems gives every domestic lawyer a better understanding of his own system," he points out. "And there are very few lawyers today who can get away without any knowledge of other international systems. If nothing else, lawyers are still community leaders and need to help formulate informed community opinions."

And, indeed, Hiller has spent a lifetime quietly yet effectively teaching legal theory. As a lawyer and a leader, Hiller has provided the foundations upon which the VU community, along with diverse communities around the world, can formulate informed opinions about their own legal systems and those of their global neighbors.

-Kristin Jass



The view outside Jackie Leimer's high-rise office in Chicago's loop stretches beyond the Lake Michigan horizon. Inside her office, Leimer's horizons are limitless.

As Counsel for Gatorade Worldwide, a division of The Quaker Oats Company, Leimer coordinates marketing and regulatory issues in countries across the globe. Next week, it's off to Paris to prepare to negotiate regulatory issues with the French Government. Later in the month, it's Australia for an advertising matter. The Pacific Rim, South America, Europe ... if she hasn't been there yet, chances are that she will be soon.

"We [Gatorade] are currently in 22 countries and would like to double our business within the next ten years," Leimer says. "It's exciting to be part of the business team. I don't even feel like a lawyer a lot of the time!"

Leimer has been with Quaker in various capacities since 1985. Her current hitch as Counsel for Gatorade international activities began two years ago.

"At that time Quaker identified huge global opportunities for Gatorade," according to Leimer. An international strategy was created and she found herself coordinating legal issues from Singapore to Munich.

The colorful rows of "Gatorade" bottles on her credenza bear witness to the tangle of legal issues that Leimer wrestles with each year.

There is a bottle sporting the familiar Gatorade lightning bolt — trademark infringement. Another bottle bearing a label with strangely familiar slogans — copyright violations. And then there's the bottle labeled Gatorade which isn't Gatorade at all — sheer piracy.

"Two years ago if you would have asked me how I would tackle this job, I would have said I didn't know," Leimer admits. "But I'm amazed at what I've learned." Leimer does not personally litigate Gatorade's cases. Rather, she oversees a worldwide team of Gatorade employees and locally retained lawyers who deal with everything from advertising regulations to labeling requirements to food standards.

"Even if I was licensed to practice law in Spain, for example, I wouldn't try a case over there. I would hire a local lawyer — someone familiar with the culture and standards," Leimer explains. This practice of international cooperation streamlines Leimer's job while ensuring that Gatorade has the most learned representation in each market.

"Initially, I analyzed everything based on my U.S. experience," Leimer says. "I've really had to learn to control those urges."

So how did a 1981 VUSL graduate end up in the rapidly growing arena of international law? Like most recipes for success, this one includes a dash of luck and a handful of connections.

After graduation from Law School, Leimer took a job with Sidley & Austin in Chicago. She wound up in their marketing group where she got her first real taste of advertising, trademark, and copyright law.

"I don't think I even took an Intellectual Property course at VUSL," Leimer confesses. Matter of fact, "I had no idea when I was in school what I wanted to practice," she says.

Leimer points out that the limitless horizons she faced after graduation were a boon rather than a burden. Armed with excellent writing, speaking, and analytical skills, she believes her VUSL education enabled her to walk on to the playing field of her choice — including the intellectual properties arena.

Leimer's time at Sidley & Austin prepared her for an across-city move to an up-and-coming firm, Welsh & Katz, which specialized in patent, copyright and trademark litigation. "I left Sidley & Austin because I was anxious to try litigation. There were 16 of us at Welsh & Katz, and I mainly handled piracy cases," Leimer says.

Two years later, the call came from

Quaker. They were looking for someone with experience in copyright and trademark protection — Leimer's resume fit the bill.

Even her years of experience in intellectual property rights, however, did not fully prepare her for the international sphere. "Initially, I analyzed everything based on my U.S. experience," Leimer says. "I've really had to learn to control those urges."



Jackie Leimer with Gatorade spokesperson Michael Jordan.

Giving a vivid example, Leimer talks about experiences in Germany where the fundamental approach of law is much different from the U.S. "We [Americans] think about the law in terms of what is expressly prohibited. Over there, compliance hinges on what is expressly permitted," Leimer says.

Practically, that might mean wrangling over labeling phrases such as "caffeine free." German law may not expressly allow use of that specific phrase; therefore, a company may have to fight to use it on their product. In America, on the other hand, if legal codes do not expressly prohibit use of that truthful phrase on a product, there is no issue for debate.

Germany's approach also means that lawyers are far less proactive, by American standards, on behalf of their clients. "My experience [with German lawyers] is that they don't generally offer business observations. They divorce the legal issues from the business issues. I've had to learn to work within a completely different system," Leimer says.

Leimer thinks, however, that there will be greater melding of international standards as the world continues to integrate. "On the business side, the big growth opportunities are outside of the U.S.," Leimer maintains. "We need to look beyond our borders or we won't survive the 90s."

"Conversely, world markets see the benefits of U.S. business investment and are reducing trade and legal barriers to make investment easier," Leimer says. She notes that the European Community is currently working to create a European-wide legal code to eradicate the headaches of negotiating individual country or regional laws.

But until the global gaps are bridged, Leimer will keep her suitcase packed. "You know, I hate the physical aspects of travelling," she says, "but the cultural and learning experiences have been terrific ... and they make all the hard work worthwhile."

Beyond the perks of international travel, Leimer points out several other benefits of domestic practice at a large, multi-national corporation.

Her work with Gatorade Worldwide earns her much-coveted tickets to the Super Bowl each year. And, of course, what might be the ultimate benefit — rubbing shoulders (or elbow to shoulder in this case) with Gatorade's star spokesperson, Michael Jordan.

The \$64,000 question: Has Jackie Leimer met the world's greatest basketball player?

An "I wanna be like Mike" smile spreads across her face. "Oh yes. Of course, the first few times I had to keep picking my jaw up off the ground. But he's a wonderful person," she says, enthusiastically extolling his virtues as an athlete, actor, and all-around good guy.

Jetting to Europe for meetings, negotiating with government officials, chatting with Michael Jordan, opening new global markets ... the horizons are bright for Jackie Leimer.

-Kristin Jass

#### Gordon Hsin: Travels, Translation, and the Socratic Method



My name is Gordon K.H. Hsin. I am from Taiwan, Republic of China, and I was an international student at Valparaiso University's School of Law from 1990 to 1993.

