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Valparaiso University School of Law
LETTER FROM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni:

The Valparaiso University School of Law Alumni Association has made remarkable strides during the past three years under the able leadership of George Mailers. As your past president, I pledge my best efforts and those of our board of directors, to continue to build the association.

We have set certain goals and objectives for this year. Among them are:

1. Increasing our visibility among and communications with alumni. This news bulletin is part of that goal. We plan a minimum of three communications per year with alumni in order to advise you of the activities of the association, the law school, and of achievements of alumni.

2. Increasing the number of members paying dues. While all graduates of the law school are automatically members of the association, it is obvious that the strength of the association and success of its programs is dependent upon the support of members paying dues.

3. Increased visibility within the law school in order that students may become more aware of the association. In this regard we are considering receptions for students in addition to the luncheon for third year students which we now sponsor.

Also, we are examining the feasibility of sponsoring a reception in conjunction with the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF) seminar to be held at the University on March 11 and 12, 1982. Other matters under consideration are increased participation of alumni in student admissions and recruitment and placement. We need your help if the association is to be truly effective. With your increased support it is our firm belief that the alumni association can be a positive force for the benefit of the law school, its students and alumni, and the University.

Best personal regards to all of you.

Very truly yours,

Wesley W. Ratliff, Jr., President
Valparaiso University School of Law Alumni Association

LETTER FROM THE DEAN

To the Alumni:

As the new year begins, please accept the hearty good wishes of the faculty, staff, and administration of the School of Law for a prosperous and happy 1982.

The past year has been a good one for the School. Admissions have been maintained in quantity and quality, faculty productivity has advanced as you would expect from the fine teachers who populate Wesemann Hall, and University support for the law school program continues at a promising level.

Specifically, I should like to bring you all up-to-date on one terribly significant aspect of the University's efforts on behalf of the School of Law. Almost two years ago, the Valparaiso University Board committed itself by formal resolution to a program for expanding the physical facilities of the School so as to provide unquestionably for meeting the standards of modern legal education. As you all know, the School of Law today is larger in both student body and faculty than was the School from which most of you were graduated. I hasten to add, however, that even at its current size, your School remains one of the half dozen smallest accredited law schools in the United States. While the law faculty and the University intend for Valparaiso to maintain the healthy qualities of small size, it is, nevertheless, necessary that our physical facilities be expanded.

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Outgoing Alumni Association President George Mailers greets the new President, Judge Wesley Ratliff, at the Homecoming dinner. Judge Ratliff is a member of the Indiana Court of Appeals and a 1950 graduate of the School of Law.
During the past year, three significant developments have occurred bearing upon our efforts to provide for an enhanced physical plant. First, the University Board has had under consideration a detailed report submitted about a year ago by the law faculty which set forth comprehensively and, I believe, most soundly the space needs of this School for the next fifteen years. The soundness of that report stems from the fact that it was an outgrowth of a thorough planning process that considered the future directions of legal education, the unique contributions that Valparaiso can make to that educational direction, the financial constraints of a tuition-dependent small school in a university without enormous endowment, the economy of the nation, and the historic role of this law school in this Christian university. The space needs analysis and, indeed, the entire planning process were carried out by the law faculty with the aid of a number of nationally recognized consultants in a program that has been generously funded by Aid Association for Lutherans. The space needs analysis thus was an organic outgrowth of our programmatic planning.

The second significant development was the University's study of the future development of the campus as a whole. The President and Board retained early in 1981 a highly accomplished planning advisor whose organization provided a sophisticated long-range analysis of the present physical facilities of the University, including both the "new" campus and the original, or "old" west campus buildings and space. The needs of the School of Law provided only one of the subjects studied by the University's campus planners. The resulting recommendations provided for all of us a comprehensive land use plan and an integrated University-wide activity-flow scheme. The recommendations were aimed at the most efficient and effective use patterns for a period well beyond the turn of the century. The proposals called for maximum flexibility for that long-term future, recognizing that perspectives and needs and resources change over time and change in ways that are not precisely predictable.

