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# Valparaiso University School of Law

## ALUMNI NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Alumni:

We extend to all 91 graduates of the class of 1984 a warm welcome into Alumni membership which is automatic for the first year following graduation. We encourage your participation with the association and any suggestions you may have regarding its operation. We strongly enlist your professional and financial support in future years.

In my last report I requested your prompt response to the alumni survey which is being used to update our alumni directory. Although your response has been strong, there are still many, many persons who have failed to complete and return the survey. Please do this at your earliest convenience so that we may complete and distribute to you this very useful publication.

On April 27, 1984 a luncheon was held in the refectory of Christ College honoring the graduating seniors. Seventy-Eight persons attended including thirteen alumni directors and four faculty members. Herb Stride, Chairman of the Law School portion of the Crusade for Valparaiso University reported on the status of the Crusade while Dean McGovern reported on the status of the new law school building construction project. Following the luncheon a regular meeting of the board of directors was held in the law school.

Our best wishes for a pleasant summer and we look forward to seeing each of you at the annual meeting during homecoming weekend in October.

Al Zimmermann, President  
Valparaiso University School of  
Law Alumni Association



### DEAN'S REPORT

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Greetings from the School of Law. As the school year closes, I want to report that graduation went extremely well. We graduated ninety-one students. It was a happy occasion, but it was sad to see the young men and women whom we had gotten to know leave for the profession. Again, I want to congratulate each of our new graduates (hence, new alumni) on behalf of the faculty and staff and to wish them much success in their professional careers.



The new building is proceeding as planned. It is my hope that the final version of the preliminary sketches of the building will be given to the University Board of Directors at their July meeting. There is some expectation, and great hope upon my part, that ground breaking will occur sometime before the summer of 1985.

Valparaiso graduates are once again showing strong placement statistics; approximately fifty percent of the graduating class has already accepted employment.

The admissions process for the fall is in the concluding stages. Although there is a general decline in the number of applicants for law school admission across the United States, we are maintaining our admission standards and are planning an entering class of approximately 130 students.

With respect to the faculty, this summer Paul Cox is teaching at the University of Utah at Salt Lake City and Professor David Myers is teaching at the University of Arizona at Tucson. On the home front,

Professor Bruce Berner is teaching Debtor and Creditor Rights, Professor David Vandercoy is teaching Post Conviction Remedies, and Professor Rosalie Levinson is administering the federal judicial extern program. Many of the faculty are involved in research projects and writing. Sabbaticals have been granted: one for a full year to Professor Louis Bartelt, and one for the first semester to Professor Richard Stith for study in Spain. We look forward to welcoming Professor Al Meyer, who will return this fall from teaching last year at New York Law School. Professor Sy Moskowitz will be rejoining the faculty; and Ms. Susan Hoerchner, an attorney from California, will be directing the Legal Writing program.

It has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity to get out "on the road" and visit with some of our alumni. We had an excellent reception with our absolutely delightful people in Grand Rapids and I've just returned from Minnesota where we had an opportunity to lunch with our equally fine alumni in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Best wishes for a most pleasant summer.

Peter J. McGovern, Dean  
School of Law

### Return of Alumni Questionnaires Requested

Computerization, with the usual accompanying challenges, has hit the law school. The challenges included changing systems three times — which required translating stored information three times — which included Alumni Directory information. Some of the information gathered for the Directory three years ago was lost somewhere in this transfer process. So even if the information you submitted three years ago is up-to-date, please complete the Alumni Directory Questionnaire included in the last issue of Alumni News. If you no longer have a copy of the questionnaire, please contact Gail Peshel at the Law School, and another copy will be sent. Thanks!



# Law School News & Notes

**Dean Peter J. McGovern** has been appointed by the Porter County Bar Association as a director for the Legal Services Program of Greater Gary. He has accepted the appointment to chair the Mentor or Buddy Program Committee. This Committee is an arm of the Consortium on Competency for the Indiana State Bar Association which is chaired by Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Robert H. Staton.

**Professor Jack Hiller** was Special Editor and on the Editorial Board for "Third World Legal Studies," an annual publication of the International Third World Legal Studies Association entitled *Foreign Investment In The Light Of The New International Economic Order*. Professor Hiller and Professor Paul Brietzke were participants in a symposium on "Aspects of Development in the A.S.E.A.N. Region" held in Windsor, Ontario, on April 12-14.

