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## In Memoriam



**MARSHALL J. JOX, 1905-69,**  
Professor of Law, Valparaiso University  
School of Law, 1934 - 1969

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**JUDGE PHILLIP GOULD,**  
'01, of Evansville, Indiana

**WILLIAM SLAUGHTER HAMILTON,**  
'02, of Osage, Oklahoma

**JUDGE DANIEL CAUDILL,**  
'03, of Morehead, Kentucky

**JUDGE GUS HADWIGER,**  
'10, of Alva, Oklahoma

**JUDGE F. E. BUTLER,**  
'17, of Culver City, California

**WILLIAM J. BURKE,**  
'18, of Sacramento, California

**THOMAS H. STRIZICH,**  
'17, of Hibbing, Minnesota

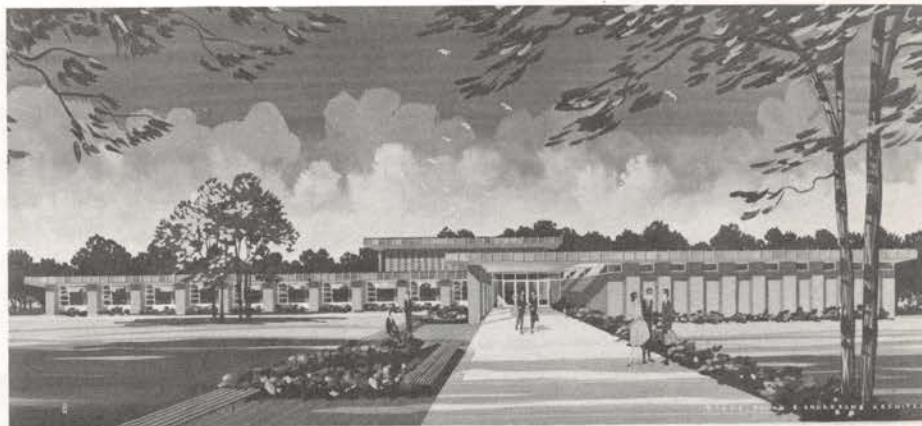
**HAROLD C. HECTOR,**  
'29, of Hammond, Indiana

**CLYDE MITCHELL**  
'31, of LaSalle, Illinois

**JOHN E. CHRISTEN**  
'65, of Terre Haute, Indiana

**M. MAX MOCHAL,**  
'65, of Valparaiso, Indiana

# LAW ALUMNI NEWS



# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

January, 1970

Valparaiso, Indiana



1896 **Arthur J. Lacy**, 93, perhaps the oldest living alumnus of the School of Law, writes that he is the sole surviving member of the Class of 1896. Mr. Lacy was a partner in the Detroit, Michigan law firm of Anderson, Wilcox, Lacy & Lawson from 1913 until 1947, and has been counsel to the firm of Lacy, Lawson, Kirkly, Bolton & Hoffman since 1952. Mr. Lacy, according to *Who's Who in America*, is an authority on philanthropic trusts, estates and wills. An Honorary Trustee of Detroit's Children's Hospital, Mr. Lacy has distinguished himself and his Alma Mater through unselfish civic and community leadership. Among his many achievements is the creation of a Children's Fund for the State of Michigan. In 1934 he was Democratic candidate for Governor of Michigan. A former president of the Detroit Lawyers Club, and of the Detroit Bar Association, Mr. Lacy has been recognized as an outstanding lawyer in the State of Michigan. We congratulate Mr. Lacy for a career of professional and service excellence. We hope that he might be able to be one of our honored guests on May 2, 1970, when the University will bestow the J.D. degree upon former LL.B. graduates.

1901 **Willard B. Van Horne**, 91, has distinguished himself in nearly 70 years of professional service. Still active in the Indiana State Bar Association, Mr. VanHorne in a recent letter to John S. Diaz, immediate past president of the Law School Alumni Association, wrote:

I am still in the practice of law, having just finished my 67th year at Indiana Harbor, East Chicago, Indiana. I am among the oldest living alumni of Valparaiso and I believe the only living one in the 1901 class. I know I have practiced longer than any other lawyer in Lake County. By now there are quite a number of Valparaiso law graduates in this county.

We are pleased to announce that a future issue of the *Valparaiso Alumni News* will include a special feature article on Mr. Van Horne.

1902 **William Slaughter Hamilton**, one of the law school's most illustrious alumni, died this past fall. We extend our condolences to his family. Mr. Hamilton practiced law in Valparaiso from 1903-1904 and subsequently in Oklahoma until 1955. He was admitted to practice before the bar of the United States Supreme Court in 1926. Mr. Hamilton was president of the Oklahoma State Bar Association from 1948-1949. A civic, community, and church leader, Mr. Hamilton was the recipient of the University of Oklahoma Distinguished Service Award in 1953; was inducted into the Valparaiso University School of Law "Hall of Fame" in 1955; and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degree by Valparaiso University in 1965 bestowed at the dedication of Wesemann Hall, the law school building. For a special resolution which was passed by Mr. Hamilton's local bar association see the entry under the class of 1914.

We are sorry to learn of the death of **John E. Turner** of Holdenville, Oklahoma. Known throughout the State, Mr. Turner served in various capacities including as mayor, city attorney, Oklahoma State representative, member of the board of the American Red Cross, Rotarian, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Oklahoma Baptist University. We send to Mrs. Turner and her three sons our condolences.