In other words, the University's campus-wide long-range planning has provided the soundest possible framework in which to make all individual construction decisions. Within that framework, the campus planners recommended that the School of Law should be relocated in new facilities on the "old" campus, to be renamed "Heritage Park". The new law school would be the centerpiece of a quadrangle that would make maximum use of the beauties of that setting, the traditions of the old campus, and the several existing buildings that would be retained.

The third significant development was the University Board's acceptance of the campus-wide recommendations, at least for present planning purposes for the School of Law. Concurrent with that preliminary policy decision, the Board retained the distinguished firm of Sverdrup and Parcel of St. Louis to prepare preliminary design analyses for the new law school facilities to be located in Heritage Park. At this time, the Planning Council of the Law Faculty, under the chairmanship of Professor Philipp Brockington, has been working with senior members of the University central administration and with Sverdrup and Parcel on this very exciting task.

Although we are at only the start of the effort, I have been eager to share this news with you because these developments seem to me to mark an important new beginning of this second century of our law school's existence. Based as it has been upon the curricular work of the law faculty over the last several years, the building program promises to provide the physical exemplification of our modern service to society, to the profession, and to the University.

In future months you will be hearing much more about these important matters.

Again, all good wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,
Charles A. Ehren, Jr.
Dean

Alumni/alumnae sharing drinks and good food at the 1981 Homecoming dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association at Strongbow Inn. More than 150 people were present at the dinner.

LAW SCHOOL ANNOUNCES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR ACADEMICS

The school of law has recently established a fellowship program for faculty of other colleges and universities. The fellowships will permit academics from other disciplines to study law at Valparaiso while providing them with tuition and fees. It is hoped that through these fellowships interdisciplinary study will be enriched at the law school, and that scholarly input by these fellowship recipients will enhance law school publications. The fellowships have been announced in major scholarly journals, and the response has been very positive. Final decisions on applicants for the fellowships will be named sometime before May 1, 1982.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
NOTES

The Alumni Association has been especially active this past year with the publication of the Alumni Directory. After initial complications in compilation and printing, the volume has finally been mailed. If you have failed to receive your copy, please contact the Law School offices at 219-464-5436 and one will be mailed to you. It is hoped that more alumni/alumnae will mail in their yearly dues so that the association can now pay for the directory, which cost in excess of $20,000. Update forms can be found in the back of the looseleaf section for those of you whose addresses have changed.

Exam time coffee was once again provided to law students by the Association. It is hoped that this will become a tradition each year. Students are more than grateful to find plenty of free, hot coffee each morning before facing an exam. The relatively small cost may go a long way in establishing good alumni relations.

George Carberry has been named by President Schnabel to represent the law school alumni on the Dean Search Committee which is charged with the responsibility of screening and interviewing candidates for the deanship. Any comments or nominations should be forwarded to George in care of Thomas, Burke, Dyerly & Cuppy, 8585 Broadway, Suite 610, Merrillville, IN 46410.

Efforts are underway to restore the Alumni Association’s Student Loan Fund, and to arrange for repayment by those graduates who benefitted from the fund while at Valparaiso.

Gene Hennig, Chair of the Communications Committee, will be happy to receive comments on the type of information alumni/alumnae wish to receive from the Association. He will begin to send out regular “newsletters” in hopes of improving communications with all of you. If you have newsworthy information concerning yourself or a classmate, please direct it to Gene in care of Rider, Bennett, Egan & Arundel, 2500 First Bank Place West, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS


Communications Committee: Eugene H. Hennig, Chair; Carol Ann Bowman, Richard S. Eynon, Peter L. Krentz, Barbara Schmidt.

Admissions & Recruitment Committee: David Capp, Chair; Steven W. Handlon, Lowell Enslen, Richard Kippen, Kathleen V. Evans, George W. Carberry.


Student Loan Fund Committee: Richard S. Eynon, Chair; Glenn J. Tabor, Kathleen V. Evans, Peter L. Krentz.

ALUMNI NEWS

1914  Aldo J. Simpson was named 1980 Rotarian of the Year in Goshen, IN, where he still practices law at age 88. He served as judge of the Elkhart Circuit court from 1932-1976, a record forty-four years.

