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Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Ron Kurpiers '87 J.D. and Staff Attorney Scott Andresen '99 J.D. are Arena Football League executives who embody what their business is all about—fun.

For Cornell Boggs, It's Intel Time

Piqued by Intel's mission and values, Cornell Boggs III '85 J.D. moved across country to join the global company as Americas Regional Counsel.
New Associate Dean Travels to China

Given Rosalie (Berger) Levinson’s ’73 J.D. passion for civil rights and constitutional law, her decision to join her Valparaiso University colleagues and others on a visit to China is not surprising. The trip itself, however, held some wonderful surprises for Valpo Law’s new associate dean.

The two-week adventure, arranged by Dr. Zhimin Lin, associate professor of political science, included extensive sightseeing and the chance to make important contacts. One such contact for Levinson was the dean of the School of Law at Zhejiang. Levinson’s meeting with the dean revealed a “burning desire for students to get advanced law degrees in the U.S.” as a means of enabling further development of joint business ventures. The Chinese dean expressed an interest in sending students for an introductory program at Valpo Law. As a result, plans are under way to provide an opportunity next summer for the Chinese students to receive a short, intense introduction to American law.

Rosalie and her husband, Don, who accompanied her, were fascinated by the enormous changes made in China since their 1991 visit. Assessing the country’s progress in law was difficult, however. Chinese professors spoke to them very freely about government injustices and extensive corruption but confessed they would never be so candid with members of the press. A huge gap seems to remain between the promise and delivery of justice. Civil rights laws exist but the government always wins.

Another bonus of the trip for Levinson was the opportunity to spend a good deal of time with Valpo’s Provost Roy Austensen and Dean of Arts and Sciences Al Trost. “I learned a great deal about the administrative side of academia from those two men that is helpful in making the transition to my new post,” she says.

Levinson may have gleaned much from the experienced administrators, but her goals for the new position are clearly her own. Number one is to be an integral part of the team that is working to make Valpo Law the best small law school in the Midwest. Her efforts will further focus on developing relationships with the Chinese law students, building a Valpo Order of the Coif and creating a work environment that will allow students, faculty and staff to achieve their full potential.
Federal Judicial Externships Remain Valuable Experience

The federal judicial externship, Valpo Law's longest running externship program, continues to open doors to rewarding opportunities for students.

Sporting resumes that include published opinions and extensive research undertaken as judicial externs, these students are attractive to both government employers and to large and prestigious law firms.

According to program director Rosalie (Berger '73 J.D.) Levinson, each year between 10 and 15 students holding grade point averages of at least 3.0 qualify for the judicial externship program. This fall, 11 students are working at federal court sites in Chicago, South Bend, Ind., and Hammond, Ind. They will receive six credits for two semesters of hands-on experience.

Close to 10 percent of Valpo graduates receive federal or state judicial clerkships after completing their externships. Third-year law student Rob Kinsella currently is externing for U.S. District Court Judge Rudy Lozano of the Northern District of Indiana in Hammond. Following his May graduation, Kinsella will begin his professional career as Lozano's clerk. Judge Andrew Rodovich '73 J.D. of the U.S. Court of the Northern District of Indiana hired Jason Paupore '99 J.D. upon completion of his student externship with Rodovich's court. Deborah Domine '96 J.D., who externed in South Bend with Federal Judge Miller, was hired by Chris Nuechterlein '76 J.D. when he assumed a judgeship in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana. Tara Kocheeck clerked for 7th Circuit Judge Kenneth Ripple after her first year, and will assume a position as clerk for Judge Ripple after graduation.

Other judicial externs have joined large, international firms. Some of the more recent Valpo Law graduates to do so include David Kuker '95 J.D. at Baker & Daniels, Fort Wayne, Ind., Tracey Nicastro '94 J.D. at Sidley & Austin in Chicago, and Lisa Meyer '94 J.D. at Eimer, Stahl, Klevorn & Solberg in Chicago.

As more Valpo Law alumni take their places on the bench, they increasingly select Valpo Law students to undertake externships in their courts. Jodi Troendle, for example, is honing her legal skills under the tutelage of Judge Nancy Vaidik '80 J.D. in the Indiana Court of Appeals.

In addition to Nuechterlein and Vaidik, at least four other alumni have received judicial appointments in the last two years. They include: Mabel Johnson Mayfield '81 J.D., Berrien County Trial Court, Mich.; John Pera '75 J.D., Lake County, Ind.; Robert Rucker '76 J.D., Indiana Supreme Court; and Diana Kavadias Schneider '82 J.D., Lake County, Ind.

First-Year Students Boast Impressive Backgrounds

A total of 144 new students from 21 states and eight foreign countries enrolled at Valpo Law this fall. Among them are 126 full-time students and 14 part time. Eighty-two undergraduate schools throughout the United States are represented and 57 majors. Twenty-three students hold multiple majors.

Coming from Arizona, Wyoming, Massachusetts and as far away as Japan, the new class is 37 percent female and 63 percent male. Twelve already hold graduate degrees; one is an M.D.

The backgrounds of the new students vary greatly. Nicholas Adams, for example, spent the last year working as a chess master in New York City.

Laura Seng, an honors program enrollee, was director of the Pediatric Patient Care Center at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind.

Recent Valpo graduates Erin Goffette '97 and Nick Libert '99 bring strong scholastic and leadership backgrounds to their law studies. Goffette, a Christ College graduate, taught in France as a Fulbright recipient, then served as a counselor in Valpo undergraduate admissions. Libert served as vice-president of the student senate among other student government positions.
Gaffney Appointed to National Constitution Center

Professor Ed Gaffney recently was appointed to serve as the Director of Content at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. He will be on leave from the School of Law for two years, and spoke to VALPO Lawyer about his new job.

Valpo Lawyer: What exactly is the National Constitution Center?

Gaffney: The National Constitution Center was established by Congress through the Constitution Heritage Act of 1988, as an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. Its purpose is to increase awareness and understanding of the Constitution, its history and its relevance to our daily lives. The center has received funding from federal, state, and local governments, and major donations from foundations, corporations, and private donors. Polls conducted by the center showed how little Americans know about the basics of the Constitution, so we realize that we have our work cut out for us. We will undertake a host of educational ventures, from outreach to teachers throughout the country to funded lectures by major scholars. The centerpiece of the project will be a splendid museum designed by a world-class architect, Harry Cobb, with exhibits designed by Ralph Appelbaum Associates, the firm involved in the design of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., the Newseum in Arlington, Va., and the Museum of African-American History in Detroit. The museum—the first-ever to honor and explain the Constitution—will have an unimpeded view of Independence Hall. Almost all Americans associate the Fourth of July with the signing of the Declaration of Independence in that building in 1776. Few are aware of the day, Sept. 17, 1787, when the Constitution was signed in the same place. To promote a greater awareness of Constitution Day, the museum is scheduled to open on Sept. 17, 2002, the 215th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

Valpo Lawyer: What is the most important part of the Constitution?

Gaffney: A law student could easily get the impression from the standard course on constitutional law that the three most important words of the constitution are 'the Supreme Court.' I would not like to diminish the importance of the Supreme Court's function to declare what the constitution means in the particular settings of cases and controversies. But the 'more perfect union' for which the constitution was ordained cannot be achieved by lawyers and judges alone. So I think that the three most important words of the constitution are its first three: 'We, the People.' These words will be featured prominently on a wall of the museum and will reverberate throughout its
exhibits. This will remind us that constitutional law is the task of everyone in our society. We will stress not just the rights of all persons secured in the Constitution, but also our duties as citizens to remain vigilant against excesses of governmental power and to engage generously in the life of the republic. What good does it do to establish a right to vote if vast numbers in our republic do not exercise that precious form of democratic participation? And how will the American commitment to trial by jury remain a stronghold of American constitutionalism if citizens ignore their duty to serve without bias on juries?