**Professor Richard Stith** has been invited to spend his sabbatical next fall at the University of Navaree in Pamplona, Spain, where he will collaborate in research in the Department of Philosophy of Law.

**Professor John Potts** spent January 23, 1984 in Washington, DC, participating in law reform activities directed toward ending abortion on demand. His article, *Oil and Gas Limited Partnership Lease Fund Transaction — Basic Industry Model Restructured*, is committed for publication and is expected to appear in 29 *Villanova Law Review* No. 5 (1984).

**Professor Rosalie Levinson** participated in the February 15th ICLU Panel Discussion on Church and State. She gave her professorial lecture, entitled: "Separation of Church and State and the Wall Came Tumbling Down" on March 25th.

**Professor Bruce Berner** spoke to "Leadership Calumet," a group of businessmen, on the Criminal Justice System. It was held at I.U. Northwest in Gary on March 9th.

**Law Librarian Mary G. Persyn** has been appointed to the Committee on Legislation and Legal Affairs of the American Association of Law Libraries. She will "take office" at the July convention in San Diego. She is also Local Arrangements Chairperson for the Fall Conference of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries, which will be held in mid-October at Notre Dame.

**Nancy Kohlhoff**, Registrar for the School of Law, attended the national meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in Denver, April 14-19. During the 1984-85 academic year, Mrs. Kohlhoff will edit one

issue of the "National Network Newsletter" for the National Network of Law School Registrars, a subsidiary organization of AACRAO.

**Placement Director Gail Peshel** represented V.U. School of Law at the regional and national meetings of the National Association for Law Placement. She is serving on the national and regional committees for Legal Careers as well as the Research Committee for the Midwest region.

**Mrs. Sally Holterhoff**, Assistant Law Librarian, has been awarded a grant by the American Association of Law Libraries to attend their annual meeting in San Diego this July, where she will be program chairman for a meeting on the topic of "Availability of Government Information On-Line." She is also a candidate for the Office of Vice-Chairman of the Government Documents Special Interest Section of the Association.

**Third-Year Law Student Karen Davis** has been awarded the Foundation Scholarship of the Business and Professional Women.

**Russell Lewis**, a third-year law student, has been awarded a Silver Key Award by the National Chairman of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association for exemplary service to the division in his capacity as liaison in the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

## Alumni News & Notes

1917

**Clyde A. Patterson** has recently moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

1939

**Frederick J. Foersterling** is the former chairman of Trust Investment Committee of Chicago Title and Trust Co., Senior Vice President of Investment subsidiary of Lincoln National Life and currently the director of a family of 4 Mutual Funds. Until his retirement, he ran the \$250 million investment portfolio of Chicago Title and Trust, reporting directly to the Board of Directors.

1950

**Paul F. Nieter** relocated his practice to Lincoln Corporate Square in Fort Wayne. The firm also has an office in Fremont, IN.

1955

**Anthony J. Celfali** has been elected the President of Indiana City and Town Court Judges Association. He is also presently completing 21 years as Hobart's first elected City Judge.

1957

**Roland A. "Butch" Hermann** is residing in McHenry, IL.

1959

**Roy Dakich** has been appointed Probate Commissioner of the Lake Circuit Court by Judge Lorenzo Arrendondo. The appointment was effective October 1, 1983.

1962

**Larry G. Evans** and his wife Laura had a baby girl, August, on St. Patrick's Day in 1983. Congratulations! Larry's television program, "The Larry Evans Show," is going great as well.

1968

**Ray T. Nimmer** was a member of the faculty of the AALS-sponsored Conference on Commercial Transactions held at the University of Wisconsin in June. Ray is Professor of Law and Associate Dean at Univ. of Houston, Law Center.

1969

**Steven E. Wermcrantz** is practicing law in Kansas City, MO.

1973

**Cletus F. Epple** has been promoted to Vice President and Trust Officer, Trust Department, at Calumet National Bank. He also serves as vice president and director of the Hammond Kiwanis.

**John H. Westensee** recently moved to Rock Island, IL. He has been a member of Brand, Warner, Neppel & Westensee, for 10 years. He and his wife have two children: Jay, 3 years old, and Erin, 1 year old.

