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Valparaiso University School of Law ALUMNI NEWS

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President's Report

Dear Alumni:

Included later in this newsletter is the Alumni Survey which will be used to update our directory. Your prompt response to this survey is encouraged so that we may keep current this fine publication.

On March 8, 1984, another successful continuing legal education seminar was sponsored by the University. The topic was "Practice Before the Board of Zoning Appeals" and attendance was excellent. Due to the fact that this was a one-day seminar, the usual cocktail reception was not held this year. These seminars are becoming a perennial event and we would encourage the submission of your suggestions for topics for future seminars.

Law day is scheduled for April 5, 1984 and the Student Bar Association has chosen as its speaker Kuame Toure, formerly Stokely Carmichael.

Your association sponsored an alternative career day on February 8. This function was enthusiastically received by the student body with 58 students in attendance. Alumni representatives from Sears, Roebuck and Company; Indiana University School of Journalism; United Consumers Club; The Porter County Indiana Prosecutor's Office; The United States Steel Tax Department; and The Northern Indiana Bank Trust Department presented a program setting forth various alternative careers available to lawyers *vis-a-vis* entering the practice of law. Our thanks go to Gail Peshel and her staff for organizing this function and our special thanks go out to those alumni and their corporations and entities for participating.

A luncheon will be sponsored by your association honoring the senior law students on April 27. We encourage each of you to attend the senior luncheon on April 27. A strong attendance by our alumni should work toward precipitating a strong participation in the association by the graduating seniors.

Al Zimmerman, President
Valparaiso University School of
Law Alumni Association



The Honorable Luther M. Swygert
United States Senior Circuit Judge
U.S. Court of Appeals - 7th Circuit

Message From The Dean

March 9, 1984

Dear Alumni and Friends:

As I write this note snow is falling outside of my window but hope springs eternal and since this is March, spring can't be too far away. The students are presently on a two-week spring break and I welcome the quiet atmosphere of the Law School in order to complete some pending projects.

Within the Law School things have gone quite well. On Sunday, March 25, Professor Rosalie Levinson will deliver her inaugural lecture in the Law School Courtroom on the subject of Church and State, and we're expecting a good attendance from the University faculty and students. The Student Bar Association is actively planning Law Week, with a Law Day luncheon on Thursday, April 5. Plans are presently underway for the Alumni Association-sponsored lunch with the graduating seniors. The luncheon has been scheduled for Friday, April 27.

On Friday, March 30, we expect to have a guest lecturer from California who is Peter Irons coming to speak on "How to Reverse the Supreme Court's Worst Opinion." On Monday, April 9, we will have guest lecturer, Leif Muten, a senior advisor from the International Monetary Fund, who also will be visiting with the International Law Society.

Perhaps the most exciting news for the Law School is that we will be initiating our first Juris in Residence Program at the school and Senior Circuit Judge Luther M. Swygert of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit has graciously accepted the appointment for the fall semester of 1984. Judge Swygert will be conducting a seminar on Language and the Law, as well as informally visiting with students and having get-togethers with the law faculty.

Speaking of the law faculty, I am pleased to announce that Professor Paul Cox will be promoted to full Professor next year and has been granted tenure by the University and Professor David Vandercy has been promoted to Associate Professor. Sabbatical leaves have been approved for Professor Louis Bartelt, Professor Paul Brietzke and Professor Richard Stith.

I am also pleased to inform you that the Moot Court, Client Counseling, and Mock Trial teams performed most admirably in the regional competitions. Though we were not able to convince the judges that we should go on to the nationals, our various teams performed extremely well, and they are to be commended for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the Law School. The members of the teams were Moot Court: Christopher Fitzpatrick, Rocco DeGrasse, Jeanne VanEgmond, Michael Walz, Douglas Stebbins, Craig S. Morford; Client Counseling: Karen Davis, Annemarie Calderala, Jeffrey VanGroll; Mock Trial: Scott Barber, Allison Nichol, Jeffrey Thut, Howard Veltman.

The Library has been a major area of my interest in the last year. I am pleased to announce that Miss Mary G. Pursyn will become our new Law Librarian on July 1. She has been a Staff Librarian at the University of Notre Dame Law Library. She is an energetic and enthusiastic young woman with exciting ideas. She received her law degree from Notre Dame Law School, her Masters in Librarianship from University of Oregon and she's been the past Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Legislation.

Beginning with the second semester, the Law School Library has added a Westlaw legal retrieval system to its operation as well as access to Dialog. The Law Library now has an excellent capability for legal retrieval and for educating the future attorneys on the various systems available for their professional use.

With respect to other developments, in my discussions with Central Administration, the new proposed Law School facility is moving along rapidly. Hopefully, within the next few weeks contracts will be let with the architects for the design of the facility.

With respect to Continuing Legal Education, enclosed with this newsletter will be a brochure on the Law School's new joint program with the University of Iowa Law School providing a continuing legal education program on "Representing Small Business Farmers and Ranchers" which this year will be held in Maui, Hawaii.