1903 We are indeed sorry to have learned recently of the death in 1966 of **The Hon. Daniel Caudill**, jurist and banker of Morehead, Kentucky. We send our sympathies to Mrs. Caudill who survives her husband.

1906 **Robert H. Molitor** writes that he has retired from the practice of law after some 50 years of active practice, and that he is living with his family in El Cajon, California.

1907 & 1908 **Vadae Harvey Meekison**, 1907, wife of **George A. Meekison**, 1908, writes that she is "still grateful to Valpo" since few law schools in 1907 would admit women. She notes that she practiced law for many years; that she founded the Red Cross in Henry County, Ohio in 1917. We understand that Mrs. Meekison has received numerous awards during her career including one for "raising the status of women." In 1967, various individuals and groups in Ohio honored Mrs. Meekison upon the 60th anniversary of her graduation from the VU School of Law. Permit us to add our belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Meekison for exemplifying in their careers the community and social concern and activism which we continually strive to imbue in our graduates. Moreover, we wish the Meekisons continued years of health and happiness.

1910 The Law School was delighted to receive a recent letter from **Douglas Crook** of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Crook was admitted to the Federal and Massachusetts Bars in 1911. He subsequently practiced in Massachusetts for 58 years, much of this time with the Boston firm of Ropes & Gray. In addition, he taught real property law, future interests and mortgages for 35 years at Northeastern University in Boston. Mr. Crook, who is 86 years old, presently is semi-retired but serves as counsel to the Springfield Massachusetts law firm of Laming, Smith & Aughter. Mr. Crook has indicated to Dean Meyer that he hopes to attend the J.D. conferral ceremony at the Law School on May 2. In any event, we send our best wishes to Mr. Crook and wish him many more years of health and happiness.

We are sorry to learn from Robert L. Hadwiger of the death of his father, **The Honorable Gus Hadwiger**. Judge Hadwiger, who was 89, distinguished himself and his Alma Mater as a ranchman, as an officer in the armed forces, as a United States Marshal in Oklahoma, as a practicing attorney and as a judge. His son writes that "at all times his father was grateful for what Valparaiso University taught him." Robert Hadwiger added that his family has kept in touch over the years with a classmate of his father, **Samuel Gubin**, 49 North Fourth Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania. We extend our condolences to the family of Judge Hadwiger.

**K. E. Herrick**, of Seal Beach, California, writes that he is retired and living in the "best retirement center on the Pacific Coast."

1911 **Robert Brubaker** of Iowa Park, Texas, reports that he is gaining strength recovering from a recent operation. We wish him continued recovery and good health.

**Harold D. Cheever** writes that he is residing at No. 4, Milford House Road, Milford, New Hampshire.

We understand that **William C. Hudson** of 1112 North Pleasant Street, Royal Oak, Michigan, is in ill health and that he presently is residing in a convalescent home. We send Mr. Hudson and his wife, Mrs. Leila Hudson, our prayers for his speedy recovery.

**Michael A. Kliott** of 12616 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, California, recently wrote that he is ill. We extend to Mr. Kliott our prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

**Blaz A. Lucas** writes that he is retired and that he is residing at 3031 North 69th Place, Apartment 5, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251.

**Oscar D. Smith** of Columbus, Georgia, writes that his five children all have families of their own, giving him a total of sixteen grandchildren. He adds that he subscribes to the idea that one "is never old until he stops growing."

1912 **Isaiah J. Fetterhoff** writes that he is residing at Halifax, Pennsylvania.

We were especially pleased to receive a communication from **Dr. Wilmer T. Messick**, D.D.S., of Fort Smith, Arkansas in which he offered the law school his services in contacting prospective law students in his vicinity for the law school. Dr. Messick is one of many alumni who offer this valuable service to their Alma Mater. We understand that Dr. Messick is enjoying his retirement.

**Herman Dehnke** writes that he is residing at 200 Huron Avenue, Harrisville, Missouri.

**Harry H. Gemuend** writes that he is residing at 910 Forest Street, Ionia, Michigan.

**Herbert L. Hanson**, former General Counsel to the New York Central System, is residing at 20 Park Avenue, New York, New York.

**E. B. Williams**, senior partner in the Poplarville, Mississippi law firm of Williams & Williams, is the father of **E. B. Williams, Jr.**, Class of 1941 who also practices in Poplarville.

1914 **J. Corbett Cornett**, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, has sent the School of Law a copy of a resolution which he presented to the Osage County (Oklahoma) Bar Association upon the death of **William S. Hamilton**, class of 1902. The Resolution follows:

WHEREAS the members of the Osage County Bar Association



have lost by death one of its highly respected and beloved members, **WILLIAM S. HAMILTON**, AND WHEREAS, being desirous of expressing their sympathy to his family, and in recognition of his devotion to his profession, hereby adopt the following Resolution:

That in his passing the Oklahoma and Osage County Bar Associations have lost an active and an esteemed member, being a former president of this and the Oklahoma Bars. He was learned in the law, an able counselor. Our State County and City have lost a worthy and useful citizen, who was active in civic and church work and was rich in the knowledge of his profession, and many other attributes which won for him the respect and affection of those who knew him, especially the members of his profession, who deeply deplore his passing;

THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED: That we express our profound sorrow and extend condolences to his family, and do hereby record our appreciation of his unselfish services to his church, community, and devotion to his profession. ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 1969, at Pawhuska, Oklahoma in regular session.

