"During the 1890's – the second decade of the Law School's existence – enrollment increased dramatically. In response both to the larger enrollment and an expanded curriculum, [Dean] DeMotte increased the size of the law faculty by fifty percent. Of all the appointments he made, the most historically significant was his hiring Florence Higgins as a member of the full-time law faculty. In June of 1898, Higgins had been the first woman to graduate from the VU School of Law. Although other women had previously commenced the study of law at the Law School, Higgins was the first woman to earn the LL.B. degree.

But of greater historical significance, Florence Higgins was one of the first women in America to hold a full-time teaching position on a law faculty."

This information comes from a forthcoming history of the Law School authored by Professor Michael L. Swygert, class of 1967.
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—by Associate Dean Curt Cichowski '81

The idea for a commemorative anniversary poster came from Student Bar Association President Aubrey Kuchar, '04. We knew immediately who we wanted as the artist – Mitch Markovitz. Mitch is the artist who created an earlier poster – a "south shore" style poster depicting the campus – that was part of a new series of posters highlighting regional business and regional pride.

A poster needs to have a clear and simple image that immediately conveys a strong message. The graphic needs to stand on its own; any accompanying words are merely complements to the message.

It quickly became apparent that finding an appropriate message was not going to be an easy task. After all, how do you capture what Valpo Law is all about, and has been all about for 125 years, in a single image?

We invited Professor Michael Swygert to meet with the artist. Mike, at that point, was almost a year into his project of writing the history of the Valparaiso University School of Law. I told Mike about the difficulty we were having in settling on one image that could characterize our existence for the last 125 years, an image that not only communicated from whence we came, but who we have become in the year 2003.

I asked Mike how he would complete the following sentence: "Valpo Law – 125 years of _____." Without the slightest hesitation, and clearly an instinctual response, he said "teaching and learning." There it was.

Mitch added his vision, "How about a courtroom scene? That puts a sense of drama right in the class. But there has to be more. This isn't about litigation. We need to convey students engaged in learning the practice of their craft at the hands of their mentor. The courtroom in Wesemann Hall is the perfect setting."

The next step was to engage the services of Aran Kessler, a professional photographer with whom the School of Law has enjoyed a long relationship. Using real VU folks, (Aubrey Kuchar, the person who had the original idea for the poster, is the person in the pink top talking to the person in the witness stand.) Aran and Mitch arranged and rearranged the setting until they were confident they had captured the proper image.

And then Mitch did his magic. It is a pleasure to hear Mitch explain this creation in his emotive and creative artistry of words. "The large VU School of Law shield is the perfect backdrop. Dynamic shadows in the background add to the feel of drama." This place is all about people. You see in this image a warm setting in which there is collaborative teaching and learning occurring.

The judge had to serve as the epitome of what Valpo Law is famous for – superb teachers who sincerely care about their students. Thus, Mitch painted the judge in the likeness of Charlie Gramley.

The poster was unveiled at the 2003 Homecoming. Reprints are available from the School of Law and the University Book Center for $30, with all proceeds going to support law student scholarships and programs.

To purchase a poster over the phone, please call 888.825.7652 with your credit card number. An additional fee of $2 for postage will be added to the cost of the poster.
The Valparaiso University Board of Directors unanimously approved the launch of a three-year $10 million comprehensive fund raising campaign to benefit the university's School of Law during its October board meeting.

The $10 million includes $3 million for support of law school faculty through endowed chairs and research professorships, $2.5 million for scholarships and other funds to support students, $2 million to fund programs designed to respond to changes in the legal profession. An additional $2.5 million is sought to fund needed facility renovations and upgrades.

Herbert Stride '57, Chair of the "Building Connections" campaign and a member of the VU Board of Directors, shared that over $6.9 million has been raised during the initiative’s nucleus or quiet phase.

In announcing the current campaign totals, Stride said, "The Building Connections campaign provides an opportunity for graduates and friends of the VU School of Law to celebrate 125 years of outstanding legal education. The success of the law school and the campaign will be our guiding light and inspiration for even greater accomplishments in the forthcoming years."

Dean Jay Conison remarked that three gifts, each totaling $1 million or more, were key to the early success of the "Building Connections" effort. "We are overwhelmingly grateful for the outstanding support of three law alumni and their families. Due to the generosity of Richard '53 and Phyllis Duesenberg, Michael '67 and Dianne Swygert and Herbert Stride, endowed chairs and faculty research fellowships will be established to honor the long-standing commitments and scholarly achievements of our faculty members."

The "Building Connections" effort is closely linked to the School of Law's current 125th anniversary year and seeks to provide a foundation of excellence while strengthening existing programs and services. Valparaiso University President Alan Harre states the campaign will have a lasting impact on the School for decades to come.

"The campaign seeks to build upon the Law School’s core strengths, committed faculty, exceptional students and effective programs. The effort is off to a marvelous start thanks to the generosity of many initial supporters."

As the "Building Connections" campaign moves into its public phase, a cadre of volunteers has been recruited nationally to take the goals of the "Building Connections" campaign to a wider spectrum of alumni and supporters. Glenn Vician '78, Co-Chair of the initiative, is excited about the opportunity to share the goals of the effort with former classmates and legal colleagues. "I believe it is important to financially support the Valparaiso University School of Law. Many of us have benefited over the years from Valpo Law’s blend of legal scholarship with core values and ethics."

The campaign, which will conclude in June of 2005, seeks to build a platform of awareness and support for the mission of the Valparaiso University School of Law. Dean Conison remarks that the "Building Connections" campaign will have a lasting effect. "After years of laying the groundwork for the campaign, the early success of the effort has been immensely gratifying to the School's campaign leadership as well as to the faculty, students and staff. Yet, the lasting effects of the campaign will not only be in the total dollars raised, but in the deepening commitments and connections our alumni have for this very special place.”
2003 Graduate Wins First Place in ABA Essay Competition

The American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging and the FJC Foundation announced the results of the 2003 Law and Aging Student Essay Competition. Laura Seng '03 received top honors for her essay titled, "Legal and Regulatory Barriers to Adequate Pain Control for Elders in Long-term Care Facilities."

