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From the Desk of Dean Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr.

Dear Alumni and Friends of VUSL:

I am proud to be a part of the Valparaiso University School of Law community for many reasons — and our special commitment to serving the public hovers around the top of my list.

The school’s long-standing commitment to public service is primarily grounded in our affiliation with an undergraduate institution of Christian heritage and our professional obligation to instill in our graduates a sense of responsibility. VUSL has done a superlative job of encouraging its alumni, faculty, students and staff to give back to the communities of which they are a part.

This issue of The Amicus focuses on public interest law highlighting a number of alumni across the country who serve their communities in distinctive ways. You’ll read about Patricia Surovick, an ’82 VUSL alumnae who works for Indian Legal Services in Laguna, New Mexico. Pat’s dedication to public interest law sprang from her years of professional community service before her stint at Valpo. Ron Gother, a ’56 VUSL alumnus, is representative of many of our graduates — a highly successful corporate lawyer who makes time in his non-stop schedule to accept a significant amount of pro bono work. And, Don & Kathy Evans, both VUSL grads now living in Valpo, who use their law degrees to affect social change and work for a more effective legal system in our own backyard.

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of our clinic program — one of the most important components of the Law School’s commitment to public service. This critical program is the focus of an in-depth piece on both the history of and current work being accomplished in the VUSL Law Clinic.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention some of the other ways the Law School visibly demonstrates its commitment to community. Each year our faculty members accept individual pro bono cases in a variety of areas as well as teach a series of free Continuing Legal Education courses for regional attorneys who accept pro bono work.

Additionally, I’m proud to say the school puts its money where its mouth is on this topic by offering grants to 1Ls and 2Ls who work summer jobs at public interest organizations. And, we award grants to graduating students who make two-year commitments to work for public interest groups.

When I accepted the position of Dean in 1990, I was impressed with the fact that Valparaiso had a 20-hour pro bono requirement for its students. As I got to know my colleagues, I was further impressed with their individual commitments to serving their community and their profession. I am continually inspired by the alumni I meet as I travel across the country — by their willingness to use their legal degrees in service to others.

With your help we will continue our commitment to engender these excellent habits.

Cordially yours,

Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr., Dean
The Classes of 1974 and 1989 celebrated reunions this past October during Homecoming Weekend at the School of Law.

The five-year celebration kicked off on Friday evening with a reception at the home of local alumnus Bill Heffon. Classmates weathered a steady rain watching the VU Crusaders beat the Butler Bulldogs at Saturday's Homecoming football matchup, then wrapped up the weekend's activities with a reunion dinner at The Court Restaurant.

Handshakes and hugs marked the twentieth reunion gathering for the Class of 1974. Alumni travelled from both coasts to attend Saturday evening's reunion dinner. Feted by Professors Bruce Berner, Ivan Bodensteiner, Philipp Brockington and Seymour Moskowitz, classmates caught up on personal and professional milestones since leaving campus.

Though the skies over Valpo were overcast, the clouds didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the more than sixty VUSL grads who attended an all-alumni luncheon at the School of Law.

Held Saturday afternoon before the football game, VUSL grads from reunion classes joined local alumni, friends and faculty in Wesemann Hall's student lounge for good food and good conversation. This new tradition gave alumni the chance to tour the building and search for old class composites.

The VUSL Alumni Association Board of Directors also met over the Homecoming Weekend with a full agenda. Among the business completed was an internal reorganization of the Board's structure.

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Mark your calendars NOW for these exciting 1995 reunion and homecoming events! Reunions scheduled for next year include 10th, 25th, and 40-plus.

**Class of 1985**: Summer 1995
**Classes of 1950 and prior**: Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 1995
**All Alumni Homecoming Luncheon**: Oct. 1, 1995

Interested in helping plan your Class celebration? Contact Kristin Jass, Alumni Relations Director, at 1-800-262-0656, option 3, via fax at 219-465-7872 or on Internet at kjass@exodus.valpo.edu.

**WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!**
The Golden State hosted a September gathering of VUSL alumni during Valparaiso University’s Homecoming West celebration.

VUSL grads negotiated the L.A. freeways for a Friday night reception at the West Coast residence of Dean Edward Gaffney. California boasts the highest number of attorneys in the fifty states — and Dean Gaffney’s home now holds the record for most VUSL grads in one Los Angeles location!

A tailgate party at the University of San Diego kicked off Saturday evening’s football game. Though Valpo lost in the closing minutes, the 400-plus VU fans redefined “home field advantage” for most of the competition.

Outside of the Great Lakes region, California wins the VUSL alumni population award with more than sixty grads calling the state home.

**MICHIGAN BAR:**

**Detroit Hosts VUSL Alumni Reception**

The Motor City hosted this year’s Michigan State Bar annual meeting. Law School grads gathered at the Hotel Ponchatrain in October to catch up on the latest VUSL happenings and to share news of their firms and families.

This is the second year VUSL hosted a reception for its Michigan alumni, and state residents can expect a similar gathering each year in conjunction with the State Bar annual meeting.

Pictured at upper left: Beth Henning Guria (’89) with Doug (’91) and Joanne LaLone. Pictured bottom left: Brad Moyer (’94) and Debra Reusze (’89) both with the firm of Stephen M. Kelly, P.C. in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.
ILLINOIS BAR:

Holiday Cheer in the Windy

Decked out in lights and garlands, the Windy City hosted this year's Illinois State Bar annual meeting. The holiday spirit filled the Sheraton Hotel & Towers where more than 30 Valpo grads, faculty and staff convened for a mini-reunion this past December.

Pictured at right: Scott Reno ('90), Perry Rocco ('83) and Ed Eich ('74). Classes represented ranged from 1957 (Judge Roland Herrmann, Sharon King and Herb Stride) to 1994 (Tracey Nicastro and her husband Ross Roloff '93).

INDIANA BAR:

Valpo Grads Travel to Landmark Resort

Chief Justice Randall Shepard, Dean Edward Gaffney, Justice Brent Dickson and Jack Lawson ('61)

Brilliant fall colors greeted VUSL alumni travelling south for the 98th annual Indiana State Bar reception in French Lick, Indiana this past October. School of Law grads gathered at the historic French Lick Springs Resort for appetizers, libations and conversation.

Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court Randall Shepard joined VUSL alumni and staff for the festivities. The guest list also included Rich Eynon ('69), George Hoffman ('51), Bill Thorne ('49) and Mark Rutherford ('86).

Professor Ivan Bodensteiner was on the conference agenda teaching a continuing legal education seminar for participants.
The ninth annual Monsanto Lecture of the Valparaiso University School of Law took place November 3, 1994. Entitled The Design of Compensation Systems: Tort Principles Rule, OK?, the lecture was delivered by Sir Geoffrey Palmer, formerly Prime Minister of New Zealand and now a Professor of Law at the University of Iowa.

Students, faculty and visitors crowded the Tabor Auditorium for the presentation. After engaging the crowd and taking a series of questions, Professor Palmer adjourned to the Strongbow Inn for a V.I.P. reception.

University President Alan F. Harre (pictured bottom right) was among the numerous guests who greeted Professor Palmer at the post-lecture reception.

Professor Palmer, who teaches law at both the University of Iowa in Iowa City, and at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, where he was born, served as principal assistant to the Australian National Committee of Inquiry on Rehabilitation and Compensation, and as a consultant to the Australian government on the implementation of a national compensation scheme. During his extensive legal and political career, Professor Palmer served as a member of the New Zealand Parliament as Deputy Prime Minister, Attorney General, Minister of Justice, Leader of the House of Representatives, Minister for the Environment and as Prime Minister.

