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"The best part of my job is that I've had the great fortune of not only counseling but developing personal relationships with some of the world's most notable business leaders. These people shape the world and I get to play a part in it."

Ken Anderson '79 ('76 VU)

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Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas Judges Moot Court

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas returns to Valpo Law.

There’s No Place Like Home

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Adventure Capitalist

Simplifying the lives of the rich and famous.
Student Summer Experiences

B.J. Desmond (2L)—During the summer of 2001, Desmond took advantage of Valpo’s Abroad Program. He spent the summer in England taking classes on International Alternative Dispute Resolution and International Family Law. Through Valpo’s program, Desmond went to Parliament, observed all levels of England’s court system, met with Lord Woolfe, and learned about England’s legal institutions from Valpo professors. During the program, Desmond took advantage of being overseas and traveled extensively throughout Europe summing up his experience as, “a unique opportunity that every 1L should look into and take advantage of.”

Mailee Harris (2L)—Valpo is honored that one of our students received the Blackstone Fellowship through the Alliance Defense Fund after an extensive application process. After being trained on 1st Amendment freedoms and Christian worldview issues, Harris was sent to Washington, D.C. to do an internship for The Center for Law and Religious Freedoms. During her internship, Harris planned a Congressional hearing on adult stem cell research and embryonic adoption. She also participated in litigation involving prayer programs and Good News Clubs. Although Harris will be working in a firm setting this summer she is, “extremely excited to pursue a career in defending 1st Amendment freedoms through legislation and policy.”

Gennel Laluna (3L)—As an associate with Plunkett & Cooney in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Laluna participated in the defense of civil rights. She had the opportunity to defend police departments, police officers, and government officials under Section 1983 employment actions. Because of her good experience she was thrilled to accept an offer of employment at Plunkett & Clooney and will be starting in August.

Trent McCain (3L)—This summer, Trent worked as a summer associate for famed attorney Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. in Chicago. Among his experiences, Trent co-chaired a jury trial from jury selection through pre-trial settlement. He also drafted the Complaint in the matter of Rodney J. Watt v. City of Highland Park, Illinois, et al. Officer Rodney Watt gained notoriety for exposing the Highland Park Police Department for alleged racial profiling. At the conclusion of the summer, Trent accepted a permanent offer to join the law firm of Cochran, Cherry, Givens, Smith & Montgomery, L.L.C. after graduation. The firm specializes in personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death, police misconduct, and civil rights legislation. Trent plans to respectively sit for the Illinois and Indiana bar exams in July 2002 and February 2003.

Don’t Know Much About History...

The law school is seeking written recollections, photographs and other memorabilia in preparation of the Law School’s 125th Anniversary in 2004. It would be very helpful if graduates send us their photographs, recollections, etc., of their years at the Law School. Dates, names and other information regarding specific events/happenings would be especially useful. Please send your recollections and photographs to:

Marilyn Otis
Director of Alumni Relations
Valparaiso University School of Law
Wesemann Hall
Valparaiso, IN 46383-6493
Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas Judges Moot Court

The Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, returned to the School of Law on November 14 and 15 to judge the 2001 Luther M. Swygert Memorial Moot Court Competition. This was Justice Thomas' second appearance on a Swygert Moot Court Competition panel. The first was in 1998.

Also serving on the panel were Judges Michael Kanne, US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and Rebecca Pallmeyer ('76U), US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

The student advocates were Cate Halliday-Roberts 3L and Mark Watson 3L, for the petitioners; and Janelle Esposito 2L and Michael Story 3L, for the respondents.

During his visit to the School of Law, Justice Thomas also taught Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence, met with the Federalist Society, and held a colloquium for the faculty and the executive board of the Law Review.

Justice Thomas has agreed to interview VU law students for the position of his law clerk after graduation. We are proud that the opportunity to serve as a Supreme Court clerk is now opening for our students and graduates.

National Moot Court Competition
Valpo Law's moot court team recently competed in the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition. Team Members Jill Erickson 3L, Eric Hafferman 3L, and Jessica Luecht 3L will advance to the quarterfinal round.
Message From the President of the VU Law Alumni Association

When I was elected President of the Alumni Association, it became apparent that the alumni needed to provide its varied talents to the Dean, the law school, students and other alumni through various committees.

As a starting point to address these goals, last year I requested a meeting with Dean Conison to discuss ways in which the Alumni Association may assist the Law School as it moves forward. The Dean indicated that the most important efforts that the Alumni Association must undertake were those of
- attracting minorities and non-traditional students;
- promoting an understanding to the University at large of the special character of the law school; and
- increasing alumni participation.

We formed four committees: Alumni Relations, Fundraising, Career Services, and Admissions, each of these committees is designed to enhance and support each of the efforts identified above. The committees and their objectives are as follows:

Committee on Admissions:
• To organize a network of Valpo Law alumni who are willing to respond to requests from prospective students in their area for information, guidance, and recommendations regarding the school. While this effort has been somewhat successful, more volunteers are needed. Please contact Marilyn Otis (marilyn.otis@valpo.edu) in the Alumni Office for more information.
• To sponsor receptions around the state for prospective students. Candidates for admission to the school are invited to gather with alumni and faculty to learn more about the value of a Valpo Law education. I was extremely gratified by the number of area alumni who participated in the inaugural reception in Indianapolis in June. (see p.23)

Committee on Alumni Relations:
• To increase the number of alumni participating in school events; e.g. hosting an alumni reception in your firm or home; attending an upcoming reunion; and attending events at the law school.

Committee on Career Services:
• To assist graduates and graduating students by matching with prospective employers or making alumni contacts in various cities and locations.

There are a number of events coming up of interest to alumni. Law class reunions will take place in 2002, celebrating especially graduates of classes ending in 2 and 7. Further information will be sent to these graduation class members.

I hope you will return to the Law School soon and attend one of the many events that mark an active law community. To learn more about upcoming alumni events, please go to the http://www.valpo.edu/law/web page. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please feel free to contact me directly at ppogue@schultzpoguelaw.com.

As an alumnus, I am proud and impressed with the changes and improvements going on at our school. On behalf of the almost 4,000 alumni, I wish to extend our congratulations to Dean Jay Conison and the faculty and staff for their vision and their determination to move Valpo Law forward.

VU School of Law gave us an invaluable education and enormous opportunity. Show your gratitude. Give back to your law school. Of course we need your financial support, but we also need volunteers to serve on the board of directors. If you are interested in serving on the board, please call me or any of the other directors. Most of all, we need you to “talk us up.” The esteem in which the law school is held by the community affects the value of our degree, long after graduation. I look forward to your involvement with our enhanced organization and your renewed acquaintance with our law school.

Finally, I urge you to reconnect to your school. In coming issues I will share with you how the Alumni Association is achieving its goals, and I will also identify issues affecting the law school and how you can help. Our overall goal is to increase alumni participation at the “local level” by starting local law school alumni associations. If you have an interest in starting a chapter in your area, contact Marilyn Otis at marilyn.otis@valpo.edu. The local chapters will get involved in a variety of ways including staffing local pro bono projects and walking or running together in various charity events. This is an excellent way to reconnect to your old classmates, friends and alumni. The board and I welcome your support and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,
Peter Pogue ’89
Calling All Judges!

VU School of Law wants to recognize all alumni who have been or currently are serving as judges. If you have spent time on the bench or currently do so, or if you know of a VU law grad who has or is serving as a judge, please let us know. Be sure to include complete information as to which court you or he/she serves. You may fax the information to: Valpo Lawyer Magazine, 1.219.465.7808, or e-mail lawalumni@valpo.edu

Continuing Legal Education Program

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Live CLE Programs

Seven seminars will be presented during the 2001-2002 school year on Friday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:30 at Wesemann Hall. Seminars are taught by faculty members of the School of Law. Two hours of CLE credit are given for each seminar. The cost of each seminar is $40.00. Proceeds benefit the School of Law Clinic. For information and reservations, please call 1.219.465.7903, and ask for Sue Hefner.