The School of Law joins in the thoughts so ably expressed by Mr. Cornett and thank him for bringing to our attention this fitting document.

- 1915 **H. Clay Holt, Jr.**, of 3800 Tanney Street, Gary, Indiana, wrote recently that he had suffered a stroke this past year, but that he is regaining his strength. We wish him continued recovery and hope that he may be able to visit the campus during the J.D. ceremonies at the beginning of May.

The Hon. Cecil Corbett Smith, a retired Illinois jurist, is residing at 10336 South Oakley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

- 1916 **Ben L. Garman** of Holyoke, Colorado, recently gave the School of Law a gift of stock valued on the New York Stock Exchange at approximately \$6,500 to be used in the publication of the **Valparaiso University Law Review**. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Garman for his generosity in supporting the programs of the Law School.

- 1917 We are sorry to learn that **Hon. F. E. Butler**, formerly Municipal Judge of Culver City, California, died recently. We extend our sympathies to Judge Butler's family.

**John E. Hughes**, who for the past nine years has been living in LaJolla, California, still serves as a consultant to his Chicago law firm of Hughes & Hughes, 135 South LaSalle Street where he was a senior partner for many years.

**Clyde A. Patterson** of Tulsa, Oklahoma writes that he is in semi-retirement after having practiced for Texaco, Inc. Mr. Patterson was with Texaco from 1919 until 1959, and since that time has served as a part-time attorney for the Apache Corporation. Mr. Patterson has a married daughter living in Washington, D.C., and a son living in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Mr. Patterson married Ruth S. Farley, formerly of the Valparaiso Primary Department.

**Frank E. Trobaugh** of West Frankfort, Illinois, writes that he will be present at the conferring of the J.D. degrees in May, adding that he will see "if I can't get some more members of my class [1917] to join me there for a little reunion." Mr. Trobaugh was at Valpo in the spring of 1967 to take part in the 50th reunion of his class, noting that he enjoyed reminiscing with his classmates at that time. "This J.D. degree affair," he writes, "will be a good excuse to get the boys together." Mr. Trobaugh served for many years as the West Frankfort, Illinois city attorney. Active in the Lions Club, Shriners, and in music organizations, Mr. Trobaugh has been an esteemed leader in Southern Illinois for many years.

We have learned of the death of **Thomas H. Strizich** of Hibbing, Minnesota. We send our condolences to Mrs. Strizich who survives. A native of Yugoslavia, Mr. Strizich was Yugoslav counsel in Minnesota for 35 years. In addition, he served as an attorney in a Hibbing law firm, member of the Hibbing Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board of Directors of the Hibbing General Hospital, and was village attorney for Hibbing for eight years.

**A. N. Witko** writes that he is residing at 619 McKinley Street, Gary, Indiana.

- 1918 **Harold E. Stiles** is presently residing at 324 McKinley Street in Gary, Indiana.

- 1922 **Judge Dewey Kelley** of Whiting, Indiana has retired at 71 from an active and illustrious career. After engaging in private practice for 30 years, Judge Kelley was nominated and elected to the Indiana Appellate Court in 1952 where he distinguished himself and the court for over 12 years. Dean Meyer recently received a letter from Judge Kelley, the following portion of which the Dean has given to the Alumni Office for their records. We believe all law graduates will find Judge Kelley's words of interest. He writes:

I came to Valpo by train at one o'clock in the morning and walked about one mile in a heavy rain to the University, then known as the poor man's Harvard, with exactly twenty cents as my total financial worth. I stopped in a hamburger stand on the hill and the owner let me rest on a wooden seat bench until dawn. The next day I was very hungry but with some good fortune I secured a job cleaning carpets, repairing doors and windows, and also a job washing dishes after the supper hour. Thus, I started in the law school with patched pants and borrowed second hand books. Our Dean was Milo Bowman . . . One of our favorite profs was Virgil E. Berry.

We wish Judge Kelley many more years of health and happiness and hope that he can be present at the Law Day activities on May 2 this year as one of our honored guests.

- 1924 **Beatty R. Julien**, a Washington, D.C. lawyer, was elected in October to serve on the School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors for a two-year term.

The Honorable **Charles R. Scott**, United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida at Jacksonville, lived in Valparaiso, Indiana, from 1906 until 1924. He attended Valparaiso High School before entering the VU School of Law. Following his graduation in 1924 he moved to Florida where he has resided ever since. He practiced law before being nominated in 1967 by President Johnson to the Federal Bench. Judge Scott indicated in a recent letter to Dean Meyer that he hopes to be present at the J. D. conferral program on May 2. We too hope that Judge Scott will be present so that we may properly recognize his achievements on that occasion.





1925 **F. Prieto-Azuar**, a life member of Sigma Delta Kappa, Zeta Chapter, residing in Brookfield, Connecticut, writes that he has retired from the practice of law and that he was pleased to learn of the impending retroactive conferral of the J.D. degree.

1926 **Willard R. Lowe**, of Jones, Michigan, is the president of Big Wheel of Valparaiso, Inc., which operates the Big Wheel restaurant adjacent to the Valparaiso University campus.

**Frank H. Sparber** who practices law in Gary, Indiana, writes that he is pleased to learn the University will grant former LL.B. graduates the J.D. degree this Spring.

1927 **Henry R. Weeks**, partner in the Port Chester, New York, law firm of Seely & Weeks, has written the law school of his interest in the retroactive conferral of the J.D. degree on May 2, 1970.

