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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Homecoming weekend was a great success. It was my first opportunity to meet a large number of the law school alumni and I was most impressed with their enthusiasm and dedication for the law school and its future. The presidency of the alumni association passed from Judge Ratliff to Al Zimmermann of Indianapolis. Judge Ratliff has done an outstanding job of promoting the law school and the alumni association. Al Zimmermann has taken up the office with great vigor and purpose as his letter reflects.

As a celebration of Martin Luther's five hundredth birthday, the second annual Seegers Lectures were presented at the Law School on November 8, 9, and 10, by Professor Harold Berman of the Harvard law faculty. He spoke on “The Lutheran Reformation and German Law,” “The Puritan Revolution and English Law,” and “The Enlightenment, the French Revolution, and the Napoleonic Codes.” The lectures were well attended and provided a strong intellectual contribution to the university's rigorous academic image.

Our first external continuing legal education program went extremely well. The program was a joint venture amongst the University of Iowa School of Law, Valparaiso University School of Law, the State Bar of South Dakota, the State Bar of North Dakota, and the State Bar of Arizona. About 125 people attended in all. Negotiations are presently underway to do a similar program next year with the University of Iowa Law School on the general subject of estate planning and the program will be held in Maui, Hawaii. In addition, discussions are being held with the Arizona State Bar to do some continuing education joint programming in Arizona in the early spring or early fall of 1984.

With the able assistance of Don Huiner, our Director of Development, Don and I have been out and about the countryside doing fund raising for the new law school facility and holding receptions to meet the alumni. For the month of December there are receptions planned in Gary, Ft. Wayne, and South Bend.

Lastly, and I wanted to leave the best news to last, the Valparaiso University Board of Directors, at its meeting on October 29, 1983, approved a resolution for the creation of a new law school facility. The resolution, in effect, states that we will break ground for the new building by not later than the summer of 1985. The central administration and I will be meeting with architects during the first week in December; so, for all practical purposes, the new facility is a reality and is underway. More details with respect to the nature of the facility will follow in the next newsletter. All the alumni and friends who because of their generous contributions to the capital campaign have made the new facility possible are to be commended and congratulated.

In closing, I want to extend the best wishes of the faculty and staff to our alumni and friends for the holiday season. Your strong support and dedication to the law school have made our strong academic programs and our new law facility possible and we are all very appreciative of your support.

Very truly yours,

Peter J. McGovern, Dean
School of Law

P.S. If you haven't made your pledge to the new facility, please do so by December 31. It is crucial to the success of the capital campaign.
Admissions/Recruitment

As this year's recruiting season draws to a close, our recruiting staff has already visited over 60 undergraduate schools in the 12 states of Michigan, Connecticut, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Louisiana, Georgia, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia. These trips also covered 8 national conferences on pre-law advising and graduate school opportunities.

Last year's efforts netted a total of 784 applications which was a 20% increase in the number of applications received by V.U. School of Law in 1982. This increase occurred while the "large name" schools were experiencing a decrease in applications ranging from 5 to 15%. To the best of our knowledge, no other law school came close to the enormous increase in applications we experienced. Although we have just begun accepting applications for the fall of 1984, we have already received well over 1500 inquiries and 250 applications.

The cost of recruitment travel precludes us from visiting every national meeting and undergraduate school. Annually, we receive dozens of invitations to attend certain "Pre-Law Days," sponsored by various undergraduate institutions across the country, to which we are financially precluded from accepting. However, many of these conferences are located in an area that may be serviced by V.U. School of Law Alumni. If you have an interest in aiding our cause of national recruitment, we would be pleased to have you represent the Law School at a college, university or pre-law day in your area. Additionally or alternatively, if you would notify us of prospective applicants you know, or phone applicants from your area, or agree to accept calls from applicants who wish to speak with a Valparaiso University Law graduate, it would be a great help. We are currently in the process of planning the recruitment needs of the fall of 1984 and would like to include as many alumni as possible. If you would like a list of the targeted areas, or if you simply want to volunteer, please contact Assistant Dean Curtis Cichowski at the School of Law.