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Registration

Video Series are held in the Stride Courtroom, Wesemann Hall at 9 a.m., unless otherwise noted. To register, call Jan Zoladz at 219.465.7810.

Live CLEs are held at Wesemann Hall, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Room assignments will be posted at each entrance to the school. To register, please call 219.465.7903. Pre-registration is recommended.
Baker named federal magistrate

A six-year veteran of the local U.S. Attorneys Office has risen to the top of the federal selection process and will become the next magistrate judge named to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana.

Tim A. Baker has been nominated to fill the position of U.S. Magistrate Judge on Oct. 1, 2001, when Judge John Paul Godich ends his 28-year bench tenure. Baker was selected from a field of five finalists March 30, 2001.

An assistant U.S. attorney since March 1995, Baker has focused his practice on civil matters in federal court, handling a large portion of the office's employment-related litigation. He was honored by former Attorney General Janet Reno for his work in enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Prior to joining the U.S. Attorneys office, Baker worked in the employment discrimination department of Barnes & Thornburg. He is a past chair of the Indianapolis Bar Association Employment Law Section and continues to serve as a representative on that panel. He has also written the labor and employment column for Indiana Lawyer for more than 10 years.

After spending the bulk of his legal career litigating in federal courts, Baker sees the leap to the bench as an honor and a wonderful opportunity:

"I've been interested in being a judge for a long time. It's the highest calling our profession offers," Baker said. "I have a deep respect for what federal courts do. There's an aura of justice that permeates the proceedings over there (at the federal courthouse). Now, I look forward to experiencing that from the other side of the bench."

Baker earned his law degree, graduating from Valparaiso University School of Law with distinction in 1989. A Florida native, Baker did his undergraduate work at Indiana University, earning his bachelor of arts in journalism.

His selection came as the last in a series of formal steps taken after Godich formally announced he would retire, in December. An 18-member merit selection panel was commissioned by the court to review an undisclosed number of applications, from which five finalists were selected. From those five, the five sitting judges of the District Court selected Baker.

Baker believes he will miss giving arguments and performing all the other duties he's relished as a trial lawyer, but he's ready to give it up to view the side of justice as seen from behind the bench.

"I'm going to miss arguing my case, and the U.S. attorney's office has been a wonderful place for me, but this is going to be a wonderful challenge," Baker said. "It's going to be a big change, there will be some adjustments I'll have to make, and there will be a learning curve, no doubt. My role will be changing, but I look forward to working with the judges and those I've known as opposing counsel. Now, I'm just anxious to get over there, roll up my sleeves, and have at it."

Tim and wife, Cynthia (Oppliger) '91, have three children: twins Zachary and Melissa, ages 3 1/2, and Elizabeth, 6 months.

This article first appeared in the April 11, 2001 issue of Indiana Lawyer.
Valpo Law Faculty Profile

Name: Geri Yonover
Children: John & Jeff
Grandchildren: Jay & Matt
Pets: 2 Grand-dogs; Marilyn & Madison
Birthplace: New York City
Education: Smith College; University of Chicago, B.A. 1964; Chicago-Kent College of Law, JD 1983
Most marked characteristic: Who knows!
Favorite memory: Taking a Sunday drive with my parents and all my grandparents when I was 9 and living in the Bronx.
Favorite film: Citizen Kane
Last book read: John Updike, "Gertrude & Claudius" (a Hamlet prequel)
Favorite dish: Italian White Truffles
Greatest fear: Losing blue books.
Greatest extravagance: Italian White Truffles
Idea of perfect happiness: A beautiful beach at sunset.
Historical figure you identify with most: To be determined.
Most ironic defective product: Homo sapiens
Biggest coup: Grading blue books on time.
What do you consider the most overrated virtue: Consistency
Comment on Valparaiso University School of Law: The collegial milieu fosters good faculty/student communication.
Why you teach: In order to learn from my students.

Name: Linda Whitton
Children: Daughter, Kim Wolske; Step-daughter, Heidi Carter and husband Todd; Step-son, Matthew Harris
Grandchildren: Kendall Carter
Pets: Hershey (a tri-color collie); Misty, Maggie & Little Guy (horses)
Birthplace: Fort Wayne, Indiana
Education: B.A. and J.D. from Valparaiso University
Most marked characteristic: Tenacity
Favorite memory: Getting married aboard our sailboat and sailing into the sunset.
Favorite film: Out of Africa
Last book read: Plainsong by Kent Haruf
Favorite dish: Carrot Cake at the Preserve Co., Prince Edward Island
Greatest fear: Taking anyone or anything for granted
Greatest extravagance: Fresh flowers "just because"
Idea of perfect happiness: Sharing laughter and conversation with our children and granddaughter.
Historical figure you identify with most: Molly Brown (passenger on the Titanic)
What do you consider the most overrated virtue: Control
Comment on Valparaiso University School of Law: A "people place"
Why you teach: For the joy of helping others discover their gifts and talents.
Professor Bruce Berner and Professor Ivan Bodensteiner were on the faculty of the ICLEF Indiana Update Seminar in Indianapolis in September. Professor Bodensteiner spoke on Constitutional Law while Professor Berner spoke on Criminal Law and Procedure.

Professor Bodensteiner also spoke at the ICLEF seminar in June '01 on "ADA: Past, Present & Future". In August, he spoke in Boston at the Federal Judicial Center “Workshop on §1983 Litigation for District and Magistrate Judges”, topic “Sexual Harassment Claims Brought Pursuant to §1983”.

Robert Biomquist, Professor of Law, will publish the following three articles:


Earlier this year, Professor Biomquist gave an environmental talk to the Midwest Environmental Law Caucus (MELC) about his experience as an advisor to the Bush Presidential Campaign. He also participated in a faculty panel discussion concerning the Supreme Court’s decision in Gore v. Bush.

Paul Brietzke, Professor of Law, gave ten hours of lectures on law and development to the University of Torino (Italy) International Labour Organisation Postgraduate Course in the Management of Development. He also gave a Comparative Constitutional Law lecture to Univ. of Alissandria (Italy) students, as well as law and economics lectures to Univ. of Gent (Belgium) students. He also conferred with Mongolian Constitutional and Supreme Court Justices in Munich, Germany.

In June and July, he gave a paper and consulted on court reforms in Mongolia, touring the country with the Chief Justice. He then conferred in Beijing, China, about law reforms there. Travelling to Jakarta, Indonesia, he led a two-week Legislative Drafting Seminar. In September, he attended the Canadian Law and Economics Conference in Toronto, presenting “Administrative Reforms in Indonesia?" In October, Professor Brietzke worked with the Business and Finance Committee of the People’s Congress (China) on companies law reform. On the way back from Beijing, he presented "The Politics of Legal Reforms” to the Asian Law Conference, in Victoria, British Columbia.
Edward Gaffney, Professor of Law, has edited his documentary film on the survival of the Bulgarian Jews in 1943 and the murder of the Jews of Thrace and Macedonia, two territories under Bulgarian supervision. This film is called, “Empty Boxcars” and celebrates the lives of those who survived the Holocaust. It focuses not only on what makes the Bulgarian story unique in Holocaust history, but also on the moral relevance of this story to our times. It is a story of ordinary people who acted with courage in extraordinary times.