The Law and Aging Student Essay Competition is supported by a grant from the FJC, a foundation of donor-advised funds whose mission is to increase and maximize the impact of charitable dollars and create innovative philanthropic solutions. The purpose of the competition is to reward innovative student research and original writing on issues concerning law and aging and to promote recognition of the value of this type of legal work.

Laura was an Honors Program Scholar who graduated summa cum laude with a concentration in Elder/Health Law. She is currently an associate with Barnes & Thornburg in South Bend and will be an adjunct professor at Valpo Law in the Spring of 2004.

Valpo Law Faculty Profile

Name
Paul Beitzke

Your current and past teaching subjects
Contracts, law & economics, antitrust, international human rights seminar

Spouse Name
Susan Adams

His/Her Occupation
Law Professor

Children (grandchildren, too)
Colin (26 years old)

Pet(s)
Dead, alas....

Birthplace
Chicago

Education
BA (Honors) Economics, Lake Forest College; J.D., U. of Wisconsin; Ph.D. (Law) University of London

Favorite memory
Photographing in African Game Parks

Favorite film(s)
"They Made Me a Criminal" (John Garfield)

Last book read
"The God of Small Things"

Favorite meal
Anything Chinese, Ethiopian, Indonesian or Indian

Greatest fear
Many little ones; none great

Greatest extravagance
Expensive pipes & stereo equipment

Idea of perfect happiness
Photographing in an African Game Park - forever!

Historical figure you identify with most
Ben Franklin

Biggest coup
Coming to Valpo (?)

Comment on Valparaiso University School of Law
Small, nice students & colleagues, close to Chicago.

Why you teach
I've gotten used to eating (too) regularly and don't know how I could otherwise have so much fun.

Continuing Legal Education Program

ICLEF Video Seminar Presentation
Nov. 19 Technology Litigation (6 CLE)
Dec 3 & 10 Indiana Law Update (12 CLE / 1 Ethics)
Jan 7 Mental Health Needs of Children (6 CLE)
Jan 14 Avoiding Costly Errors with IRA'S & Retirement Accounts (3 CLE)
Jan 21 Using Special Needs Trust (6 CLE)
Jan 28 Employee Benefits Litigation (6 CLE)
Feb 4 Vignettes of Legal Ethics (3 CLE/3 Ethics)
Feb 11 Legislative Update (3 CLE)
Feb 25 Immigration Law (6 CLE)
Mar 3 Practical Probate Practice (6 CLE)
Mar 10 Worker's Compensation (6 CLE)
Mar 17 Government Practice & Procedures (6 CLE)
Mar 24 Bad Faith Claims in Litigation (6 CLE)
Apr 7 Business Law (6 CLE/7CP E)
Apr 14 Hands on Tips for Handling Asset Divorce Cases (6 CLE)
Apr 21 The Year in Review (6 CLE)
Apr 28 Estate Planning and Administration (6 CLE)
May 12 Recent Developments in Employment Law (6 CLE)

Registration
Video Series are held in the Stride Courtroom, Wesemann Hall at 9 a.m.
To register, call ICLEF in Indianapolis, 317.637.9102. For all other information, call Jan Zoladz at 219.465.7810.
While lecturing on European Union law last summer in Spain, Professor Richard Stith received recognition as a numerary member of the Universal Fraternity of St. James the Apostle. In this photo, a Spanish bishop is placing the Brotherhood’s medal around the neck of Prof. Stith during High Mass in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Prof. Stith says his main duty as a brother is to encourage pilgrimages to the Shrine of St. James in Spain; he and his wife, Rosemarie, walked 100 kilometers to the shrine in 1999. If you might be up for a pilgrimage, feel free to contact Prof. Stith at richard.stith@valpo.edu.

In April 2003, Professor Linda Whitton chaired a program on interstate elder law issues at the spring meeting of the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law in New York City. She presented a paper on the topic of interstate durable power of attorney issues. Her article, Crossing State Lines with Durable Powers, was published in the September/October issue of Probate and Property. This article was produced with grant support from the Erwin A. Jones Faculty Development Endowment. Also during the Spring semester Prof. Whitton obtained a grant from the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Foundation to produce the ABA brochure on organ and tissue donation, A Legacy for Life, in Spanish. Her other efforts to increase the outreach of the ABA’s National Health Care Decisions Week initiative to minority communities included securing co-sponsorship of the campaign from both the National Bar Association and the National Medical Association. The ABA Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law was commended by Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, for the National Health Care Decisions Week program which Prof. Whitton originated and continues to chair. She was also recently appointed to the ABA Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law by ABA President Dennis Archer.

Prof. Whitton will be speaking on law reform developments in durable powers legislation at the AALS meeting in San Francisco in January.

Dean Jay Conison was the recipient of the Indiana State Bar Association’s Presidential Citation at the association’s awards luncheon on Oct. 23. The award is given to members who provide exemplary service to the association. Conison was recognized for his service in legal education.

Pursuing the law with the mind

Their specialties, their intellectual quests, are as widely divergent as the very nature of the law. But these Valparaiso University School of Law graduates pursued academic careers for many of the same reasons: the intellectual freedom to pursue their area of interest and the opportunity to have an impact on the next generation of legal minds. All of them share a boundless energy, an inquisitive nature and the desire to push the limits of their legal pursuits.
Mike Swygert ’67  
Stetson University School of Law

Mike Swygert’s legal career began at the dining room table in his parents’ home in Dune Acres, Indiana. “We had a family tradition where we would sit around the table and have long discussions about world events. Those family discussions grew out of the shared wonder of civilization.” The discussions were often initiated by his father, Luther M. Swygert, who was a federal judge for forty-five years, including twenty-six years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Court in Chicago. The seeds of Mike’s intellectual career were sewn in those stimulating family discussions which concerned not only law, but also history, philosophy, religion, art, literature, as well as national and world political events.