During my junior year at the

Department of Law, Chinese Culture University (CCU) in Taiwan, I decided to study American law because it was something that I had always wanted to do. Besides, Taiwan needs lawyers who possess knowledge of both civil and common law systems for international matters.

Through recommendations from my former professors at CCU, I decided to apply to Valparaiso University School of Law. Valparaiso has a distinguished international reputation, but what really appealed to me was the "small school" atmosphere in which the law is studied and taught at VUSL. Faculty members are highly visible, and they welcome interaction and exchanges with students.

When I arrived at Valparaiso, I knew I would encounter many challenges, not only because of my cultural background but also because of the rigors of studying law. As was probably the case with every other law student, my first year was the worst experience I have ever had. Reading nearly 60 pages of text each day and preparing for endless legal research and writing assignments was far more than had been demanded of me during my legal education in Taiwan.

But what I feared most was the Socratic method used by professors — I prayed not to be called upon in class because I struggled with a "language-transition" problem. Simply put, I had a difficult time translating my professor's questions into Chinese and then converting my answers back into plain English. Very often I was so nervous that others could not understand my answers at all.

One of VUSL's most distinctive features is its rich, diverse curriculum. Every student has the opportunity to sample a broad selection of legal courses and to design a program of study that fits his or her own interests and career plans. During my second year, I took Criminal Procedures and Comparative Criminal Procedures — courses which gave me insights into the differences in the American adversarial system and the inquisitorial system practiced in China, France, and Taiwan. My American education helped me to understand the strengths and the weaknesses of both these systems along with ways to improve the structures.

During my final year I worked as in intern at the VU Law Clinic. Most of the cases I worked on involved criminal law. While researching and drafting legal papers for my clients, I learned about a unique feature of the American criminal justice system — the plea bargain (which does not exist in Taiwan).

Working in the clinic at least 10 hours a week, I had a tremendous sense of accomplishment, both personally and professionally. Personally, I found it especially rewarding to help people find solutions to their problems. Professionally, the hands-on experience provided me with real-life opportunities to apply the legal theories I had been studying the past three years.

One special item of note: I believe the Law School is sensitive to the special needs of its students. As an international student, I had a hard time adjusting to the stress of American law school. I feel that both the professors and staff at VUSL are friendly and genuine. They treated me very well and were concerned about my academic performance as well as my family life.

I believe that obtaining a law degree from Valparaiso has given me the confidence to shape my own career path. Most importantly, I am able to use what I learned from VUSL to contribute to Taiwan's legal profession.

- Gordon Hsin

# 1994 Cambridge Group in front of Trinity College

From all indications, the VUSL 1994 summer program in Cambridge, England, was an outstanding success. Thirty-nine students (20 from VUSL and 19 representing 17 law school from across the United States) arrived in London on June 27 for a tour of "Legal London," which included narration by Dean Gaffney on the history of Great Britain's legal systems.

Armed with this invaluable background information, the students experienced the British legal system firsthand, observing debates at the House of Commons and House of Lords. Students also observed cases handled in the lower courts, the royal courts as well as the famous criminal court, the Old Baily. One of the week's highlights: a debate moderated by Lord Wolf, one the of the Law Lords, regard-



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her husband, Martin Ginsburg

# Cambridge 1994:

# Guest Lecturer Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

ing the liability of Britain's dual system of barristers and solicitors.

After five days of educational and social activities, the program moved to Cambridge where study began an intensive student of U.S.

Constitutional Law with Professor Rosalie Levinson in preparation for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's visit. Justice Ginsburg arrived in Cambridge on July 11, greeting program participants.

Both students and alumni enjoyed four days of lectures and discussion both on gender discrimination and the operation of the Supreme Court. In addition, they were able to interact on a more personal level with the Justice at a special reception given in her honor.

In her farewell remarks, Justice Ginsburg praised our "tenacious, charming" Dean Gaffney who persuaded her to choose Valparaiso over some thirty invitations she received from other schools to participate in summer programs. She added that she was very pleased with her decision, and thoroughly enjoyed her time in Cambridge.

-Rosalie Levinson



VUSL Alumni with Dean Edward M. Gaffney



1950 1960 1970

# One of the Giants

by Professor Bruce Berner ('67)

The end of the 1993-94 academic year marks the retirement of Alfred W. Meyer, Dean, Counsellor, and Professor Extraordinaire. In recent years, whenever Al was frustrated with what was happening in legal education, either locally or nationally, he would get the nostalgic look in his eyes which indicated he was thinking back to the halcyon days of the 60s, to Jurassic creatures like Savage, Bartelt, Stevenson, Gromley, Jones, Hiller (a creature of whom there are still reports of sightings), Jox, Thomforde, Swygert, et al., and say "Ah Berner, there were giants in those days!" And, you know, there were! And Al was among the biggest.

The pictures arrayed here seem to me powerful testimony to the sheer brain power going on inside Al's head, for what else could account for the severe and otherwise inexplicable changes in the material covering his head? There is no lava without a volcano! Let us review the ongoing metamorphosis:

- (1) **VUSL graduate of 1950.** After three years of taking exams, he is almost totally deplete of head covering. Just enough left for a bar exam. Won't need much in the army.
- (2) **Joining VU faculty in 1963.** Now needs more hair and in fact had a lot more an hour ago; but 60 minutes of trying to explain to Howie Green and Norm Lindstedt the difference between the plaintiff and defendant is hard on a guy.
- (3) Law Review Advisor. Wow! Check it out! Groovy! The picture does not show the 10,000-amp bass guitar Al is playing. He's getting ready to meet



# - Al Meyer Retires

with Bob Springsteen to see if Bob's son, Bruce, will team up with Al.

- (4) **Serving as Dean**. Notice the hood, the hair, the sideburns, the tie and the vacant expression. Our leader taking us on a trip. Ever notice what letters the words "Law School Dean" start with?
- (5) Installed as Seegers Chair Occupant. This must be one of the new-student orientations to which Al did not wear a golf shirt! You cannot quite see in the picture the electric socket that Al's finger must be in. This was Al's Alan Dershowitz wannabe phase.
- (6) **Interim Dean.** Rare photo of Al in a decent suit (perhaps borrowed from Stevenson?) The name tag reads, "I will work for martinis."
- (7) Delivering the Seegers Lecture. A brilliant expo-

sition on the emerging movement toward mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution, this photograph captures the stirring climax, "And, if he doesn't agree, then you beat the tar out of him!" (It was this stunning insight that got Al voted Crit of the month.)