Valpo Lawyer: How is this job different to your work as a professor?

Gaffney: In many ways this project is one of the most challenging jobs I have ever undertaken. For decades as an academic, I have been used to communicating with words. As I join a project to create a great new museum, I must think on a different side of my brain. A museum is primarily visual and audio, so I must collaborate with a team searching for images and sounds that will communicate both the grandeur of the American Constitution and the deep tragedy of its flaws.

Valpo Lawyer: Do you anticipate any major difficulties in the project?

Gaffney: I am sure that there will be a lot of hurdles to overcome if we are going to succeed in creating a great museum for all Americans. Maybe our most difficult task will be to reflect carefully on the seamy side of our constitutional history. At the outset, for example, the term 'We, the People' did not really include women, who constituted the majority, but who did not count when it came to the franchise. 'We, the People' did not really include the Africans, who came to these shores involuntarily and who were essential to our economy, but who were brutalized in the 'peculiar institution' protected by the original constitution. 'We, the People' did not really include the natives, who for the most part welcomed the white settlers and were happy to share the great resources of this continent peacefully, but who were routinely deceived and abused as the whites moved West. The NCC will attempt to tell these painful aspects of our national story honestly. But that does not mean that we will wallow only in the wreckage of the past, or fall prey to the foolish notion that the American Constitution is a huge mistake.

Valpo Lawyer: If the Constitution is not a big mistake, what are its most notable successes?

Gaffney: The American Constitution is the oldest continuous written constitution in the world. That alone is something to be proud of. In 1787 the Americans were understandably suspicious of monarchical, imperial rule. Perhaps the most distinctive feature of American constitutionalism is our mistrust of concentration of authority in any governmental official. That is reflected in the separation of powers, legislative, executive, and judicial, in a way that no other nation had ever done. There are a lot of reasons why America never fell prey in the 20th century to the brutal totalitarianisms of the Left and the Right, Communism and Fascism. Separation of powers is one of those reasons. Think of the millions of victims of official governmental slaughter carried out by Hitler, Stalin, and Pol Pot. Whatever else these atrocities were, they were emphatically un-American. The American idea of the rule of law is that rights are grounded in human

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nature; they are not the gifts of the government, but of God. As Jefferson put it in the Declaration of Independence: we are ‘endowed by [our] Creator with certain inalienable Rights, [including] Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.’

Valpo Lawyer: Isn’t freedom another big theme of American constitutionalism?

Gaffney: It sure is. Our mistrust in the connection between religion and government in Tudor and Stuart, England, and its mirror image in the American colonies led us to cut the tie between government and an established or preferred church and to invent the phrase ‘free exercise of religion.’ From that refusal to let government control our deepest convictions about the ultimate meaning of the universe came a commitment to limit the government’s control of political ideas. The protection of religious freedom led to the protection of all the other civil liberties spelled out in the First Amendment: freedom of speech and of the press, freedom of the people to assemble peaceably, and to petition the government for redress of grievance. The Berlin Wall crumbled a decade ago because it could not sustain the weight of the single word ‘liberty.’ It was not just Western military presence in Berlin that caused this event. It was also the persistence of the American constitutional commitment to civil liberties.

Valpo Lawyer: What of the theme of equality?

Gaffney: Probably the worst ordeal of America comes from the juxtaposition of slavery and freedom in the original Constitution. But we weren’t content with that contradiction. Radical opposition to the denial of liberty to African-Americans led ultimately to a ferocious Civil War. If that war could be described under the metaphor of a ‘terrible swift sword,’ it is no less true that the loss of human life on both sides was staggering. Then came a period of rehabilitating the Constitution. We call the process a rebuilding or a ‘reconstruction.’ It was not a face-lift; it was radical surgery. It was making amends. It was amending the flawed original document by adding the Civil War Amendments, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. And when that amending process was betrayed in 1877, the nation had to live through another century of delayed promise until the Supreme Court repudiated Jim Crow in Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954, and until the Congress enacted the major civil rights statutes of the 1960s that gave new meaning to equality of all persons before the law. Another deep contradiction within the American experience was the practical exclusion of women from the community of those whom God had created equal. But that too was corrected by the enfranchisement of women in the 19th Amendment, by statutes protecting the equality of women and men before the law, and by the interpretation of the 14th Amendment Equal Protection Clause to prohibit most forms of gender discrimination. Over the centuries of the American experiment in constitutionalism, we have been widening the circle of inclusivity. The theme of equality has a strong American ring to it now.

Valpo Lawyer: Can a person visit the center online before the museum is open?

Gaffney: Sure. The address for the Web site is www.constitutioncenter.org. Visitors can search interactively for terms in the text of the Constitution. And teachers can readily find several lesson plans on a particular theme that they might wish to include in their curricula. Our Web site does not try to duplicate other resources, but to point our visitors to them. For example, our Web site contains the full text of only a few source documents: Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Federalist Papers, the Constitution, George Washington’s Farewell Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the Gettysburg Address. But there is a clear link to the Library of Congress database of documents relating to the work of the Continental Congress and the drafting and ratification of the Constitution. Lawyers who do not subscribe to services such as Westlaw or Lexis-Nexis can find on our site links to free online databases containing court decisions and federal and state statutes. Historians will find a link both to the Avalon Project (a rich database of primary sources maintained by the Yale Law School) and Edsitement (a Web site co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, with links to all the top humanity sites and a roster of indexed lesson plans). We are working continuously to expand the links on our own Web site and to make it more user-friendly.

Valpo Lawyer: What are your greatest hopes for this project?

Gaffney: When the museum opens in 2002, I hope our visitors—we anticipate about a million a year—will encounter an uplifting challenge to understand and to exercise our constitutional rights and our responsibilities more fully. I hope that we will be able to stimulate greater awareness that the search for freedom, justice and equality is a continuous struggle that must involve all of us. I am deeply grateful both to Dean Conison and to the center’s president, Joe Torsella, for this magnificent opportunity to serve my country in this way.
Alumnae Organize Indiana Women in Law Conference

Eight Valpo Law alumnae were instrumental in the organization and presentation of the Indiana Women in Law Conference 2000. Held at the Adams Mark Hotel & Suites in Indianapolis on Sept. 14-15, the gathering marked the second anniversary of its inception.

Nancy Vaidik '80 J.D., judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals, served on the event's six-member steering committee. Serving as presenters in addition to Vaidik were Barb Schmidt '73 J.D., Karen (Campbell) Coulis '76 J.D., Judie Hawley Conley '78 J.D., Jeanne (Unger) Longsworth '87 J.D., Diane Kavadas Schneider '82 J.D., and Khris Costa-Sakelaris '92 J.D. Gail Peshel '00 J.D. served on the program committee.

Vaidik and Schneider were part of a panel discussing “Women Judges: Can We Talk: Getting There and Staying There.” Longsworth addressed financial and estate planning for women, while Hawley Conley shared expertise on ethical issues involving fragile clients. Schneider, Coulis and Costas-Sakelaris presented “Civics 101: Taking It to the Streets.”

Keynote speakers for the conference were world-renowned writer, lecturer, activist and humanitarian Gloria Steinem and Bertice Berry. Berry, an award-winning lecturer, former talk-show host, author and stand-up comedian, holds a doctorate degree in sociology. Marty Africa, a founder of the women rainmakers for the American Bar Association, gave the closing address.