Richard Stith, Professor of Law, has completed his sixth Fulbright Grant. The first was awarded to him as a student in 1965, and the last five were received since he joined the VU School of Law in 1973. The Fulbright Grants have taken Professor Stith and his family to many foreign shores — Chile, China, India, Ukraine, and most recently to Guadalajara, Mexico. The Fulbright grants are funded by the U.S. Congress and administered by the Institute for International Education. Professor Stith’s 1999 lecture in Galicia, together with his debate last year with Harvard’s Joseph H.H. Weiler, have been published as a book in Spain: Dos Visiones Nooramericanas de la Union Europea (2000). His Valpo law seminar, “European Federalism,” is the only such course in North America to be awarded the title “Jean Monnet Module” by the European Union.

Linda Whitton, Professor of Law, published an article, “Finding the Elder Voice in Social Legislation” in the International Journal of Law and Psychiatry, Volume 24. The article was reprinted as the opening chapter in a book by Kluwer Publishing titled, “Aging: Culture, Health and Social Change.” In October she chaired two panels at the National Aging and Law Conference, one on elder law education and the other on health care advance directives. In December Professor Whitton will be representing the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law at the Wingspan Guardianship Conference, the purpose of which is to reexamine guardianship reform.
Earl McNaughton ’91 bought into First National Bank of Fremont, a family-owned business based in Fremont, Ind., a small rural town on the Indiana/Ohio border. One day a customer walked into the bank with a large Meissen porcelain urn. The customer explained to McNaughton that he had served as a general in World War I and when the war was over, he had taken great pains to transport the piece of art from Germany to the United States. Preparing for retirement, the customer had sold his house and planned to move to a cottage. The urn really didn’t go with the cottage décor, but the man also couldn’t bear to lose sight of it. So, he asked McNaughton if he would buy the collectible and display it at the bank.
An extensive collection of Civil War memorabilia is exhibited at the Waterloo Branch, including the death mask of Abraham Lincoln and a uniform that belonged to General Custer.

"After doing some research about the Meissen piece, I purchased it," McNaughton says. "Of course, it also helped that the general was a good customer of the bank," McNaughton adds with a hearty chuckle. Little did McNaughton know at the time that this transaction would be the beginning of one of the most outstanding collections of art in the area.

Soon, collectors from all over Indiana began calling on McNaughton. Cognizant of the backgrounds and interests of the community, McNaughton based purchases not on his particular interest in art, but rather on what was important to collectors, customers and citizens of the Fremont/Angola area. With modest hesitation, he admits that he won't sell the collections but displays them to provide the community with an enjoyable learning experience about American history, art, and collectibles.

Today, thousands of artifacts and collectibles are displayed in the offices, meeting rooms and lobbies of the nine branches of First National Bank of Fremont. Strengths of the collection at the bank's main office include a décor that's adorned with American Victorian furniture crafted by Belter, Meeks and Jelliff; nearly 100 Handel, Pairpoint, Tiffany and Victorian hanging lamps illuminating the offices, Limoge and Mayo china gleaming in turn of the century cabinets; dozens of Terry clocks and Smith rifles strategically placed in handcrafted cases; a significant collection of original works on paper that wallpaper the rooms, including drawings, maps, prints and photographs. The main office also houses one of the largest collections of Native American artifacts in the state.

Throughout the years, McNaughton's collection has expanded so that each of the bank's seven branches is a heritage within itself. An extensive collection of Civil War memorabilia is exhibited at the Waterloo Branch, including the death mask of Abraham Lincoln and a uniform that belonged to General Custer. Tour the Public Square Branch in Angola and view Toby mugs, Victorian dolls, Baccarat chandeliers, Brooks cabinets, Civil War canoes, bronze sand castings and bronze sculptures by Peter Fillerup. Other branches display Muncie ware, Kokomo glass, gold mica glassware, turn of the century glass slides, and contemporary bronze sculptures including Dave McKerry's signature piece "Rain in the Face."

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And it doesn't stop there. McNaughton recently formed American Heritage Banko, the holding company for First National Bank of Fremont as well as San Jose Bank based in San Jose, Ill. The main branch at San Jose Bank is dedicated to sports memorabilia, and the Green Valley Branch architecture, furnishings and collectibles are modeled after buildings that were erected during the Abraham Lincoln period.

Interestingly, the McNaughton heritage is also rich in American history, dating back 10 generations to 1690 when Alexander McNaughton, Esquire, moved from Scotland to upstate New York. Eventually the family migrated to the Midwest and in 1836 was one of the first five families to settle in Fremont. McNaughton's third great-grandfather founded a private bank in the 1800s that became a state bank and evolved into a national bank charter in 1915. Despite the financial ruin that overtook the country from 1919 to 1933, the bank's safe and conservative management enabled it to continue its sound record.

As a young boy, McNaughton had no interest in collecting. His keen ability to recognize business potential, however, became apparent at age seven. “We lived at Clear Lake where there were three different hotels,” McNaughton reminisces. “Every summer, I would catch about 70 different types of turtles. When the guests arrived, they would head down to the beach where I would hold turtle races. In order to participate, you had to buy a turtle. You can imagine how eager the parents were to buy a turtle for their children. But by the end of the week, they were more than willing to return it. I didn't have to worry much about inventory,” McNaughton says with a laugh.

McNaughton could make $1,200 a year selling turtles, a very tidy sum in those days. He continued this business well into his teenage years. By the age of 15, McNaughton had saved enough “turtle” money to purchase a home in Silver Lake, Mich. “I rode my bike to a local senator’s house with concerns that I had done something illegal,” McNaughton says referring to being a minor when purchasing the home. “He assured me that I had done nothing wrong. In fact, he said if I ever wanted out of the deal, the sellers would be obligated to refund my money.”

A graduate of Fremont High School, McNaughton pursued and financed his undergraduate degree from Indiana University, Bloomington. Upon graduation in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in business, McNaughton returned home to join his father in the family banking business.

“At that time, we were a small storefront that had two tellers and three posting machines,” McNaughton says. The bank had $35 million in assets. But McNaughton expected better and made important progress toward expanding the franchise during the decades that followed. One expansion strategy that McNaughton developed during the mid-1970s was the formation of Fremont Software, Inc. “I started the software company because there wasn’t a good solution for small banks to do their processing,” McNaughton explains. We also took into consideration the needs of our Amish customers in the community—it’s against their religion to be referred to as a number,” McNaughton explains. “I brought together a group of people who explored the technology including alpha searches and attended programming school. Then we wrote our own software. We ended up becoming one of the top three small bank software companies in the country.”
McNaughton opted to sell the software franchise in the mid-1990s because the bank no longer had a need to remain on the cutting edge of technology. Yet his efforts to expand the bank's operations didn't cease. "We became one of the largest bond issuers in the state," McNaughton says. "I was looking over a lot of legal documents and felt that I needed to become more knowledgeable. That's when I decided to attend Valpo Law. Being a non-traditional student, I wasn't sure of what to expect. I found Professor Brietzke and Professor Blomquist to be straightforward and challenging. All of the professors seemed to be sharing of their time and took a genuine interest in my academic success."

Today, the asset size of First National Bank of Fremont has grown to $107 million. McNaughton and eldest son, Earlford (Foy) McNaughton '96 who graduated summa cum laude from Valpo Law, work closely together to preserve the bank's strength and stability as well as maintain a solid allegiance to the community that their ancestors helped build. "While attending Valpo Law, Foy formed a special bond with Professor Gromley" McNaughton adds. "He believed in him even though his undergraduate grades at Indiana University School of Business weren't quite up to par. Professor Gromley died while Foy was at Valpo Law. He regrets that Gromley never learned that his hunch had paid off."