In order to coordinate the Hawaii continuing legal education program, I am asking those who are interested to make their reservations immediately and directly with the University of Iowa Law School. You should state on your registration that you are a Valparaiso alumni or friend. The Meacham Travel Service has been retained by the University of Iowa to provide travel coordination for the program and if our prior program in Las Vegas is any indication, this should be an excellent continuing legal education experience while providing our alumni and friends an opportunity to spend some time with spouses and friends in a nice setting away from the possible cold and bad weather of the mainland.

The Law School is seriously interested in providing post-admission legal education to its alumni and friends. And, if you will notice, there is a survey on the back of this month's newsletter which I hope you will fill out and return to us so that we may do the appropriate planning to provide you with future quality continuing legal education services.

In conclusion, best wishes for a very pleasant and early spring.

Very truly yours,

Peter J. McGovern
Dean
School of Law

Russell Matthias Endowed Law Student Scholarship Established at Valparaiso University

The Russell H. Matthias Endowed Scholarship has been established at Valparaiso University with a \$10,000 gift from Lutheran Brotherhood. Announcement of the scholarship was made at a recent on-campus luncheon hosted by VU President Robert V. Schnabel. The gift was presented to VU by Kent Eklund, vice president/fraternal affairs, Lutheran Brotherhood.

Contributions toward this scholarship will be invested by the University in its endowment fund; earnings from the fund will be awarded annually to deserving students enrolled in the VU School of Law.

The late Russell Matthias was general counsel for Lutheran Brotherhood and served on its board of directors for over 40 years. He was a strong supporter of Lutheran education all of his life and served as a member of the VU School of Law board of visitors from 1970 until his death in 1982. In 1966, he was instrumental in securing a Lutheran Brotherhood grant to establish the Crusader Classic, a basketball tournament among Lutheran colleges hosted by VU.

In 1981, the VU Alumni Association voted to award him its Honorary Alumni Award which recognizes individuals who exemplify the ideals and achievements for which the University stands.

Matthias, a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Law, had a legal career which spanned 50 years. He was senior partner in the Chicago firm of Matthias and Matthias which also has an office in Orlando, Fla.

Lutheran Brotherhood is a national fraternal benefit society headquartered in Minneapolis.



Dean McGovern, Kent Eklund, President Schnabel

Alumni News & Notes

1959

Paul Giorgi, living in Valparaiso and practicing in Merrillville, was recently seen shopping with his wife, Connie, and the eldest of four children. He reportedly "appears affluent and young as ever." The class of '59 celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

1965

Paul Lacy is living in San Francisco, CA, and working in international tax with Touche Ross & Co. He passed the CPA exam in 1983 and was recently published in the *Journal of International Taxation*. He teaches one night class at Golden Gate University in the Master of Tax program.

1972

Irving M. Einhorn was recently named Regional Administrator of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Los Angeles Office. Since joining the Chicago regional SEC staff in 1972, he became branch chief in 1975 and Chicago Senior Trial Counsel in 1977. Since 1980 this Philadelphia native has worked at the Washington, DC, headquarters office as Assistant Chief Trial Attorney with the Division of Enforcement's Trial Unit.

1973

John R. Stoller has become Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary with Betawest Properties, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of U.S. West, Inc., in Denver, Colorado. Betawest is a full service real estate development and brokerage company providing real estate services for the U.S. West family of companies (one of the seven Bell system regional family of companies) and other major corporations.

1974

Timothy A. Anderson has recently opened an office for private solo practice in Minneapolis, MN.

1975

Becky L. Dahlgran opened her own law office January 1, 1982, in Berwyn, IL.

1976

Bill Hussmann, presently a staff attorney with the Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission in Indianapolis, IN, has "not yet figured out how to discipline sons John, Matt and Michael."

1977

Thomas A. Murto is now associated in private practice with Neil E. Holbrook, class of '83.

1979

Ronald W. Doersch is presently Deputy Prosecutor of the Felony Unit, Snohomish County, WA. He has also been Deputy Prosecutor in Kitsap County, Washington.

1981

Donald W. Pagos became a partner in the firm of Janes & Pagos in Michigan City, IN, on January 1, 1984. He was also re-appointed Deputy City Attorney of Michigan City.

Thomas P. Sciortino opened a general practice law office in Elkhart, IN, on December 5, 1983. On April 30 of the same year, he and his wife, Kathy, became the proud parents of a second son, Ryan Michael, who joins a brother and sister.

1982

Dennis Heling has formed the partnership of Sabato, Heling & Black in Merrillville, IN. He is also a principal in POMA, Inc., which offers professionals the chance to lease office space with all amenities, including computerized support systems.

Kjell Widmark is studying law full time at Stockholm University in native Sweden and maintaining a practice representing clients suing U.S. defendants while wife, Nongnit, conducts her veterinary practice. They have recently bought a town house in Lidingo. He reports that law study in Sweden is easier than in the U.S. After graduation (probably by Christmas of 1985) he expects to establish an association with a Swedish firm. He has recently published two articles on American law for *The Journal of the Swedish Bar Association*: "The Lawyer, the Law and Morality" and "The American Committee System."