Annually, the group awards conference scholarships to female law students. This year's Valpo student recipients were Sophia Arshad, Sherry Smith, Jessica O'Connor, Jaclyn Thompson, Kathleen Barkow and Erin Parker.

Of approximately 2,305 women currently practicing law in Indiana, more than 400 attended the event. Participants received six hours of continuing legal education credit.

Moot Court Team Advances to Finals

Valparaiso University School of Law's five-member Moot Court team Melinda Bently, Heidi Froestestead '00 J.D., Jeffrey Klajich '00 J.D., Ellen Kossis, and Donna Cuckovich '00 J.D. won at the regional competition for 2000 “Best Brief”. The Jessup Moot Court is a competitive effort sponsored by the American Society of International Law that imitates the procedure of the International Court of Justice. According to program manager professor, Michael Straube, this year's topic involved the rights of drug test subjects, intellectual property rights, and the rights of populations in developing countries to have access to a drug.
Faculty Chart Strategic Direction for Valpo Law

“To be the best small law school in the country, driven by a values-oriented approach.”

So reads the vision statement created by Valpo Law faculty. Evolving from a day-long examination of the school, the statement serves as a springboard for developing a new strategic plan that will be presented to the University next spring.

According to Laura Dooley, planning committee co-chair, the group decided to start with the discreet aspects of the program and build to the more comprehensive. They began the process by developing a strategic plan for admissions, placement, and portions of the curriculum.

Dooley explains, “We then asked ourselves about the quality of the program and determined that Valpo measurably enhances people’s values and knowledge. Next, we looked at what the school can do to further enhance the program outcomes.”

“The faculty made a collective commitment to excellence and to what makes this place special, what’s exciting about it,” Dooley adds.

Valpo’s distinctiveness, they concluded, revolves around a number of strengths. Among those strengths are:

- the School of Law’s small size and personalized education experience and admissions process;
- a nationally known faculty that is unusually accessible and committed to excellence in teaching;
- a curriculum with rigorous analytical training in the first two years and that provides students with a broad-based foundation for a customized third-year program;
- a strong clinical program that serves the community and helps students understand that law is a public calling.

The school’s emergence from the Lutheran heritage was recognized as significantly impacting the character of the program. As a result of that heritage, a perspectives class is required of Valpo Law students, and, across the curriculum, there is an underlying philosophy of law that strongly emphasizes ethics.

“Through the assessment process,” Dooley continues, “the school’s commitment to its concentrations and programs was reaffirmed. We also are committed to a more structured second-year program in order to ensure that a solid curricular foundation is present in the third year of the law program.”

As co-chairs of the committee, Dooley and Ivan Bodensteiner led the group in using the assessment results to create the initial strategic plan document. That plan was presented and approved at the faculty’s first meeting of the 1999-’00 academic year.

The second phase of planning began at the faculty’s spring 2000 retreat, where the investment of resources was emphasized. One step in the process involved assessing the strengths of the school and determining the kind of law school Valpo aspires to be.
Laura Dooley was instrumental in the design of Valpo Law’s strategic plan. Here she meets with students.

“We asked ourselves: What is our niche?” says Dooley. “In the completed plan we will position ourselves to make dramatic advances.”

Dean Jay Conison points out that Valpo Law’s focus on its five-year plan is simultaneous preparation for the long-term challenges of building a strong student body and faculty, scholarship enhancement, and preparation of a curriculum that enables students to be first-rate lawyers and leaders. Conison deems the cooperative spirit of the strategic planning group a strong asset in creating a focused plan.

“This is one of the most harmonious law schools I’ve encountered,” he says. “There is a shared vision, shared values, shared missions and a common willingness to build the institution.”

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Brietzke Receives First American Fulbright to Vietnam

When is a sabbatical not a sabbatical? In the experience of Valpo Law's Paul Brietzke the answer is: When it's interrupted by a call to serve a Third World country struggling toward democracy and development.

As the first Fulbright recipient to lecture and conduct legal research at Hanoi National Economics University, Brietzke began a sabbatical in Vietnam in fall 1998.

"Though the Vietnamese are curious about the United States," Brietzke says, "they are not particularly pro-American. Very little English is spoken there. I had to communicate with my driver, for example, via an interpreter. He had been a major in the Vietnamese army and remarked that I was the first American he had dealt with that wasn't at the other end of a gun."

Language difficulties impacted Brietzke's pedagogy considerably. His international trade law classes were composed of students whose wide range of English speaking abilities necessitated use of a simultaneous translator who knew little of the subject matter. The soft-spoken Brietzke still ponders just what information his students actually received. His faculty seminar in law and economics with young colleagues from the law, economics, and business administration departments, however, was much more successful.

The Hanoi sabbatical though was converted into a leave of absence when the U.S. Agency for International Development sought Brietzke's services as chief legal adviser to the Indonesian Ministry of Justice. The American professor accepted the Jakarta assignment and departed Vietnam at semester's end.

Indonesia's attempts to restart the business activities curtailed by the severe depression of the late 1990s meant that the visiting legal expert had to handle an amazing spectrum of work. In his words he "did whatever came up, not just law."

Eighteen months of seven-day work weeks left Brietzke no time for social life in the city of 12 million people. However, a smile brightens his visage when he reflects on one Indonesian responsibility—teaching short graduate courses on contracts, antitrust and law and economics. That assignment provided him with brief but welcome escapes to paradise as the classes were held in Bali.

"My experience in Jakarta was very intellectually stimulating as it involved working with bodies of law with which I was unfamiliar," he recalls. "I've never been anywhere where the people are so uniformly pro-American. They are very enthusiastic regarding American law. But I never worked so hard in my life. I did absolutely everything, relying extensively on Internet access."

Although Brietzke witnessed Indonesia making small progress daily, he predicts it will take a generation to manifest some cultural changes and years to effect other changes.

"In the short-run," he says, "it's difficult to tell what I accomplished there. It may take a decade to see the net effect."

Paul Brietzke is the first Fulbright recipient to lecture and conduct legal research at Hanoi National Economics University.
Visiting Professor Adds New Dimension to the Traditional 'Valpo Paragraph'

Service to others seems intricately woven into the fabric of Susan Stuart's '76 M.Ed. being.

The energetic professor brings both her dedication to service and considerable teaching expertise to Valpo Law as a visiting professor for legal research and writing and the educational law seminar.

Stuart, who has spent her last four years instructing first-year students at Indiana University School of Law at Bloomington, is a lawyer with a teacher's soul. The daughter of educators, she taught sixth-graders for six years following her graduation from DePauw University. After graduate work in education, she enrolled in Indiana University's School of Law, Indianapolis. She has since produced a number of legal publications and practiced in the areas of education/labor, commercial and business litigation and bankruptcy. Her IU students and colleagues honored her with Teaching Excellence Recognition Awards in both 1999 and 2000.

The writing expert has spent two summers teaching at the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity, following a syllabus she helped to create. ICLEO is a six-week residential program sponsored by the state of Indiana. The goal is to assist minority and educationally disadvantaged students who are entering Indiana's four law schools. Students who complete the ICLEO course are awarded $5,000 for each year of law school.

Stuart takes pride in that fact that in its four-year existence ICLEO has not only produced some very successful attorneys but also increased diversity in the legal field and helped retain a high percentage of law graduates in Indiana. Valpo Law is in line to host the program for a second time next year.

Her communications skills and service orientation also have been used as a volunteer host of Central Indiana Radio Reading Inc.'s "SportsTime."