The Monsanto Lecture is a distillation of a manuscript published each year as a monograph and which is republished as an article in the Valparaiso University Law Review. The lecture series is endowed by a generous gift from the Monsanto Fund, the charitable arm of the Monsanto Company, and enables the School of Law to host distinguished legal scholars and professionals to critically re-examine the theory of tort as it has evolved in this country, and to explore avenues for its reform.

The program was initiated with the generous assistance of Richard Duesenberg ('53), Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Monsanto, and John L. Mason, President of the Monsanto Fund.
The Indiana Court of Appeals for the Third District visited the Law School this past October to hear oral arguments in two cases. The Honorable George B. Hoffman, Jr. ('51), the Honorable William I. Garrard, and the Honorable Robert H. Staton presided over the arguments, which included a workmans' compensation case (United States Steel Corp. v. William R. Spencer), and a medical malpractice case (Nicholas Drew Miller v. Memorial Hospital of South Bend).

Law students were excited about the opportunity to see appellate advocacy in action, and packed the Stride Courtroom for the afternoon argument. After each argument, the judges took questions from students about the appellate process before retiring to chambers to discuss the case.

Following the afternoon argument, students took advantage of another opportunity to approach the judges and ask questions at a reception held in the judges' honor in the Duesenberg Commons.

Accompanying Judge Hoffman were two of his law clerks, Deborah Schmitt and Kerry Jazinski-Makin, who are also graduates of Valparaiso University School of Law, and who served as bailiffs for the arguments.

The Law School's Chapter of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and the Moot Court Society co-sponsored the courts visit.
VUSL Summer Law Program on Two Continents

Puebla, Mexico

The School of Law will launch the nation’s fourth summer law program in Mexico next summer. Classes will be held on the campus of the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla (UDLA), where the University operates the Puebla Study Center. Course offerings will include Comparative Law, Entertainment Law and International Business Transactions.

Additionally, Professor Vargas of the University of San Diego will teach a course on NAFTA, and the University will offer Spanish-language classes to students interested in learning the language or enhancing their skills. The Mexican summer law program will run from June 4 through July 15.

Cambridge, England

Meanwhile, across the continent, the School of Law’s well-established summer law program in England will count on the participation of Chief Justice William Rehnquist of the United States Supreme Court in 1995.

Justice Rehnquist, who will address the graduating class of ‘95, will teach a course in Cambridge entitled the History of the Supreme Court. Dean Gaffney will kickoff the summer law program in the UK in London during the week of June 26 with a tour of English legal institutions and a class by the same name. The ‘95 British summer law program is tentatively scheduled to run through August 11.

Other course offerings will include: International Criminal Law and Procedure, Comparative Corporations Law, and International and Comparative Taxation.
Professor Geri Yonover Delivers Inaugural Lecture

The prestige of attaining full professorial rank creates great expectations. Accordingly, the School of Law requires faculty members to deliver an inaugural lecture within one year after receiving full rank. Professor Geri Yonover honored the University community this October with her inaugural lecture, “The ‘dissing’ of da Vinci. The imaginary case of Leonardo vs. Duchamp: Moral Rights, Parody & Fair Use”.

With standing room only in the Tabor Auditorium, Professor Yonover sketched out her scenario: with the whisk of his brush, in 1919 artist Marcel Duchamp painted a mustache above the smiling lips of Mona Lisa in his infamous replica of Leonardo da Vinci’s most renowned creation.

Yonover’s question: What would be the outcome of such an action in 1994? Today’s arts and entertainment industries often make fertile ground for copyright infringements and other violations of the nation’s intellectual property laws. What’s “fair use” of another’s original work and what’s not? In her inaugural speech, Professor Yonover discussed the fictitious case of Leonardo vs. Duchamp to address the current state of intellectual property law and the protections it affords artists and entertainers.

A 1964 graduate of the University of Chicago, Professor Yonover received the Juris Doctor degree in 1983 from the Chicago Kent College of Law. After graduation from law school, Professor Yonover served as law clerk to the Honorable Hubert L. Will of the Northern District of Illinois, and later practiced as an associate with the Chicago firm of Sonnenschein, Carlin, Nath and Rosenthal.

In addition to intellectual property, Professor Yonover teaches torts and conflict laws. Professor Yonover joined the School of Law faculty in 1986.

Professor Mark Adams Joins VUSL Faculty

Joining the ranks of VUSL scholars, Mark Adams is teaching Legal Writing and Research at the School of Law this year. He comes to Valparaiso from the Indiana University School of Law.

After receiving his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, Mark practiced with Davis, Wright, Tremaine in Seattle, Washington, where he concentrated in labor and employment law. He later served as legal counsel and Dean of Students at The Northwest School, an international school in Seattle. Additionally, he was a staff attorney at the Neighborhood Legal Services of King County.

Professor Adams’ article Struggling Through the Thicket: Section 301 and the Washington Supreme Court was published in 15 Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law 106 (1994). His article, Conflict of Interest or Bona Fide Employees? The Status of Paid Union Organizers will be published in the February issue of the Labor Law Journal (vol. 46, no. 2).
In September, Professor Bruce Berner presented a continuing legal education seminar entitled “Update: Indiana Criminal Law & Procedure” in Indianapolis. Professor Berner also presented a program to the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney’s Council during December on “Search, Seizure & Confessions.” In his free time, Bruce portrayed Captain Von Trapp in the Valparaiso Theatre Guild’s production of “The Sound of Music” and participated in their production of “Dangerous Liaisons.” Professor Berner will be on Sabbatical during the Spring 1995 semester.

Professor Robert Blomquist presented a program entitled “The Meaning of Pollution Prevention” at the Indiana Environmental Institute’s Corporate Environmental Retreat on New Approaches to Thinking About Pollution Prevention in Indianapolis this past September. He also attended the ABA’s Section on Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law in San Antonio, Texas, where he participated in discussions and activities on the Environmental Quality Committee. In November, Professor Blomquist was consulted by the United States Senate Republican Policy Committee regarding his views on a strategy and principles for proposing a national integrated pollution control code and incorporated risk assessment considerations for the United States.


Professor Ivan Bodensteiner spoke at the Federal Bar Association’s CLE program in October on “Recent Developments in Civil Rights Law.” Also in October, he presented a continuing legal education program at the Indiana State Bar annual meeting entitled “Hearsay - Indiana Rules of Evidence.”

Professor Laura Gaston Dooley will spend the spring semester 1995 in Kansas City, Missouri, where she will be a visiting associate professor of law at the University of Missouri. She will be teaching a summer school course at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, her alma mater. Professor Dooley’s article, Our Juries, Our Selves: The Power, Perception, and Politics of the Civil Jury will appear in volume 80 of the Cornell Law Review in January. Along with Professor Berner, Professor Dooley was a guest on a radio talk show to discuss the pre-trial maneuvering in the O.J. Simpson murder trial. This fall, Professor Dooley co-chaired the Civil Procedure section of a teaching conference hosted by the Society of American Law Teachers in Minneapolis. She was also a contributing editor to the AALS Civil Procedure Section Newsletter along with Professor JoEllen Lind.