Swygert came to Valparaiso University in 1962 and “took a lot of government courses. Dr. Wehlerling, VU Vice-President Kathy Wehlerling’s father, got me interested in attending Valparaiso University School of Law. Al Meyer was the dean of the law school at the time, and later was faculty advisor for the Valparaiso University Law Review. I was editor-in-chief for Volume 1.”

Mike went on and earned an L.L.M. from Yale Law School where his emphasis was on economics and antitrust. Upon graduation, he joined a Chicago firm where he specialized in antitrust litigation. But after two years in practice, he answered the call from his alma mater and joined the Valpo Law faculty as Assistant Dean and Professor. After that, he spent seven years at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago before joining the Stetson law faculty in 1979. He never went back to practice. "I didn’t dislike private practice, and I missed it when I left. I also had my salary cut in half. But I liked the intellectual freedom of a career in teaching and scholarship even more."

His research has led to a host of publications. Mike has spent the last year and a half researching and writing the Valparaiso University School of Law: 1879-2004: A Contextual History. “This is approaching 500 single-spaced pages on the Law School’s 125-year history to date, and includes nearly 2,000 footnotes. I have had tremendous help from the University Archivist, Mel Doering, and lots of other folks. It has been and continues to be a major undertaking. It should be published by the end of March or early April."

He has also had plenty of opportunities to be a visiting professor. “One year I was a visiting faculty member at Cambridge University and able to immerse myself in jurisprudence. That was a turning point intellectually, and I came back to teach legal philosophy as well as contracts and business law—more technical subjects.”

In his teaching, Mike Swygert tries to pass along to his students something his father helped him to appreciate. "It is one of the great joys of living to enjoy and appreciate the more profound intellectual dimensions of the law. One thing my father and I had most in common is a special interest in working with law students. I like to try to sharpen minds. I like to see students grow. Law professors try to further develop students’ intellectual skills, to teach them to think like lawyers, and to make sound arguments and be able to defend them."

After his father passed away in 1987, Mike and his stepmother, Gertrude Swygert, wanted to arrange a lasting memorial in the late judge’s honor, “something that would be of assistance to future law students.” Together, Mike and Gertrude Swygert established the Judge Luther M. Swygert Memorial Moot Court Competition in 1990. It has been thriving ever since. The competition is designed to include one judge from the Seventh Circuit as a final-round judge, and the annual competition offers a cash award to the team of advocates judged to exhibit the best skills. “In fifteen years we have had at least three Supreme Court justices: Antonin Scalia, Sandra Day O’Connor and Clarence Thomas. We’ve also had many judges from Dad’s old court, the Seventh Circuit Court, as well as a number of Indiana Supreme Court justices.” Due to its success and popularity, the Judge Luther M. Swygert competitions will continue to have an affect on the next generation of legal minds.

Barbara Bucholtz ’80  
University of Tulsa

Barbara Bucholtz wanted to be a lawyer. In the late ’70s, she was a former Political Science major, living in Rensselaer and attending Valpo Law. After graduation, “I went to work for a law firm in Hammond that had a lucrative tort practice. It was on the ‘ten most wanted’ list for most insurance companies in the Chicago area. Practice at the law firm was a great experience and I did it for three years. But I was commuting to Hammond from Rensselaer, some 65 miles south of Hammond on I-65. I had four little kids and I was averse to leaving them. Eventually the commute got to me. There were days when I would suddenly realize I had driven sections of the road and didn’t remember them at all.”

Clearly, it was time to make a change. “So I moved back to Tulsa where I grew up. It’s a great place to raise kids, a nice small town atmosphere. I went to work for a corporate law firm that did mergers and acquisitions, estate planning and business litigation.” Business was good, but her career was not as satisfying as she expected. “Frankly, I got tired of making rich people richer. After learning how corporate America works and how to perform legal services for large corporations and their executives, I simply lost interest in doing it.”

Barbara earned a full ride to George Washington Law School to earn her L.L.M. and graduated with honors. Her focus of study was environmental law. She had three job
taught non-profit law. So I made up my own course. When I began teaching nonprofit law, there was no casebook for the course so I consulted with professors through New York University law school's Law and Philanthropy Institute. Basically, the few professors in the country who taught the course used New York University as a 'clearinghouse' to share their syllabi and exchange ideas."

"I also ran a couple of nonprofit law conferences and set up a Nonprofit Law Center here at the University. In addition to learning nonprofit law, students at the Center provide legal services to local nonprofit organizations."

With her academic career in high gear, Barbara took on the role of associate General Counsel for a multinational corporation. "I go to Board meetings, planning and strategy meetings. I don't go to work there everyday but I always know what's going on. The experience helps me tremendously with my business law and contracts teaching strategies."

Her primary focus remains her students and her teaching. "The problem with law school is that it should be a seven-year curriculum and we are stuck with a mere three years." She is determined to help her students make the most of those years. One of her concerns was: how do you remember what it's like to be a student? How do you remember what it's like to not know something that you now know so that you do your best to bridge that gap? "So I am taking figure skating and cello lessons to remind myself what it's like to start all over again. These lessons have been both humbling and exhilarating which, I believe, the law school experience can be, and was for me at Valpo. But these lessons are also teaching me about how the mind learns."

Her other academic pursuits include a number of publications including the co-authoring of a how-to book for law students on making appellate arguments in law school competitions called "Moot Court." She is also writing about Cognitive Legal Studies. Cognitive theorists examine how the mind works and how we use our minds to arrive at legal solutions. "The legal world is filled with metaphors and cognitive studies also examine how metaphors work, why they mean what they mean, how they affect people when we communicate using them." She uses insights from cognitive studies to frame her own teaching approaches.

She recently became faculty advisor to a new chapter of American Constitutional Society, which opened this summer. Their first annual conference was held in August and the topic was Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

If it sounds like Barbara's life is more complicated than that daily commute from Rensselaer to Hammond, it is. "I work longer and harder than I ever did in practice. Practice is a business. You basically are required to make three times your salary in order to make the business work. Now I don't have that kind of responsibility. Now I work seven days a week, but it's work that I really love, that I really want to do."