1918  Frank E. Hook has retired to Minneapolis, MN. He served as a member of the United States House of Representatives for 10 years, representing MI’s 12th District. He also practiced law in the Upper Peninsula before moving to Minnesota.

1922  Raleigh P. Swanner maintains an active law practice in Youngstown, Ohio.

1925  Florentino Prieto-Azuar has retired from practice in San Juan, Puerto Rico after 38 years of practice. He now divides his time between homes in Brookfield, CN, and Sarasota, FL. He would love to hear from any members of the Class of '25.
Carl Schuette remembers his early days at Valparaiso when the law students had to use orange crates for a witness stand and an old table for a judge's bench in mock trial activities. He has spent most of his life since receiving the J.D. in Cleveland, OH, except for a six year post as pastor of an Illinois church. He and his wife, Bert Schuette (Valpo '30), retired to Caney, Kansas in 1975, where he has since been drafted as a municipal judge.

Mr. Schuette stopped briefly at the Alumni Homecoming Dinner before joining his wife at her 50th anniversary reunion. The Schuettes proudly displayed license plates “VU-S” and “VU-4” on their car for over 20 years.

Elmer P. Simon was awarded an Alumni Service Award at a November 13th dinner held in Frankenmuth, MI. The speaker at the dinner was Dr. Otis R. Bowen, former Indiana governor and a member of the V.U. Board of Directors. Simon chairs the board of directors of the Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Co. and has been active in university alumni affairs for over 30 years.

Harold B. Hanna has resumed practice in East Wenatchee, Washington, after serving for 4 years as a legal advisor to former Washington Governor Dixy Lee Ray.

Richard Homan retired in 1978 after 28 years of service in the FBI. He now resides in Mountain Home, AR.

Lowell E. Enslen, of Hammond, Indiana, served as host of a law alumni reception held in July at the Holiday Inn in Merrillville.

Peter L. Krentz was awarded an Alumni Service Award during the 1981 Homecoming activities. He served as the immediate past president of the V.U. Law Alumni Association, and was given the award in honor of 10 years of outstanding service to the university community. He is an attorney in Plano, IL.

Anthony J. Cefali was named to the executive committee of the National Conference of Special Court Judges of the Judicial Administration Division of the ABA to serve a four year term. He has served for the past 16 years as a limited jurisdiction judge in Hobart, IN.

George P. Mallers was honored at a special reception in Ft. Wayne where he was awarded the Alumni Service Award. Mallers is a senior partner in the firm of Adair, Perry, Beers, Mallers & Lamore of Ft. Wayne. He is the immediate past president of the School of Law Alumni Association and is largely responsible for rebuilding the association to a viable entity.

Ned A. Meyers retired from service with the FBI last August and now resides in Macon, GA.

Herbert F. Stride was also the recipient of an Alumni Service Award at this year's Homecoming festivities. He is a member of the board of directors of the School of Law Alumni Association and a member of the President's Advisory Council. He has established an endowed scholarship for V.U. prelaw students who hail from Illinois. He is in practice in Chicago, IL.

Glenn Tabor of Valparaiso, Indiana, hosted a reception for law alumni in September.

Jack Allen has resigned as judge of the Porter Superior Court to return to his former employer, United Consumer's Club, as a Vice President.

Eugene Brassfield of Rockford, Illinois, was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1980 and traveled to Washington in January to attend the inaugural ceremonies.

Daniel J. Kozera, Jr. and Terry L. Hoeksema ('75) formed the partnership of Kozera and Hoeksema on January 1, 1979 in Grand Rapids, MI, where both have been in practice since graduating. Kozera concentrates primarily in the areas of transportation, banking, property and probate law. Hoeksema's practice is primarily commercial, juvenile and family law.

Gary S. Hegelson is Assistant Attorney General of North Dakota. From 1975-1978 he served as chief of the Natural Resources Section and since 1978 as Chief Deputy Attorney General. His family has farm interests in Richmond County, ND.