1929 **Harold J. E. Gesell** of Takoma Park, Maryland, recently retired from the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., at which time Mr. Gesell was honored at a special retirement luncheon. Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Gesell also is a graduate of the FBI National Police Academy. He has organized and headed various Scientific Crime Detection Laboratories throughout the states and for the Federal Government. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Upon his retirement on February 25, 1969, Mr. Gesell was highly praised for his years of dedicated service, and was recognized as having been one of the outstanding "questioned document examiners" in the Federal Government. We add our belated congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Gesell upon his retirement from public service.

We are sorry to learn that **Harold C. Hector** of Hammond, Indiana died on October 7, 1969. We extend to his family our deepest sympathy.

**D. F. Rainey**, partner in the Okmulgee, Oklahoma law firm of Rainey & Barksdale, writes of his interest in the retroactive conferral of the Juris Doctor degree.

**The Rev. Carl J. Schuette** of Cleveland, Ohio writes that he will be present at the J.D. conferral program on Saturday, May 2, 1970. After graduating from the VU Law School in 1929, Rev. Schuette practiced law in Cleveland for 13 years and in addition was a city official of Parma, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb. He later decided to become a Lutheran pastor and entered the Seminary. After completing his training, he served an Illinois church for six years and then became pastor of a Cleveland church where he currently serves, which has a total of 1,400 members. Rev. Schuette notes that in addition to his church duties he finds time to practice law part-time particularly in the handling of trusts and estates for members of his church.

1931 **The Hon. Russell A. Nixon**, Judge of the Porter Superior Court, has graciously volunteered his time and service this fall to sit as judge on a mock trial conducted by students in Professor Stevenson's trial advocacy course at the School of Law.

1932 **Harold J. Douthett**, Highland, Indiana, has been attorney for the Highland School District for over 30 years. Until his retirement, he had also practiced law in Hammond, Indiana for many years.

**Clyde E. Mitchell**, who had practiced law in LaSalle, Illinois, died on November 3, 1969. The School of Law extends to Mr. Richard Mitchell and his mother our condolences. His son in a recent letter wrote that Mr. Mitchell felt "very highly of Valpo," that he, Mr. Mitchell's son "would be particularly pleased if we could get a young Valpo attorney to continue his father's practice."

1933 **Paul L. Mueller** writes that he is residing at 19630 East Bagley Road in Cleveland, Ohio.

**A. Ladd (Jake) Skinner** recently retired from Federal Civil Service and is living at 1060 San Nicolas Circle, Tucson, Arizona. For the past nine years Mr. Skinner has been Director of the Legal Advisory Staff, Office of Construction, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. Upon his retirement, he was the recipient of a Government "Distinguished Career Award." We congratulate Mr. Skinner not only for attaining this award but also for an outstanding career in public service.

1935 **James W. Chester**, senior partner in the Valparaiso, Indiana law firm of Chester, Clifford, Hoepfner & Houran, and Chairman of the Board of Northern Indiana Bank and Trust Company, was named recipient of the 1969 Valparaiso University Alumni Distinguished Service Award, which was presented at Homecoming this past fall. Mr. Chester who recently was elected to the University's Board of Directors, currently serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the VU Alumni Century Club as well as trustee of the Fred Smoke Student Loan Fund.

**The Hon. Norman L. Kiesling** of Logansport, Indiana has been judge of the Cass County Circuit Court since 1959.

**Samuel H. Freel** of Richmond, Missouri, writes that he intends to take part in the J.D. conferral ceremonies on campus on Saturday, May 2.

**Martin J. Nehring** writes that he is residing at 428 North 14th Street, Canon City, Colorado.

1936 **Walter A. Christopher** of River Forest, Illinois, who was back at the Homecoming Law Alumni Banquet this fall, indicated that he will try and attend the J.D. ceremonies scheduled for May 1 and 2 at the Law School.

1941 **Wilfred Fritz** has been appointed by former Alaskan Governor Hickel to be Director of Insurance for the State of Alaska. Congratulations!

**The Rev. Lee M. Rose**, business manager of Nashotan House, a theological seminary of the Episcopal Church, located in Nashotan, Wisconsin, has written that he intends to be present at Valparaiso on May 2, 1970 to receive his J.D. degree. We look forward to Rev. Rose's return to campus.

1942 **John W. Ruge**, Judge of the Valparaiso City Court from 1960-67, is presently serving as Clerk of the Porter County (Indiana) Superior Court.

**Edwin A. Kurtz** writes that he is residing in St. Charles, Missouri.

**Elmer Simon**, vice-president of Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company, recently published an article in Vol. 47 of the *Michigan State Bar Journal* pertaining to the Keeton-O'Connell automobile insurance proposal for compensating accident victims.

1947 **Frederick Froehlich**, an attorney in Appleton, Wisconsin, was elected in October to serve as a director of the Valparaiso Law Alumni Association for a two-year term.

**Lewis W. Koldewey** of Rialto, California writes that he is practicing law and that he hopes to attend the J.D. conferral activities at the Law School on May 1 and 2.

1948 **William J. Nowak** of Calumet City, Illinois, was recently named president of the Calumet City Lions Club. He formerly had organized the local Kiwanis Club and served as its president in 1968.

**Walter H. Piehler**, partner in the Wausau, Wisconsin law firm of Genrich, Terwilliger, Wakeen, Piehler & Conway, writes of his interest in the University's retroactive conferral of the J.D. degree.