(8) Honored by Dean Gaffney at Al's "Last Commencement." This scandalous moment of a Lutheran and a Catholic doing the samba on the Chapel altar led an unidentified Missouri Synod official to declare, "That's it! We are no longer in fellowship with the Arthur Murray studios!"

What more can I add? I will miss Al Meyer around here more than I can ever express. And when I think back on Jurassic park, there in the center will be the regal Meyerasaurus Rex.

Associate Dean David Vandercoy published his article, "The History of the Second Amendment" in volume 28 of the Valparaiso University Law Review. He also served as an ABA site evaluator at Hamline School of Law in February 1994. Dean Vandercoy also serves on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Legal Education and Resource Center and the Indiana Death Penalty Support Center.



Professor Ruth Vance addressed the VU Women with Administrative Rank on Dispute Resolution System Design in February 1994. In June, she presented "Pre-Suit Mediation" at the Porter County Inns of Professor Vance was Court. appointed to the newly formed pre-suit mediation task force by ISBA President Terry Albright. The task force will investigate the merit of and develop the details for any contemplated statewide pre-suit mediation program. Prof. Vance has also become the editor for a quarterly Alternative Dispute Resolution column to appear in Res Gestae.

In mid-April, Professor Robert Blomquist spoke by invitation "Government Roles Pollution Prevention" at a conference on pollution prevention at the University of Georgia Law School in Athens. In late April. Professor Blomquist addressed a tort law panel of the Indiana Bar Association speaking on the topic of "Toxic Torts" at the Association's annual meeting in Merrillville, Indiana. During the summer of 1994, he served as Director of the Valparaiso University School of Law Cambridge England Program, featuring Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, while teaching a course in International Environmental Law.

Professor Ivan Bodensteiner participated in a panel discussion on hate speech at the annual meeting of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union in May of In July, Professor 1994. Bodensteiner spoke at the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council summer conference on relevancy and the use of scientific evidence under the Indiana Rules of Evidence. He recently published the 1994 Supplement for a two volume "State and Local treaties: Government Civil Rights Liability", co-authored with Professor Rosalie Levinson. Professor Bodensteiner's article "Indiana Rules of Evidence" appeared in volume 27 of the Indiana Law Review.



Professor Paul Brietzke consulted on the reform of contract law in Indonesia under Project from the ELIPS November 1993 until January 1994. ELIPS, funded jointly by the Indonesian and U.S. subsequently governments. selected him for their Board of Directors. In June and July, Prof. Brietzke delivered lectures on "Legal Models for Europe," at the University of Munich, and on "Comparative Legal Scholarship," at the University of Trento in Italy. His recently published articles are: "Designing the Legal Framework for Markets in Eastern Europe" Transnational Lawyer (1994); and a book review for 28 Journal of Developing Area 430 (1994).

Professor Laura Dooley's article "Our Juries, Our Selves: the Politics, Power and Perception of the American Jury" has been accepted for publication by the *Cornell Law Review*. Also, Professor Dooley published an op-ed piece entitled "The Public Conscience in the Courtroom" in the *Indianapolis Star* on March 7, 1994.

Another op-ed piece, "The Importance of Diverse Juries" was commissioned by the Indiana Lawyer for its May 18, 1994 edition. Professor Dooley participated in a panel review of Stephen Carter's book The Culture of Disbelief during the January 1994 Institute on Law and Pastoral Ministry. The book review appeared in the April edition of The Cresset.

Professor JoEllen Lind published "Liberty, Community and the Ninth Amendment" 54 Ohio St. L.J. 1259 (1994) and "Symbols, Leaders, Practitioners: The First Women Professionals" in 28 Valparaiso L.R. 1327 (1994). Her article "Dominance & Democracy: The Legacy of Woman Suffrage for the Voting Right" will be published in the November 1994 issue of the U.C.L.A. Women's Law Journal. Professor Lind served as an Indiana Continuing Legal Education panel member for its seminar on Bills & Notes in June 1994. She will serve as a breakout session discussion leader at the SALT Midwest Conference on Diversity in the Curriculum in September.

Professor Michael Straubel attended the 14th International Congress of Comparative Law in Athens. His article, "Textualism, Contextualism, and the Scientific Method in Treaty Interpretation" will be published in the Wayne Law Review.

Professor Geri Yonover's article "A Kinder, Gentler Erie: Reining in the Use of Certification" appeared in 47 Ark. L. Rev. 305 (1994).



Professor Linda S. Whitton. assisted by law student volunteers, will be presenting a program each semester on advance health care directives for Gary Neighborhood Services' AIDS care Coordination Program. Under supervision of Prof. the Whitton, students will be trained to prepare living wills, durable powers of attorney and health care representative appointments on a pro bono basis for attendees of the program. In September, she will also be a plenary speaker for a symposium hosted by Concordia Seminary entitled, "Moving Into the 21st Century: The Church and the Older Adult."

Professor Mary Persyn,
Director of the Law Library,
attended the American
Association of Law Libraries
annual meeting in Seattle. She
was re-elected as secretary and
member of the Executive

Committee of the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana, Inc. Over Spring Break, Prof. Persyn escorted 24 undergraduates to South Dade County, FL to spend a week building houses for Habitat for Humanity.

Sally Holterhoff, Government Documents Librarian, was a guest lecturer for the Government Documents course of the Indiana University-South Bend Graduate Library & Information Science Program in February 1994. Sally was also elected as Vice-President/ President Elect of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. She serves as Chair of a Task Force on Education for the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and is beginning her 2nd year on the AALL Education Committee.

Naomi Goodman, Technical Services Librarian, has been appointed to the Statistics Committee of the AALL. She was also appointed to the Awards Committee of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. Both appointments are for two year terms.

Mary Beth Lavezzorio,
Director of Admissions &
Student Relations, attended the
annual Law School Admissions
Conference this past June in
Phoenix, as well as a conference
on the Law School Admissions
and American Disabilities Act in
Toledo, Ohio in July.

#### **Employment Outlook:**

# "Hot Areas" offer jobs for new graduates



The predicted "hot" areas for the 1990's provided positions for the Class of 1994. Graduates accepted positions that involve doing work in health law, intellectual property, international and environmental law as well as litigation.