George Wright '78
University of Wisconsin, Superior

George Wright cannot tell you where the thought of pursuing an academic, legal career actually came from. But he can tell you when and where his decision was finally made: at the Valparaiso University School of Law. "I pursued a lot of different academic interests at VU. I took 2 years of solid law and augmented that with lots of seminars with Jack Hiller, Richard Stith and Al Meyer. I was Jack's RA for several years and he got me involved in putting articles together which got me interested in scholarship. That's when I began to think I might be able to use the law knowledge in an academic career."

Armed with his JD, George pursued an advanced degree in Berkeley at Boalt Hall where he was able to pursue "a more philosophical study of the law. Boalt Hall was a wide-open chance for people to bring a variety of perspectives to the subject of Jurisprudence and Social Policy. There were students and professors from lots of different disciplines."

While at Berkeley, George wrote his dissertation on Thomas Hobbes. Hobbes is considered the Father of Liberalism because his work stressed the importance of individual rights as the foundation of government. Hobbes remains a cornerstone in Wright's career.
In 1987 he was offered a position at UW Superior in Political Science. Since then, he has taught American National Law, Constitutional Law, the History of Political Thought, Jurisprudence, International Human Rights, Law and Literature, Politics and Sexuality. In 1990 he took a leave of absence for a Fellowship at the Institute for Research in Humanities at UW in Madison.

One of Thomas Hobbes' most famous and influential works was Leviathan. It was originally published in English in 1651. Hobbes published a Latin version of the text in 1668 that included an appendix that had never been translated. During that stay at Madison, Wright translated and published the appendix.

In 1993-94, Legal Studies became a new major at UW Superior, and George built the course curriculum. At that time, no other Wisconsin university offered that major. He had a chance to lead the Legal Studies program but chose instead to go back to his work on Hobbes. He returned to Madison from 1997-99 and put together a series of articles on Hobbes that will soon be published as a book. After that, he returned to Superior where he has remained. He certainly enjoys his teaching, but it is the pursuit of scholarship that drives him.

"Scholarship is important even for law professionals. They write articles and books that open the law to more interpretations. This has been a wonderful development in the law, making it not as narrow-minded as it once was."

A more recent and contemporary interest of Wright's is Politics and Sexuality. He is in the process of wading through all the clippings and transcripts in preparation for writing a book on Romer versus Evans. "This is a case where the people of Colorado voted to remove sexual orientation from discrimination protection. They wanted it taken completely out. The amendment was struck down in Colorado and then in the Supreme Court. George is trying to understand, so he can help his readers understand the case, the issue, and the culture behind it.

He acknowledges that his has not been the typical legal career. "I always thought I was improving my life choice because I could always be a lawyer. But Jack and the others energized me in my academic interests. Other people were perhaps more practical in their outlook. But I took a path that suited me." Again, he is quick to credit the scholarly atmosphere at Valpo Law. "If I had gone to Harvard or Yale, I might have been a lawyer.

Terry Lantry '61
Colorado State University

Terry Lantry's career did not go as he planned. "After I graduated from law school, I went to IU on scholarship and completed my MBA. I passed the bar in Indiana and went after my CPA. My intention was to end up in business, but in the meantime, I got married and we had two kids. In order to sustain myself economically, I took an opportunity to teach at IU. And I found out I really liked what I was doing."

Terry passed his CPA exam and found out that Colorado State needed someone to teach Tax Law. With his JD, MBA and dual licenses, he was classified as tenure track. But after a year and a half, he realized he could not make enough money.

He joined Arthur Anderson in Chicago and stayed there for two years. The pace and the hours were brutal. "I was working on Medicare audits with 14 other lawyers. They sequestered us for 3 weeks at a hotel near O'Hare."

While he was there, his original boss at CSU called and said he'd match Terry's current salary. Terry called his wife and told her. When he came home from the field audits, "she had the house, kids and bags packed. We moved to CSU at Ft. Collins, CO and I stayed there for 38 years." Terry is currently completing his last semester before retiring.

"What really helped was that so much of my job was so fascinating, I experienced a lot of firsts. I was among the first group of faculty at the College of Business. We designed and developed the program with classes in Finance, Auditing and Cost Accounting and Tax Law. As the youngest active member of that group I was also the last of that group to retire. Then we built the first Masters program in that discipline at CSU and worked to have it accredited in accounting and taxation.

"CSU is a land grant institution, which means the university was financed under land grants. So we do lots of updating work for practitioners and other educational programs that we took out into the community. Another first was the Tax Institute, which we took all over the state."

As the university continued to grow, Terry was formally designated Ex-Officio Counsel. "I got involved in developing the first disciplinary code for the entire university. During the Viet Nam war this became a judicial position, handling student conduct. One of our major issues was should lawyers be involved in matters of student conduct and discipline. I was always firm about it, saying 'Yes.' I never had any complaints from students or lawyers on my stance."

The University asked him to run for Board of Directors for the state Pension System, which was the biggest financial institution in the state. "I was elected and served for 15 years, 10 as Chairman. When I started, they could only make investments from the blue book and an approved bond list." By the time he left, participants could also make investments in real estate, joint ventures and foreign stock and the pension plan achieved 100% financing.

While he was with the Pension Fund, he helped in the battle with the Federal Government which was trying to pull Colorado into Social Security. They hired a D.C. lobbying firm and they trained Terry to be a lobbyist as
part of an organization called OPPOSE. He lobbied for them for seven years and Colorado won the fight.

All this activity became the foundation for his publications and better educational opportunities for his students. During tax season, he worked for a local CPA firm as a manager reviewing prepared tax returns. He taught his students taxation at CSU and they would go to work for the same CPA firm, get practical experience and an opportunity to make some money. "My students had the best of all worlds." The strategy was highly successful. During the first economic downturn in Denver, none of his former accounting students were released.