Professor Richard Hatcher was among those guests invited to attend a White House ceremony for President Nelson Mandela of South Africa. Professor Hatcher is chairman of TransAfrica, the lobby which led U.S. efforts to free President Mandela after 27 years of incarceration. Professor Hatcher’s article Winds of Change: South African-African American Cooperation was published in the last issue of Bulletin, a publication of the Kennedy School at Harvard University.
Instructor Linda Kibler attended the annual meeting of the Trading Industry Defense Association, October 20-21 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Professor Rosalie Berger Levinson served as a panelist at a seminar on harassment sponsored by Valparaiso University in November. Also in November, she led a discussion on litigation issues facing religious leaders at Valparaiso University's Institute on Law and Pastoral Ministry. In September, Professor Levinson presented a CLE entitled "Constitutional Law Update" in Indianapolis. Her article, "State and Federal Constitutional Law Developments" was published in 27 Ind. L. Rev. 887 (1994).

In October 1994, Professor Seymour Moskowitz participated in a bioethics seminar at The Methodist Hospitals entitled “The Right to Die & Physician Assisted Suicide.” He also spoke on the topic of elder abuse at Valparaiso University’s Institute on Law and Pastoral Ministry. Professor Moskowitz’s annual update of Discovery Treatise, vols. 11-16, was published by Matthew Bender in October.

Professor Mary Persyn, director of the Law Library, served on the By-laws Revision Committee of the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority, and Chair of the By-laws Committee of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Librarians (ORALL). She also attended the ORALL annual meeting in Indianapolis. Professor Persyn was appointed Chair of the Facilities Coordination Committee for the American Association of Law Libraries annual meeting to be held in Indianapolis in 1996. In September 1994, Professor Persyn presented a program entitled “Legal Resources: Beyond the Basics” for the WJRTA Library Association in Lafayette, Indiana. Her article, "Law Librarians are Allies for Career Services Administrators" was published in the October 1994 NALP Bulletin.

Professor John Potts was one of 14 essayists commissioned to write essays for the book To Set The Dawn Free. Professor Potts’ article, entitled The Fourth Estate on the Third Trimester: Legal Analysis of This and Other Fiction in Newsweek Magazine, evaluates coverage by Newsweek of certain aspects of the abortion controversy.

Professor Richard Stith’s article Can Practice Do Without Theory? was published in the Archives for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (volume 80, 1994). Professor Stith also serves as an Honorary Trustee for the National Lawyers Association.

Professor Ruth Vance was selected by the Indiana State Bar Association and the Attorney General’s Office to be an attorney consultant in a pro bono program called “Project PEACE.” The program will institute a peer mediation program in 12 elementary schools in Indiana. Professor Vance’s article Workers’ Compensation and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace 11 Hofstra Lab. L.J. 141 (1993) has been selected by the Defense Law Journal for reprinting. The Defense Law Journal is sent to the nation’s largest law firms, insurance companies and corporate counsel. In addition to her other activities, Professor Vance coaches the School of Law’s negotiations teams.

In September, Professor Linda Whitton served as a plenary speaker at a Concordia Seminary Symposium entitled “The Church and the Older Adult.” She also spoke on elder abuse at the Valparaiso University Institute on Law and Pastoral Ministry. Professor Whitton's article Durable Powers as a Hedge Against Guardianship: Should the Attorney-at-Law Accept Appointment as Attorney-in-Fact? was published in 2 Elder Law Journal 39 (1994).

In addition to presenting her Inaugural Lecture in October, Professor Geri Yonover was an invited speaker on “Reining in the Use of Certification” at the American Judicature Society National Workshop on Certification of Questions of Law. She will also be a speaker on “Parody in the Visual Arts” at the AALS Art Law Section at that organization’s annual meeting in New Orleans in January 1995.

Career Services Director Gail Peshel served as moderator and one of the presenters on the new “Stepping Stones” video created by the Indiana State Bar Association, a video targeted toward experienced attorneys seeking a different job. She published an article on Career Services in Great Britain in the October 1994 NALP Bulletin and a chapter on the Post-Graduate Search for a Job in the 1994 edition of Barron’s Guide to Law Schools.
As a law school affiliated with a Christian undergraduate institution, the Valparaiso University School of Law consistently debates what this distinctive heritage brings to its students, faculty and staff. Perhaps one of the clearest contributions to Valpo's special Christian community is the Law School's historic commitment to public service.

VUSL boasts a significant number of alumni in the public interest law arena, but Valpo grads in prestigious corporate positions similarly share a commitment to public service as demonstrated through their generous acceptance of pro bono cases. This dedication to community is nurtured early in the VUSL educational process through a 20-hour pro bono service requirement and the opportunity to work at the School's Law Clinic (pictured on the cover).

As stated in the 1994-95 School of Law catalogue: "In addition to the graduation requirement for students, the Valparaiso law faculty take seriously their obligation as attorneys to provide service to the community." Fostered by dedicated faculty and staff, this uncommon commitment to public interest law runs deeply through generations of VUSL alumni.
The waves of the New Mexico hills roll on forever, touched only by the huge blue sky at their horizon. This is the same land the Pueblo Indians have lived on for generations. And it is the same land on which Patricia Surovick
now lives as she struggles in the ten-
uous plane between history and
modernity.

Patricia works for Indian
Pueblo Legal Services at the Laguna
Pueblo in New Mexico. Her job
takes her to state and federal court-
rooms as well as to tribal court-
rooms on local reservations. Every
day she practices law in two distinct
worlds — the anglicized world of
twentieth-century America and the
traditional world of the New
Mexico Pueblo Indians.

“I needed a lot of on-the-job
training,” Patricia says of her first
years in New Mexico after gradua-
tion from VUSL in 1982. But she
points out that like most people in
specialized fields of law, the only
true teacher is daily experience.

Indian Pueblo Legal Services
operates four offices that serve 19
pueblos (each pueblo is home for
tribes of 300 to 7,000 people). The
clients Patricia serves in her office
are from the pueblos at Laguna and
Acoma as well as from two isolated
Navajo tribes.

Members of each tribe are sub-
ject to the tribe’s own court system
and may also be subject to the
United States’ system. “It’s very
complicated,” Patricia concedes,
“and the only way to become famil-
iar with the regulations and expecta-
tions of each tribe is to get
involved.”

Ironically, sometimes getting
involved with a client means back-
ing off. “It can be a very difficult
call,” Patricia acknowledges. “We
try not to get involved with cases
that we know are in conflict with
tribal custom. For instance, none of
the pueblo courts permit divorce,
although some do permit separa-
tions. So if I see a client who wants
a separation, but who comes from a
tribe that doesn’t permit it, I need to
develop different options for that
person.

“Sometimes I answer questions
only when they’re asked. It’s a
question of melding traditional cus-
toms with the dominant society as
tribes struggle to make their way in
these times,” she says.

Patricia’s westward trek into
this world of modernity and antiqui-
ty began after she left VUSL,
though she now realizes that her
preparation for the journey began
years before.

After graduating from Chicago
State University in 1961, Patricia
taught at an inner-city Chicago ele-
mentary school. She eventually
moved to Northwest Indiana and
left her teaching job for a position
with the American Friends Service
Committee (AFSC), a
program affiliated with the
Quaker community.

AFSC began a local
prison advocacy program
(which evolved into the
Prisoners and Community
Together organization
now based in Valparaiso)
in Michigan City, Indiana,
and later a welfare advoca-
cy project. Patricia
headed up the welfare
program, training com-
munity lay persons to
properly represent them-
selves and others during welfare-
related administrative hearings.