1949 **Richard G. Bodenstab** is practicing law in Chicago in new offices located in the Chicago Title & Trust Building, 111 West Washington Street.

1951 **Raymond J. Dittmer**, an attorney in Michigan City, Indiana, has been Justice of the Peace for Michigan Township since 1963, according to

**Arthur A. Keppen**, class of 1952, who also practices in Michigan City, and was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Michigan City, Indiana, Bar Association.

**Robert H. Duesenberg** has been appointed Assistant General Counsel for Pet, Inc., which has its headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri.

**T. V. Behm** has written that is pleased with the University's decision to grant the J.D. degree retroactively.

**John H. Rehm, Jr.**, of Hamilton, Ohio, is superintendent of the Fidelity and Surety Bond Claim Department of the Ohio Casualty Insurance Co.

**The Hon. Alfred Pivarnik**, Judge of the Porter County Circuit Court, was elected to the Law Alumni Board of Directors in October. He has been mentioned frequently in the press as a candidate for appointment by President Nixon to the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.



1952 **The Hon. Bryce Billings**, Mayor of Valparaiso, Indiana, recently won a widely publicized soap box derby race against the Mayor of Portage, Indiana, at a half-time "spectacular" at the Valparaiso - Brown basketball game.

**Gerald Deller**, who practices law in Angola, Indiana, has written recently of his interest in the retroactive conferral of the Juris Doctor degree.

1953 **John A. Damico** recently ran for Assemblyman in Albany, New York. After graduating from the Law School, Mr. Damico served in the Army and subsequently practiced in Rochester, New York, where he also served on the faculty of the Rochester Business Institute. In 1964 he was a candidate for the New York State Senate. He has been Commander of both the Culver, New York VFW Post, and of the Monroe County VFW unit.

1955 **Fred L. Bardenwerper**, formerly an attorney with the Milwaukee law firm of Lichtsinn, Dede, Anderson and Ryan, has been appointed Director of the Defense Information Office which is administered by the Defense Research Institute (DRI).

1956 **Richard A. Mertz** of Sagnaw, Michigan, has written of his interest in the retroactive conferral of the Juris Doctor degree.

1957 **Roland A. Herrmann**, McHenry, Illinois, is engaged in general practice as a partner with the firm of Hamer, Schuh & Herrmann, Woodstock, Illinois. Mr. Herrmann made the arrangements for the successful Valparaiso School of Law Alumni luncheon which was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Illinois State Bar Association at St. Charles, Illinois, this past June.

**Sharon L. King**, partner in the Chicago law firm of Isham, Lincoln and Beal, has published various professional articles in recent years including one in the **Chicago Bar Record**, the journal of the Chicago Bar Association.

**Douglas R. Seltz**, St. Paul, Minnesota, was elected a director of the Valparaiso Law School Alumni Association this past October for a two-year term.

**Bartel Zandstra**, along with **Charles L. Zandstra**, and **William J. Muha**, both of the class of 1958, announce the formation of a new partnership, Zandstra, Zandstra & Muha, at 2837 Highway Avenue, Highland, Indiana.

1958 **Millard Becker, Jr.**, is with the Detroit, Michigan law firm of Rouse, Selby, Dickinson, Shaw & Pike where he engages primarily in automobile negligence trials representing the Automobile Club of Michigan. Mr. Becker and his recent bride attended the Law Alumni Banquet this past October.

**The Hon. Theodore L. Sendak**, elected to the Law Alumni Board of Directors this past fall, has served as Attorney-General for the State of Indiana since his election to that office in 1968.

**William C. Suarez** who resides in Portage, Indiana, was elected Chairman of the Porter County (Indiana) Democratic Party in December.

**William Wagner**, partner in the Valparaiso law firm of Chester, Clifford, Hoepfner and Houran, was elected to the Law School Alumni Board of Directors in October as was **William W. Winterhoff**, who practices in Lansing, Illinois.



**VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW BOARD OF VISITORS**

From left to right: Robert J. Stroebel, '55; Richard W. Duesenberg, '53; Judge Thomas Faulconer, '48; Judge Luther M. Swygert, LL.D., '63; Judge Russell Nixon, '31; William Thiess, '57; Oliver H. Eggers, '36, and Sen. James A. Gardner, '51. (Not pictured, William R. Heerman, '56.)



**John M. Lyons** who practices in Valparaiso sat as a judge in a recent mock trial conducted by third-year students under the direction of Professor Stevenson. We appreciate his taking time to assist our students in their preparation for trial practice.

- 1959 **Gary Mayor Richard G. Hatcher** was the subject of a feature article appearing recently in the *New York Times* Sunday Magazine Section.

**Quentin Blachly**, partner in the Valparaiso firm of Blachly and Tabor, **Harold D. Kimmel**, an attorney practicing in Stillwater, Minnesota, and **Chris I. Pappas**, practicing law in Boston, Massachusetts, were elected to the Law School Alumni Board of Directors in October, all for two-year terms.

- 1960 **Bruce E. Bloom**, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was elected to serve as a director of the Valparaiso Law Alumni Association this past October.

**Robert Probst** has been elected Vice-President of the Nobel County (Indiana) Bar Association.

- 1961 **Charles A. Adamson** writes of his interest in the retroactive conferral of the J.D. Degree. We hope that the Class of 1961 will use the occasion on May 2, 1970 to have a reunion. A table for the class as well as most other classes will be specially reserved at the banquet on the evening of May 2 at which all recipients of the J.D. degree will be guests of the University.