With retirement nearly at hand, Terry shares the wisdom of keeping an open mind. "When I left VU with my JD, I would never have guessed the path my career took." He is always looking forward and looking out for that next "first.

"My wife Judy and I love mysteries. I want to write a mystery novel." Nothing would please him more than becoming the first Valpo Law grad to make the bestseller list.

**Jeff Kinsler '89**  
Appalachian School of Law

Grundy, Virginia is in the western corner of that state and is home to the Appalachian School of Law. That's a long way from Valparaiso and it was even further for Jeff Kinsler who had to go through Milwaukee, New Haven, Connecticut and Brisbane, Australia to get there.

Like many of his colleagues, Jeff started out in practice. "Between my 2nd and 3rd year in law school I was a summer associate for Mayer, Brown and Platt in Chicago. I started there as an associate when I graduated and stayed for five years."

In what would soon become a trend in his career, Jeff was asked to teach on an emergency basis. When Valpo Law's beloved Charles Gromley passed away right after Christmas in 1992, Jeff was asked to fill in. "Gromley was teaching a course in Trusts and Estates. This is a required course in the state of Indiana and so a lot of students needed to take the course. Perhaps out of desperation they called me. Those were some very rough shoes to fill."

"I took a leave of absence from January to April and taught the course. Given that it was a last minute assignment, I didn't have a lot of prep time. It was lots of work trying to stay ahead of the class. That's how I began my teaching career. And I still worked part time at the practice."

Jeff discovered he liked teaching. It was more lucrative being a lawyer, but "...the practice of law, especially in the early '90s, was working people to death. I was making a lot of money, but I wasn't really happy. Let's just say I made a lifestyle change when I started teaching."

After he finished his return to Valpo Law, "...I went back to the firm, but eventually took another leave of absence to get my LLM from Yale Law School and took one semester there in the fall of '93. But I couldn't finish the second semester because I got my second job offer, from the Griffith School of Law in Brisbane, Australia. I took a leave of absence from Yale in January of '94 and moved to Australia. That was my first full-time teaching job. I taught from February to September, which is their academic year."

Before he left for Australia, Jeff interviewed in the U.S. While in Brisbane, he received a job offer from Marquette University in Milwaukee. He took the job and stayed at Marquette from 1994 through 2002. While he was there, he earned a Fulbright Scholarship to return to Australia and was also a visiting professor at the University of Denver. He was also determined to complete his LLM. "I was still teaching at Marquette. But I arranged my classes so that when I was finished in Milwaukee, I would drive to Yale in New Haven and stay there the rest of the week."

In the fall of 2001, the Appalachian School of Law received approval from the ABA. While he grew up in Portage, Indiana, Jeff's family was originally from the western part of Virginia. Once again, an emergency changed the course of his career. A week after spring semester started, a disturbed student killed the law school dean, another professor and a student. Jeff had been talking to the dean that very day, working out the details of his contract. Appalachia needed someone to take the dean's classes immediately and Jeff took the job. "I took over the dean's class and taught Monday and Tuesday there. Then I got in my car and drove back to Marquette, and taught there the rest of the week."

After that first semester, Jeff joined the Appalachian faculty as a full-time, tenured professor.

Jeff's advice for those seeking an academic, legal career is: don't wait too long. "Valpo had some of the best teachers I've seen in my entire academic career. They were also very experienced lawyers. I patterned my teaching approach after them... But there is a feeling in the academic law community that time in practice somehow taints you, that you are no longer an intellectual, that you are more of a practitioner and that somehow reduces your objectivity. I don't think that's a valid criticism. These days, the average law professor has fewer than 2 years experience. If you practice 10 or 15 years you won't get the chance to teach at law school. Think about it early. It's a very strange job market. There are lots of politics and lots of other mitigating factors. Build a good resume. That's why I went to Yale. Bruce Berner suggested I take that step and I believe he did the same thing."

Jeff is happy to be settled near his family. But he is still looking ahead. He is planning to take the Virginia bar exam in February 2004. Grundy is a small town, but not without
its opportunities. "I'm thinking about opening up a little small town legal practice." In addition to augmenting his teaching salary, he realizes, "...the time in practice was beneficial to my ability to teach and was also more helpful to my students."

Raymond T. Nimmer '68
University of Houston School of Law

In his career, Ray Nimmer took the road less traveled. "Many people who go into teaching get an LLM and I didn't do that. I chose to work for the American Bar Foundation instead of pursuing the LLM. That took a little longer." In what began as a summer clerkship, Ray worked for the Foundation for 7 years "...doing empirical research, law-related research. I worked on seven or eight separate research projects and I also did some law review activities. The Foundation at that time included internationally known social scientists and authors whose approach to scholarship rubbed off on Ray. During that time, he authored several books on law reform and the operations of the criminal justice system.

With that experience, he decided he wanted to have a more public impact on the legal profession and went into teaching. Within a few years, he was awarded tenure and agreed to become an Associate Dean at the University of Houston Law Center. After seven years there, he made a change that would soon become a pattern in his career. "My interest in working as a practitioner came after my interest in academics. After teaching for 7 or 8 years I became increasingly interested in business-related law and technology issues."

In 1985, he joined Sheinfeld, Maley and Kay, a major bankruptcy and commercial law firm with large banking and airline clients. He was counsel to the firm, along with remaining a full time teacher, and worked on what was at the time the biggest bankruptcy case in the country. During his time with the firm, he did a lot of consultant and appellate work. Ultimately, according to Professor Nimmer, this was helpful for his teaching as well. "I always had the sense that law should be taught in the way it interacts with the people it affects. I wanted to know how the development of law was affecting business practices."

While he was with Sheinfeld, "...I'd gotten very active in their cases and of course I was still teaching. But it got to the point where I was billing more hours than some of the partners. They asked me to join as a partner and I had to ask myself if I really wanted to shift careers. I decided not to and resigned, took a year and a half off and focused entirely on teaching and researching."