Through her work with the
welfare advocacy program, Patricia
came in contact with a number of
lawyers who influenced her deci-
sion to go to law school. “I realized
these attorneys had more power and
more tools to help our clients than I
did. So I began thinking that I
should take the plunge,” she says.

During her years at Valparaiso,
Patricia experienced several pro-
found life changes. Both of her par-
ents died, as did her boyfriend’s
mother. Suddenly, she found herself
with no strong ties to the Midwest
and decided to dodge the Chicago
winters by moving west.

“My boyfriend and I simply
dropped off resumes in every large
city we passed through,” she says,
laughing as she recalls their high-
way-guided job search. “He got the
first job offer in Santa Fe, New
Mexico, so we moved there!”

Patricia initially accepted a
position with the New Mexico
Attorney General’s Office. From
there she moved over to the Office
of the Public Defender, serving two
years as a trial attorney and two
years in the Juvenile Courts. During
these years in the Public Defenders’
Office, Patricia was introduced to
tribal law.

Patricia chuckles, admitting that
burn-out finally got the best of her
and she began looking for a differ-
ent title. “I had a lot of criminal
experience, and I really wanted
more civil practice. Legal services
was a natural fit for me,” she
explains.

Her new job with Indian Pueblo
Legal Services also came with hous-
ing on the Laguna reservation. “It
was a wonderful opportunity,” she
says. “I lived in the reservation’s
teachereage and I loved it — until a
new teacher came and I had to
move.”
The move necessitates a 100-mile per day round-trip commute for Patricia from her new home to her office on the reservation. The mileage would squelch the enthusiasm of most, but Patricia speaks of it warmly, saying, “I know that it sounds overwhelming, but the area is so beautiful. The drive is so scenically spectacular that I usually don’t mind it.”

Her days are filled with a wide variety of cases from animal disputes involving ranchers squabbling over the ownership of unbranded livestock, to unfair debt collection procedures, to filing disability appeals, to routine automobile repossession. “I know repossession may sound minor to many folks, but when you live on a reservation, losing the family pickup means you can’t get groceries, can’t get the kids to school, can’t get anywhere since things are so spread out,” Patricia says.

Although her calendar is full, things weren’t always that way. “When I first moved out here, I was at our Laguna Pueblo office for about a year and a half before anyone paid much attention to me,” she says. “It was very interesting. But I know the community is used to people coming and going. They were waiting to see if I would stay.”

A dozen years later, Patricia has no intentions of leaving her desert home. “I guess I’ve spent most of my adult life working for the empowerment of the lower income community, and I see that it’s very possible,” she remarks. Patricia says over the years she’s learned that lawyers “don’t have magical powers,” and she encourages lay-people to get involved in the legal system if they are interested in helping lower income families and individuals.

The moon rises over the San Dia and Manzano Mountains as Patricia rumbles along the dusty New Mexico highway on her way home from the office. The same timeless beauty will greet her tomorrow morning as she navigates the path once again — just as it will every morning and every evening during her time in this land of history and modernity.

-Kristin Jass

Since 1988, Valparaiso University School of Law has required a minimum of 20 hours of pro bono service from its students as a prerequisite for graduation. This programmatic addition finally institutionalized the Law School’s heritage of service — a heritage exemplified by alumni like Ronald Goether.

Ron is an outstanding example of what the Law School’s commitment to excellent education linked to the values of integrity, service and community can yield. After leaving Valparaiso University in 1956 with a B.A. and an LL.B., he followed an impressive career path that first led him to the Harvard School of Law for an LL.M., then on to the west coast firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Ron has risen to the level of senior managing partner at this prestigious international firm.

He has made a substantial commitment to serving his community through pro bono work. Ron’s activities have led him to the Boards of Directors at several of Los Angeles’ most sophisticated institutions. His leadership abilities are greatly sought after — and Ron is generous with his time and talent. He is also quick to say that he strongly believes all lawyers should do pro bono work within their communities — because it is the right thing to do. Practicing what he preaches, Ron spends a great deal of his time “doing the right thing.”
Q: What has motivated you through the years to accept pro bono work?
A: My father went to Valparaiso University, and I think Dad spent a lot of time in his career involved with civic activities. I thought that was a nice thing to do and a good choice on his part. So I always had it in mind that I would spend more and more time on these sorts of projects.

Now, as I'm getting toward the end of my legal career, the likelihood is that I'll continue this type of pro bono work. I really see this as the perfect retirement activity.

Q: You've had a long, successful legal career. How did this all begin?
A: After graduation from the Valparaiso University School of Law in 1956, I spent three years in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocates Corps handling both the prosecution and defense of criminal cases. I spent a little while in Great Falls, Montana, and the remainder of my time in Japan.

Q: After your release from the Air Force, what was next?
A: I had harbored the thought of teaching law for quite a while. As a matter of fact, I even taught some business law classes in Japan. So I applied to become a candidate for an LL.M. at the Harvard School of Law with the thought that this would lead to a teaching career.

Q: But you're a tax attorney not a teacher. How did your career path change?
A: By this time at Harvard (1959-60) I was married. It was early in the school year, maybe November, and my wife and I had been invited to a party given for students who were going into teaching. I remember this quite clearly — on the way home from the party my wife and I were talking, and we both observed that we were not the same as the other people in the program. We realized maybe I was more of a doer than a thinker, and so I abandoned the plan to teach.

After graduation in 1960, I was hired by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. My primary emphasis is on estate planning and litigation. However, I've learned that even if you're doing estate work, you generally become the family lawyer — you're really a general practitioner.

Q: I know you're involved with some well-known families.
A: Yes, over the years I've worked with some very nice families including Walt Disney's family. That affiliation began in 1964 and I've maintained the relationship. Right now, between 30-60 percent of my time each week is spent dealing with Disney family business.

We're in the middle of a substantial Disney project right now, the Disney Concert Hall which is under construction here in Los Angeles. Actually, I can see the building outside of my office window. When we changed floors a couple of years ago, I chose this office so I could watch the whole thing.

The building began with a $50 million gift from Mrs. Disney in 1987. I've really been her eyes and ears on the project. It's been a huge time commitment for me.

Q: Despite your significant professional commitments, you find time to do a great deal of pro bono work.
A: Yes, pro bono work is important to me. Right now I'm most involved with the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. I put in several hundred hours each year on behalf of that Board. I chair two committees and sit on three others, plus I'm out at the hospital three days a week usually in the afternoon.

Q: That's a tremendous amount of time to donate to an organization.
A: Well, it's intellectually the most interesting thing I've ever done. Being part of the team that is working to adjust this hospital to the fluctuation in the medical profession is a wonderful opportunity. This has just been a hugely rewarding activity for me. Sitting on this Board also led me to an opportunity in higher education. I now also sit on the Board of Pomona College. Prior to these commitments I was heavily involved with the Big Brothers of LA. I served as their president a couple of years ago. I'm still on their Board, and I serve as legal counsel.
Q: I know you’re also involved with an unusual non-profit, “Food from the Hood.” What is this project about?

A: I got involved with this through other partners at my firm. The project received a lot of publicity when Prince Charles visited Los Angeles and met with the student leaders this fall.

“Food in the Hood” is a program created and run by students at Crenshaw High School in South Central Los Angeles. The students started by selling vegetables they raised in a garden plot at their school. Then they began marketing a salad dressing, “Straight Out ‘the Garden,” which has become very popular in L.A.

I have been very impressed with these kids, and they’re hugely successful. They should make more than $100,000 profit this year. All the money goes into a scholarship fund. The kids earn points — for grades, for attitude, for working — good for up to $15,000 in scholarships for college.