#### International Law

The practice of international law expanded dramatically over the past few years as the European Economic Community became a reality and began to incorporate more countries, Germany's industry became more cohesive, the Soviet states and China opened their doors to foreign trade, and NAFTA became a reality. Students at the School of Law are interested in these global opportunities and obtained clerkships with overseas law firms this summer. Two students clerked in England and one student clerked in Hong Kong. A member of the Class of 1994 accepted an associate position with Fulbright & Jaworski in Hong Kong, while other 1994 class members associated with domestic firms that do international work.

# Health, Environmental & Intellectual Property

Other law students and recent graduates gravitated to different areas. Environmental areas of practice were selected by May graduates who joined state environmental agencies and private practice firms. The area of health care law was also targeted. 1994 graduates accepted jobs ranging from representing hospital conglomerates to teaching at the college level. Technological advances increased the demand for definition and representation in the areas of intellectual property, and the legal community responded. Students at

the School of Law are interested in these practice areas as well. Members of the May graduating class combined their engineering knowledge with their knowledge of the law and pursued careers with firms doing intellectual property work.

#### **Judicial Clerkships**

The active involvement of the Faculty Judicial Clerkship Committee helped to enlighten more students to the advantages of serving as judicial clerks after graduation, and a number of May graduates began federal and state judicial clerkships this year. Communication skills are vital to success in judicial clerkships as well as in other types of practice. The incorporation of writing components in each of the three years of law school enhanced the writing skills of Valparaiso graduates.

#### In the Public Interest

Given student activity with public interest organizations, the fact that School of Law graduates accepted positions in public interest at a rate that was nearly double the national average was not surprising. Students used the excellent clinical and externship programs at Valparaiso to expand the practical experience they gained through law firm clerkships. After completing a legal education that integrated both the practical and theoretical aspects of the profession, graduates were ready to provide effective representation for their clients - whether those clients were individuals, corporate entities, or state agencies or governments.

#### Recruitment Assistance

The Office of Career Services maintains a database of students and alumni with diverse geographic and practice interests. Please contact the Office of Career Services (219-465-7814) whenever your firm or organization needs an associate or clerk.

-Gail Peshel

# Graduation Weekend 1994

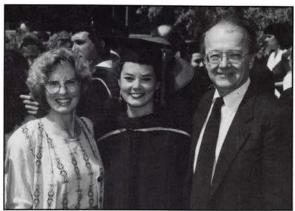
Following recent tradition at the School of Law, the 147 members of the Class of 1994 worked their way through an entire commencement weekend of gatherings, parties and receptions.

Official graduation festivities began on Friday evening, May 14th with a Champagne Reception at the Strongbow Inn. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, this event offers graduates and their parents an opportunity to mix with faculty, staff, and local alumni over a glass of bubbly!

The food and drink spilled over into Saturday with the traditional Student Bar Association reception at Professor Philipp Brockington's country home. Students and their families gathered again, sharing conversation and laughter amidst the beautifully cultivated lawns of the Brockington property.

Sunday began with Baccalaureate Services followed by Commencement and the formal hooding ceremony in the Chapel of the Ressurection. The Honorable Jose A. Cabranes, Chief Judge of the Connecticut District Court, was presented with an honorary doctor of laws degree. The Honorable Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) of the U.S. House of Representatives, delivered the commencement speech.

Enjoying blue skies and sunshine, new graduates and their families gathered at Wesemann Hall to take pictures, say goodbyes, and have one last plate of food under the trees of Old Campus.



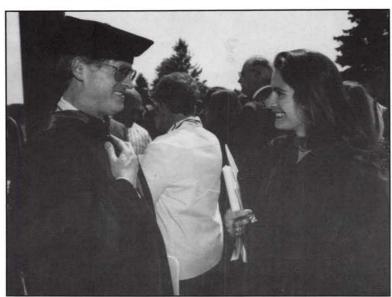
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# Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Visits





More than 3,000 visitors crowded into the Chapel of the Resurrection on the afternoon of Friday, April 8, to greet and hear United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The bright rays of the sun made even more stunning the chapel's stained glass, which served as a beautiful/dignified backdrop for what proved to be an informative commentary and fitting end to the law school's 1993-1994 Seegers Lecture Series. With this lecture series, entitled *First Women: The Contribution of American Women to the Law*, the law school celebrated the 100th anniversary of Antoinette Dakin Leach's admission to the Indiana Bar.

Justice O'Connor, who made history in 1981 when she became the first woman to sit on the nation's highest court, told of the obstacles encountered by some of America's first women lawyers. She impressed the audience with her intelligence and delighted them with her wit. "I have waited 12 years for another woman (Ruth Bader Ginsburg) Justice to join me on the Supreme Court ... No longer will the big joke be: You've seen one female Supreme Court Justice, you've seen 'em all," said Justice O'Connor. She also noted that visitors to the Supreme Court now have to ask "Which one is Sandra Day O'Connor?" O'Connor went on to discuss the importance of the first women of the legal field. "It has been difficult for women to break free of the tra-





ditional conception of their proper role in society. As change began to occur, it was essential that the women pioneer succeed in law and other fields so they could be models for other women trying to achieve their goals."

While noting a continued need for women role models, Justice O'Connor chronicled the advances in the legal profession. "In my own time, and in my own life, I've witnessed the revolution in the legal profession that has resulted in women representing nearly 30% of attorneys in this country, and over 40% of law school graduates.

Dean Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr. presented

# Valparaiso University School of Law









Justice O'Connor with the law school's *Leach*Centennial Award immediately following her remarks.

Earlier that day, Justice O'Connor described to constitutional law students the methods employed by the Supreme Court for determining which cases it will review, and then joined undergraduate and graduate faculty members for a light lunch.

A light lunch was a must because although Justice O'Connor was off the bench during her visit to Valparaiso — she could not be kept off the court. The tennis court, that is. Shortly after lunch, and before the afternoon's lecture, Justice O'Connor teamed up with Courtney Jones ('94) to take on Dean Gaffney and

Professor Ivan Bodensteiner for a game of doubles at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School. The women prevailed and Dean Gaffney so admitted before all in attendance at the Chapel. In addition to the university's undergraduate and law students, the ranks of visitors to VU on April 8 included dignitaries such as the Hon. Randall Shepard, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, the Hon. Pamela Carter, Indiana Attorney General, and Susan Bayh, wife of Indiana Governor Evan Bayh.