In addition to teaching at Houston, he has taught at the University of Michigan, the University of Texas, and the University of Sydney (Australia). His extensive list of publications includes numerous articles, book chapters and over a dozen books. This year he has completed two book projects, including a treatise on electronic commerce law and a treatise on the law of intellectual property licensing. "I am a fast writer. I keep myself on a personal schedule in terms of working hours similar to that of a senior partner at a law firm would keep. That's lots of time for research and writing. "His book, "The Law of Computer Technology" was named "Best New Law Book of 1985" by the Association of American Publishers. He also acted as a co-reporter for revisions to UCC Article 2 and as a reporter for the Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act (UCITA). That particular project dealt with technology issues and concerned very prominent and controversial issues regarding legal policy questions both in the United States and elsewhere. "I wrote, spoke about and became involved in a lot of activities in that project which helped me stay very focused in technology law areas and to expand my knowledge of the issues. UCITA has already been enacted as law in two states.

He returned to practice in 1992, joining Weil, Gotshal and Manges, one of the largest firms in the country. The strategy of keeping one foot in academia and the other in practice would continue to benefit his career and his students. "By working hands-on you get a better sense of how the concepts are really working. I don't believe in teaching war stories, but if you have conducted recent cases you can apply that experience to teaching in more relevant ways than cases that are 100 years old."

Clearly, Nimmer does not share the opinion that practice somehow taints the academic environment. "There is the notion that the law should be about pure abstract concepts. But by approaching it with hands-on experience, you can generalize what people are doing, what specific issues they face and why."

Making a place in both legal worlds has given Ray Nimmer a lot of satisfaction. "Academia is much more of a self-directed world. You have more of a chance to do what you want to do than if you were in practice. "What I have tried to do throughout has been to make sure that my other activities and pursuits are complementary to my teaching, rather than creating obstacles. Every senior level academic I know does have a substantial income from things outside the law school. There are lots of avenues to pursue. But with an academic career, you can pursue those avenues that interest you."
The Most Experienced Lawyer in the 8th Grade

He had a highly successful family law practice in the Phoenix area, and Jim Mueller '75 enjoyed his work. There were lots of custody cases and he discovered he had a good feeling for family issues. He understood what happened to children who often got caught in the middle and needed help. "I knew I liked working with kids and kid issues were inordinately important to me," Jim said. "But I could only help one kid and one family at a time, and I really wanted to make more of a difference."

Jim is a competitive guy and loved the competition inherent in his career. But he was also experiencing "a general and gradual dissatisfaction with the direction the practice of law was headed. The atmosphere of the working environment went from cordial to nasty and miserable. I knew I wanted to make a change."

He wasn't sure, at first, what he wanted to do. So he took a 90-day sabbatical from his legal practice. During the 90 days he traveled, played a lot of golf and "...did a lot of the things I didn't get to do when I was working, I cleaned out the garage and cleaned out my office." He returned to work for about 90 days "and then I hit the wall. I was really dissatisfied with the direction the work was taking me."

"I had several choices. I could go teach law and try for a judgeship. I served as a Pro Tem for a while, but it just didn't tweak me." That's when Jim began to think seriously about teaching, "I got on the phone with the department of education and began working out, logistically, how to get from where I was to where I wanted to go."

He would need a semester at Arizona State to get certified. But his wife, Linda, wanted to help him make the best possible decision. "I used to work in the school system and also did a lot of volunteer work there, PTA stuff," Linda said. "I knew the bureaucracy might kill him in a school district. He was used to having his own firm and having his own way. I had him meet with a principal who explained the downside of this decision to him. I wanted him to understand that it can take forever sometimes to get things done. It's that sort of stuff that sometimes makes teaching a tough job."

Even after the meeting with the principal, Jim's mind was made up. Four years ago he traded in his legal briefs for papers filled with the scrawls of eighth graders. The first thing he had to adjust to was the heavier workload. Linda explained: "In his first year he taught three periods of social studies and two periods of language arts, writing. At the time, our daughter Valerie was ten years old and said: 'I think I liked it better when Dad was a lawyer. He didn't work so hard.'"

"It's like inviting 30 kids to your house for a birthday party, you only don't get to pick them and they stay all year." It's clear he wouldn't have it any other way. "It's weird. I don't mind the extra work as much as I thought I would. And I do get the summers off, as well as spring, fall and Christmas breaks with my kids. We take our vacations very seriously."

He also finds his legal experience to be a tremendous asset in the classroom. "In law, we are always called on to prove why things happened the way they did. I do the same in the classroom. I prove to the kids why something is the way it is. I help them understand why they have to learn something, why it's important and why it is not just a bunch of disjointed facts. If you can convince them that you are not wasting their time, they buy into it. Education becomes logical to them."

Mr. Mueller's eighth graders get another benefit from his legal experience. He takes them to court.

"For the last four years I've been taking all the 8th graders to the local county courthouse to watch trials and even drug arraignments. I've been taking 165 kids a year to different courtrooms. One judge's calendar was cleared and he set up a mock trial for them to see. They get to see government at work and that can fuel a lot of questions, a lot of desire to learn. We even set up a mock trial for them to do in class."

The family learned to adjust, and thrive, in light of Dad's new career. "The kids know I love teaching. Valerie is in my class this year and I'm also her volleyball coach. They know we're involved parents." Their older daughter Sara is now a high school senior and would love for Jim to transfer and teach there.

Linda said, "they know what a difference he makes. It's truly his calling. This is what he should be doing. It's nice to see someone do what he loves." So, are they raising teachers, or lawyers? Linda continued: "Sara is like me. I don't have the patience to teach. But Valerie is like her father and I think she would be a phenomenal teacher."

"There's no way I could be the teacher I am without a law education," Jim said. "Valpo Law put it all together for me and I'm very grateful for the training. For the extra hours, the paper grading and the bureaucracy, he gets more quality time with his family and the opportunity to spend his life doing something he really wants to do. "I love the law, but I was made to teach."
The history of Valparaiso University School of Law is long and illustrious, filled with years of great teaching and eager learning. Its reputation as a first-rate center for legal education is well-earned. But the real story of the school and its success is the story of its people.