1974

**William P. Kratzke** has just been promoted to a full professor of law at Memphis State University. His wife Nancy is also an attorney. They adopted a Korean son, who will be one year old in June.

As listed in the Wisconsin Bar Bulletin, **Forrest O. Maki** is a candidate for secretary of the State Bar of Wisconsin. Forrest is a partner in the firm of Davis, Witkin, Weiby, Maki & Durst, S.C. and serves as a Director of the Superior Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Royalton Manor Nursing Home, Director of the Children's Corner Day Care Center, and on the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the City of Superior.

**Lee R. Wilson** has started construction on a 28,000 sq. ft. office building in a south Denver office park and plans to relocate his office there. He is the general partner for Partnerships Owning Office Buildings in Denver and Condominiums in Mountain Ski Areas. His law office is presently in Littleton, Colorado.

**Thomas L. McClintock** married Diana Smith on August 27, 1983. Mrs. McClintock is a lobbyist with Illinois Nurses Association. McClintock, Steele & Barry merged with Aplington & Kaufman on June 1, 1984, with the new offices located in LaSalle, IL. The new firm name is Aplington, Kaufman, McClintock, Steele & Barry, Ltd.

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## Directory Reprint Announced

We have some good news and some bad news.

First the good news: The new edition of the Alumni Directory will be ready for distribution early this fall. The format has been changed so geographical updates can be made without necessitating another reprint of the entire book. Hereafter, pages containing updated information will be sent at least annually for loose leaf insertion into the existing book. Therefore, after this edition, no further reprint of the entire book is anticipated.

The cost of the new alumni directory, including silk screened, standard-sized heavy duty notebook, loose leaf pages and reinforced tabbed sections is \$15.00. We would appreciate receiving advance orders because only a limited number of Directories will be printed. We'd greatly appreciate your completion and return of the enclosed order form at your earliest convenience. Thanks, and have a good summer!



### Phi Delta Phi Established Chapter

On April 19, 1984, Phi Delta Phi became the third law fraternity to establish a chapter, the George W. Norris Inn, at VU Law School. With the establishment of this chapter, all three law fraternities are represented at Valparaiso. Karl Mulvaney, Administrator of the Supreme Court of Indiana, Robert Pirie, QC, Member of the Counsel of Phi Delta Phi, Toronto, Canada, and Charles Gromley, faculty advisor, officiated at the ceremonies.

### Alumni Notes Cont.

#### 1975

**Rick A. Mason** has recently moved to Joliet, IL. He and his wife Teresa are expecting their first child in December. Rick is in private practice, as well as being a District Justice for District IX of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International. His wife is a claims representative for the social security administration.

**Mark O. Ilten** was the president of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stevens Point, Wisconsin from 1978 to 1981, the president of Portage County Bar Association in 1983, and he has two children, Jennifer and Nathan.

**Linda McKenzie Georgeson** and her husband Tom are combining parenting with their careers and loving it.

#### 1976

**Sally Cannon Lochrer** has just become a partner in Wanderer & Wanderer, a commercial/civil law practice firm in Las Vegas, NV. She is also President-elect of the Clark County Bar Association and recently attended the ABA Bar Leadership Institute in Chicago.

## ORDER FOR ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Year School of Law Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Copies at \$15.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

\_\_\_\_ Patron contribution      \_\_\_\_ An additional \$25.00 is enclosed.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Street

City State Zip Code

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

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**Melvin S. McWilliams** announces the birth of a son, **Marcus Robert**, on June 22, 1983.

**Wilbur W. Thomas III** has transferred from the IRS Office of Chief Counsel in Washington to the Appeals Division of Chief Counsel in St. Paul, MN, where he is an appeals officer.

In collaboration with Larry May, Professor of Philosophy at Purdue, **Marie A. Failing**, Class of 1976, wrote an article "Litigating Against Poverty: Legal Services and Group Representation" which was published in Volume 45 (No. 1) of the Ohio State Law Journal (1984). She is an assistant professor of law at Hamline Univ. School of Law.

1977

**Shawn E. Ross** was admitted to the Montana bar in 1983 and opened a firm with her husband: **Ross & Kragh**. They practice civil law.

**Leland F. Willis** has moved to Knoxville, TN. He is employed at Martin Marietta as Associate Counsel for its Energy Systems subsidiary in Oak Ridge.