In another surprise move, Dean Gaffney presented VU Law Professor Rosalie Berger Levinson with the school's Leach Centennial Award for serving with distinction as the university's first woman

law professor.

Justice O'Connor wrapped up her day in Valparaiso back at Wesemann Hall where the law school hosted a reception for dignitaries and alumni. During the reception, Susan Bayh bestowed upon Justice O'Connor the Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest civic award. Justice O'Connor also received awards/gifts from the Indiana State Bar Association, the ISBA Task Force on Women in the Law, and the VUSL Alumni Association.

-Maggie Aguilar

#### New York Alumni Luncheon Honors "First Woman"



Dean Edward M. Gaffney and Hon. Judith Smith Kaye

A spirited group of New York VUSL alumni gathered for lunch on a beautiful spring day in Manhattan. With a stunning view of the city as a backdrop, the group paid tribute to Judith Smith Kaye, Chief Justice of the New York State Court of Appeals.

Judge Kaye was honored with a Leech Centennial Award, given this year to a series of "First Women" — female pioneers of the legal field.

Preceding Judge Kaye's presentation, Professor Sylvia Law delivered a brief speech on the life of another extraordinary female lawyer, Crystal Eastman. Ms. Eastman was the first female graduate of the NYU School of Law (where Prof. Law currently teaches) and a key leader of the women's suffrage movement, as well as the international peace movement which followed on the heels of World War I.

The luncheon concluded with plans for next year's event ... and hopes for an even larger crowd of east coast grads in '95!

#### CLASS OF 1984 CELEBRATES

Midst handshakes and hugs, the Class of 1984 celebrated its tenth anniversary during a summer weekend reunion, July 29 & 30. Class Reunion organizers Brian Hurley, Tom Massey and Mike Philippi greeted more than 25 of their classmates, who all travelled to Valparaiso for the two-day party.

Events began Friday morning with a 10 o'clock tee off time at the Valparaiso Country Club. Nine holes and numerous jokes later, the group joined other classmates at Gwenn Rinkenberger's home for a Friday evening cocktail party.

Saturday morning brought sunshine, blue skies, and a bar-b-que at Wesemann Hall. Reconvened with a passel of children and spouses, classmates caught up on the latest family, employment and vacation stories.

The weekend closed with a semi-formal dinner on Saturday evening. Scrapbooks and photo albums made the rounds provoking many "remember the time" stories. Professor Ivan Bodensteiner emceed the dinner program, adding his personal anecdotes about class antics.

Leaving with smiles and photos, the Class of 1984 agreed that their next "get together" should come before 2004!



Brian Hurley, Cheryl and Mike Philippi



Patrick and Eileen Hansen, Stacey Saunders, and Michael Cohn

#### **Indiana State Bar Reception**



Gail Peshel and Lowell Enslen

The 1994 Annual Meeting of the Indiana State Bar was held "down the street" at the Radisson Plaza in Merrillville. More than 100 VUSL grads mixed and mingled with faculty, staff, and other special guests.

Professor Al Meyer, who retired at the close of this school year, received the Alumni Association's "Distinguished Service" award for his thirty years of teaching and mentoring at the School of Law.

# VUSL Classes of 1969 and 1989 it's time for a party!

Celebrate your 25th or 5th Reunion at the Valparaiso University School of Law

Mark your calendar for the weekend October 7 & 8, 1994

Plan now to see old friends, visit with faculty, and catch up on the years since graduation!

Watch your mail for further information.



#### Indianapolis Alumni Honor Conover

The Indianapolis Chapter of the VUSL Alumni Association met for its annual luncheon this May. More than thirty grads gathered for good food conversation ... and an after-lunch presentation from the inimitable Professor Bruce Berner.

Judge William Conover, '56, was the guest of honor at the Columbia Club. Chapter members presented the School of Law with a check for more than \$1,200 to establish a William Conover Scholarship.

Lewis Willis, '87, Chapter President, said the annual gathering in Indy has become a popular event — though additional places can be set for new guests next year!



Dean Edward M. Gaffney, Judge William Conover, and Lewis Willis



Amy McColly, Janet Davis-Hocker, and Deborah Schmitt

# Best and Brightest Share \$550,000

The efforts of the Admissions Office to enroll the "best and brightest" were recognized and substantially bolstered with a \$550,000 gift from Herbert F. (VU '54, VUSL '57) and Dolores (VU '55) Stride.

As a result of their benevolence, beginning with the first-year class entering in the fall of 1994, the Admissions Office will have the freedom

to offer full-tuition "plus" scholarships to a very select group of applicants — those with the most outstanding credentials — who, once enrolled, will be known as "Stride Scholars."

The "plus" funding is what is made possible with the Stride gift. In addition to full-tuition scholarships, Stride Scholars will receive a stipend to cover books and a portion of living expenses.



Dean Edward M.Gaffney with Herb Stride.

And it works. Even though the program was initiated late in this year's admissions season, three very highly qualified applicants have already accepted our offer join us this fall as Stride Scholars. These three new law students have an

average LSAT score that ranks them in the 95th percentile of all law school applicants nationwide.

The Strides are not newcomers to the world of philanthropy. At the law school alone, there is extensive evidence of their generosity. In addition to the just created Stride Scholars program, the Courtroom of Wesemann Hall bears their name in recognition of their support for the

construction of the "new" law school; the attendance of Supreme Court justices at our summer Cambridge program has been made possible by their financial support; and they are consistent supporters of the Law Schools Dean's Annual Campaign.

The Stride's contributions of time and resources have helped shape the School of Law as an important and leading academic

institution. This most recent gift is but further evidence of their unwaivering belief and faith in VUSL. We are honored that we have earned their trust and are extremely grateful for their continued leadership.

#### Create a lasting monument at the School of Law through endowments:

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For more information, along with hints and suggestions, contact: Assistant Dean Curtis W. Cichowski

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# VUSL "Hall of Famer" Returns After 87 Years

The St. Louis Seminar Room of Wesemann Hall is now properly furnished, thanks to a gift from the estate of Virginia Meekison. Alumni from the St. Louis area "purchased" the room during the capital campaign for the construction of Wesemann Hall (hence the "St. Louis" appellation). But until this summer the room furnishings were, at best, eclectic.