John D. Walton was appointed Vice President and General Counsel to the Habrission-Walker Refractories Division of Dresser Industries, Inc. in Pittsburgh, PA. Walton joined Habrission-Walker in 1973 as an assistant general counsel and was named General Group Counsel in 1975. He holds a B.S. degree from Purdue in industrial management. Prior to joining Habrission-Walker, he served as an attorney for U.S. Steel in Pittsburgh.

Robert M. Keenan was elected Circuit Judge for the 2nd Judicial District, Wabash County, IL. Other Illinois judges who are Valparaiso Law Alumni include: Carl H. Becker ('53), Robert A. Cox ('57), John DeLaurenti ('60), Charles J. Fleck ('67), Angelo Mistrutta ('53) and Roland Herrmann ('57).

Alan F. Hizer of Winamac, IN, was recently appointed by Indiana Governor Robert Orr to the Pulaski County Circuit Court to serve the remainder of the term of the late Judge Harold R. Staffeldt.

Roger Bradford was named to fill the position as Porter County Superior Court Judge created by the resignation of Jack Allen ('60) last summer. Bradford had been serving as judge of Porter County Court No. 2 prior to his appointment.

Glenn W. Hagen of Englewood, Colorado, is now with the firm of Commonwealth Investments, in Littleton, Colorado.
Karen Campbell Coulis and her husband, Paul Coulis, have a son, Thomas, born November 12, 1981. Ms. Coulis is a prosecuting attorney for Lake County, IN.

John J. Horeled of Crystal Lake, Illinois was recently named a partner in the firm of Hamer, Schuh, Baker and Seraco Group in Chicago.

Janet Jannusch has served for the past three years as the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Central Illinois District in Springfield, IL.

Barbara Young of Valparaiso, Indiana, was recently elected to the Board of the United Way of Porter County.

John D. Lee of Chicago, Illinois, is now working for the Seraco Group in Chicago.

A recent newsletter from the Thurgood Marshall Law Association of Gary, IN, outlined the tremendous impact black Valpo law graduates have had on the Northwest Indiana area. Among the black graduates practicing in NW Indiana are: Richard G. Hatcher (*59), Mayor of the City of Gary, IN; Terry C. Gray (*59), private practitioner; Gary, IN; William R. Norman (*72), private practitioner; Gary; Lloyd Fisher (*73), attorney for the Lake County Council; Rayfield Fisher (*73), member of the Indiana House of Representatives; Charles Graddick (*74), attorney for the Department of Housing Conservation; Linda Copeland-Drake (*75), attorney for the City of Gary; McArthur Drake (*75), attorney for the Gary Housing Authority and a private practitioner; Noah Holcomb (*77), public defender for Lake County; Clyde Jones (*78), attorney for Legal Services of Gary, Inc.; Bessie Taylor (*78), Civil Referee, Gary City Court; Leonard Parks (*79) Deputy Prosecutor’s Office, Crown Point; Les Allison (*79), Deputy Prosecutor, Gary Circuit Court; Gregory Gillis (*79), public defender and private practitioner; Gary; Wardell Hampton (*80), Gary Police Department and private practitioner.

1978 Gale Garriot and Anna Frigyesi (*80) were married last summer and are living and practicing law in Phoenix, AR.

Debra Luzietti-Meyers has been accepted by the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Navy. Her husband, David Meyers (*78) also serves with the JAG Corps, bringing to 7 the number of recent Valparaiso law graduates serving as attorneys with the Navy. Others include Robert Coyle (*66), Tim McGuan (*76), Richard Crusor (*79), Randy Hulzenga (*79) and Mark Ahlbrand (*80).

1979 Diedre Burgman is now with the firm of Dewey, Ballantine, Bush, Palmer & Wood in Manhattan.

Sally Sittler was married to the Rev. Robert W. Wilson on March 21, 1981. Ms. Sittler is an attorney in New Haven, IN.

Bruce Van Heukeleem has been named an associate with the Chicago law firm of Reuben & Procter. He is completing his second year as law clerk to the Hon. James L. Ryan of the Michigan Supreme Court.

1980 Don Cyze has joined the Chicago offices of CNA Insurance Co.

David Appel opened his own office in downtown Valparaiso, IN after graduation, and reports that business is going smoothly.