**Gregory W. Schroeder** has begun a state and federal administrative law litigation practice on Medicaid reimbursement cases for the Missouri Dept. of Social Services. He lives in Jefferson City with his wife Sandy and daughter Anne.

**William J. Longer** is in private practice in Hobart, IN, is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Lake County, and was elected president of the Hobart Bar Association in 1984. He has one daughter, Kathryn.

**Larry S. Warkoczski** has been appointed Associate, Office of Business Development, at Catherine McAuley Health Center. He had been serving as administrative staff at CMHC, a 713-bed health center.

1978

**Joseph V. Simanski** recently opened his own law office in Plymouth, IN. He was elected to a City Council seat in November, 1983.

**Bessie M. Taylor** has recently relocated her private practice in Gary, IN, in association with Douglas Grimes and Jerald Meacham. She and her husband Jackie Green have a son, Eliot, born August 26, 1983.

**Edward A. Grafton** and wife, Laura, announce the "birth of their first male child and heir apparent" on February 12, 1983.

**Jeffrey R. Holmstrom** is engaged in the general practice of law in Dowagiac, Michigan, in the firm of Westrate & Holmstrom.

1979

**Robert B. Selund, Jr.** is a City Attorney in Gary, Indiana, with an emphasis in zoning and planning.

**Jim Myers, III** recently associated with Leonard M. Ring & Associates, local counsel for the East Chicago Cline Avenue bridge collapse cases. They have opened a new office in Merrillville, IN.

**Mark Harris** joined the law firm of John D. Breclaw & Associates. The main office is in Griffith, IN, and he will be opening a new office in Merrillville, IN.

1980

**Jill M. Sisson** has recently been admitted to the Bar in Michigan and plans to open a law office in the New Buffalo area.

**James H. Koning** has become a partner in Richard L. Halpert P.C.; firm renamed to Halpert & Koning P.C.

**Sharon A. Buckler** continues to serve as the Moultrie County Public Defender as well as practicing privately in Arcola, IL. She is the mother of two children, Randell and Jennifer.

**Norman P. Breen** has joined Schall, Bondreau, & Gore, Inc. He now represents IBIC in business/banking litigation.

**Keith Johnson** has been associated with the law firm of Mann, Chaney, Johnson, Goodwin & Williams in Terre Haute since October 1980. He and wife, Susan, had their first child, Eric Logan, on January 3, 1983.

1981

**Leslie H. Reed, Jr.** is a Marine Corps Judge Advocate. He graduated with honors from Naval Justice School, Newport, RI, and is Chief Trial Counsel MCAS, Beaufort, SC.

**Thomas Wade Sheets** is serving as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Adams County, IN for URESA actions and IV D. He is also a candidate for judge of Adams Superior Court.

**Roy Portenga** became associated with the Michigan law firm of Libner, VanLeuren and Kortering in March. Son, Ryan Patrick, was born August 17, 1983.

1982

**Paul Leonard, Jr. and Mary M. Squyres** will be married October 6, 1984, at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. Paul practices with Goldsmith, Goodman, Ball and Van Bokkelen in Highland, IN. Mary is a financial services attorney for Sears, Roebuck and Company.

**Howard Skolnick** is an associate with Arsen Kashkashian, Jr. & Associates in Philadelphia, PA, and has been elected a Republican Committeeman with the Republican Executive Committee.

**John Laszlo** has opened a practice in Merrillville, Indiana, with a concentration in all matters of taxation, estate planning and probate. He received his license to practice as a C.P.A. in 1983.

**Robert Breshock** has joined the legal department of the accounting firm of Arthur Anderson & Co.

1983

**Geoffrey Gould** has joined attorney John S. Diaz as an associate in Portage, IN.

**Sally Rogers and Michael Cloyd** were married April 29, 1984. They live in Chicago where Sally is an associate with Schiff, Hardin & Waite and Michael is corporate counsel for L. W. Biegler.

**Laurie Pangle** is associate counsel for Toledo Trustcorp in Toledo, OH.

**Lynn M. Richards** has joined the firm of Geister, Schnell, Richards and Brown in Elgin, Illinois.

## Necrology

1965

**William E. McKenna** of South Bend, IN, passed away June 4, 1984.

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