I’ve been helping them structure their organization, which up to this point, has been quite unstructured.

Q: In light of your personal commitment to pro bono work, how do you feel about pro bono requirements?

A: I think you’re either motivated to do pro bono work because it’s the right thing to do, or you’re not. I disagree with mandatory professional pro bono requirements, but I do believe that a law school pro bono requirement serves an educational purpose. And I do think that everyone should do it!

Q: You’ve established strong personal priorities over the years. What advice would you give to young lawyers setting their own goals?

A: I think in many firms you can become highly specialized. And I think you can let the firm gobble up all your working hours. I don’t think you’re as good a lawyer as you can be if you let either one of those things happen.

When my wife and I moved out here after law school we made a conscious decision to make friends outside the firm and to get involved in other community projects. We’ve never regretted that decision.

-Kristin Jass
Celebrating 25 Years: Valparaiso University’s Legal Clinic

Twenty-five years ago, the Valparaiso University School of Law created the first legal clinic in the State of Indiana. Its mission: to give law students an opportunity for hands-on legal work; and, to serve both the local community and our society as a whole.

In the ensuing decades, this program taught hundreds of VUSL students to be better lawyers. It housed a handful of charismatic leaders. It provided a gateway to the legal system for thousands of clients who otherwise could not have paid the entry fee. And, in affected the legal process at both the state and federal levels.

Along the way, it also changed people’s lives.
"We were at this little law school attempting to turn the world off its existing axis ... and we did some of that."

Sy Moskowitz, former director

When Seymour Moskowitz graduated from the Harvard School of Law in 1966, he could not have imagined that he would end up in the small midwestern town of Valparaiso, Indiana. But he did.

As a VISTA volunteer (Volunteers in Service to America), Sy's first assignment out of law school was at Chicago Legal Services in the community of Lawndale. From there he worked in East Chicago, and eventually found himself in northwestern Indiana.

Although Lake County had a substantial population (the city of Gary is in Lake County), there were no legal services in the county at that time — until Sy, along with a handful of others, founded the Gary Legal Services office in 1968. Over the next several years, Sy met faculty members from the VU School of Law and he saw another opportunity.

At the time, no other law school in the state of Indiana had a legal clinic program. So, in a joint effort, Gary Legal Services and the Valparaiso University School of Law submitted a proposal to the Council for Legal Education and Professional Responsibility to fund a clinical program. Their grant was approved and the VU Law Clinic officially opened in the 1969-70 academic year with Sy as the director.

Initially the program accepted 8-10 students. But as time went by, the program expanded, taking on 25-30 student participants each semester. Case supervision was conducted by Sy, Prof. Dick Stevenson, and other local lawyers who volunteered with the program as a result of a partnership between the Porter County Bar Association and the School.

In 1972, Ivan Bodensteiner was recruited from the Fort Wayne Legal Services office to teach at the Clinic. He and Sy shared directorial responsibilities for several years, charting an aggressive course for the Clinic and its students.

In addition to local civil and criminal cases, the Clinic also took on a series of federal court cases. This auspicious list included challenges to the Indiana prison system, the Indiana State Police, the Gary Police Department, the East Chicago Fire Department, the Medicaid system, township trustees throughout the State of Indiana, and the bail-bond system in Fort Wayne.

"I think it's fair to say that in the decade of the 70's, Valpo was among the leaders in this country pertaining to clinical education," Sy says. Ivan agrees, saying, "We were trying something different by exposing students to litigation in the federal courts."

The clinic participants won a great number of these cases, including one of the first "prompt action" cases filed against the Department of Welfare. Sy explains, "This particular case delivered millions of dollars in back benefits to welfare recipients. An enormous number of changes were made as a result of the clinic work, including the construction of a new jail in Crown Point, Indiana, and a massive overhaul of the Lake County juvenile detention system among others."

Change at this level doesn't come without a cost. As expected, the Clinic's work caused a stir at the state and local level. "A number of these law suits were very controversial," Sy recalls. Our work was seen as a very threatening thing, especially the class action suits we filed."

Nevertheless, the law school faculty and administration backed the Clinic's efforts. During Sy's tenure as director, the law school deanship was passed from Louis Bartelt to Al Meyer. Sy says both men kept politics out of the scene.

"Both these men were extraordinarily supportive," Sy affirms. "They were totally committed to legal education, and they basically took the heat for what was going on in the program. The only question I was ever asked was what type of legal education the students were getting. And if the students were getting the best,
then Louis and Al told me to let the chips fall where they may, and the chips were flying,” Sy says, chuckling.

“The Clinic is about teaching creative lawyering. It’s about learning to look creatively at various alternatives, choosing a remedy and pursuing it.”

David Vandercoy, former director

In 1975, Hugo Martz, now a local Valparaiso attorney, came from Fort Wayne to assume the directorial position at the Clinic. By this time, Sy had taken a leave of absence from the Law School. Ivan would also leave two years later (though both eventually returned to teaching positions at the Law School).

Along with Hugh’s leadership, two new organizations entered the picture: Project Justice & Equality (PJ & E) and the Indiana Center on Law and Poverty. PJ & E, a Gary-based public interest law firm, shared office space in Lembke Hall with the Clinic and worked in tandem on many cases. The Indiana Center on Law and Poverty provided both funding and another litigation partner for the Clinic.

Hugh remained at the helm until 1980 when David Vandercoy left his position at the National Juvenile Law Center to take over. Dave continued the Clinic’s practice of taking on federal litigation, though his focus was exclusively habeas corpus and civil rights cases. During the mid-eighties the Clinic’s caseload shifted from a preponderance of federal litigation to a greater number of local civil and criminal cases.

Last year, in 1993, Dave stepped into the role of Associate Dean, and turned the Director’s chair over to Marcia Geinapp, a lawyer who has been working with the Clinic since 1984. The current Clinic staff is comprised of Dave Welter who deals with civil and criminal procedures, Barbara Schmidt who handles domestic violence cases, and Marcia who says she, “takes on the rest”. Last year alone, the Clinic handled 574 cases.

Though more than two decades have elapsed since the Clinic opened its doors, today’s staff remains committed to the program’s founding mission of providing students with the opportunity to gain hands-on legal experience while also serving low-income members of the community.

The commitment to strengthening students’ legal education has always been the core of the clinical program. “We have two goals here,” Marcia reiterates, “to focus on providing the best clinical education for students and to provide service to the community. But the first goal may limit the second.”

Marcia continues, saying, “We may not accept cases because we don’t think they have educational value for the students. This whole experience is designed to expose students to real-life situations. It forces them to think about what role a legal remedy provides in the context of all the remedies available to the client. And, inevitably, it’s deals with identifying and working through ethical questions in these real-life circumstances.”

Dave, Sy and Ivan all agree with Marcia’s assessment. All three talk about the Clinic’s strength as the ultimate practical application of law school theory. Ivan explains, “The Clinic provides for the integration of practice and theory. Students who go through this program understand that what they’re studying in law school is very relevant to what they will do as a lawyer.”

VUSL alumni who participated in the program echo Ivan’s observations. Lynn Hammond, ’88, now a practicing attorney in Merrillville, Indiana, says she got involved in the Clinic because she wanted to understand
Breaking through the glass wall that stands between classroom and courtroom is often a significant experience for students. "This may be the only place where students are exposed to the client orientation," Marcia points out. "Communication and interviewing skills are crucial at the Clinic. This isn't like writing a paper for your professor. The client has to understand what you're trying to communicate — and the student has to constantly be aware of advocating for the client and counseling him or her on the best course of action."