A dedicated family man, McNaughton, his wife Pamela, five children, Foy's wife and their two children continue to build memories by getting together at McNaughton's ancestral homes. He maintains the original family property in Saratoga, N.Y., and the place in Silver Lake as well as two other homes in the Upper Peninsula.

In the winter, they enjoy the Southwest at their home in Sahuarita, Ariz., or spending time together at their 10,000 acre Blue Mountain Ranch in New Mexico.

But it doesn't take long before McNaughton is eager to return to his roots, the Fremont family property in Clear Lake. "I really like living in a rural setting," McNaughton says. "I was out driving with a friend of mine recently and we were discussing our community. Many of our friends own cottages on various lakes that are rapidly turning into resorts. We're living in a day and age where life is a constant hustle and bustle. I think the tranquility of Clear Lake is just perfect — it's peaceful. I never thought I would say it but that old cliché 'There's no place like home' certainly rings true for the McNaughton family. You really have to see it. You just do."
Dominic Farina '42, standing next to his favorite toy, a Bonanza airplane.
He keeps a promise—and then some.

When Dominic Farina '42 was a young boy during the Depression and growing up in New Buffalo, Mich., he learned that the bank that he had invested his hard earned money in had failed.

"I vowed that one day I would buy the bank," Farina says with determination in his eyes.

Dominic’s father, John Farina, an Italian immigrant who owned and operated Farina Barber Shop, taught his children about the importance of hard work and determination at an early age. His older brothers Rosario and Joe started cutting hair at the age of eight and for several years stood on boxes to serve their customers. Dominic, the youngest, soon followed the family tradition even returning home from Law School vacations to work behind a barber’s chair.

"I started out shining shoes," Farina says. "I guess you could say I worked my way from the ground up," he jokes with a big smile. "I saved my money and dreamed of a better life. I really don't remember not working."

Sparked by his experiences on the New Buffalo High School Debate Team, Farina aspired to become an attorney. "After I graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in education, a friend of mine recommended Valpo Law," Farina says. "I came from a small community, and the University was small and had a beautiful campus. Dean Morland, Dr. Berry, Dr. Jox and Dr. Wehling were all very receptive. And it didn't take long to meet everybody—there were only eight students in my graduating class," he laughs as he reminisces. "It was like we were one big family."

While attending Law School, Farina met Adelaide Martinal, a native of Valparaiso who worked downtown as a teller at Farmers State Bank, which is now Bank One and doing business in the same location. He was smitten by her good looks but couldn’t muster up enough courage to ask her for a date. "The summer after I graduated, I returned to Valparaiso to visit my good friend Dr. Mike DeGrazia who was a dentist," Farina explains with fond memories. "He gave me a shot and told me to come back in 20 minutes. So I went to the bank and asked Adelaide for a date. She said, 'not tonight but tomorrow night, I'll meet you here in front of the bank.' I got so nervous that I went back that night to wait for her outside of the bank. Finally, the police came and took me to jail. I was allowed to make one phone call, so I called Adelaide and asked her why she stood me up. She said, 'I told you not tonight but tomorrow night.' It turned out that the incident with the police was all a set-up by my fraternity brothers at the University," Farina recalls with laughter.

The following evening, Farina and Adelaide struck up a lasting friendship, and in 1945 he proposed marriage while home on leave from the U.S. Army. He was assigned to a 2000 man troop ship and served as the medical administrative officer. In 1946, after 24 successful crossings over the Atlantic, Farina returned home to New Buffalo. The village then was just a sleepy little railroad town—population 1,500. But as New Buffalo grew so did the interests of the Farina family.

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"I started out shining shoes. I guess you could say I worked my way from the ground up!"

"I became the principal of New Buffalo High School, a board member at New Buffalo Savings and Loan and set up my law practice at the same time," Farina recalls. "I taught school for two years, and then at 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon I went to the office and waited for the clients to come in. I was the second best lawyer in town—because the town only had one other lawyer before me," he explains with a twinkle of humor in his eye. "It was a small general practice. We didn't focus much on criminal law because there wasn't any demand for it. Those days are gone now. Everything is pretty much specialized in the legal profession today."

It was in 1950 that Farina fulfilled his vow and bought the old State Bank property. After enlarging and remodeling, that complex now houses the New Buffalo Savings Bank, as well as Farina's law practice. Adelaide worked side by side with Farina, and eventually she became president of the financial institution while raising a family of four, Richard, Mary Ann, Ron and Paul. "Any man that is successful has a great wife and family behind him," Farina says. "And with a little hard work and determination, you can't miss." Throughout the years, the Farinas, along with two of their children, Mary Ann and Ron, have grown the institution from $50 thousand in assets to its current asset size of $100 million.

Encouraged by his father's efforts to develop Farina Square on West Buffalo Street, Farina recognized the future business potential of investing in the New Buffalo community. "I could see that the town was going to grow," Farina says. "So I began dabbling in real estate." Nestled on the shores of Lake Michigan and touted as Harbor Country, New Buffalo has evolved into a quaint destination for visitors from all over the Midwest. Many people are drawn to the resort town's beaches, marinas and waterfront parks. Others refer to it as a shopper's paradise. And some look forward to sharing an enjoyable meal among the friendly locals at some of the finest restaurants the area has to offer. With modest hesitation, Farina admits that some of his successful ventures include interests in commercial property and subdivisions, including his most recent residential development in Grand Beach (Michigan), an upscale community that boasts a golf course and country club.

Spend a few minutes in Farina's office, and it's obvious that the family loves to fly. Pictures of the Farinas flying airplanes are peppered throughout the room. "When my oldest son, Dick, was 14-years-old, he came home from school and said 'Dad, I'd like to learn how to fly,'" Farina says. "He didn't have a driver's license, so I drove him to take lessons at Michigan City (Indiana) Airport. Then it struck me. Since I was driving Dick over to take lessons, I might as well take lessons too."

Farina purchased his first airplane in 1964, a Cessna 172. And, eventually all of his sons earned their pilot's license. "I used it quite a bit for business, flying to the Upper Peninsula or into Detroit," Farina explains. "Of course our family also used it for pleasure— we've pretty much covered the United States. They're a lot of fun to get around in," Farina says enthusiastically as he telephones his son Dick and asks him to get the plane ready. "Let's head over to the airport, and I'll show you my plane."

At the age of 84, Farina has more energy than any of us will likely ever be able to imagine. He doesn't have a special secret for his longevity. But he does confess that he likes to be at work in the morning.

When asked "What do you find most rewarding in your professional life?" Farina quickly replies, "pro bono work. In a small town, it's hard to charge everybody that calls you. In the last 10 years or so, people will stop by the office for advice. I feel good about helping people."

"I don't think I'll ever retire. I like to get up in the morning and have an objective. I enjoy business and the community. I mean how many times can you clean out the garage or how many times can you cut the grass?" he jokes. "I think it's good to keep your fingers in the pie." ♦
Adventure Capitalist

SIMPLIFYING THE LIVES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS.

At 4:30 a.m., Ken Anderson ’79 (’76 VU) starts the day. If he beats the traffic, a typical commute to work takes about 35 minutes. By 6:15 a.m., he sits in his office sipping coffee, researching and reviewing client matters, or returning phone calls to the East Coast. It’s quiet time at myCFO, in Los Angeles, California.
myCFO was created in 1999 by technology guru and billionaire Jim Clark, founder of Netscape, Silicon Graphics and Healtheon. The premise of the company began through Clark's personal experiences with being wealthy. In short, he disliked the disjointed efforts between his financial and legal advisers as well as the time consuming aspect of managing his day-to-day financial affairs. Unlike the average American, Clark had homes on both coasts, a jet, yachts, as well as the responsibility of overseeing the staff that maintained them. At the same time, he was bombarded with philanthropic requests and investment decisions not to mention family obligations. The organizational demands were mind-boggling.