In that role the athletic Stuart provided sports information to the blind in a weekly, pre-recorded program during which she read sports news from the Indianapolis Star and Sports Illustrated. Stuart's interest in helping such disadvantaged populations goes back at least to her undergraduate days at DePauw University, where she did teaching internships at both Navajo Reservation and inner-city District of Columbia schools.

This year Valpo Law students find themselves anything but disadvantaged under Stuart's tutelage. Rather, they are treated as professionals, held to high expectations, and encouraged to value legal research and writing as a skill that they will most certainly take with them into their first jobs.

Above: Susan Stuart '76 M.Ed. works with Valpo Law students, helping them hone their research and writing skills.
**Bruce Berner ’67 J.D.**, Louis and Anna Seegers Professor of Law, spoke in Indianapolis in September at the annual Indiana Law Update. He wrote a chapter for the CLE volume on “Criminal Law, Procedure, and Evidence.”

**Robert F. Blomquist**, professor of law, served as a visiting professor and scholar at the Australian National University Law Faculty’s Environmental Law Centre in Canberra, Australia, during spring of 2000. He also did research on Australian biodiversity law. Blomquist served as environmental policy coordinator for the Presidential Campaign of Gov. George W. Bush. Blomquist’s scholarly works include the following titles:


**Curt Cichowski ’81 J.D.**, associate dean for administration, spoke at a national conference titled “Virtually Speaking: Taking Command of Interactive Technology in the Higher Education Marketplace” in San Diego in October. His presentation, “Thinking Outside the Funnel: A Web-Centric Approach,” dealt with the use of interactive media and new technologies in higher education communication programs. He also will be attending the Symposium for the Marketing of Higher Education in Baltimore in November. On campus, Cichowski will teach a new course, Trademark and Unfair Competition Law, beginning in the spring semester.

Jay Conison, dean, has been appointed to two committees of the American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar: Skills Training (reappointment) and Public Service Activities.

Rebecca Huss, assistant professor of law, is teaching a new course titled International Commercial Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation. The course is designed to expose students to the various methods of dispute resolution used by practitioners in international commercial transactions.

Rosalie (Berger '73 J.D.) Levinson, associate dean for academic affairs, participated in the University’s Faculty Development tour to China last summer and met with the law school dean at Zhejiang to discuss having some of their students participate in Valpo Law’s L.L.M. Program. Levinson also spoke at the Practicing Law Institute’s “Supreme Court Review” Conference in New York City in July. Ivan Bodensteiner and Levinson co-wrote an article and have received two offers for publication.

Richard Stith, professor of law, presented a two-hour public lecture and participated in a one-hour radio interview in Mexico City this fall. His daughter, Marah, took part in a television panel discussion.


Linda Whitton '86 J.D., professor of law, is the recipient of this year's Distinguished Faculty Award. Whitton has been chair this year of the ABA's Health Care Decisions Committee, and she recently organized and moderated a Presidential Showcase Program at the ABA annual meeting in New York. She is largely responsible for instituting and obtaining funding for a national initiative to provide information to attorneys and the public on advance health care directives. The Distinguished Faculty Award was instituted by Valpo Law alumnus Robert Beer ’63 J.D. and the Mabel Burchard Fisher Foundation in honor of Professor Jack Hiller '55 J.D.

Whitton also is chairing and presenting at two programs for the National Aging and Law Conference in Washington, D.C., this fall. Program titles are “Elder Law Education: Clinics, Courses, and Concentrations;” and “Health Care Decision-Making in the New Millennium: Legal and Medical Perspectives.” This fall, she gave her inaugural lecture at the school of law, titled “Law and Aging: Lessons From the Rearview Mirror.” In November, she is participating in a working conference in Athens, Ga., titled “Joint Conference on Legal and Ethical Issues in the Progression of Dementia.”
Legal Eagles Tackle Business

By Harriet Fagan

Green astro turf with white line markings covers the lobby floor. A collection of colorful football helmets lines a wall. Outside, bustling business people and tourists navigate the Wacker Drive sidewalks skirting the Chicago River. Welcome to the office of the Arena Football League—home to two Valpo Law alumni.

Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Ron Kurpiers '87 J.D. and Staff Attorney Scott Andresen '99 J.D. are not only AFL executives but embodiments of what their business is all about—fun.

Spend a few minutes with these legal eagles and find yourself thoroughly entertained by their fast-paced repartee and locker room antics. Pass an hour in the Arena office and find yourself in a sitcom with a cast of walk-on characters that includes a befuddled messenger delivering unintentional humor. Attend an Arena ball game and experience non-stop action that GQ Magazine describes as "often like watching your second-grade math nun do the Watusi."

Amidst the capers, though, the serious business of running the increasingly successful league takes place, thanks to the very able talent, intelligence and dedication of a dynamic staff.

Kurpiers weaves in and out of a photo session intercepting phone calls and scoring again with his mental agility and obvious love of people. During Arena's hectic summer season, the former marching band drummer—he keeps a set of sticks and drum top at his desk—puts in 16 to 20 hour days, seven days a week. During this year's first-ever collective bargaining with the players, he spent 24 hours a day over a three-day period finally reaching an agreement and saving the 2000 season.

"I took a huge risk in leaving my job as assistant attorney with the Justice Department to come here," the trial lawyer notes. "Jerry Curz, one of the league owners was the defense attorney in a large scale drug case I was prosecuting. After a heated court appearance one day, he asked me to lunch and proposed I join the AFL as their first in-house counsel. Fourteen days after I began here in 1995, I had to kick a team out of the League. Seven days later the team sued me personally and the league for $72 million."

No wonder Kurpiers points out that "You gotta have thick skin and a good sense of humor to work here."

As the only professional sports team to have a patent, much of Kurpiers' and Andresen's work for the League involves worldwide trademark enforcement. In a league like Arena, every crisis comes across the desks of the charming duo—game operations disputes, licensing issues, Internet and much more.

Fast-paced and quick-witted, Ron Kurpiers '87 J.D. and Scott Andresen '99 J.D. serve as legal counsel for the Arena Football League.

Andresen does what Kurpiers, who logged about 140,000 air miles in the last two years, doesn't have time to do. That includes legal research, assisting with Arena Football League Players' Organizing Committee negotiations support, drafting licensing agreements, giving legal assistance to League departments, approving player contracts, and overseeing trademark and patent issues domestically and abroad. In spite of the frantic pace the emerging sport demands, the AFL position is Andresen's dream job. One vehicle for realizing his dream was Valpo Law Associate Dean for Administration Curt Cichowski '81 J.D.
When Cichowski called to say he had a kid he'd like Kurpiers to interview, Kurpiers recalls asking, "Is he good?"

Kurpiers responded positively to Cichowski's plea to trust him and just talk to Andresen. A year after their first meeting, Kurpiers offered the entertainment specialist a newly created position with Arena. He is "happy I took the chance."

Thanks to an externship with the Oakland Raiders, experience with the Illinois High School Association, a concentration in Entertainment Litigation and Intellectual Property/Technology, and a propensity for fun, Andresen was a perfect fit for the AFL. His desire to work in professional sports had motivated him to create his own specialty by taking all the law school coursework related to the entertainment industry. He served as president of the Sports and Entertainment Lawyer Association at Valpo Law, did a study-abroad, and traveled to various ABA conferences devoted to sports and entertainment law issues.

In order to get financial aid to finance pro bono work for the Raiders, Andresen had to have the stint declared an externship. At the end of the externship, the Raiders decided they would be interested in having more Valpo students work with them in the future. That decision provided Valpo Law with the final piece needed for a concentration in the area—an externship. Andresen then became the first graduate with an entertainment litigation and intellectual property/technology concentration.