For Barbara Schmidt's domestic violence clinic, the line between theory and practice can be even more sharply drawn. "So many of our cases have these deep underlying problems which students have not been trained to deal with," Barb explains. "Students have to keep assessing the situation in terms of keeping the client safe along with understanding the full ramifications of the legal advice they're offering."

John Martin, VUSL '87, a clinic participant and now a Valparaiso attorney, talks about another practical benefit. "I think that firms now are looking for people with clinical experience," he says. "I think a clinic background makes a person a more effective, sellable lawyer, and I certainly think the experience helps in getting a job."

Gaining practical experience. Testing classroom knowledge. Encountering everyday people with real-life problems. Discovering creative solutions. For hundreds of VUSL students, the Clinic has been all this and much more.

During the past twenty-five years the Clinic's legacy, both to Valparaiso University and to its community, has been substantial.

Asked which cases stand out during his years as clinic director, Dave says, "I never look back at [my time there] that way. What's been important to me is watching good students become good lawyers because of their experience with the program. That really affirms the value of clinical education for me."

Agreeing with this assessment, Sy says, "Many of the students who were involved in the program were changed unalterably by their clinic experiences. They have told me that the program had a very profound effect on them." He muses, "From our little outpost here in Valparaiso, many people went on to extraordinary careers. We dreamed grand dreams and really accomplished some of them."

The dreams of the Clinic's founders are carried on by today's staff and students as they continue Valpo's time-honored tradition of providing innovative, outstanding educational opportunities integrated with a commitment to the community at large. This little law school in Indiana, day in and day out, helps change the world's axis for each client who walks through the Clinic's doors looking for a lawyer.

-Kristin Jass
In Action:

VUSL Earns National ABA Award

by Adam Stern '94

This past summer at its annual convention, the American Bar Association presented Valparaiso University School of Law with the 1993-94 Public Interest Award. This honor came to VUSL "in recognition of an outstanding commitment of time and service to the division in the areas of public interest."

I was asked to write this article because I composed the original ABA proposal. Winning this award was, for me, more than just an honor — it signaled national recognition of what I already know: that VUSL is a leader in the public interest field. From our outstanding clinical program to the active student public interest organization (Equal Justice Alliance) to the dedication by the faculty of their hearts and their time, Valparaiso provides an array of services for those in need of them.

I recall one particular incident that I think illustrates my beliefs about Valpo's outstanding public interest reputation. During my second year of law school, I attended the National Association on Public Interest Law's annual conference in Washington D.C. as a representative of the Equal Justice Alliance (EJA) and VUSL. Near the end of our first day, after three or four workshops were completed, a representative of Indiana University-Bloomington approached me asking how many members of Valparaiso University were attending the conference. When I asked her why, she replied that at each workshop she attended, Valparaiso was mentioned as an example of differing public interest initiatives. She said it seemed our school was everywhere. To her amazement, I told her there were only two of us from VUSL at the conference.

The following is a summary of our award-winning submission to the ABA — and clearly reflects the outstanding nature and scope of VUSL's programs.

Pro Bono requirement: In 1988, the VUSL faculty voted to require students to perform law-related community service as a requirement of graduation. As a result, law students now complete a minimum of 20 hours of legal service on behalf of the indigent in northwest Indiana, Chicago or in their own community. This requirement pro-
vides expanded legal representation for the poor, assists attorneys in fulfilling their public service obligation to the profession, and furnishes valuable practical experience and contacts within the legal community for VUSL students.

**Loan repayment assistance programs:** The Public Service grant offers financial assistance to graduates who accept employment with lower paying public interest organizations. Valparaiso awards three $6,000 grants each year. To qualify, a student must secure employment with a law-related public service employer and commit to working two years with that employer. One of the grants is directly supported by student fees after students voted five years ago to self-impose a $10 increase on their activity charges. Since 1989, VUSL has also offered summer public service scholarships to students who work for public interest organizations or for state or local governmental agencies that cannot afford to compensate them.

**Environmental racism project:** Founded in 1993 by a coalition of VUSL student organizations, faculty, staff and alumni, this project's goal is to raise awareness about environmental hazards which are located disproportionately in minority neighborhoods. The group also strives to find solutions to this deadly problem. Three forums have been held during the past two years — two at the law school and one in the Gary community (which is a victim of environmental racism). The project has been funded by the Student Bar Association, a Valparaiso University mini-grant, and the American Bar Association's section of Natural Resources, Environment and Energy Law.

**Faculty involvement:** The Valparaiso School of Law faculty are committed, as attorneys, to providing service to their community. Individual faculty members offer services in the areas of church-state issues, judicial updates, elder care, civil rights, employment issues, environmental issues, prisoner's rights, and copyright and trademark issues.

Additionally, the Law School has established a joint continuing legal education program with Legal Services of Northwest Indiana. For the third straight year, VUSL faculty presented workshops free of charge to attorneys who accept pro bono cases on behalf of Legal Services' clients.

**Law School organizations:** In addition to EJA, most law school student organizations involve themselves with community service. The environmental organization helps each year with an Indiana Dunes clean-up. It also provides research for various non-profit environmental community organizations. Law fraternities collect food and toys for local needy children. The women's law group provides food and clothing for a local domestic violence shelter.

Other student-initiated projects include the establishment of VITA, a voluntary income tax assistance program in which students undergo IRS training to assist low income and elderly persons with their tax returns. And, last year students successfully established an externship program with the Cook County Public Guardian's Office.

For these reasons and others, I believe Valparaiso is a mecca of public interest activity. Students, faculty and alumni have known this for years and now their efforts have received national recognition.
Evans & Evans
The sign on the front of the building reads “Evans & Evans.” Inside the rambling two-story brick house, up the wooden staircase, Don and Kathy Evans share work space just as they have since leaving the VU School of Law in 1974.

“Our first job after graduation was with Gary Legal Services (now Northwest Indiana Legal Services). There was a single full-time position open, and we applied jointly for the job,” Kathy says, laughing as she recalls the situation. “The director at that time was a woman with children, and she understood why I, as a mother, wanted to work part-time. But she thought Don was nuts.”

Nuts or not, Don and Kathy got that job and began sharing work space and an abiding commitment to public interest law.

Kathy, an energetic woman with carmel colored horn-rimmed glasses and an easy smile, is Porter County’s Public Defender for the Juvenile Court. Don, her husband, is currently in private practice in Valparaiso after spending years on the staffs of Project Justice & Equality and Prisoners and Community Together as well as the initial position with Gary Legal Services.

The Evans are an engaging couple — energetic, articulate and clearly dedicated to serving their community through the law. Both say this special commitment was fueled by role models in their separate families.

“For the first decade of his career, Kathy’s dad was a medical missionary on Indian reservations. My father similarly viewed his years in the medical profession as a mission of service” Don remarks. “Kathy’s mom was very active in local government and non-profits while my mother really focused all of her energies on our family.” These family priorities eventually led them both to pursue legal degrees.

Although Don is now the picture of a professional lawyer, attired in a navy chalk-striped suit and suspenders, in the spring of 1971 he was a bushy-haired senior, student teaching in Detroit. While he loved teaching Don decided he might have a greater impact in society by working within the legal system. “I came to Valpo’s Law School that fall, in large part because of the clinic program,” Don explains. “My main purpose was using the law as a tool to deal with social justice issues.”