Virginia made the bequest in memory of her parents, George A. Meekison (class of 1908) and Vadae Harvey Meekison (class of 1907). Records for the class of 1907 are rather sparse, but it has been suggested that Vadae was the Law School's very first female graduate.

In her will, Virginia referenced a picture of her mother, which "hung in a room once called the Hall of Fame." It was her wish that the gift be used to redecorate that room. It took a call to VUSL historian and Professor Emeritus Lou Bartelt to unravel the mystery of the "Hall of Fame."

Apparently, three buildings ago, back in the days when the School of Law was housed in the Arts-Law Building (now DeMotte Hall), law school founder and then Dean Colonel DeMotte had a practice of hanging pictures of faculty and other dignitaries in an area that became known as the law school hall of fame. Lou recalled that he had, from the move from DeMotte Hall to the first Wesemann Hall (1962), placed in storage a box containing some of the photographs from the hall of fame.

That box somehow made it through the move to Wesemann II in 1986. The glass was broken, but otherwise Vadae's picture was in very good condition. Her picture now hangs in the St. Louis Seminar Room, alongside a plaque commemorating the gift of her daughter. It's good to have a piece of VUSL's heritage back in place.



Vadae Harvey Meekison ('07)

# Froehlich Memorial Furnishes Jury Room

The School of Law is honored to have been chosen as a participant in commemorating the life of Frederick E. Froehlich (1922-1993).

Memorial gifts have made possible the complete furnishing of the jury room of Wesemann Hall and the installation of a plaque recognizing Mr.

Froehlich.

In 1947, VUSL graduated Frederick E. Froehlich. He lived a life reflective of the values that this law school and this university have always held. Not only was he kind, compassionate and competent as an attorney, he was altruistic as a human being.

He was a charter member of his church, president of the state bar association, public servant in a variety of appointed roles, and volunteer to countless charitable causes and civic organizations. Fred is remembered for his basic honesty, his courteousness, his cooperation, and his thoroughness.

# VUSL Receives \$1,500,000 Scholarship "Tree"

In 1975, Gertrude Greenwald went to her attorney. She wanted to accomplish six things: significantly reduce anticipated estate taxes; guarantee the growth of her assets; increase her annual income for the remainder of her life; at her death, make a few specific gifts to relatives and friends; provide for the financial well-being of her sister for her sister's life; and last but certainly not least, at her sister's death dissolve the trust and use the trust assets to create equally valued scholarship funds in the memory of her friend, Emma Claus, at two of her favorite charities.

Do-able? Easy.

Every one of her wishes were successfully accomplished. Her attorney did it all in one trust

document — a charitable remainder trust.

Now, almost twenty years after its creation, the trust assets (which grew to a value of \$3,000,000) are being distributed equally to the School of Law and the Indiana University School of Music.

In accordance with the terms of the trust, the School of Law is now creating the Emma Claus Endowed Student Scholarship. As an endowed scholarship fund, the plan Gertrude started in 1975 will last in perpetuity. The "tree" that she planted in 1975 will last forever. And countless generations of students will benefit from the fruit that tree will always produce.

#### Deciding how to make a gift to your favorite charity is easy

Consider this simple analogy: the assets that you wish to give are just like a fruit tree

You may own a relatively new tree which is producing more fruit than you need right now. You want to keep the tree, but wouldn't mind sharing the fruit for awhile. Translation: a Charitable Lead Trust.

The lead trust merely arranges for the sharing of the fruit until the intended gift is fully funded.

On the other hand, you may have a large, overgrown tree. The cost of removing the tree is prohibitive, but all you really want is the fruit. Translation: Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust.

Either option transfers the tree to the charity, but lets you keep the fruit until you don't need the fruit anymore (at the end of the annuity or trust term).

You may have more fruit trees than you need or can handle. Maybe it is best that some just be removed from the orchard, fruit and all. Translation: Outright Gift or Bequest.

The only issue here is timing. Is it better to take advantage of the charitable gift now (outright gift) or leave the benefit for your estate (bequest)?

Don't lose sight of the fruit trees and how you (or your clients!) can make a meaningful charitable gift while attending to personal goals. In addition to making a significant philanthropic impact, there are income, capital gains, and estate tax savings involved in all of charitable giving.

The School of Law can answer your questions about charitable giving and assist you in creating a plan for your fruit tree!

For more information, please call Assistant Dean Curtis Cichowski at 219-465-7841, via fax at 219-465-7872 or send E-mail via the Internet at CCichowski@Exodus.Valpo.Edu



# 1993-1994 Dean's Annual Campaign Donor Report



#### Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who responded this year to the Dean's Annual Campaign. Of course, this critical annual program is far more yours than "mine." After all, it is you and your fellow alumni who make the yearly successes of the Campaign possible.

For the 1993-1994 academic year, special credit goes to the volunteer leadership of Campaign Chairman Dominic Farina, '42, and to the student (alumni-in-residence) callers of the telechallenge portion of the Campaign. Credit of a different sort is certainly due to each and every alumnus/a, friend, faculty/staff member, foundation, law firm, and corporation listed on the following pages.

Ethical awareness, teaching excellence, student-centeredness, and a devotion to service are the values of this law school. The very purpose of the Dean's Annual Campaign is to enliven and promote the exercise of these core values.

On behalf of the entire School of Law community, thank you for your support of the 1993-1994 Dean's Annual Campaign. I applaud your demonstrated commitment to our values and your personal involvement in our shared enterprise.

Gratefully.

Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr.

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#### New Alumni Relations Director: Kristin Jass



Kristin Jass' return to Valparaiso University two years ago was a homecoming. A 1986 VU graduate, Kristin moved from Chicago to Valparaiso to assume a fundraising position in the University's Office of Institutional Advancement. Another move — this one across campus - brought Kristin to the School of Law where she plans regional events for VUSL alumni, coordinates VUSL reunion celebrations, produces The Amicus, and

assists with fundraising programs.

After graduation from VU, Kristin worked in the TV News Department at WBBM (Channel 2) in Chicago for three years as a field producer and coordinator of news graphics. From the world of television, Kristin moved to fundraising as the Assistant Director of Development at Travelers & Immigrants Aid, a large social service agency in Chicago.

Among her pro bono interests, Kristin sits on the Board of Family House, a local social service agency, and the Lutheran Camp Association, a Michigan-based organization. Additionally, Kristin spent a year in Seoul, South Korea in the offices of the National Council of Churches (NCC). During that time, she focused on local NCC concerns including human rights, labor, and women's issues.