Despite being dubbed "Fester" by his playful boss in deference to his shaved head resemblance to Uncle Fester of Addams Family fame, Andresen has a great deal of admiration for Kurpiers.

"I've landed in quite a unique and wonderful work environment under a very good boss," he confesses. "I have the great fortune to be doing the only job I ever wanted to do. There are the additional perks of travel in the United States and abroad, opportunities to meet and interact with people in the industry, and the occasional opportunity to see the results of my work on SportsCenter or some other national medium."

When "Fester" verbalizes a hope that Arena will be a conveyance for meeting his hero Dick Butkus, Kurpiers quietly interjects that he has met the football great. The comment draws Andresen's quick retort, "So, what am I supposed to say—I work for a guy who met Dick Butkus?"

With no end zone in sight, the quips and jibes continue between the married-without-children trial lawyer, who holds "Honored Professional" status, and the unmarried attorney one year out of law school. Two fun-loving guys who never played on a football team themselves but whose legal talents and people skills are crucial to the ongoing success of an emerging sport called arena football.
For Cornell Boggs,
It’s Intel Time

By Kristin Jass ’86

It’s 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time; 11 a.m. Pacific Time; 48 minutes before the next project is due Intel time. Cornell Boggs III ’85 J.D. is a citizen of Planet Intel. The rules are different there.

Boggs is a manager without an office, a lawyer with deadlines counted in minutes not days, a professional attired in jeans and polo shirt, a boss supervising employees in offices on other continents. Welcome, citizens, to the new world spawned by the new economy. Welcome to Planet Intel.

More than 70,000 employees, including Boggs, work around the globe for Intel with a simple mission: becoming the pre-eminent building block supplier to the worldwide Internet economy. With record sales of $29.4 billion last year (the 13th consecutive year of increased sales), it would seem citizens of Planet Intel are well on their way to accomplishing this expansive goal. And they are using good old Planet Earth ideals to pull the proverbial sword from the stone: superior customer service, discipline, quality work, appropriate risk taking, and a results-first orientation.

It was Intel’s stated company mission and values that piqued Boggs’ interest and ultimately pulled him from the Midwest to the Pacific Coast. After four-and-a-half years with Anheuser-Busch Companies, based in St. Louis, as associate general counsel for the corporate group, the sign on Boggs’ office door now reads: Americas Regional Counsel, Intel. Or it would, if Boggs had either an office or a door.

Speaking from his cubicle on Intel’s Folsom, Calif., campus (on Planet Intel you do not work in buildings or offices or facilities but on campuses with colleagues), Boggs explains life at Intel versus Anheuser-Busch.

“Other than the fact that this is a legal department, nothing is the same,” he says with a chuckle. “Everyone from the CEO to administrative staffers work in cubes, so physically I don’t go into an office anymore. There are no special parking spaces either; if you get here early you get a good spot, if not, you don’t.” He also notes there is no executive dining room, rather, everyone uses one cafeteria that also doubles as meeting space. Since cubes don’t lend themselves to conferences, most folks convene in hallways or over formica tables in the dining area.

And since Boggs oversees a small group spread across North and South America, he doesn’t even use the dining room for meetings. He teleconferences or e-mails. Last week he hired a new associate in Sao Paulo for a position in Intel’s Brazil office—all via fiber optics. He and his team of Planet Intel citizens do work ranging from anti-trust to contracts to confidentiality issues. Serving the Americas sales and marketing divisions, they work with major distributors (IBM, Dell, and Hewlett-Packard, etc.), Intel employees and global competitors.

Boggs and his group stay organized across the miles with weekly meetings and tightly focused goal-setting plans.

“We are part of a company designed to work by quantitative metrics,” Boggs says, explaining the non-traditional environment at Intel. “People here don’t care about what you’ve done, about the number of hours you’ve invested. They want to know if you’ve moved the ball from point A to point B. Period.”

This notion of forward movement, of furthering projects by whatever means necessary, is the mantra by which citizens of Planet Intel live. Which means as a lawyer at Intel, the “Old World” rules of the attorney trade no longer apply.

“Everything here happens in Internet time,” Boggs says. “Things I might have historically spent a week researching now have to be produced in hours.” This dramatic shift to “Internet time”, which means Boggs must be available to clients or colleagues 24-7, also brings a counter-balance: a roll-back on absolute accuracy. While traditional companies (those functioning on old economy “clock time”) give their legal divisions days or weeks to render opinions, they also demand the work be virtually air-tight. Not so at Intel, Boggs says. “People here want advice quickly. But that’s OK,” he explains, “because even if you don’t have all the facts, you simply do the best that you can. That is understood and is acceptable.”

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To acclimate its attorneys to the unusual deadline requirements of Internet time, Intel has a Legal Learning Module (accessible online, of course) stressing the importance of timing. “In this climate it is possible to wait too long to give advice,” Boggs says. “You need to give each project your best shot, within time requirements, whether or not you have all the facts.”

So how did Cornell Boggs wind up on Planet Intel? Though a quick glance at his personal road map seems to show a fragmented course, a closer look reveals a carefully planned route often navigated by other Valpo alumni.

Boggs came to Valpo in the late 1970s after a childhood spent in global travel. His mother and step-father were employed by the Department of Defense, so Boggs attended middle school in Italy and high school in Germany before heading back to the States for college. He majored in journalism at Valparaiso University, writing for The Torch and doing an internship at the Post-Tribune. Ironically, as a result of that internship, Boggs discovered he wasn’t gung-ho for newspaper reporting and began considering alternatives.

Ultimately he settled on going to law school. “Valpo Law was really a late call for me,” he says. “I had been accepted at Drake, Howard, University of Missouri, and Michigan, but then Valpo offered me a Merit Scholarship which made attending financially possible, so I chose Valpo Law.” Already settled in Valparaiso after four years of undergraduate study, Boggs left the dorms for new digs in town and found himself neighbors with Judge William Conover ’51 J.D.

This coincidental connection served Boggs well as he graduated from Valpo Law and clerked for Conover on the Indiana Court of Appeals for two years. Yet another fortunate connection was made as a Valpo undergrad—one which led to his first private sector job as well as to invaluable mentoring.

Boggs remembers meeting Richard Duesenberg ’53 J.D. during a career session long before he thought about applying to law schools. Duesenberg made an impression at that time, and once Boggs enrolled in Valpo Law their relationship deepened. They stayed in touch after Boggs graduated, and it was Duesenberg who lured him to Monsanto in his initial position as environmental attorney for the company. With Duesenberg’s guidance, Boggs rose from that job to litigation attorney and ultimately to the role of assistant company counsel.

Then in 1996, Monsanto restructured its legal division, dramatically paring down staff while outsourcing work. At the same time, Duesenberg retired from the company, and Boggs began wondering if he should look elsewhere, too. Following the lead of another Monsanto attorney, Boggs jumped across town to Anheuser-Busch, picking up where he had left off, working with marketing and distribution issues for A-B.

This experience in marketing and sales proved beneficial when the call from Intel came. Though the product and environment were dramatically different (not to mention the weather), Boggs knew the business and believed his skills would translate well at Intel. So Boggs, his wife Theresa and their children packed their bags and moved West to become citizens of Planet Intel.

Even though he is now a part of the emerging brave new economy, Boggs says he values “Old World” treasures from his years at Valpo Law. “There is a level of dignity and respect for the law that is inherent in receiving a Valpo law degree, and that carries people a long way.” —Cornell Boggs III ’85 J.D.