Kathy, who came back to law school a decade after graduating from college, says, “I already had this idea in my head [when entering law school] that I would use a law degree to serve people.” They both speak in animated tones of the VUSL professors and students who solidified their commitment to public interest law.

Kathy flashes an enthusiastic smile recalling a class with Prof. Ivan Bodensteiner called “The Law of the Poor,” which left a lasting impression on her. “I remember taking Constitutional Law from Burt Wexler. He was someone who could get you really excited about civil rights work!” she says laughing.

Both Don and Kathy mention Bodensteiner along with Seymour Moskowitz, then new faculty members deeply involved with the school’s clinic program, as significant personal influences.

“The Clinic was, for me, an amazing experience that had a profound impact,” Don says. “I think one of the Law School’s proudest legacies is under its own roof. When I look back on the people I was involved with at the Clinic, I now see individuals who have [over the years] changed vast aspects of the legal terrain,” he adds.

After graduation and the shared full-time position at Gary Legal Services, Don and Kathy’s professional paths parted company. Kathy stayed home for several years raising Melissa and Emily, their daughters. Meanwhile, Don left Gary Legal Services for Project Justice & Equality.

“Working at Gary Legal Services was like working in the eye of the storm,” Don recalls. “After several years with Legal Services, I realized I was applying bandaids to
huge social problems in need of major surgery.”

Hitting a temporary dead end working with individuals, Don opted for the other fork in the road — working for systemic change. “At Project Justice & Equality (PJ & E), I got involved in some really exciting litigation,” Don explains. PJ & E at that time was based in Valparaiso doing federal court impact litigation focused on the restructuring of the welfare and prison systems.

But Don’s impatience caught up with him again after several years with PJ & E. “At that point in my life I think one of the Law School’s proudest legacies is under its own roof”

Don Evans

it was hard for me to see what I was doing there in the context of incremental systemic change,” he concedes. “So I quit in 1979 with the notion of blending public service with a private practice.” This time he hung out his own shingle.

In the meantime, Kathy had gone back to work for Porter County. She began working part-time as Public Defender for the Juvenile Court but quickly acquired enough cases to justify a 40-plus hour work week.

Just as Kathy was led back to community service, Don found himself accepting a position as Executive Director for Prisoners and Community Together (PACT), a prisoners advocacy and reform group based in Valparaiso. During his years with PJ & E, he had been involved with prison litigation and this job seemed a natural progression for him.

After several years with PACT, Don went back into private practice. Kathy and Don were once again sharing work space.

These days Don’s schedule is full of client appointments and pro bono legal work. He is President of both the Legal Services of Northwest Indiana and the Porter County Community Corrections Boards.

Kathy’s calendar is crammed with court hearings. “When I started in 1981, this was really a quarter-time job. But now there are days that I have 26 hearings on my calendar,” she says. Last year she worked through 552 hearings as a Public Defender.

Despite her ever-increasing responsibilities, Kathy remains optimistic about her young clients. “For the most part I deal with children who are arrested for things like smashing mailboxes, for thefts, for getting picked up after Grateful Dead concerts — things you might expect in this area,” she says. But she expresses concern over several more serious cases involving guns which have cropped up in the past few years.

It’s Kathy’s unflagging hope for the children for whom she advocates that keeps her from burning out. “These kids are really so salvageable,” she says. “And I do think we’re making a difference in the Porter County juvenile justice system.”

Twenty years after leaving the Valparaiso University School of Law, Don and Kathy are still committed to serving the public through the legal system. Have their views of what the legal system is able to accomplish within a society changed?

Considering the question, Don shifts in his chair and answers slowly. “You know, I’ve always been involved in public interest law, but I realize that so much of what’s involved in larger societal problems lawyers simply can’t unilaterally change.”

Kathy grows more serious saying, “The public is so negative right now about the system. I think the charge to young lawyers should be to use their knowledge to educate and encourage the public.

“We do have a great [legal] system. But we need to make it work for the people’s needs and that necessitates a willingness to work within it and to make it better. Lawyers must be willing to give of themselves — they need to use their clout and their knowledge wisely,” Kathy insists.

Would they choose to share the same legal path again? The Evans say they certainly would.

“The rewards have easily justified the choice,” Don affirms with conviction. “We have both had opportunities to be momentarily involved in incremental changes in the law, and I don’t think you can ask for more than that.”

-Kristin Jass
Dear Alumnus/a:

Each of you who graduated from VUSL have received a letter or two from me over the last couple of months. The purpose of my writing was (and is) to convince you to participate in the annual giving campaign at the School of Law — the Dean's Annual Campaign.

But, you may wonder, who is George Hass and who is he to suggest that I make a contribution to the Law School?

Well, I spent the years 1966, 1967, and 1968 at Wesemann Hall (I did my undergraduate work at Indiana University). My law school years were three of the best years of my life. I enjoyed my time under the tutelage of the likes of Professors Meyer, Brockington, and Bartelt. I am sure that every VUSL alumnus/a can just as quickly rattle off names of favorite law profs.

I also had the honor of working on the creation of the Valparaiso University Law Review and remember fondly working with Mike Swygert and Bruce Berner. Again, everyone who ever studied under the roof of Wesemann Hall (or DeMotte, for you pre-1962 graduates) surely have friendships that have lasted the years. After graduation, my wife and I decided that the Denver area was where we wanted to live, so we travelled west. Soon thereafter, we moved to Fort Collins, where I now live and work.

I have been a constant supporter of the School of Law's Dean's Annual Campaign (DAC). They tell me that I am one of the favorite alumni supporters, as I have a habit of responding to the first DAC mailing each fall, and usually give a little more than I did the year before.

My motivation in supporting the Law School is based entirely on the fact that I enjoyed my time as a law student. I am very grateful for the experience at Valpo and for the incredible professional training.

Without "Valpo Law," I wouldn't have the quality life that I enjoy today. My annual contributions are not just my way of making sure that our law school will continue to exist for future generations of law students lucky enough to attend. More importantly, it is my way of saying "thank you" to the people who make up our Law School — those who helped me to make myself.

I hope you'll join me in saying "thanks" to the law school during the coming months. Making a gift to the Dean's Annual Campaign is one of the simplest, most effective ways you can acknowledge the Law School's contribution to your life ... and make sure it's there for generations of future VUSL attorneys.

Sincerely,

George H. Hass'68

P.S. Please use the enclosed envelope for your gift to VUSL.
The VUSL Alumni Association thanks everyone who paid their dues and made the 1994-1995 membership program a success!

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Lew Koldewey has retired after working as an investigator for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Prior to his work with the NRC, Lew worked as an investigator for the U.S. Air Force for 11 years and 30 years as an FBI agent. Lew and his wife, Lois, live in Walnut Creek, California, about 24 miles from San Francisco.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He is a life member of the NAACP and the National Bar Association. Hilbert is also on the Board of Directors of the NAACP chapter in Gary, Indiana.

1950

Hilbert Bradley has been awarded the William Ming Award for his work in civil rights and law from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He is a life member of the NAACP and the National Bar Association. Hilbert is also on the Board of Directors of the NAACP chapter in Gary, Indiana.

Al Meyer has officially begun his retirement with a move to Palm Desert, California. Al and his wife Nancy ('77) are enjoying golf and new adventures.

1955

Paul Nurge announces his retirement from the practice of law. Paul and his wife of 35 years, Anne, live in Ukiah, California.