Aug. 24, 1994 Classes Begin

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The School of Law marked the 90th birthday of one of its special alumnae this May: Frances Tilton Weaver. A member of the class of 1925, Frances was also honored as one of VUSL's "First Women" in 1994 with the Antoinette Dakon Leech Award.

Frances celebrated her special day along with friends at the home of Dean Edward Gaffney. The party culminated with the presentation of a signed photo from Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who met Frances during the Justice's visit to campus in April. Since that visit, Frances and Justice O'Connor have become "pen pals" of sorts, and Justice O'Connor declared that she was honored to have met another female pioneer in the legal field.

In honor of Frances' ninth decade, VUSL alumnae Barbara Young '76 and Carol Ann Bowman '77 initiated a fundraising drive for the Frances Tilton Weaver Scholarship Fund. A gift of \$90, in celebration of Frances' 90th birthday, is suggested for all those interested in paying tribute to Frances' contributions to the community and School of Law.

#### 1952

K. Don Waskom announced his retirement from State Farm Insurance Company effective June 1, 1994. He was the regional vice president of the Seaboard Region. Don will share his "free" time serving on the Maryland Governor's Commission on Workforce Training and Education, as Chairman of the local Private Industry Council, and as an alternate for the Maryland Workforce Training and Investment Board.

#### 1968

Raymond T. Nimmer has been appointed Interim Dean at the University of Houston School of Law.

#### 1971

David Butterfield, in his role as Mayor of Valparaiso, served as an ex officio board member of this year's *Christmas in April* program on April 16th. In conjunction with the national *Christmas in April* program, 750 volunteers worked in Valparaiso rehabbing homes for low income and elderly residents. David is a co-founder of the program in Valparaiso.

#### 1973

Stephen T. Davis has been appointed judge of the Delta County Circuit (Michigan) by Gov. John Engler. He has been in private practice in Escanaba since 1974. Previously, he served as Delta County assistant prosecutor. Stephen is president

#### 1953

Paul Miller and his wife, Anne Marie, visited Wesemann Hall during a summer trip. The Miller's currently reside in Middleton, New York.



of the Community Foundation for Delta County and executive director of the Upper Peninsula Senior Legal Project.

Rayfield Fisher is risk manager for the City of Gary, Indiana. He has served in this position since 1988.

#### 1987

Curtis Cichowski served as an Ambassador in Valparaiso's Christmas in April program. This program, involving volunteers from Valparaiso University faculty, staff and students and Valparaiso residents, rehabed 23 homes in 8 hours. Curt is also a board member for the Whispering Pines nursing home in Valpo.

#### 1982

Paul O'Malley has organized the firm of O'Malley & Firestone in Fort Wayne, Indiana practicing intellectual property law.

#### 1984

Rep. Stephen Buyer received the Indiana Distinguished during a Service Medal at the Kokomo ceremony Armory. This award is the highest honor of the Indiana National Guard. Steve is a major in the U.S. Army Reserves and a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.



Joseph J. Jensen has been named a partner in the South Bend Indiana firm of May, Oberfell & Lorber. practices primarily in the Litigation Section with an emphasis in the areas of insurance defense. personal injury litigation, medical malpractice defense and product liability defense.

#### 1985

N. Cornell Boggs, III was the featured speaker at the VUSL Law Day Luncheon sponsored by the Student Bar Association. Cornell's speech was entitled "Passing on the Flame — your duty as a new attorney."

Mary Ann Link has been named Chief Deputy Commissioner and Executive Director of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission. In addition to deciding appellate cases, she manages four regional offices and the central office in Richmond.



Ben Llaneta, Jr. has been appointed Assistant Secretary-Counsel for Intercargo Insurance Company and Secretary for International Advisory Services, Inc. (IAS). IAS is the holding company for various Trade Insurance Services offices in the United States, Canada and Hong Kong.

#### 1986

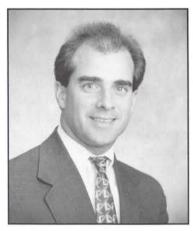
Jeffrey Herrold and his wife Karen announce the birth of their daughter, Sonja Lauren on March 27, 1994. Sonja joins big brother Nicholas.

P. Thomas Murray recently established his own practice in Fishers, Indiana. He will concentrate on the representation of condominium and homeowner associations in Indiana, as well as the general practice of law.

Mark Rutherford was elected President of the Board of Directors of the Police Athletic League of Indianapolis, Inc. (PAL). PAL's mission is to involve the youth of Indianapolis in activities that deter crime, promote self-esteem

and will contribute to their development as productive adults. Mark is with the firm of Laudig, George, Rutherford & Sipes.

The law firm of Sallwasser & McCain in LaPorte, Indiana is pleased to announce that **David** A. Sirugo has been named a partner as of January 1, 1994



The firm of May, Oberfell & Lorber in South Bend, Indiana, is pleased to announce the partnership of **D. Andrew Spalding** effective January 1, 1994. He currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association of St. Joseph County.

Richard E. Witterman, Jr. started his own firm in Roswell, Georgia (outside of Atlanta) on April 1, 1993. His firm is a general civil practice with emphasis in general business/corporation law, collections, commercial, construction, surety bond and estate planning. Also, Richard married Catherine Guard on September 4, 1993.

#### 1987

The Evansville, Indiana firm of Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn have named Jeffrey W. Ahlers a partner in the firm effective January 1, 1994. He is a trial lawyer, primarily representing individuals and companies in corporate, business and personal injury law. Jeffrey is a member of the Trial Lawvers Section of the Indiana State Association, a member of the Litigation and Tort Insurance Practice Sections of the American Bar Association, and is a member of the American Inns of Court.

Lisa (Potter) Taylor and her husband John announce the birth of their daughter, Kathleen Anne, on February 3, 1994. Katie joins her sister, Jennifer, now 2 1/2 years old. Lisa and her husband are attending the LL.M. program at the Judge Advocate General's School on the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville. They will both be promoted to Major this fall.