Then Clark got to thinking that if he was overwhelmed, there must be other wealthy groups of people out there who were tired of the complex challenges of handling their finances too. So Clark set out to form his fourth public company what he describes as a family office – a private client services practice with the unique capability of providing each client access to their complete financial picture via the Internet.

Clark allowed John Chambers, CEO of Cisco Systems, Inc., the maker of hardware for the Internet, to purchase a five percent stake in myCFO and become one of the first clients. Other early backers included Jim Barksdale, managing partner of The Barksdale Group, John Doerr and Tom Jermoluk, general partners at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Silicon Valley’s leading venture capital firm.

A critical component of the strategy that contributed to the uniqueness of myCFO was to hire an eclectic group of highly experienced professionals who had experience in the financial challenges faced by affluent individuals. The firm recruited seasoned client service professionals from Big Five accounting and consulting firms, Wall Street stockbrokers and investment bankers, attorneys from highly regarded law firms, and specialists in insurance and philanthropy.

This had never been done before on this scale. “Obviously, giving up the stability of being a partner in a world-wide company like Arthur Andersen that’s been in business for more than 80 years and moving to a start-up company that’s been in business for six months was a huge risk,” Anderson notes. “But I looked at the backers of the company. Not only were those people investors and board members, they were clients putting their personal well being at risk. They had a good business plan and strong management team. Some of my direct competitors and professionals I respected were leaving their senior positions and joining the company. I thought it was a calculated risk, but one worth taking.”

As a client service director (CSD) at myCFO, Anderson’s position is unique in that he is the primary point-of-contact for approximately 20 family accounts as opposed to most estate planning attorneys who might have 500 or more clients. These clients are dependent on the unparalleled skills that Anderson has acquired from over two decades of experience as a CPA and attorney. This strong background allows him to counsel and negotiate on behalf of the affluent individuals who acquired their wealth from various sources. Some of the legal issues that Anderson is primarily involved in include the structuring of sophisticated estates—partnerships, limited liability companies, “S” corporations and trusts. Being a CSD is a very broad role that also requires Anderson to provide intelligent counsel in reviewing contracts—purchasing multi-million residential and commercial real estate; marital law—pre-nuptial agreements, divorces and property settlements; corporate planning—setting up new businesses and partnerships; sophisticated tax planning; employment law—employment and termination contracts; and equity compensation agreements.

The most recent figures show that myCFO has 350 employees serving 450 family accounts representing well over $44 billion in assets. Most of the clients have accumulated investable assets worth well over $10 million and may extend up to $4 or $5 billion. The company currently serves clients across the entire U.S. and continues to expand its number of offices; including Boston and Chicago, which are scheduled to open within a few months.
"Interestingly, myCFO's average account size actually shrank a little in 2000 as the accounts of mere millionaires were added to those of Clark and the handful of other technology tycoons who were myCFO's initial clients. But the average account size was still an eye-popping $142 million," that's according to research conducted by the Bloomberg Wealth Manager, a magazine for financial advisers.

By 9:30 or 10:00 a.m., things are really starting to heat up at myCFO. "I usually meet with two or three clients every day," Anderson says. "In between these face-to-face meetings, I orchestrate a team of in-house experts who were hired to deepen our bench with professional experience in this type of private client service practice." Many of his clients are up and coming entrepreneurs with new found wealth, but he also counsels clients who are leaders in various industries including technology, venture capital, financial services, manufacturing, as well as entertainment and sports personalities. "It's a personal service business. I'm on call 24-7 and my clients know I'm always available if they need me.

"The best part of my job is that I've had the great fortune of not only counseling but developing personal relationships with some of the world's most notable business leaders," he confesses. "These people shape the world and I get to play a part in it."

So how did Anderson get to where he is today? One vehicle for his success was Valpo University. Anderson first learned about VU while growing up in Midland Park, N.J. He knew a large contingency of Valpo people who attended Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ridgewood (N.J). "My cousin Peter Jeffer '70 graduated from Valpo Law," Anderson recalls. "He told me that it was a small Christian school and that was important because my faith is very important to me."

As an undergraduate student at VU, majoring in accounting and economics, Anderson met and later married Susan Wagner '79 who was a student at the College of Nursing. "I liked the campus and the people, so I was encouraged to remain at VU and attend Valpo Law."

Anderson says his experiences at Valpo Law with the placement office made it easy to find a job with Arthur Andersen's tax practice after graduation. "I enjoyed my Valpo experience and feel with my strong educational background received at VU and the School of Law that I was well prepared for my career."

Anderson now handles issues that affect the future of the School of Law through his service on the National Council. He also serves within his local community as a board member for the West Los Angeles Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts and volunteers for his church youth program.

"All in all, I prayed a lot about the move," Anderson reflects. "Looking back, (joining myCFO) was a great decision for me, as I have participated in building an exciting new business. I am teaming up with an outstanding group of professionals with significant business, investment and legal experience. This integration of numerous professional services under one roof is greater than any firm that I'm aware of."

Anderson realizes, however, that he won't be in business long if he doesn't give clients what they want which is to reap the significant benefits from myCFO's customized services.

And with that insight the day draws to an end and the weekend approaches. Anderson, who is extremely loyal and dedicated to his job, his family and his faith, plans to hop on the freeway and beat the L.A. traffic home. Tonight he's going to spend time with the people he credits most for his success - taking in his daughter Melissa's high school volleyball game with his wife and youngest daughter Kiersten.
1942 — Reunion Year

John Ruge is a member of the Porter County Council. His experience includes 20 years of service as county clerk, 12 years as deputy clerk and another two terms as city judge in Valparaiso, IN.

1953


1959

Richard Hatcher, senior research professor of law at the School of Law, spoke on Dr. King's Message "As We See It Today," at the law school for the memorial observance of Dr. King. Hatcher served as mayor of Gary, IN, where he currently resides.

1961

John DeLaurenti of Pocahontas, IL, retired after almost 27 years as resident circuit judge, plus four years as states attorney.

1969

Jon Walton has been with the Allegheny Ludlum Corporation since 1986. He has served in many areas with the corporation as General Counsel, Vice President and Secretary. Mr. Walton also serves as corporate ombudsman and chief ethics officer. Mr. Walton is active in a number of professional, industrial, philanthropic, civic and cultural organizations, and is a member of the board of trustees of Westminster College.

1970

Carlton Lohrentz and wife Janice (Griebenow) reside in Ivanhoe, IL. He practices family law in Arlington Heights, IL. Janice is a special education evaluator in Palatine, IL. Their son, Chad '98, is an account manager at CDW Computer Center in Chicago, and their daughter, Sommer, is a senior at Valpo, majoring in public relations. She works as an intern at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

1971

George Sisson of Middletown, MD, is the chief counsel of the Defense Distribution Center in New Cumberland, PA.

1972 — Reunion Year

Thomas Kent Guelzow of Eau Claire, WI is the President of Guelzow Law Offices, LTD., which was formed in 1973. He has recently been elected to the ATLA Board of Governors as Wisconsin's representative, and to the position of Vice Chair of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin. Guelzow is also board certified as a trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA).

David Rybicki was married to Phyllis Uram on March 7, 2001 in Crown Point, IN. They live in Munster, IN, where David is in private practice.

1974

Roger Rutherford has been a private-practice attorney for 25 years and sole practitioner with Rutherford Law Office for the past five years. He also is a member of the Lincoln Land Community College Board. He and wife Patricia reside in Springfield, IL. They have two grown children.