With his array of legal experience—global, new economy, corporate, environmental—what does he name as the most important thing for modern lawyers to know?

“Have a solid understanding of trusts and estates,” he says with a laugh. “I guarantee that will be the most-asked question, from people at your church to friends in the neighborhood. Everyone wants to know about wills because they all seem to know someone who is going to die.”

And with that insight, Boggs signs off from his cubicle in the Folsom, Calif., campus. On Planet Intel it’s time to get back to the business of conquering Planet Earth.
New Programs Enrich Law Curriculum

In just two years of operation, Valpo Law's innovative concentrations program and its exceptional honors program have brought considerable enrichment and prestige to the school and its graduates. The school's increased global efforts also have proven fruitful, attracting gifted international students.

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Concentrations

Modeled on the practice group concept common in modern law firms, the academic concentrations program is an ongoing faculty initiative that responds to increased demand to teach lawyering skills in specific legal practice areas. Under the direction of Professor David Myers, Valpo Law now offers a cutting-edge upper-level curriculum in which students may choose to specialize, or concentrate, in a distinct area of law.

Three curricular components are at the heart of every concentration: a group of upper level courses in the area of specialization, a research paper, and a practice experience in that field of law through externships or moot court competition. Also included are integrated enrichment components, such as visits to campus by distinguished practitioners and scholars, student attendance at professional meetings, and student participation in conferences sponsored by law school centers.

Dean Jay Conison compares concentrations to undergraduate departmental majors. They are focused programs of study that prepare students to be generalists by first preparing them to be specialists. "Concentrations have evolved to a new form of liberal arts education," he says, "in that by providing a structured and focused education in one field, we also provide knowledge and skills that will allow the student to master other fields."

Conison is quick to remind, "No area of the law stands alone. All areas of law are necessarily linked to law's broader concerns, aims, and approaches to matters such as dispute resolution, regulation of the economy, or the needs of individual clients." This is a guiding principle of the concentration model, which organizes select concentrations into "centers."

For example, the group consisting of concentrations in environmental law and policy, employment and labor law, international trade and development law, and alternative dispute resolution are organized around the broader legal theme of dispute resolution, and has initiated our Center on Dispute Resolution to promote that theme in the work of the concentrations. This arrangement is an example of how centers implement the principle that concentrations should be linked to law's broader aims.

Each year the center sponsors a national conference on dispute resolution. Every three years the subject matter of the conference rotates between labor law, international law, and environmental law. These conferences serve as a resource for concentration enrichment activities, assist with career activities in the concentration fields, and support faculty research and publication. The first conference, held last fall in Indianapolis, focused on environmental law.

In Chicago, on Nov. 2 - 3, the International Trade and Development Concentration presented a program titled "Arbitrating Sports Disputes: A World View." Professor Michael Straubel, the concentration’s leader and the coordinator of the conference, says that the program looks at broad issues of sports arbitration, including recent problems during the Olympics such as the use of banned substances. Speakers include a

Established Concentrations:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Child/Family Law
- Civil Practice
- Criminal Practice
- Elder and Health Law
- Employment and Labor Law
- Entertainment Litigation and Intellectual Property/Technology
- Environmental Law and Policy
- International Law
- State and Local Government/Civil Rights
member of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport, who served on the arbitration panel for the 2000 Olympic Games.

"We expect other centers to be integrated with additional concentrations," says Myers. "The faculty has approved concentrations for civil practice, criminal practice, entertainment litigation and intellectual property/technology, and state and local government/civil rights. These concentrations will focus on issues relating to trial advocacy."

In addition, the faculty has approved a concentration in elder and health care law and a concentration in family law. "We hope to coordinate the program in elder and health care law with future concentrations in the business law area, to look at the role of the lawyer as planner in modern society," Myers adds.

Concentration students performing externships do so with a variety of legal employers at the federal, state and local levels. Unpaid hands-on legal experiences are gained at sites such as the U.S. Custom Service, Indiana Court of Appeals, Federal Highway Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, Internal Revenue Service, Domestic Violence Court, Immigration and Naturalization Service, the District Attorney General's Office, and the VU Law Clinic.

Scott Andresen '99 J.D. was one of the first students to graduate with a concentration. His course work in the entertainment litigation and intellectual property/technology concentration included an externship with the Oakland Raiders football team. He is now employed with the Arena Football League (see story on Page 14).

Honors Program

To attract some of the nation's very best students to Valpo Law, Professor Ivan Bodensteiner initiated the Valpo Law Honors Program three years ago. Designed for students of exceptional ability and promise, the program admits 20-25 new students each year. In their first year of studies, honors students are enrolled in an honors section of legal research and writing, where the pace is more intense and advanced projects are required. First-year honors students also write a scholarly paper in the form of a case comment. In the second year, they enroll in a great books course, in which they work with a professor in the study of a chosen great book relating to law, and then prepare a paper on that book. In the third year, honors students enroll in an honors practicum, in which they engage in an advanced writing project, either as an independent research project or in connection with a course. Honors students also engage in small group sessions on current legal topics moderated by the honors program director or other faculty.

Recent participants in the honors program are receiving prestigious offers of employment in the bench and the bar. Employers have quickly become attracted to both the quality of the program and the honors students. As a result, the number of Valpo Law graduates competing for and winning positions with top legal organizations has increased substantially. Another example of the program's impact is found in the exceptional quality of new enrollees. Twenty-one students from seven states and Canada enrolled in the honors curriculum this fall. Their LSAT scores range from 157 to 174, the average being 161. The average UGPA is 3.7.

Global Successes

Valpo Law's new Masters of Law (LL.M.) degree program has not only expanded the University's globalization but also continues to enhance its reputation internationally. The LL.M. program provides an introduction to the American legal system for international lawyers. Every LL.M. student comes to Valpo Law having already earned a law degree in his or her home country. By working closely with each student, the director, Professor Mark Adams, tailors the program to meet the educational and career goals of each student. Although only in its third year, the program has quickly gained a strong reputation and is now attracting students from a wide variety of countries, including Japan, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Romania, United Arab Emirates and Qatar. The program has also enhanced the J.D. program through the increased enrollment of international lawyers and the resulting diversity of perspectives and experiences these students bring to the classroom.
Alumni Director Named

Valpo Law welcomes a new director of alumni relations. Marilyn Otis graduated from VU in 1976 with a double major in English and journalism. She worked in the VU Office of Admissions from 1976 to 1980. Otis was marketing coordinator at First National Bank in LaPorte, Ind., before starting a family in 1982, remaining at home until 1988. She then took a position as manager in sales and marketing at Whirlpool Corp., where she traveled extensively in the United States working with retail dealers and residential builders, retail and builder division managers and account managers.

1950

Robert Banchy and his wife, Nancy (Kramer ’53), raised three children and have eight grandchildren. They live in Minneapolis. After graduation Banchy was employed as an insurance claims adjuster and manager at several companies, until moving to Austin Mutual Insurance Co. as vice president of litigation in 1964. He retired in 1992, after 39 years in the business.

Ernest Oppliger lives in Port Huron, Mich. He practiced law for 20 years and was a circuit judge in St. Clair County, Mich., for 21 years. He retired four years ago. He and wife Florence (Krueger ’50) have five children. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Valpo Law Alumni Association.

1960

Maxwell Smith and wife Vaunciel (Tiarks ’51) live in Fort Wayne, Ind. They were delighted to discover three other Valpo alumni in their local swim class: Donald ’55 and Arlene (Schwerin ’55) Killmer and Maxine (Mueller ’52) Kramer. Smith reported that "After reminiscing about our Valpo days, we belted out an almost-Broadway-quality rendition of 'Hail to the Brown and Gold.'"