#### 1988

Mark Colon and his wife Wanda announce the birth of their first child, Cameron Alexander on August 30, 1993. In March of 1994, Mark and Wanda were appointed co-chairpersons for the Grand Rapids Volunteer Council for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

Jean Doyle Winnike announces her marriage to Mike Winnike

on July 2, 1994 in West Point, Iowa. Jean joined the firm of Anderson, Roberts & Porth in Burlington, Iowa in January. She hopes to continue her practice in Environmental Law.

#### 1989

Timothy Baker participated in the Indianapolis Bar Association's presentation of the "Trial of Gold E. Locks" to Indianapolis Public School students in May, 1994.

David J. Barker has joined the Noblesville, Indiana firm of Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim. He also announces his recent appointment as Chairman of the Hamilton County Election Board.

Beth Henning Guria has joined the firm of Stephen M. Kelley, P.C. in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. She will be focusing her practice in Environmental and Environmental Insurance law. She was also named to the editorial board of the Indiana State Bar Association Environmental Law Section Newsletter.

Timothy E. Vojslavek announces the opening of his law office in Valparaiso, Indiana. His practice will concentrate in automobile related injury and death cases.

#### 1990

**Timothy Lucero** has been admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court on

April 18, 1994. He was sponsored by Dean Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr. and Professor Ivan Bodensteiner. Tim practices in Rensselaer and Jasper County, Indiana.

#### 1991

Jonathan Berkowitz has been admitted to the Bar of the Seventh Circuit. He practices with the Kalamazoo, Michigan firm of York & Miller, P.C.

Angelo Spyratos and Laura Mikulski ('93) were married September 4, 1993. Angelo is an associate with Momkus, Ozog & McClusky in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Paul Strouse has opened the Strouse Law Office, P.C. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

#### 1992

Kim Anderson successfully argued a major child custody case before the Indiana Supreme Court. In an extraordinary move, the Court accepted the case without it first going to the Court of Appeals. The case dealt with conflicting orders from two separate circuit courts.

Alexander Moskovic announces the first anniversary of Moskovic & Reed in July, 1994. Alex and his partner Bryan Reed (Samuel P. Chase College of Law) serve Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Alex also annonces his marriage to Joanne Jacoby ('94) on May 21, 1994.

J. Heydt Philbeck and Caroline Beattie were married on May 14, 1994 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Drew Dillworth served as a groomsman. Heydt is the founder and sole practitioner of the Philbeck Law office in Raleigh.

#### 1993

Adam Ferrandino practices with the Buffalo, New York firm of Allen, Lippes & Shonn. (The Editors of the Amicus apologize to Adam for misspelling the name of his firm in the last issue)

The Valparaiso law firm of Costas & Norman announces that **Theodore Johnson** has joined the firm as an associate. He will concentrate his practice in the areas of litigation and creditors rights.

Naheel Rantisi, Paula Weikert & Victoria Perez have formed the firm Rantisi, Weikert & Perez, P.C. in Chicago. They are practicing in the areas of domestic and international law.

Laura (Mikulski) Spyratos announces her marriage to Angelo Spryatos ('91) on September 4, 1993. Laura is an associate at Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. in Chicago.

Eric Swanson is working as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Will County State's Attorneys Office in Joliet, Illinois.

#### 1994

**Debra Billings** has accepted a position with Henderson, Daily, Withrow & Devoe in Indianapolis.

**Ken Borgerding** has joined the U.S. Army JAG Corps.

Christopher Crawford is clerking for Judge Rodigaugh of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in South Bend, Indiana.

Heather Culbertson has joined the staff of the Indiana Attorney General's Office in Indianapolis.

Lord, Bissell & Brook in Chicago announces that **Judith Dobbertin** has joined the firm as an associate.

**Craig Draper** is working at the Allen County Superior Court in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Tamara Fraser is working for the Midland County Circuit Court in Midland, Michigan.

Kenneth Fugate has accepted a position with the law office of Jeffery Oliveria in Merrillville, Indiana.

Janice Gambill has joined the Hammond, Indiana office of Ameritech.

Catherine Hackman has accepted a position with the Public Defender's Office in Baltimore, Maryland.

Chris Johnson has joined the staff of the Cook County States Attorney in Chicago.



Brendan McGuire has accepted a position with the Cook County State's Attorneys Office in Chicago. Brendan was one of the recipients of the 1994 Public Service Grant awarded by Valparaiso University School of Law.



Adam Stern, a recipient of this year's Public Service Grant, has joined the staff of Legal Services of Northwest Indiana. The Public Service Grant is awarded by VUSL to students who commit to work for a public service employer for two years.

Colleen Kritlow is clerking for Judge Phillip D. Schaefer of the Kalamazoo District Court.

Barclay & Damish, LTD in Chicago announces that **Daniel Lanciloti** has joined the firm as an associate.

Charlotte Lindell has accepted a position with the St. Louis firm of Draheim & Pranschke.

Michaelene Machowiak has joined the staff of the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office in South Bend, Indiana.

Lisa Meyer is clerking for the Hon. William C. Lee, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana in Fort Wayne. Lisa's law review note "Taking the Complexity Out of Complex Litigation: Preserving the Constitutional Right to a Civil Jury Trial" in the Fall 1993 issue of the Valparaiso University Law review was listed in the "Worth Reading" column of the June 6, 1994 National Law Journal.

**Kim Newby** will join the staff of Fulbright & Jaworski in Hong Kong.

**Tracey Nicastro** is clerking for Justice Buddy of the Illinois Court of Appeals in Chicago.

Michael Pruitt will be working with the General Counsel for the Health Law Association.

The Pensacola, Florida firm of Levin, Middlebrooks, Mabie, Thomas, Mayes, Mitchell & Papantonio announce that **Troy**  Rafferty has joined the firm.

Stephanie Rauls has joined the staff of KPMG Peat Marwick in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**Nicole Roth** has joined the firm of Rooks, Pitts & Poust in Chicago.

Bruce Tepikian is serving as a staff attorney for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in St. Louis.

Hanaway, Ross, Hanaway, Weidner & Buchhuber, SC of Green Bay Wisconsin announce that Edward Vopal has joined their firm as an associate.

Thomas White, Jr. has joined the U.S. Army JAG Corps.

Holly Winkeljohn has joined the staff of Gullucci, Hopkins & Theisen in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Peter Yelkovac has become an associate with the St. Louis firm of Peper, Martine, Jensen, Maichel & Hetlage.

#### In Memoriam

The entire community at Valparaiso University School of Law extends its sympathy to the families and friends of the following deceased alumni:

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