Seven Elected to Board

Newly elected to the Board of Directors:

- Edwin T. Brown '51, Brown & Brown, Merrillville
- Lowell Enslen '52, Enslen, Enslen & Matthews, Hammond
- Kathleen Evans '74, Evans & Evans, Valparaiso
- Jacqueline A. Lemer '81, Welsh & Katz, Chicago
- F. Lloyd Dennis Logan '77, Rothberg, Gallmeyer, Freuchtenicht & Logan, Fort Wayne
- James Roegge '71, Meagher, Geer, Markham, Anderson, Adamson, Flaskamp & Brennan, Minneapolis
- Glenn J. Tabor '58, Blachly, Tabor, Bozik & Hartman, Valparaiso

Continuing members of the Board are:

- Carol Ann Bowman '77, Whiteco Industries, Merrillville

Homecoming 1983

The Class of 1964 held a mini-reunion at the annual alumni dinner. Pictured above are (from left to right): Ron Buikema, Ken Green and Jeff Malak. William Anderson, David Beran, Reiner Bohlen, and Stephen Deckro were also in attendance.

Faculty News & Notes

Professor Bruce Bemer spoke at a Search and Seizure Seminar held in Indianapolis December 9. The seminar was attended by approximately 225 judges.

Professor Paul H. Brietzke attended the African Studies Association Conference in Boston, December 6-10, for the business meetings of the Editorial Board of African Studies Review and to participate in a panel organized by the International Third World Legal Studies Association.


Nancy Kohlhoff attended the annual meeting of the Indiana chapter of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers held in French Lick, Indiana, November 2-4.

Professor Linda Long published When the Client is a Child: Dilemmas in the Lawyer's Role in 21 Journal of Family Law 607 (1983).


Language drafted by Professor John J. Potts has been approved by the Section of Taxation of the New Mexico State Bar Association as the version it prefers for a Rev. Proc. 64-19 statute for the State of New Mexico. Professor Potts attended the annual meeting of the ABA Committee on the Standards of Tax Practice, of which he is a member. He also attended the Midwest regional conference of the American Committee for Irish Studies. Professor Potts has been appointed to the Committee on Taxation and its Relationship to Human Rights. This committee is an arm of the Section of Individual Rights and responsibilities of the ABA.

Professor Richard Stevenson attended the NITA Advocacy Teachers Training Session in November 1983.

Public Services Librarian Tim J. Watts published "Legal and Law-Related Reference Sources for Indiana Public Libraries," 3 Indiana Libraries no. 4 (Winter, 1983). He also attended the joint fall meeting of the Michigan and Ohio Regional Associations of Law Libraries in Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 12-14.
Chief Justice Richard M. Givan of the Indiana Supreme Court (left) congratulates Dean Peter McGovern on his admission to the practice of law in Indiana by reciprocity on Friday, October 7, at Indianapolis. Dean McGovern joined with 271 law school graduates in the bar admission ceremonies in the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Bar Results
Results for Valpo graduates taking the Indiana bar examination in July show that 35 of 38 passed, for a 92.1% pass rate. For all persons taking the bar examination in July the pass rate was 84%. 5 of 5 passed in Wisconsin, for a 100% pass rate. 2 of 4 passed in Minnesota, for a 50% pass rate. 7 of 8 passed in Michigan, for a 87.5% pass rate. 1 person took and passed the Washington, D.C. bar. To date, the Illinois bar results have not been released and statistics have not been received from other states.

Christa (States) Laurin, Lizbeth Pease and Patricia Marshall at Indiana Bar Luncheon.

WE'RE INTERESTED!

We're interested in news of career advancement or change, professional accomplishments or activities, awards, marriages, births, change of address, or any other news item you would like to share with us.

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Please return to the Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383, to the attention of the Editor, School of Law Alumni News.

Daniel P. Nieter has become an associate with his father's law firm of Nieter & Goeglein in Fort Wayne. Dan's father, Paul F. Nieter ('50) is one of the leading estate administration attorneys in Indiana.

Terry Nussberger is an associate with the Kenyon Law Office in Ladysmith, WI.

Lizbeth Pease is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Starke County, Indiana.

James Oates is an associate with Robert Oates ('53) in Merrillville.

Lisa Oates is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Lake County, Indiana.

Jim Sarkisian is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Lake County, Indiana.