N. Paul Breen is a Deputy City Attorney for the city of San Diego, CA.

Ken Richards has accepted a position as a labor relations specialist with Midwest Steel, Gary, IN.

1981 Beth Ditzler, Roy Coffee, Mark Leinhoop, John Dilts, and George Wilder, all of the Class of 1981, are clerking for the Indiana Court of Appeals in Indianapolis, IN.

Sheila Moss is a new attorney for the Gary City Attorney’s Office, Gary, IN.

Mary Ann Rosevear is a new associate with a Salt Lake City, UT firm.

Brian Dean moved to Venice, FL where he is an associate with the firm of Snyder & McCris.

Jackie Leimer is an associate with the Chicago firm of Sidley & Austin. She and her husband, Steve Leimer (Valpo ’73) have purchased a 19th century row house on Chicago’s north side.

VALPARAISO TO SPONSOR I.C.L.E.F. IN SPRING

The Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum will be held at the Valparaiso University School of Law March 11-12, 1982. The title of the forum is “REAL ESTATE PRACTICE IN INDIANA”.

Jack W. Lawson (*61) of Fort Wayne will chair the institute, which will discuss all aspects of real estate law from financing to zoning, including a discussion of ethical considerations in real estate transactions. Among the many distinguished speakers will be Professors Charles Gromley, Bruce Berner (*67) and John Farago of the School of Law, and alumni Wesley Ratliff (*50), Alan Morrisson (*62) and Jack Lawson. Further details of the institute will be made available to Indiana bar members the first of the year.
John J. Potts, Associate Professor of Law, joined the Valparaiso faculty last fall to teach primarily in the areas of taxation. Prof. Potts holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the Univ. of New Mexico, and a J.D. from Boston College. He also holds an M.S. in accounting from Northeastern University. Prof. Potts served as a tax specialist with the Albuquerque firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., and also as an attorney for the firm of Keheler & McLeod, P.A. Prof. Potts is a certified public accountant and a member of the New Mexico bar.

C. Chris Kirkwood, Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services is the second dual-degree librarian to join the library staff. He received his J.D. in 1974 and his M.A.L.S. in 1978, both from Indiana University. He holds a B.A. from I.U. as well. Before joining the Valparaiso staff Mr. Kirkwood served as an editor with the West Publishing Co., and as a deputy prosecutor and private practitioner in St. Joseph County, Indiana. He is in charge of reference and public services for the library.

BARTELT NAMED TO FIRST SEEGER'S CHAIR

The first fully endowed professorial chair for Valparaiso University was dedicated Friday, October 10, 1981. Louis F. Bartelt, Professor of Law and a former dean of the School of Law was named recipient of that chair, which was the gift of Anna and Louis Seegers in honor of Mr. Seegers parents. The 94-year-old Mr. Seegers is a 1913 graduate of the University of Chicago School of Law, but has been an honorary graduate of the Valparaiso University School of Law since 1977. He established the endowed chair because of his respect for Valparaiso's commitment to a Christian perspective to professional education. Seegers, a member of the Lutheran Bar Association, has been building the fund since 1954.

Professor Bartelt is a 1947 graduate of the School of Law. He also holds an A.B. from Valparaiso University, and an LL.M. from Yale University where he was named a Sterling Fellow in 1954. In 1959-60 he was named a Rockefellow Research Fellow at the University of Wisconsin Law School. He served as acting dean of the school of Law in 1964-65, and again in 1971-72. He served as Dean from 1965-69. He is a native of Wisconsin and a member of the Wisconsin bar. He is fondly remembered by law school graduates of the past two decades as the man who taught us torts.

WILLIAM CONOVER NAMED TO INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS

William G. Conover, a 1951 law school graduate, was named by Indiana Governor Robert Orr to the Indiana Court of Appeals, 4th District, in October. Conover is a native of Valparaiso who served as a city judge from 1952-1960, and was elected Porter County Prosecutor from 1963-1970. He has been active in county Republican politics.

Conover was in practice with Roger Claudon ('53) and William Alexa ('73) in Valparaiso. He and his wife, Victoria Conover, plan to retain their home in Valparaiso until their youngest son graduates from high school, after which they plan to move closer to Indianapolis.