1976

Melvin McWilliams joined the law firm of Howard & Howard P.C. He concentrates his practice in civil and administrative law, municipal law, real estate law and related litigation at the firm's Lansing, MI. office. He was managing shareholder of his private practice, Melvin S. McWilliams and Associates P.C., from 1996 to 2000.

He also served as chief assistant city attorney for the city of Lansing and has held the positions of supervising attorney with the UAW-GM Legal Service Plan group and assistant city attorney with the city of Jackson, MI.

Anthony Zappia of South Bend, IN., has been appointed to a 5 year term to the Disciplinary Commission of the Indiana Supreme Court. Mr. Zappia has 25 years experience which includes private practice, deputy prosecutor and former president of the local bar association.

1977 — Reunion Year

Dan Berning and wife, Nancy '86, have opened a new business, "This Good Earth Company" in downtown Valparaiso. The store features an eclectic assortment of organic products from food to bedding and clothing that are environmentally sound.

1978

Judith Hawley-Conley has recently been elected as a 2001 Marion County Bar representative to the IBA Board of Managers. She is a private practitioner in the Indianapolis area engaged in general practice of law and serves as a public defender in Superior Court.

Christopher Hunt of Eden Prairie, MN, has joined the Minneapolis office of Fredrikson & Byron as an officer in the estate planning service area. Prior to joining Fredrikson & Byron, he practiced at Messerli & Kramer P.A. in Minneapolis, MN.

Clare Nuechterlein has joined James Publishing, Inc., as editor of The Federal Forfeiture Guide, a monthly newsletter summarizing all federal asset forfeiture cases and quarterly indexes.
Jesse Green and Michigan Lawyers Weekly Honored by Bar Association

The State Bar of Michigan has selected Michigan Lawyers Weekly as a recipient of the Wade H. McCree Award for the Advancement of Justice, one of Michigan’s highest legal honors. Michigan Lawyers Weekly reporter Jesse Green was recognized for his award-winning article, “New On-Line Service Offers Quick and Easy Settlements.” The story focused on how litigants can use the Internet to settle their disputes.

Jesse Green is a 1999 graduate of VU School of Law.

The award was presented to Mr. Green and Michigan Lawyers Weekly during the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, April 21, 2001. The purpose of the Wade H. McCree Jr. Award is to give statewide recognition to written material and radio/television values of our legal and judicial system and inform and educate citizens as to the role of the law, the courts, law enforcement agencies, and the legal profession in today’s society.

1979

Shelli Wright Johnson has written a book called “The Story of Bes,” a story based on her son Andrew, after the death of her mother. Shelli practices law in Portage, IN, and resides in Valparaiso with her husband Jim, and three children.

1980

Tom Thanas was sworn in on November 16th, as judge for the Juvenile Court in Will County, IL. Tom has served as an attorney in Joliet since 1981.

Gregory Vega has joined the firm of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitke. His practice will focus on white-collar defense, accountant’s liability, securities fraud, intellectual property and corporate compliance in regulated industries. Greg served as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California from May 1999 to May 2001. Greg also served as Assistant U.S. Attorney as well as tax attorney with the Internal Revenue Service. He was also selected by former Attorney General Janet Reno to serve on the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee and was Co-Chair of the AGAC White Collar Crime Subcommittee.

1981

Mark Lienhoop has recently been elected to the 2001 DTCL Board of Directors as chair of the Publications Committee. He is a partner in the LaPorte firm of Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones.

1982

Rogelio “Roy” Dominguez, Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago, has been accepted to the prestigious John F. Kennedy School of Government’s Senior Executives in State and Local Governments Program. The three-week program selects outstanding candidates from a varied pool, representing state, local, legislative and not-for-profit sectors. The program provides training that helps officials assess the task they face in managing today’s result driven agencies. Dominguez feels that it is important to learn how other cities are dealing with the problems facing urban America.

In 1989, Governor Bayh presented Dominguez the highest honor the governor can bestowed on an individual, the Sagamore of the Wabash.

1983

Ed Nemeth has retired from the legal profession after 20 years. He recently left his position at the law firm of Gambs Mucker & Bauman to be a volunteer leader of a Disaster Action Team with the Tippecanoe County Chapter of the American Red Cross in
Indiana. He is also part of the Disaster Services Human Resources unit of the American Red Cross. He is among a select group that responds to out-of-state emergencies.

**1985**

Sean O'Brien has obtained national board certification in business bankruptcy law. He is a partner in Gust Rosenfeld's Phoenix office. Sean has practiced bankruptcy, creditor's rights and appellate law in Phoenix since 1986. He is chair-elect of the State Bar of Arizona's Bankruptcy Law Section and a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, Arizona Bankruptcy Coalition, Arizona Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Dugal Sickert has accepted a new position with Valent USA Corporation in Libertyville, IL. Dugal will be heading up the intellectual property area of the company, reporting to the General Counsel.

**1986**

Nancy Berning and husband, Dan '77, have opened a new business, “This Good Earth Company” in downtown Valparaiso. The store features an eclectic assortment of organic products from food to bedding and clothing that are environmentally sound.

Scott McMahon has joined the Tampa, FL firm of Fowler, White, Gillen, Boggs, Villareal and Banker as an associate. Scott has joined the firm’s casualty department and will concentrate in the area of civil litigation.

Martin Meyers has joined the firm of Sussman Shank practicing bankruptcy law. Martin resides in Portland, OR, with his wife and children.

Mark Rutherford has been awarded the Order of Merit at the 48th General Assembly of the Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity in Atlanta, GA. This is the highest honor a member can receive for volunteer service. Mark was also recently elected Region 3 Representative of the Libertarian Party National Committee. Region 3 consists of Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Michigan. Mark practices with the firm of Laudig George Rutherford & Sipes in Indianapolis.

**1987 — Reunion Year**

Peter Manous has been nominated by Governor Frank O'Bannon to head the State’s Democratic Party. Peter has been the deputy chairman for two years and was nominated by O'Bannon to succeed party chief Robin Winston, who will step down at the end of this year. Peter and his wife, Susan Severtson, ’87 have a two year old son and reside in Munster, IN.

**1988**

John Hallacy resides in Battle Creek, MI, with his wife, Ellen, and his two sons, Frederick and Grant. He was elected Calhoun County prosecuting attorney. He joined the Calhoun County Prosecutors Office in 1988 and was appointed chief assistant prosecuting attorney in 1991. He left that office in 1996 when he was appointed as a member of the Michigan Parole Board. He defeated the incumbent prosecutor to bring about his return to the Prosecutors Office. Friends may contact him by calling 616.969.6976 or by e-mail at jhallacy@calhoun-mi.com.

Troy Swanson, wife Andria (Antommaria ’89), and their daughter, Spencer Hildur, reside in Baltimore. Troy is a named shareholder with the firm Cohen, Swanson & Kaufman P.C.

**1989**

Jeffrey Kinsler of Milwaukee, WI, is a co-author of a new book, Civil Discovery, 2000 (Illinois), West Publishing Co., St. Paul, MN. He had previously written Civil Discovery (Wisconsin) in 1996. He is an assistant professor of law at Marquette University Law School and a member of the Illinois Bar Association.

**1990**

Dominic Polizzotto is part of the senior management team of the Horseshoe Gaming Holding Corp. His position is vice president and chief legal counsel, reporting directly to Horseshoe President Roger Wagner. He has been a member of the law community since 1990, practicing in the areas of entrepreneurial services, commercial law, commercial litigation, creditor rights and bankruptcy law.