Here is a sampling of stories from a forthcoming history of the Law School authored by Professor Michael Swygert ’67.

Professor Marshall John Jox
By the hiring of Marshall John Jox to the law faculty, Dean Morland hit a home run. Jox had strong academic credentials, became an engaging classroom teacher, produced numerous worthy publications and gave valuable service not only to the Law School, but also to the University. Jox, unlike the others, Professor Jox remained at Morland and Berry. Jox remained at the Law School, but for only a few weeks, was Erie Stanley Gardner, the author of the Perry Mason novels. Gardner studied law at VU for several weeks before fleeing after a fight with an instructor.

Erle Stanley Gardner
Perhaps the most famous student of the VU School of Law who did not graduate, who in fact was in attendance for only a few weeks, was Erle Stanley Gardner, the author of the Perry Mason novels. Gardner studied law at VU for several weeks before fleeing after a fight with an instructor. The real story was told in an article in the Atlantic Monthly Magazine retold in the law student newspaper The Forum as follows:

Gardner was admitted to the School of Law in 1909; he loved boxing and practiced the sport frequently in his dormitory room. [An instructor] entered Gardner’s room and threw out boisterous students who were disturbing the student (not Gardner) refused to leave the room; this student (not Gardner) refused to leave the room; in revenge, he threw a rock at the instructor, injuring him physically. In revenge, the instructor arrested the student (not Gardner) with the help of a law enforcement officer. After this arrest, Gardner decided to leave VU and go west.

Permission to Marry
In 1960, another humorous event took place. John DeLaurenti entered the University of Illinois School of Law and became disenchanted with their style of teaching. He transferred to VU School of Law after a friend of his had begun his law career there. He met a woman (DePaauw grad), fell in love and decided to get married. He was a 27-year-old second year law student. DeLaurenti sat down in O.P.’s office to ask O.P. if they could marry. O.P. was surprised but agreed. DeLaurenti sat down in O.P.’s office to ask O.P. if they could marry. O.P. was surprised but agreed.

O.P. Kretzmann
Kretzmann was the first of the Law School’s law professors. In 1960, he went to Valpo and was required to enter the O.P. course. He was new to Valpo and did not know anyone in the O.P. course. He approached O.P. and asked if he could take the course. O.P. was pleased and signed him up.

Haircuts
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Charles R. Gromley
New to the law faculty and law near Portland, Charles R. Gromley, who would turn out to be the most popular and admired law professor in the history of the School, was called to the attention of the Barber Board that Valparaiso University’s cutting hair in law school must be a holder of an apprentice or a master’s degree.

The tone of the letter was blunt. The letter stated that the law school’s cutting hair in law school must be a holder of an apprentice or a master’s degree.

For the reputation of your school at stake, we urge you to investigate this matter further.

Charlie Gromley
Gromley was not a research scholar as he only co-authored a book with his law students. Indeed, by today’s standards, Charles Gromley would struggle to gain tenure at any AALS member law school, but then again, by today’s standards, it would be much more difficult for a law school to find a full-time law teacher to teach a variety of courses and to their learning the fundamentals of law and not in his teaching bring in sciences and academic theories of law, he says. He has not seen as the mission of a law school. He says that the law school’s mission is to be as possible the complexity of the law, not to teach in an easy-going manner, but to give law students the tools to understand the complexities of the law.
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Watch for invitations in mid January, with responses accepted exclusively by phone.

All of that, and more, is in store for guests at the law school’s 125th anniversary gala. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 1, 2004 and make plans to head to Chicago!

“This is a significant milestone for the School of Law,” said Dean Jay Conison, “and our alumni leadership felt that a very special event was in order to mark the anniversary. We don’t think guests will be disappointed.”

The gala will be held at Chicago’s Field Museum in Stanley Field Hall, perhaps best known as the home to “Sue,” the spectacular Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton that towers over the north corner of the massive hall. Guests may arrive for cocktails, then be treated to a meal created by one of Chicago’s premier caterers, George Jewell. Former President Bush will offer remarks during the dinner hour.

Throughout the evening, guests will have the opportunity for a private viewing of the prime exhibition at The Field, “Splendors of China’s Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong.” The exhibition is an unprecedented display of nearly 400 artifacts from eighteenth-century imperial China.

All Valpo Law alumni will receive an invitation to the gala – watch for it in your mailbox in mid-January 2004. To ensure equitable ticketing opportunities, reservations for the event will only be accepted by phone. No reservations will be taken prior to the invitation date mailing. “Seating will be limited to 1,000 guests and we expect to sell out,” said Valpo Law Alumni Director Marilyn Otis. Otis encouraged alumni to make reservations promptly after receiving their invitations to be assured of tickets. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime event for the Law School and its friends. We’re looking forward to an unforgettable evening.”

In the meantime, check out the Alumni Activities page on the Valpo Law website for more information about The Field Museum, the gala, and other 125th anniversary year activities.
HEAVY BUSINESS:
The Legal Life in American Industry

There is a diverse labor force, numbering in the thousands. There are contracts, tariffs and thick binders full of government regulations. There are vast real estate holdings, parts inventories and raw materials. There is the receding presence of the traditional industries that helped to build America in the face of foreign competition and technological advances. This is the domain of attorneys who serve American industry and in that domain there is much work to do.
Steve Todd '70
US Steel

Steve Todd thought seriously about a career in the Army. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from the School of Law he joined the Army and stayed there for almost six years, completing his duty as a member of the faculty at the Army's JAG School in Charlottesville, Virginia. An Air Force reservist from U.S. Steel who was attending one of Steve's environmental law classes thought the company could use his expertise and suggested Steve submitted his resume to U.S. Steel. "After six years in the Army, I wasn't sure if I would fit into the hierarchy of a law firm. I thought the corporate law department practice would be a better fit." He joined US Steel in 1976 and has been with them for 27 years.