Conover's appointment brings to three the number of Valparaiso graduates who are serving on the Court of Appeals. He joins Judge Wesley Ratliff, Jr. ('50) and Judge George B. Hoffman, Jr. ('51).
Professors Paul Brietzke and Jack Hiller have been invited to be participants in the East Africa Group Project on Third World Urbanization organized by the Indiana Consortium for International Programs and funded by the United States Department of Education. The participants will spend a total of six weeks in Kenya and Malawi during the summer of 1982 studying the process of urbanization and its problems. Professor Hiller has spent four years teaching in Africa - two in Tanzania and two in Kenya. Professor Brietzke is vice president of the association, which plans to conduct seminars to promote interest in the comparative study of law and social changes.

Law Librarian and Assoc. Professor Matthew Downs has been certified as an S-1 hearing officer for the Indiana Department of Public Instruction, Division of Special Education. Prof. Downs will hear parent grievances concerning the evaluation and placement of students in special education programs.

Prof. Richard Stith spent the 1980-81 academic year in India on a Fulbright Scholarship. Among other things, he presented a paper "Thoughts on Ecology" to the All-India Philosophical Conference on Man and Nature, and met Mother Teresa in Calcutta. His article, "The Problem of Public Pretense", was published in the Indian Philosophical Quarterly. Back in the states, Prof. Stith testified before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution in favor of the compromise "federalist" solution to the abortion conflict (returning the issue to the legislatures). He also delivered an inaugural address entitled "A Critique of Fairness" which marked his tenure as a full professor at the law school.

On October 9, 1981, Prof. David Myers presented a paper entitled "Farmland Preservation in a Democratic Society: Looking to the Future" to the second annual meeting of the American Agricultural Law Association where he was also elected to the Board of Directors. The conference proceedings will be published in an upcoming issue of The Agricultural Law Journal.

Professor Bert Goodwin is serving as an assistant to the Department of Transportation, President's Task Force on Aircraft Crew Complement.

Prof. Rosalie Levinson addressed the Lake County Bar Association in August, speaking on recent civil rights cases. She and Prof. Bodensteiner authored the Seventh Circuit Survey of Recent Cases for the Chicago-Kent Law Review, currently in press.

Professor John Potts has been appointed to the Committee on Standards of Tax Practice, Section of Taxation, of the American Bar Association.


Prof. Bodensteiner co-authored Unequal Justice Under the Law: An Analysis of Indigents in the Indiana Criminal Justice System which will appear in volume 57 of the Indiana Law Journal. The other authors were Sy Moskowitz and Jeff Bork ('76). Prof. Bodensteiner also discussed the article at the November C.L.E. program sponsored by the Lake County bar. He has written an article on "The Clinical Experience" which will appear as a chapter in an upcoming book entitled Maximizing the Law School Experience which is being edited by Mike Sywygert ('68). He has participated as a faculty member in a National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) session in South Bend, and has served in C.L.E. programs on federal court practice in Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Florida, Michigan and So. Carolina.

Gary attorneys Hilbert Bradley ('50) and Terry Gray ('59) present Development Director Don Huiner and Professor Jack Hiller with a check for $1,500.00 for the John W. Morland Loan Fund, which has been established by the Thurgood Marshall Law Association of Gary through the generous gifts of three of its members, Gray, Bradley and Gary Mayor Richard G. Hatcher ('59). The loan fund has been earmarked to help black law students and was named in honor of the former dean who served as a professor at the School of Law from 1925-1963, and as dean from 1928-1954.
CLINIC RECEIVES TITLE IX GRANT

The Law School Clinical Program received a $31,000.00 Title IX grant to expand its current clinical education offerings to include an Administrative Law Clinic. Ken Rathert ('76) has been hired as a Clinic staff attorney to supervise client-student contact in the new Administrative Law offering. Mr. Rathert was formerly a staff attorney for the Eastern Michigan Legal Services office in Bay City, MI. Also, as part of the grant’s funding an additional secretarial assistant, Mr. John Gehm, has been hired to operate new word processing equipment for the expanded Clinic.

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