Thomas Stefaniak of Hammond, IN, was appointed by Governor Frank O'Bannon as the new judge in the criminal division of the Lake Superior Court. Tom has exclusive felony jurisdiction. Tom previously served as a Hammond City Judge for 5 years.

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**Negotiation Team Places 2ND in Regionals**

The Valpo Law Negotiation Team competed in the ABA/LSD Regionals at Ohio State Law School on November 3 and 4, 2001. The Regional hosted teams from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Canada. One of our teams, Angie Crossin 3L and Clay McDonald 3L, have a chance to advance to the National Competition in February at the ABA Mid-Year Meeting in Philadelphia.
1991

Paul Jesse is a partner in the Columbus, OH, office of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP. He focuses his practice on the litigation of environmental matters. He is a former assistant Ohio attorney general, environmental enforcement section, where he represented the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in civil litigation and in the investigation and prosecution of environmental felony cases. He formerly served on the Federal Environmental Crimes Task Forces for both the southern and northern districts of Ohio. He is a registered executive agent lobbyist at the Ohio EPA and a registered legislative agent before the Ohio General Assembly. While at VU, Paul served as articles editor of the VU Law Review.

1992 — Reunion Year

Gary Colalessano and Jennifer Doyle of Indianapolis, IN, were married on Jan. 5, 2001, in Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Gary is a self-employed criminal defense attorney.

Lisa Shannon is currently practicing corporate law in Southern California. She represents companies involved in the Semiconductor industry. Lisa is married with a four year old son.

1993

Michelle (Saunders) Blackwell of Eugene, OR, has joined Hutchinson, Anderson, Cox, Coons & DuPriest PC in Eugene. She practiced law in Indiana for six years and will focus her Eugene practice on civil litigation, business law and real estate.

Bradley Boordt of Las Vegas, NV, is a shareholder in the law firm of Gordon & Silver, Ltd. He practices in civil litigation, including corporate and business law and personal injury law.

Mark Kassel, a member of the intellectual property department in Foley & Lardner's Madison office, has been elected to partnership in the firm. Mark counsels clients on all aspects of domestic and international trademark practice, including trademark registration and trademark enforcement. He has masters degrees in both bacteriology and organic chemistry and has published an extensive array of legal and scientific articles, many regarding pharmaceuticals, food and drug law, as well as intellectual property issues related to the Internet. He resides in Madison, WI.

A Great Idea Perfectly Executed

Have alumni and friends engage with a special group of prospective students to highlight their successes as Valpo Laywers in the Indiana Bar.

On Monday, June 11, 2001, our Admissions and Alumni Relations offices teamed up to offer our prospective students a chance to talk in depth with our graduates. Over 20 alumni plus faculty and staff joined 28 admitted students in the law offices of Sommer & Barnard in downtown Indianapolis, hosted by Robert Clark ’79. Justice Frank Sullivan and Justice Robert Rucker ’77 of the Indiana Supreme Court attended the event, as well as Judge Nancy Vaidik ’80, Indiana Court of Appeals.

Of the 28 prospective students who attended, 22 are currently first year Valpo Law students and two more will be joining us in Fall ’02.

Lance Clouse (now a 1L), Associate Dean Curt Cichowski and Professor Ivan Bodensteiner

Judge Nancy Vaidik ’80 and Don Wray ’80
1994

Deven Klein was promoted to vice president and corporate counsel to Kuman USA, Inc. in January. Deven has co-authored an E-sign article in Franchising World with David Koch.

Patrick G. McCarthy has joined the City of St. Louis law department as an Assistant City Counselor. Patrick previously served for five years as General Counsel for Capitol Title Company Inc. of Clayton, MO. Patrick has devoted his practice entirely to real estate development, and is now assigned as counsel for various city planning and development authorities.

1995

Julie Demange has joined the Hammond, IN law firm of Sachs and Hess as an Associate. Julie was admitted to the Indiana Bar and the U.S. District Court of Indiana, Northern District, in 1995.

David Hajek has joined the Indianapolis, IN firm of Clifton Gunderson L.L.C. as a manager of Lifeline Planning Services. He will coordinate and oversee engagements involving tax, personal financial, retirement, estate planning, successions and asset management account reviews.

Robin King of Kalamazoo, MI, is employed as an attorney-magistrate and has worked in this capacity for three years at Berrien County Juvenile Court in St. Joseph, MI concentrating in the areas of abuse and neglect of minor children and juvenile delinquency.

Craig McKenzie is a partner of Maximum Sports Management and has founded a Christian ministry titled Higher Vision Ministries Sports in Milwaukee, WI. Through HVM, Craig focuses on representing Christian athletes. In its second year, HVM Sports has created a line of clothing and sponsors youth conventions around the country.

Robert Null joined the Indianapolis based law firm of Bose McKinney & Evans L.L.P. Null will concentrate his practice in intellectual property law including the preparation and prosecution of patent applications. Null is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Allen Platt has joined the firm of Lorch & Naville in New Albany, IN. He will continue his concentration in the areas of civil litigation and business law. Platt is involved in civic and charitable activities. He won the Indiana Bar Foundation Pro Bono Publico Award in 1998 for that work. He is serving this year as the President of the Floyd County Bar Association, as well as the President of the Board for the Arts Council of Southern Indiana. He resides in Floyds Knobs, IN with his wife and two daughters.

Sharon Sergeant is currently working as in-house counsel with CNA Surety in Chicago, IL. Sharon and her husband, Todd, have recently welcomed a new baby girl named Kelly Samantha.

Heike Spahn and Phillip Spahn '95 are currently residing in Chicago. Heike is the Assistant Dean for Financial Aid at The University of Chicago Law School. Phillip is an associate in the Chicago office of McGuire Woods LLP.

Charles White, General Counsel for International Resources, has been elected by a caucus of precinct committeeman to fill the vacancy on the Fishers Town Council. Mr. White is also the Treasurer of the Hamilton County Republican Party. He resides in Fishers, IN, with his wife Nicole, and son William.

1996

Heidi (Meyer) Abegg is an attorney with Webster, Chamberlain & Bean in Washington, D.C. Her practice includes the representation of non-profit organizations and trade associations, as well as First Amendment and election law litigation. Husband John is counsel to U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell. Heidi and John live in Alexandria, VA. Alumni who attended their Nov. 25, 2000, wedding included: Christopher Meyer '95, Bridgeport, CN; Jill (Meyer '97) Seaver, Marion, SD; Thaddeus Meyer '01, Terre Haute, IN; Kathy
Kuznik '93, Fishers, IN; and Leah Keehr '02, Hutchinson, MN.

John D. Falvey joined the firm of Boveri Murphy Rice Ryan & Lade as an associate attorney on August 13, 2001. Falvey, a former FBI special agent, is licensed to practice in the states of Indiana, Missouri and Kansas.

Jennifer (Long) Purevich and husband Philip reside in Chicago. Jennifer is an associate at the law firm of Baker & McKenzie in Chicago. Philip is the executive director of the Chicago Festival Association.

Christine (Piotrowski) Szachta and husband Michael of Rochester Hills, MI, had a son, Matthew Joseph, born November 15, 2000.

J. Thomas Vetne has joined the South Bend, IN firm of Jones Obenchain, LLP as an associate attorney.

1997 — Reunion Year

Vincent Campiti is an associate in the South Bend, IN, law office of Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros LLP. He was admitted to the bar in Indiana in 1997.

Jeffrey Taylor serves as assistant prosecutor in St. Joseph, MI.

1998

Jeffrey Graham has joined the Indianapolis, IN, firm of Sommer & Barnard as counsel.