1974

Dave Hollenbeck of Valparaiso is an attorney for the Valparaiso Community Schools.

1975

Carolyn (Small) Grant of Indianapolis serves as vice president of the 27-member Indianapolis Bar Association Board of Managers. She is with the law firm of Grant & Grant and concentrates her practice in the areas of personal injury, insurance defense, products liability, medical malpractice and corporate issues. She is a former assistant United States attorney for the Southern District of Indiana.

1976

Christopher Nuechterlein, former U.S. attorney in Sacramento, Calif., was appointed as the federal magistrate judge for the South Bend, Ind., division of the U.S. District Court. Christopher’s wife, Clare, also is a lawyer. Their son, Carl, attends San Diego State University, and their
daughter, Anna, attends Valpo. They live in South Bend.

Robert Rucker, Indiana Supreme Court justice, received his first honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa from the Calumet College of St. Joseph at commencement last May. Rucker moved to Indianapolis from Gary, Ind., nine years ago, when he was appointed to the Court of Appeals. In 1999 Gov. Frank O'Bannon appointed him to the Indiana Supreme Court.

1980

Sharon (Conner) Buckler of Arthur, Ill., was the Republican candidate for the Moultrie (Ill.) County prosecutor's office in the fall 2000 general election. She has served as Moultrie County public defender for 12 years. She is married to Richard Buckler and has two children.

Kenneth Kingma is a partner in the law firm of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, a firm with over 160 attorneys in four Michigan offices. He concentrates his practice in the areas of estate and business planning, estate and trust administration, domestic and international taxation and mergers and acquisitions. He earned his master of laws in taxation degree from Boston University School of Law. He and his wife, Mary, and their children, Jeremy, Rachael and Melissa, live in Beverly Hills, Mich. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Michigan State Bar and the Oakland County Bar Association. They reside in Southfield, Mich.

1984

Frances (Gaseor) Jagla, who resides in Gurnee, Ill., was named senior counsel of the patent and trademark division in the legal division of Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Ill. She joined Abbott in 1989 as an attorney in the same division.

Susan Taylor of Mishawaka, Ind., is an attorney and consultant specializing in child abuse and neglect, delinquency, custody, visitation issues and guardianship. From 1990 to 1999, Taylor was an adjunct professor at Indiana University-South Bend, where she taught a course in public affairs. She also was an adjunct professor at Ivy Tech State College and the University of Alaska, and a guest lecturer at Michiana College, Davenport College and Holy Cross College. Taylor also has published articles on numerous legal issues.

1985

Christopher Fitzpatrick of Floyds Knobs, Ind., is a partner in the Louisville, Ky., law firm of Woodward, Hobson & Fulton. He practices in the area of environmental law. He is licensed to practice in Kentucky, Indiana and Florida. He is a member of the American, Kentucky, Louisville, and Floyd County (Ind.) Bar Associations, as well as the Kentucky Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association.

Keith Hunt of Ferndale, Mich., is the chief judge pro tern of the 43rd District Court, which comprises the cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park and Madison Heights. He presides in Hazel Park. He also is president of the Oakland County District Judges Association. He and his wife, Judi, have two children, Peter and Meredith.

1986

Mark Rutherford, Indianapolis, has been elected chair of the Libertarian Party of Indiana.

1988

Matt Pappas lives in Rock Island, Ill., with his wife, Laura, and their three children Margaret, George and Ellen. He is a partner in the law firm of Pappas & Schnell, which has eight lawyers, a certified public accountant and six assistants, and specializes in trusts, estates, management, labor, employment and corporate law. He is president of St. George Greek Orthodox Church and active in Junior Achievement and United Way, and he is a director of the Martin Luther King Center in Rock Island. He and his partners currently are working on developing a $3 million office building in downtown Rock Island, the Paddock Building.

1989

Beth Henning of Chicago graduated with honors from The John Marshall Law School with her master of laws degree in commercial real estate. She is employed as an attorney by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago in the Emergency Response Branch for the Superfund Division. She also serves as an adjunct professor of law at the Valparaiso University School of Law, and is the vice president of the alumni association's board of directors. She also heads the Environmental Law Chapter for Valpo Law. Henning is a member of the Valparaiso Lake and Land Outfitters' Extreme Athlete Team and planned to compete again in swimming at the 2000 Hoosier State Games.
Artist Husband Influences
Oxman's Career Path

Encounters with special people often influence career choices. For Janna Marcus Oxman '90 J.D. that special person is husband Zachary, an talented sculptor whose bronze artistry has thrice been honored by the White House.

Oxman practiced civil litigation in the early years after graduation from Valpo Law. Committed to more directly impacting people's lives, she eventually moved from trial law into risk management.

Then she married Zachary.

Though only in his mid-twenties, the Judaic art specialist had already created works for the White House, one a piece for the holiday display and another for the White House Collection of American Crafts. Destined for placement in the Clinton Permanent Library in Little Rock, Ark., the artist's peace dove was a Christmas gift for President Clinton, privately commissioned by his wife Hillary. In addition to the sculpture, which commemorates the Bosnian Peace Accord, Oxman fashioned a coordinating set of presidential cufflinks.

Given her husband's growing national reputation, Janna decided to trade law practice for entrepreneurship.

The former trial lawyer established Oxman Inc. and became Zachary's business manager and publicist. Today, both work out of their Bethesda, Md., home, their two young children within close range. Oxman's works may be viewed at www.zacharyoxman.com.

Janna Marcus Oxman '90 J.D., and husband Zachary pose in front of the White House Christmas tree with President and Mrs. Clinton.

Peter Pogue, with three other attorneys, started a new firm, Schultz & Pogue, in Carmel, Ind. Peter is president of the Board of Directors of the Valpo Law Alumni Association, as well as president of the Indianapolis chapter of Valpo Law alumni.

1990

Rita Baldwin-Meurer has joined the Indianapolis law firm of McHale, Cook & Welch as of counsel. Her concentration is in the firm's utility law and litigation practice groups. Prior to this position she was with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, where she served for six years as an assistant consumer counselor. She also has worked in the areas of insurance and workers compensation defense, personal injury and family law. Baldwin is a certified civil mediator in the state of Indiana and is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association.

Randall Ratje lives in Central Islip, N.Y. He is chair of the New York State Council of the Steuben Society of America, which oversees the activities of the 19 local chapters and three district councils located throughout the state of New York. For more information, visit the Steuben Society Web site at www.steubensociety.org.

Karen Tallian of Portage, Ind., was a candidate for county judge in the fall 2000 general election against Republican incumbent Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Thode '85 J.D.

1991

Paul Landskroener is an associate in the law firm of Sprenger & Lang, a small employment/civil rights class action litigation firm with offices in Minneapolis and Washington, D.C.

1992

John Hintz, wife Kristen, and their son, Patrick, who was born March 31, 2000, live in Haslett, Mich. He has rejoined the law firm of Glassen, Rhead, McCean, Campbell and Schumaker in Lansing, Mich. He works on family, collection, and landlord-tenant law.

1993

Christine Neal and her husband, Trevor, announce the birth of their twin girls, Abigail Evelyn Grace and Isabel Eva Christine, born June 4, 1999. They join big brother, Alex, who is 4. They reside in South Bend, Ind.

J. Rickard Donovan has become a partner in the Fort Wayne, Ind., firm of Rothberg & Logan.

1994

Adam Stern is the president of the Chicago chapter of the Valpo Law Alumni Association.