Jeffrey Dean Stonebraker is now a Deputy Prosecutor of Clark County, Jeffersonville, IN.

Mary M. Squyres has been appointed staff attorney for consumer credit and financial services at Sears Roebuck and Co. She handles credit advertising and federal law compliance in the consumer credit area. In addition, she works on Sears' expanding interests in financial services offered through the Sears Financial Network.

1983

Sharon Baumgart Cauley has accepted a position with the Illinois Attorney General.

William L. Bodensteiner recently opened his own general practice in Austin, MN.

Scott T. Chase is an associate for Nigro & Westfall in Glendale Heights, IL.

Dean A. Colvin has accepted a position with the Indiana Attorney General.



Russell Matthias

Richard Costanzo is an associate with the firm of Stanzione, Stanzione, Martone & Rosen in Toms River, NJ.

Scott H. Duerring is an associate for Chapala and Herrbach in Michigan City, IN, and is also a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the 32nd Judicial District.

David L. Forbes is a Trust Officer for First Merchants National Bank in Michigan City, IN.

David A. Garrison has accepted a position with the Indiana Judicial Study Commission in Indianapolis.

Frances C. Gullis is working as a judicial clerk with Judge Alfred Moellering, Allen Superior Court - Criminal Division in Fort Wayne, IN, and expects a first child April 18.

Ted Haberman is an associate with the firm of Davisson & Davisson in Anderson, IN.

Steven J. Holwerda has associated with the firm of Selby, Updegraff & Smith in Newton, IA.

Cynthia Horvath is an associate with the firm of Jacobs, Burns, Sugarman & Orlove in Chicago, IL.

Paul W. Kucinski has accepted a position with Goldome Realty Credit Corporation in Buffalo, New York.

Robert A. Land is an associate with the firm of Adler, Leach & Tudor in Noblesville, IN.

Patricia L. Marshall is a law clerk for the Honorable William G. Conover ('51) at the Indiana Court of Appeals.

Patricia Morris is a Trust Officer at Northern Indiana Bank and Trust Company, Valparaiso, IN.

Mark A. Roscoe is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Porter County, IN.

Bradley J. Salmon is an associate with the firm of Lacey, Annakin, Terrell, Heldt & Baugh in Evansville, IN.

Jim Sarkisian is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Porter County, IN.

Necrology

1959

Eugene A. McCosh of Park Forest, IL, was killed in an automobile accident on May 8, 1983.

Alumni Directory Questionnaire

We are revising, expanding, and updating the Alumni Directory. By returning this questionnaire, you will hasten the publication of the new Directory and will save the School of Law considerable expense.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address/Phone: _____

(_____ check if you do not wish your home information to be published)

Firm/Business Name: _____

Office Address/Phone: _____

Which address should we use in corresponding with you? _____ home _____ office

Year of School of Law Graduation: _____

Law School Awards/Honors/Activities: (Moot Court, Law Review, Client Counseling, SBA/Officer, BALSAs, PAD, DTP, International Law Society, Latino Law, WLSA, ...): _____

Undergraduate Education: College/University: _____

Field of Study/Year of Degree: _____

Graduate Education: (completed or in progress)

College/University: _____

Field of Study/Year of Degree: _____

Bar admission(s): _____ Date(s): _____

Area(s) of specialization (maximum of 3 areas): _____

Spouse's name: _____

Would you be interested in receiving the current School of Law Bulletin? _____

Would you be willing to serve on the Alumni Placement Committee? _____

The Alumni Admissions Committee? _____

Valparaiso University School of Law Alumni CLE Survey

As Dean of the Law School, I feel not only a personal but a law school commitment to provide a program of quality post-admission continuing legal education to our alumni and friends. Because our alumni are distributed all over the country, a simple in-house CLE program is not the sole solution for providing meaningful service and support to our alumni. The survey below is designed to solicit your honest response to what you believe this law school can and should be doing for your professional career needs.

Would you be interested in and would you attend:

1) a 1½ or a 1-day CLE program in conjunction with homecoming?

Yes _____ No _____

2) a high quality CLE program lasting 2½ or 3 days in a resort setting? (e.g., Scottsdale, San Diego, Florida, Bahamas, a cruise ship, etc.) (See enclosed Hawaii brochure)

Yes _____ No _____

3) a CLE program wherein a substantive law course was offered at the Law School by a Law School professor or other specialist one evening a week or every other week from approximately 5 to 7 p.m. for 5 to 12 weeks?

Yes _____ No _____

4) a 1 day or a ½ day CLE program at the Law School during the course of the academic year?

Yes _____ No _____

5) With respect to topics, what CLE programs would you attend? (e.g., estate planning, tax, litigation techniques, business planning, etc.)

Suggestions: _____

6) For purposes of correlating the survey, please state the city where you practice: _____

7) Please provide us with any thoughts or suggestions you might have:

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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.

Date

Name First M.I. Last

Address Street

City State Zip Code

Class Year

Different address from mailing label? Yes No

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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.