Charles Parkinson is with the Chesterton, IN law firm of Harris, Welsh & Lukmann. Charles and his wife, Allison, have a daughter Anna Marie born September 4, 2000.

Ted Roe is an attorney with Lawrence Hunt & Associates of Portland, OR.

1999

Jennifer Plants has accepted a position teaching Legal Research & Writing at State University of New York in Buffalo, NY.

Robert Plantz has joined the Merrillville, IN, firm of Herbert Lasser & Associates.

Katie Reagan of Indianapolis is practicing with the firm of Osborn Hiner & Lisher as an associate.

Stephen Semotuk of Indianapolis, IN, accepted the position of vice president of Strategic Business Initiatives with The Anderson Group Consulting LLC. Focusing in a combination of both legal and business consulting. He is also heading a new real estate division, which will include both a real estate title and real estate closing company.

Raj Singh has been appointed to the adjunct faculty of Cardinal Stritch University College of Business and Management. Raj also serves as general counsel for Bulk Petroleum Corporation in Mequon, WI.

Daniel Stephens has joined the Valparaiso firm of Shaw & Phillips as partner.

2000

Erik Arndt is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association. He joined the Valparaiso, IN firm of Hoepnner Wagner & Evans as an associate. Eric will concentrate his practice in the areas of labor and employment litigation.

Cameron Christoph has joined the Hammond, IN law firm of Sachs & Hess as an associate. Cameron was admitted to the Indiana Bar and the U.S. District Court of Indiana, Northern and Southern Districts.

Jill Grecco has accepted a judicial clerkship for Judge Patricia Riley in the Indiana Court of Appeals in Indianapolis, IN.

Andrew Heck of Lakeville, IN, has joined the South Bend law firm of Barnes & Thornburg as an associate. He is a member of the business, tax and real estate department.

Michael Jasaitis is practicing law with the firm of Anderson, Tauber, Patterson, Westland PC in Merrillville, IN. Michael has been accepted in both the Indiana and Illinois Bar Associations and was named 2000 Student Bar Association President of the Year.

Nicholas Tilden has joined the practice of his sister, Cynthia Tilden '91 to create the firm of Tilden & Tilden in Chesterton, IN. He will concentrate on family law, estate planning, real estate law and bankruptcy. Nicholas has been admitted to the Indiana State Bar and the United States District Court for both the Northern and Southern Districts.

Michael Lipsky has joined the South Bend firm of Paul Kusbach as an associate.

Alumni—Keep In Touch

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

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Never Too Late For a First Reunion!

Alumni from the classes of ’56, ’57 and ’58 came from as far as Seattle, WA, and Tucson, AZ, to their first class reunion in over 40 years. The reception, dinner and brief program was held at the University Club of Chicago on June 30, 2001.

Each graduate spoke briefly about their careers and memories of their law school days. Professors Lou Bartelt and Jack Hiller were there to greet their former students and to see first hand the fruits of their labor. Sharon King ’57 and Roland “Butch” Herrmann ’57 co-chaired the Reunion Committee. It was heartwarming to watch our graduates have their first opportunity in 40 years to “catch up” and reminisce about their days at Valparaiso University School of Law. Everyone left talking about the next reunion.

Clockwise from top left:

William Winterhoff ’58 and Professor Emeritus Jack Miller ’55
Roland Herrmann ’57 and Sharon King ’57
L to R: Ronald Kiedaisch ’57, Paul Melchert ’58 and Glenn Tabor ’58
L to R: Professor Emeritus Lou Bartelt ’47, Robert Zimmerman ’58 and Herb Stride ’57

2001

Nicole Richter has placed second in the Louis Jackson Memorial Student Writing Competition in Labor and Employment Law. Nicole’s article, “The Americans With Disabilities Act After University of Alabama v. Garrett: Should the State be Immune from Suit?” will be published in the Chicago-Kent Law Review.

Roy Sturgeon is a staff attorney at the Center for Capital Litigation in Columbia, SC. Roy will be representing indigent death-sentenced inmates in state and federal habeas corpus proceedings.

In Memoriam

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

1940
Howard Goetz LL.B., date of death unknown, Eau Claire, WI.

1950
Richard P. Duclos, July 30, 2001, Frankfort, IL.
Frank Hower, date of death unknown, Cresskill, NJ

1966
Roger T. Moore Sr., April 6, 2001, Portage, IN.

1970
Charles A. Myers, May 23, 2001, Hammond, IN.

1973
Glenn Richard Potter, February 5, 2001, Greenwood, IN.

1982
Ray Bradford Merritt, date of death unknown, West Lafayette, IN.
Kevin Scionti, Jan. 15, 2001, Indianapolis, IN.

1990
Anita (Kushner) Gordon, August 2000, Northfield, IL.

1999
Lois Blackmore Williams, May 18, 2001, Gary, IN.
The Golden Gavel Society

Six years ago, two alumni hatched an idea that lives on today with glory and honor!

The Golden Gavel Society of Valparaiso University School of Law is an organization made up of alumni who graduated 40 or more years ago. Each year, since 1995, a distinguished group of graduates—with their spouses, guests, sons and daughters—come back to Valpo’s campus at Homecoming to reminisce about their golden days.

Here is the story of their beginning...

The Golden Gavel Society was born in the late summer of 1995 when a couple of graybeards, Harold Couillard and I, took umbrage with the young whippersnappers at the Law School who cancelled the annual law alumni dinner. Couillard and I resurrected the dinner but decided to limit the attendance to ancients like us. We would convene at the Strongbow Turkey Inn—where God always intended the dinner to be located.

Twenty-six hearty souls showed up for the initial dinner and laughed their way through stories of classmates, especially those about Drs. Moll and Joy, Dean Moreland, Jim Savage, and Virgil Berry. The Law School got wind of all this mirth and camaraderie, and concluded that maybe these guys are on to something, and that it should be perpetuated. Thus the Golden Gavel Society was born.

Eligibility to this august group is limited only to those who have graduated from the School of Law at least 40 years ago. Our fervent hope is that the life of the GGS will be perpetual. If all older law grads love the school and their classmates with the same passion as do we, its future is insured. Our hats are off to the young whippersnappers at the School of Law whose efforts to keep the Golden Gavel Society alive and well are more than commendable.

—Ken Roeh ’52

We encourage all graduates from 40+ years ago to attend this wonderful celebration in October of each year. This next year we’ll proudly add the 1962 graduates to the ranks of the Golden Gavel Society. All eligible alumni will receive information about the 2002 event.
[Jack] told me about the law school 65 years ago. The school was very different then—only three faculty members, two classrooms, and a library that fit in the Dean's office. But what Jack emphasized as best about the school is what one would emphasize today: the bond between students and faculty, and the commitment of students to each other, and the encompassing sense of community. These are constants that I hear from alumni throughout the eras.
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      Hate Crimes Conference
      First Assistant U.S. Attorney
      David Capp
      Various programs & lectures
      Wesemann Hall

Feb. 4-9
      Law Week
      Student Bar Association

Feb. 8
      Professional Development Day
      Valpo Law Career Services;
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Feb. 9
      Alumni Association
      Board Meeting
      Wesemann Hall

Mar. 1
      6-10 p.m.
      Law Clinic Benefit
      VU Center for the Arts

Mar. 28
      Amnesty International
      Legal Rights of Women Lecture
      Tabor Auditorium, Wesemann Hall, 4-5 p.m.

Apr. 3
      Monsanto Lecture
      Professor Jonathan Turley
      George Washington University
      School of Law Tabor Auditorium,
      Wesemann Hall

Apr. 18
      4-5 p.m.
      Tabor Lecture
      Honorable Randall P. Shepard,
      Chief Justice Supreme Court
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