Christa States married Keith Laurin in May. She is an associate with the firm of Keneffick, Brennan & Gilmore in Michigan City, Indiana.

Paul Vance is an associate with the firm of Michieke, Montréal, Aman & Marrano in Hamburg, New York.

Lisa Veracco is an associate with the firm of Sandy, Deets & Kennedy in Lafayette.

Keith Wallace is an associate with Cubbage & Thomas in Henderson, KY.

Randall Wray is an associate with the firm of Moleman & Vlasek in Lansing, Illinois.

Chet Zawalich and Jon Lobdell '76 have joined forces in a Legal Services Clinic in South Bend, Indiana.

Moot Court members. From left to right: Rocco deCrasse, Michael Walz, Craig Morford, Douglas Stebbins, Christopher Fitzpatrick.
Maxwell P. Smith authored the article: "How Now Professional Corporation?" regarding effect of recent legislation on professional corporations; published by Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum in connection with October 1983 seminar "Indiana Corporate & Securities Update 1983" sponsored by ICLEP and the Indiana State Bar Association. This is a follow-up article to "Should An Indiana Lawyer Incorporate?" published by Res Gestae in May 1982.

Richard G. Hatcher has been appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Counseling the Marketing Function of American Bar Association Committee on Corporate Counsel. His wife Joy and their 5 children live in East Tennessee and enjoy the Smoky Mountains.

Craig A. Hanson is with the renamed firm of Gilyan, Hanson & Kopack in Merrillville, IN.


Michael R. Morow practices with the firm of Kegel and Coppler in Santa Fe, NM.

Charles E. Stewart has been the Supervising Attorney for the Lake County Prosecutor's Office Misdemeanor Division in Crown Point, IN, since June 1983.

John E. Johnson, Jr. is Managing Attorney at the Detroit office of UAW-GM Legal Services Plan, a prepaid legal services plan for hourly UAW-GM workers.

Daniel J. Reid is with the Michigan Education Association. As Legal Counsel for the Teachers' Union, he deals primarily with labor law and collective bargaining. He lives with his wife, Cynthia, and daughter, Nicole, in East Lansing, Michigan.

Glenn W. Hagen sends this message to his fellow alumni of '73; My life has not been dull since graduation: Private practice in Kalamazoo, MI; Director of Legal Services for the City of Battle Creek; extremely active in the State Bar of MI, ABA, and now Colorado; divorced—2 sons in North Carolina; Regulatory Affairs Counsel for CF&I Steel Corp. in Pueblo, CO (division of Fortune 200 Corporation); admitted to practice in CO (and of course, MI); General Counsel to real estate syndication; return to private practice in downtown Denver; Now practice with "old guard" (70 years) Denver firm; emphasis in: Corporate & Business, Computer Law, Employment Law, Commerical Litigation; enjoy Denver metro during week and Vail/Rockies on weekends. Skiing is great!

Steven J. Moerlein entered private practice as a sole practitioner in February 1982 in Knox. He was elected Starke County Prosecuting Attorney in November 1982, took office as a part-time prosecutor and continues private practice on a part-time basis.

Alan J. Zimmerman is a partner in the firm of Fisher, Ireland & Zimmerman, in Wabash, Indiana. He is also Park Board Attorney for the City of Wabash; Public Defender for Wabash County Court and Secretary for the Wabash County Bar.

Joseph L. Taylor is with the Chicago law firm of Garretson & Santora.

Mark Carberry is an associate with Friedman & Koven in Chicago, Illinois.

Dean Johnson stopped by the Law School on September 6 in tennis garb. Dean passed the California Bar and is now grading California bar exams. In his practice he specializes in hospital law. He said that he was in Valparaiso "on vacation." When asked why a person who now lives in California would come to Valparaiso on vacation, he was unable to give a convincing answer.

Douglas E. Johnston joined the firm of Tourkow, Danehy, Crell & Rosenblatt, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in February 1983. He practices general law but is also licensed to practice patent law.

John M. Marmocha is in private practice with Nemeth & Masters in South Bend, Indiana, and is also Deputy City Attorney for South Bend. He and his wife, Maureen, are now parents to a son, Matthew John, born June 15, 1983.