**John L. DeLaurenti** practices law in Greenville, Illinois, where he is State's Attorney of Bond County. He continues to participate with the Illinois Air National Guard located in Springfield, and is also active with the Illinois State Bar Association's Committee on Natural Resources. Mr. DeLaurenti and his wife, Leanne, have four children, two girls and two boys.

**Robert J. Jenke** of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, writes that he intends to return for the retroactive conferral of the J.D. degree on May 2, 1970.

**John L. Leal** is a partner in the Fort Wayne, Indiana law firm of Newkirk, Keane and Kowalczyk.

- 1962 **Alan S. Morrisson** has associated with the Valparaiso, Indiana law firm of Chester, Clifford, Hoepfner & Houran, after serving for three years on the Law School's faculty. Having been one of the School's most popular professors, we are delighted that he remains close to the Law School professionally (and socially) since part of his new responsibilities involve legal representation of the University.

**Kenneth L. Roeh**, of the class of 1952, has been appointed Vice President and Trust Officer of The Bank of Edgemon, East St. Louis, Illinois.

**Ruth J. Weber** is a member of the Appleton, Wisconsin law firm of Byrne, Bubolz, & Spanagel & Pfankuch.

- 1964 **David Beran** is practicing with the Chicago law firm of Dowd, Kennedy & Dowd.

**Wayne M. Jensen**, partner in the Elgin, Illinois law firm of Kirkland, Brady, McQueen, Martin & Callahan, is specializing in litigation. Mr. Jensen and his wife, Pam, presently have two children, Stephen L., age 2, and Kelly E., age 1. He writes that he has "seriously considered running for the office of President of the United States," but that "such a venture would take too much time away from watching Chicago Bear games."

- 1965 **David W. Bahlmann**, Valparaiso, Indiana, served as legal assistant to Dr. Otis Bowen, Speaker of the State of Indiana House of Representatives during its 1969 session. Mr. Bahlmann also appears in the 1969 edition of *Who's Who* in its "Outstanding Young Men of America" section.

**John E. Christen**, who had been elected President of the VU School of Law Alumni Association only six weeks earlier, died this past November in a fire in his apartment in Terre Haute, Indiana. Mr. Christen had been associated with the Terre Haute law firm of Marshall, Batman, Day & Swango. Dean Meyer and Professor Swygert from the Law School, and Duane Hartman and John Diaz representing the Law Alumni Association, attended the funeral which was held in Decatur, Indiana, home of Mr. Christen's parents.

**Richard L. Heimberg** has become a partner in the Elgin, Illinois law firm of Kirkland, Brady, McQueen, Martin & Callahan.

**John S. Diaz**, practicing law in Portage, Indiana, recently received an invitation from President Richard Nixon to attend and participate in the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health held on December 2-4 in Washington, D.C. Mr. Diaz reported that the conference was very informative. Community representatives from throughout the United States participated in the event. Earlier last summer, Mr. Diaz, at the request of the Hon. George Romney, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, participated in a fair housing conference in Washington conducted by HUD.

**Michael C. McCarey** has accepted an appointment as attorney with the Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Deceptive Practices, Washington, D.C.

**M. Max Mochal**, who had been associated with the Valparaiso law firm of Chester, Clifford, Hoepfner & Houran, died on February 17, 1969 of a heart attack. Mr. Mochal had been president of the Porter County Bar Association, and had been extremely active in civic affairs. A memorial in Mr. Mochal's memory has been established by his family to assist the School of Law. The entire Law School community was deeply saddened by Mr. Mochal's untimely death.

**John R. Sorbello** has been elected President of the Crown Point - Lowell (Indiana) Bar Association.

- 1966 **Adam Benjamin, Jr.**, a former Indiana State Representative, is practicing in Gary, Indiana, where he recently represented the City's firemen in a labor dispute with the City which precipitated national news coverage.

**William R. Beu** is practicing law in Rockford, Illinois.

**Robert E. Coyle** is currently on active duty with the U.S. Navy as a Lt. in the Judge Advocate General's Corp, stationed in Yokojuka, Japan. Lt. Coyle is scheduled to be released from the Navy in 1971.

**Frank Gray** after completing his military service which included a year's duty in Viet Nam, has associated with the Fort Wayne, Indiana, law firm of Bloom & Bloom.

**William F. Satterlee** has joined the Valparaiso, Indiana law firm of Chester, Clifford, Hoepfner and Houran. Mr. Satterlee has received recognition from various organizations for his outstanding civic work in our community.

**Fredrich H. Thomforde, Jr.**, who joined the Law School faculty in September after serving as a Registered Representative on the New York Stock Exchange for F. S. Mosely & Co., Boston, recently attended a Securities Conference in New York City along with **Alan S. Morrisson**, Class of 1962.

- 1967 **Charles J. Fleck** is practicing law in Chicago, Illinois and also serves as an Assistant State's Attorney for the State of Illinois.

**Duane W. Hartman** was elected this past October to the office of Vice-President of the Valparaiso Law Alumni Association. Following the sudden death of the Association's President, **John E. Christen**, Class of 1965, Mr. Hartman has assumed the position of President. Mr. Hartman who is associated with the Valparaiso law firm of Blachly & Tabor, has been very active in Valparaiso community and civic affairs.