Debra (Billings) Mastrian is a partner in the Indianapolis firm Henderson Daily.

1995

Tracy (Helmer) Arney, husband Dennis and their son, Maxwell, who was born Sept. 11, 1999, live in Indianapolis. She is an attorney at Golden Rule Insurance Co., where she does regulatory compliance work.

Heather (Hobbs) Bush and husband Bennet '94 announce the birth of their son, Stephen James, born May 9, 1999. Bennet is employed as a staff attorney at UAW-GM Legal Services in Flint, Mich., and Heather is a partner at the firm of Berker & Bush in Davison, Mich.

Jeffrey Majerek of Granger, Ind., has opened a solo practice in South Bend, Ind.

1996

Joseph Morris is the attorney for the Plymouth Community School Corp. His law practice is located in Plymouth, where he also resides.

1997

Walt Dunlavey of Seattle, Wash., is general counsel for the Washington State Nurses Association, a labor union that represents registered nurses in 48 hospitals in the state of Washington.

Kristine Marvin is employed by The Timberland Company in Stratham, N.H. She resides in Exeter, N.H.

Zhao Xiao-Hua Transcends Two Cultures Upholding Law

Deeply affected by the loss of friends in the Tiananmen Square massacre while she pursued journalism studies at Indiana University, Zhao Xiao-Hua '92 J.D. arrived at the Valparaiso University School of Law convinced of the need for an effective legal system in her native China. Today she plays an important legal role in the development of China's rapidly emerging economy.

As an international communications specialist with Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth in Washington, D.C., Zhao represents major U.S. telecom companies and high-tech companies doing business in China and the Far East. A well-published author and a regular speaker, she recently spoke on China Internet at the International Bar Association's annual conference in Barcelona.

She travels to China about once every two months for business.

"China's economy is developing so fast, and I can see the changes every time I go back," she notes. "I am very happy to see that people in China now have much more freedom and more opportunities."

She observes, however, that China continues to lack a well-established legal system. Beijing-born Zhao predicts her country's entry into the World Trade Organization will be a great boost for both its economy and its legal system as China will be forced to catch up with international standards.

Zhao Xiao-Hua '92 J.D.
Douglas Sakaguchi has joined the South Bend firm of Sweeney Pfeifer Morgan and Stesiak as an associate.

1998

Susan Cullen was hired by the U.S. Senate, Office of the Legislative Counsel in Washington, D.C. She relocated to Alexandria, Va.

Andrea Kurek practiced with the law firm of Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones in LaPorte, Ind., for about one year. She currently works in the South Bend, Ind., four-person general practice firm, Hahn, Walz and Knepp. Andrea married Jon Slagh '97 on Sept. 30.

David K. Lee lives in Indianapolis. He was hired by Whitfield and Gregorio (Chicago) to open their Indianapolis office. He represents the newly regionalized carpenter's union.

Theodore Roe lives in Portland, Ore. He is a member of the firm of Cosgrave, Vergeer & Kester of Portland and practices corporate law.

1999

Cecil Jesse Green and wife Sandra of Lansing, Mich., had their first child, Christopher Jesse, born May 16, 2000.

Marc Lloyd and Adam Moore have accepted jobs as associates in the law firm of Conover & Foos in Indianapolis. The firm practices insurance defense. Both enjoy their jobs and have 1st chair jury trial experience. Marc remarked in his note to Valpo Law that "it is a small world, and you never know who you will meet at Valpo and even practice law with."

Michael Powalisz has accepted a position with the law offices of Peter F. Ferracuti. The firm practices primarily in workers compensation, but also does some personal injury work. He will be relocating close to Ottawa, Ill. His particular interest is in trademark/copyright law and sports law. He welcomes information regarding potential openings in this area.

Kelley Schweinzger of Elkhart, Ind., is an attorney with the Elkhart County Public Defenders Office, Superior Court No. 4 in Goshen, Ind. She also works in the law firm of Pressler, Bowers & Topolski.

Raj Singh passed the Wisconsin Bar and is employed by Petroleum Bulk Corp. in Mequon, Wis. He resides in Germantown, Wis.

2000

Mike Jasaitis was named Student Bar Association President of the Year by the American Bar Association Law Student Division.

Penny Meyers of White Pigeon, Mich., won the Burton Award for Legal Achievement. The judges, a Harvard Law School professor and a California state judge, looked for style and quality of legal expression. Meyers has taken a position with Sandees and Pianowski, a law firm in Elkhart, Ind.

In Memoriam

1930

Norman Westphal, Livonia, Mich.

1960

Joel Bravick, June 2, 1998, Fort Wayne, Ind.

1975

Robert Murphy, March 26, 2000, Hobart, Ind.

1986

John Tribbett, August 2000, Crawfordsville, Ind.

1993

Andrea Aulbert, July 1, 2000, Alexandria, Va.

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**Post Retirement Career— Advocate for the Elderly**

Having already retired from a 40-year career in the steel industry, recent School of Law graduate Jim McCafferty, 64, aspires to put his degree to work in service to the elderly.

“I don’t know how not to work,” he says, “and I want to give back for the wonderful life I’ve led.”

This Grand Beach, Mich., resident believes the fixed incomes of the elderly often make them vulnerable to underrepresentation by attorneys. As a comfortable though-not-rich retiree, McCafferty will represent his target clients for a minimum rate.

McCafferty, whose daughter recently graduated from a Miami law school herself, earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland. While recovering from a total hip replacement in 1985, he enrolled in community college classes, earning straight As. In 1993 he completed a master’s degree program in management through Purdue University-Calumet with a 3.79 grade point average.

McCafferty’s academic success as a non-traditional student gave him the confidence to enter Valpo Law’s part-time program. He continued working at the steel mill, sometimes between 80 and 100 hours a week, and became a full-time student after retiring in spring 1999.
DeMotte Hall (above) was the third building occupied by the Valparaiso University School of Law. Founded in 1873, classes were held initially in the Old College Building. In 1888 founding Dean Mark L. DeMotte acquired a residence at 355 Greenwich and turned it into a home for his law school. It was soon after the Lutheran University Association purchased VU in 1925 that it moved the school into the Domestic Science Building, which it then named Arts-Law and in 1959 renamed DeMotte. The first Wesemann Hall, now Kretzmann Hall, came in 1964. The present Wesemann Hall, dedicated in 1986, brought the school full circle to almost the very same site where it began.
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CALENDAR OF events

Fall and Spring 2000 -2001
All on campus, unless noted otherwise

Dec. 3
VU Christmas Concert and
Alumni Law Reception
Symphony Center, Chicago

Dec. 8
Illinois State Bar Association
Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Tower

Dec. 17
Commencement

Feb. 9
Professional Development Day

Feb.10
Meet Valpo Law Day
Admissions Open House

Feb. 24
Midwest Public Interest Law
Career Conference
Northwestern

March 2
Law Clinic Benefit Dinner and
Performance
Duesenberg Commons

March 2 and 3
Meet Valpo Law Day
Admissions Open House

March 29
Monsanto Lecture in Tort
Reform and Jurisprudence,
Professor Jules Coleman,
Yale Law School
Tabor Lecture Room

April 6
Meet Valpo Law Day
Admissions Open House

April 19
Tabor Institute in Legal Ethics
Professor Charles Wolfram,
Cornell University School
of Law
Tabor Lecture Room

April 29 - May 3
ISBA Spring Fun Meeting
Las Vegas, Nev.

May 18
Champagne Reception for
Graduates

May 20
Commencement

June 9
Meet Valpo Law Day
Admissions Open House

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