1965

Paul Lacy and his family have moved to Budapest, Hungary. Paul is the Partner in Charge of Tax for Deloitte & Touche in Hungary. Previously, Paul was in the Hong Kong office of Deloitte & Touche.

Donald Martin has been elected President of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. The Association represents all of the State of Michigan's 83 prosecuting attorneys, the Attorney General and the U.S. Attorneys serving in Michigan. Donald has served as prosecutor of Ingham County in Lansing, Michigan, since 1986.

1973

Gary Germann was the focus of one of a series of articles in the Gary Post Tribune about Porter County Residents who make a difference. Gary serves as a part-time public defender in Porter County and has represented most of the defendants in the biggest criminal trials in the county. Gary also practices law in Portage, Indiana.

Joel Hoekstra has been elected to the State Court of Appeals in Michigan. Joel joins his fellow classmate, David Sawyer on the appellate court bench.

1974

John Hoehner has joined Sverdrup Corporation in St. Louis, as assistant general counsel and assistant secretary. Sverdrup is a professional services company that develops, designs, constructs and operates capital facilities (including Wesemann Hall and VU's Center for the Arts).

1975

Mark Bremer co-authored the article The St. Louis Voluntary Interdistrict Student Transfer Program: Its History, Constitutional Underpinnings and Present Status published in the St. Louis Bar Journal. Mark is a partner in the St. Louis firm of Koh, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum.

1976

Gregory French has been named a fellow of the
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). Gregory serves as Executive Director of the Cincinnati based Pro Seniors which provides free legal representation to Southwestern Ohio senior residents. He is also the founding Chairperson of the Cincinnati Bar Association’s Legal Problems of the Elderly Committee and has chaired the Ohio State Bar Association’s Elder Law Committee for three years.

John Horeled has been elected secretary of the General Practice Section Council for the Illinois State Bar Association. He also serves on the Elder Law sub-committee. John also wrote an article on retirement income for a seniors handbook and was quoted in the June issue of Better Investing.

1980

Norman Paul Breen is vice-president, staff counsel for American Custody Corp. in LaJolla, California.

Marsha Schatz Volk has been installed to the Indiana State Bar Association’s Board of Governors. Marsha is a partner with the LaPorte firm of Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones.

1981

Roy Portenga has accepted an invitation to speak on workers’ compensation at the 15th National Workers’ Compensation and Occupational Medicine Seminar in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in July 1995. Also, Roy’s recent article, Improving the Attorney/Voc Rehab Relationship, has been published in the October issue of the Workers’ Compensation Monthly. Roy is a partner in the firm of Libner, VanLeuven, Kortering, Evans & Portenga, P.C. in Muskegon, Michigan.

1983

Joseph Helm, Jr. and his wife, Lana Lee Helm (’85) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Holly Cherise on July 2, 1993. She joins Joey III, 7, and 4 year old Heather Lee. Joseph and Lana live in Menominee Falls, Wisconsin.

1984

Dwight Beck has been named director of the child support enforcement division of the Lake County Indiana Prosecutor’s Office. The director must coordinate efforts to track down 56,000 parents who have failed to pay child support. Dwight will lead a staff of 36 case-workers.

1985

Brent Weil and his wife, Jody, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Adam Cameron, on June 5, 1994. Brent is the resident partner in the Evansville, Indiana, offices of Kightlinger & Gray.

1986

Eileen Riordan Fitzgerald announced her marriage to Evan Fitzgerald in March 1994.

Paul Kohlhoff announces the opening of his practice in Chester, Indiana. He specializes in general practice with a concentration in the areas of tax, corporate and estate planning for individuals and small businesses. Paul was previously a trial attorney with the Nashville, Tennessee, Office of Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service.

Mark Rutherford was recently re-elected president of the Lambda Chi Alpha Home Association of Wabash College, Inc. He was also re-elected to an additional three year term on the board of directors. Mark practices with the Indianapolis firm of Laudig, George, Rutherford and Sipes.

1987

Michael Hoeferkamp married Laurie Stout in October, 1993. Michael lives in Holts Summit, Missouri.

1989

Jeffrey Kinsler has been awarded a Fulbright Grant to conduct legal research in Australia. Jeffrey is a faculty member at Marquette University School of Law and is currently working on his L.L.M. at Yale Law School.

Lisa Sunderman was awarded the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Office of General Counsel’s Assistant Director Award for Exceptional Performance (Attorney), also known as the Bureau of Prison’s Attorney of the Year. Lisa was recently selected to serve as the staff attorney for the new Federal Medical Center-Carswell, in Fort Worth, Texas. This facility will serve as the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons’ female correctional complex. Lisa is head of the Legal Department and is a member of the executive staff.

1992

Mark Miller has joined the firm of Heritier, Prillwitz & Nance, P.C. in Troy, Michigan, as an associate. He joins the firm to expand
his estate practice and take on additional professional responsibilities in business and tax planning. Mark and his wife, Donna, live in Rochester Hills and have a son, Joshua.

Michael Resener announces his marriage to Meredith Davies in June. Michael is working as an analyst with Fifth Third Bank in Indianapolis.

Mary Rufolo Rauch is working in the Lake Forest, Illinois office of Jenner & Block. Also, Mary's article, Rape - From a Woman's Perspective was published in the November 1994 issue of the Illinois State Bar Journal.

1993

Monica Conrad has become associated with the firm of Brydges, Riseborough, Morris, Franke and Miller in their Chicago office. Monica received her Master of Arts degree in special education from Indiana State University in May, 1994. She will focus on the firm's school law practice.

Mark Kassel's article From A History of New Misses: The Future of Dietary Supplement Regulation was published in the Food and Drug Law Journal (vol. 49, no. 1, 1994). Mark is an associate with the firm of Foley & Lardner in Madison, Wisconsin.

Andrew Morton is practicing patent law with the firm of Renner, Kenner, Greive, Bobak, Taylor & Weber in Akron, Ohio. Andrew and his wife, Joyce, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Joshua Thomas, on February 18, 1994.

1994

Deven Klein has been working as the recruiter for Valparaiso University School of Law during the Fall of 1994. As recruiter, Deven visited over 56 schools in 16 states to meet with prospective VUSL students. Deven is also pleased to announce that he has passed the New York State Bar.

Elizabeth Parsons is an Assistant States Attorney for the Pensacola, Florida, State's Attorney's Office.

Michael Roth has joined the firm of Buchanan & Bos, a civil trial firm, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

1995

Christine Drager's article "Alternative Routes to Solutions for Environmental Law" was published in the September 1994 issue of Res Gestae. Christine is the current president of the Student Bar Association.

Jose Calderon 1969 - 1994

Valparaiso University School of Law is saddened to announce the death of Jose Calderon, '94, in the American Eagle Flight that crashed Monday, October 31, 1994. Jose and his father, who also perished in the crash, were returning to Chicago from Indianapolis where Jose was being sworn into the Indiana Bar. He was to start work as an associate with the Chicago firm of Parrillo, Weiss & O'Halloran.

Two memorials have been established. The first is the renaming of a full scholarship at the School of Law to the Jose Calderon Award. Contributions can be sent directly to:

Valparaiso University School of Law
Westermann Hall
Valparaiso, IN 46383

A trust fund has also been established for Jose's mother, Eva, at a local Valparaiso bank. Contributions can be sent directly to:

The Jose Calderon Memorial Fund
c/o Valparaiso University Federal Credit Union
1404 Lincolnway
Valparaiso, IN 46383

In Memoriam

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

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