**Michael W. Hudson** of Royal Oak, Michigan, is a partner in the firm of Hudson and Hudson where he engages in general practice.

**Capt. Roger A. Jensen**, U.S. Marine Corp, is stationed with the Staff Judge Advocate's Office at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

**Norman A. Korfist** who is in the Army, stationed at Glenview, Illinois, returned with his wife for the annual Homecoming Law Banquet this past October.

**Lt. Allen L. Landmeier** is presently on active duty with the Judge Advocate General's Corp. of the U.S. Naval Reserve in Norfolk, Virginia. We recently received a card from Lt. Landmeier from Honolulu where he was on a special investigative assignment. It must be nice.

**Richard W. Leiken** is practicing law in Eureka, Illinois after serving two years with the United States Army, including one year in Viet Nam.

**Norman E. Lindstedt** is practicing law in Rockford, Illinois. We are advised that he and his wife are expecting their first child this summer.

**Jack W. Lund** is practicing law in Gary, Indiana. We understand he continues to play occasionally his magnificent horn.



**Donald E. Martin** continues to serve as Deputy Prosecutor for the County of Ingham, Michigan. In addition to his legal duties, Mr. Martin and his wife, Dorothy, have been active as Luther League sponsors as well as campaigners in various elections.

**James E. McCabe** is practicing law in Williamsport, Indiana in the firm of McCabe & McCabe. He and his wife previously spent 15 months in London, England where he had been a graduate law student at the University of London.

**Theodore E. Mesh**, whose new address is 6128 Verdum Ct., Indianapolis, Indiana, is working as a tax specialist for Ernst & Ernst, a C.P.A. firm, in its Indianapolis office. His wife is training to be a tax auditor for the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Mesh took the C.P.A. examination in November.

**John C. Ruck** recently became a partner in the Muskegon, Michigan law firm of Halbauer and Ruck, 301 Liberty Life Building, Muskegon 49440.

**James V. Tsoutsouris** who practices law in Valparaiso, Indiana, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Valparaiso Law Alumni Association this past October. His wife, **Joan Tsoutsouris**, also of the class of 1967, gave birth recently to their first child, a boy. Congratulations.

**Michael S. Virgil**, after serving the Law School magnificently for two years, decided to change his life style recently by first, marrying Christine McAfee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John T. McAfee of Valparaiso, and second, by associating with the Chicago law firm of Lewis, Overbeck and Furman, 135 South LaSalle Street where he engages in tax and general corporate law. In addition, Mr. Virgil spends much of his time in volunteer legal aid work in Chicago.

**John W. Yakimow** who is a patent attorney for Amsted Industries, Inc., Chicago happily announces that his wife, Karen, gave birth to a girl, Christin, their first child, in October. Congratulations!

**James W. Zerrenner** announces that he has formed a new partnership with Richard H. Timmers for the general practice of law in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the firm to be known as Timmers & Zerrenner.

1968 **Charles Ailes** is an associate with the Fowler, Indiana law firm of Fraser & Isham.

**Glenn A. Andreas, Jr.**, has been appointed to the position of Attorney in the Estate Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Service. He is located in the Denver, Colorado regional office.

**Robert Bosin** is practicing law in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

**Thomas M. Cockerill** has formed a partnership for the general practice of law in Winchester, Indiana. The firm's name is Meeks Cockerill and Thomas M. Cockerill.

**James Douglas** has associated with the Valparaiso, Indiana law firm of Douglas, Douglas & Douglas.

**Jon Gramhoffer** who is serving in the Army stopped in at the Law School recently when he was on leave. He said that he intends to go back to Vermont and continue practicing after he obtains his military discharge in 1971.

**James A. Greco** who practices in Gary, Indiana, recently published the lead article in an issue of *Res Gestae*, journal of the Indiana State Bar Association, pertaining to land trusts in Indiana.

**Thomas Hafner** is an associate with the Fort Wayne, Indiana law firm of Nieter, Smith, Blume, Wyneken and Dixon.

**Robert P. Harper** has been practicing law with **John S. Diaz**, class of 1965, in Portage, Indiana. Mr. Harper, according to recently published newspaper reports, is considering running for the office of Porter County Prosecutor in 1970 as a Democrat. The position is presently held by **William G. Conover**, class of 1951.

**David Hessler** recently became a partner in the Cleveland, Ohio law firm of Wegman & Hessler.

**Mark Holtan** has become a partner in the Hammond, Indiana law firm of Walker & Holtan.

**Ray Nimmer**, Project Director for the American Bar Foundation, Chicago, recently received a National award from ASCAP for a paper on copyright law. His winning paper was published in ASCAP's 1969 annual publication.

**Irv Ochsenchlager** is an associate with the Aurora, Illinois law firm of O'Brien, Burnell, Puckett and Barnett, the same firm in which **Peter K. Wilson** of the class of 1967 is associated.

**Nils Olsen** is practicing with the Springfield, Illinois law firm of Olsen, Cantrill & Miller.

**David Petersen** is an associate with the Milwaukee, Wisconsin law firm of Brady, Tyrrell, Cotter and Cutler.

**Roy Roscoe** is associated with the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania law firm of Kenny, Steven, Clark & Sample.

**James Springer** has opened up a law office in the Fort Wayne Bank Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He also has been appointed a Deputy Prosecutor of Allen County.

**Richard L. Treichel**, who recently moved to 1405 North Glenwood, Apt. C, Griffith, Indiana is working for James T. Wilkes & Co. in Harvey, Illinois where he engages primarily in tax work with emphasis in estate planning and profit sharing plans.

1969 **C. M. Bye** has associated with the River Falls, Wisconsin law firm of C. L. Gaylord.

**Robert J. Brickman** writes that he is residing in Evanston, Illinois, at 498 Sheridan Road.

**Richard Eynon**, 3155 Sycamore Drive, Columbus, Indiana, has become associated with the Columbus firm of Thompson & Jones. He also reports the birth of their second child, Jeffrey Richard, on September 3rd. Congratulations!

**Peter Glick**, after passing the Indiana and California bar examinations this past summer, has moved to Tokyo, Japan, and is working with a Tokyo law firm consisting of fourteen Japanese attorneys. Mr. Glick is the only foreign attorney in the firm.. In addition to his work at the law firm, Mr. Glick is attending school studying the Japanese language. We understand that he recently got married.

**John Goldenetz**, who is practicing in Defiance, Ohio, happily reports that his wife gave birth to a girl, Angela Michelle, on June 18th. Congratulations!

**Delbert Haschemeyer** is practicing law in Morton, Illinois, with a fourteen-member firm which engages largely in litigation. Mr. Haschemeyer reports that he has spent much time traveling around the country investigating dramshop cases.

**Gary S. Helgeson** of Bismarck, North Dakota, and **Steven Wermcrantz** of Valparaiso, Indiana, both received commissions as Lt., J.G. in the Judge Advocate General's Corp, U.S. Navy Reserve, on October 15th. They currently are stationed at Newport, Rhode Island.

**Ralph (Dennis) Hoover** is practicing law in Valparaiso, Indiana with the law firm of Lyons and Aungst.

**David E. Reiff** has founded a partnership for the practice of law at Tomahawk, Wisconsin. The name of the firm is Seroogy & Reiff.

**Douglas P. Roller** is currently serving as an attorney for the Department of Justice, Organized Crime Division, Washington, D.C., under the Attorney General's Honors Program which is open to only the top law school graduates each year. Mr. Roller thus joins two earlier Valpo graduates who entered the program, **Fredrich H. Thomforde**, class of 1966, who went with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Chicago, and **Andrew B. Baker, Jr.**, class of 1968, who also joined the Organized Crime Division of the Justice Department, located in Washington, D.C. The Law School is pleased to announce, moreover, that two current third-year students, **Gary Pearch**, editor of the *Law Review* and **Henry Hagan**, have recently been offered positions in the Justice Department's Honors Program. This means that for the past four consecutive years the Valparaiso Law School has placed graduates in the Justice Department's Honors Program.



**JAMES S. BROPHY** is a civilian attorney employed in the United States Air Force's Staff Judge Advocate Office at Wright Patterson Air Force, Dayton, Ohio.

**Donald (Mike) Reese** reports that he is residing at 2031 Franklin Ave., Seattle, Washington.

**Scudder G. Stevens** has associated with the Philadelphia law firm of Strong, Barnett & Grasberger, where he is engaged in the general practice of law. He and his wife are living near the center of Philadelphia at 339 South 12th Street.. Mr. Stevens has volunteered to recruit for the Law School at his undergraduate alma mater, Pennsylvania State University.

**Judy Tyler** is associated with Community Legal Counsel in Chicago, Illinois, where she is involved in legal aid work and group legal service programs.

1971 A second-year student in the School of Law has been given "much of the credit" for a \$900,000 grant awarded by the Federal Government and State of Indiana for the construction of a "comprehensive community mental health center" for Porter and Starke Counties (Indiana). The funds will be used to construct and equip a special addition to Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso, Indiana, adjacent to the Valparaiso University campus. Construction is to start later this year. **Peter Ault**, 23, a VU Law Student from Saginaw, Michigan, did the research for the grant and prepared the detailed application which he then submitted to the appropriate governmental agencies. Ault began work on obtaining the grant several months ago when he was hired to research the possible ways in which needed funds for a mental health clinic might be sought.

His efforts paid off when the Indiana Department of Health announced that both the Federal Government and State of Indiana had approved his application. The funds were awarded to Porter-Starke Services, Inc., a public service agency organized to seek funds for a mental health center for the area. The agency's president, Gale C. Corley, complimented Ault for his efforts noting that Ault deserved much of the credit for the grant.

1951 **Richard L. Kuhlman**, Dodge County, (Nebraska) Attorney, recently won a case before the Supreme Court of the United States, *Nebraska v. DeBacker*, involving the question of whether a state must grant jury trials to juveniles. The decision means that 38 states which still deny jury trials in the case of juvenile defendants may continue to do so. Mr. Kuhlman who resides with his family in Fremont, Nebraska, was named on January 6, 1970 as the recipient of the "1970 Service to Mankind Award" granted by the Fremont Sertoma Club. He was described as "tireless in his efforts to help law enforcement officials and to make his community a better place in which to live." A member of Fremont's Trinity Lutheran Church, Kuhlman is a partner in the firm of Johnson and Kuhlman. He is an advisory member of the Lutheran Children Service Society Board and a member of the Church Extension Board of the Northern Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. In addition to his many responsibilities to his church, Mr. Kuhlman has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, and in 1962 was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, one of the highest public service awards bestowed by the Boy Scouts. Mr. Kuhlman's civic and church activities have made him a well known community leader. He and his wife have one son, Ricky, 15, and two married daughters.

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