"Environmental law was new at that time and was considered a specialized area. It is strange looking back now, almost 30 years later, to realize how narrow the area really was then compared to the legal and regulatory morass that has developed." His first ten years at US were largely devoted to environmental work. However, he handled litigation and other regulatory work, including an OSHA case at the South Works plant in Chicago that was, at the time, the largest penalty ever initially assessed against a company. He and another U.S. Steel lawyer resolved the case.

Most of his career has been spent in Pittsburgh at U.S. Steel's home office in Pittsburgh. But from 1986 to 1989, he worked in Chicago where he was in charge of the Law Department's Midwest regional office, where he managed three other attorneys and was responsible for legal services to the company's plants and offices in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

He returned to Pittsburgh to a series of positions of increasing responsibility within the Law Department. In 1998, he was named as General Counsel of the U.S. Steel Group of USX Corporation. On January 1, 2002, United States Steel Corporation became a stand-alone corporation and he was named vice president-law. Most recently, he was named vice president-law and environmental affairs.

The work at U.S. Steel has provided a succession of career challenges. "In 1976 we had over 200,000 employees, 15 steel plants, and many other facilities that made other steel and non-steel products. Today, U.S. Steel is a company six major steel plants several joint ventures in the U.S. and two steel companies overseas, and about 35,000 employees in the U.S. The downsizing of the company that occurred starting in the 1980s generated a lot of work for the Law Department and for environmental and labor lawyers in particular. And, the recent acquisitions here of the National Steel assets and in Slovakia and Serbia have also generated a lot of work for the Law Department. In addition, over the past four or five years, I've been very involved in international trade work, in the cases against imported steel. That's been one of my day-to-day primary focuses."

Even he has been at U.S. Steel for 27 years, Steve never strayed far from his original career decision. "I stayed in the Army Reserves and retired as a Colonel in 1996. I was activated during Desert Storm and served on active duty six months."

Steve points out that he was preceded at U.S. Steel by Jon Walton ('69). Jon had already left U.S. Steel by the time Steve arrived, they see each other from time to time. In addition, Miles Stipanovich ('83) works at in the U.S. Steel Law Department in Pittsburgh with Steve. After nearly three decades with America's steel giant, there is still plenty for Steve Todd to do. He advises others not to overlook the challenges presented by the so-called "old generation" industrial companies. "Our chairman says 'We're a matured industry.' There is lots of exciting work to be done in both new and matured industries."

Perhaps his daughter Whitney has been listening to his advice. In the fall of this year, she started toward the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His son Jason is a Ph.D.

Scott Scarpelli '94
Dow Chemical

The beginnings of his legal career were inauspicious. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater in 1989 with a major in Political Science and a History minor, Scott Scarpelli set his sights on law school. But, as Scott likes to tell it, "a trained monkey with a pencil would have done better on his LSAT score."

But when he tried the LSAT a second time, Scott did better. Charles Gromley saw his transcripts and suggested Valpo Law make him an offer. "VU was the only school that accepted me." But he was eighth in his class after one semester.

Out of law school, Scott worked for a couple of different Chicago firms, doing a lot of insurance coverage work. At the second firm, Mayer Brown, 80-90% of his work was for Dow Chemical. He was a Senior Associate and next in line as far as management responsibility was concerned on his cases. He managed a lot of other attorneys and was under a lot of stress.
"I spent a lot of time working with the Dow people. I was really struck by how dedicated they were to their jobs. When I was preparing witnesses at Dow I witnessed, first-hand, their knowledge-based strategy. They didn't try to prompt people. They just want their witnesses to speak from their base of knowledge. They were problem solvers, very friendly and very committed."

The more he thought about it, the more Scott was determined to make a lifestyle change. He looked into buying a fishing resort, but couldn't work out the funding. Then he came to a realization: "I wanted to practice law, not become a salesman which is what you have to do when you become partner." Ultimately, in June of 2002, he made a decision that would bring him the best of both worlds. "I took the job with Dow so I could have a house on the lake with a fishing boat. This is a Fortune 100 company very committed to the law. I get to work for a sophisticated multinational organization and live in the middle of nowhere. I have the law and fishing. It's perfect."

"I joined Dow shortly after their acquisition of Union Carbide. In January I was asked to take my current boss' prior job handling asbestos litigation in the Southwest region. It's been the most gratifying and enjoyable legal experience I have had since I graduated from Valpo. I'm in trial every Monday, managing others or negotiating settlements. Lots going on, lots of traveling."

He is now a Counsel with Dow's Special Litigation Group, which handles all of Dow and Union Carbide's asbestos and silica cases in the U.S. Dow's litigation department is relatively "small and strong and they take care of their own." Life as an in-house attorney is less stressful and Scott is able to avoid the work he likes the least. "I always hated writing briefs. I'm not good at writing, I'm better at talking and interacting. I saw my analytical skills as my strong point. I get along with people and I'm good at strategy. Now I manage other lawyers. We have a huge docketer and work with nine outside trial law firms. I spend most of my time in trial, sitting at counsel table, responding to discovery, making strategy calls and preparing witnesses."

Scott's wife Angie (Mox) '94 has also found legal work. She is currently the lead attorney for an organization that represents abused and battered women in their seven county area. Life in Midland, Michigan is almost perfect. "Travel can be inconvenient. It's difficult getting anywhere because we are so far away from everything."

But the lifestyle and the opportunity to do good work keep the ScarPELLIs energized and happy. Negotiations and settlements were always Scott's strengths, and he really enjoys that aspect of the law. "That's my strong point. I found a job where I could do what I was good at. I wanted to do something that would make me happy. Now, I look forward to going into the office every day."

How does one plan and prepare for that kind of happiness? "The school you attend and your class ranking are important. Dow prefers that you have worked for a large firm for at least five years. For better or for worse, large companies tend to think that helps you become standout trial lawyers. They want litigation experience, so a variety of practice really helps. It's a good stepping stone."

Ron Junek '74
Self-employed, Sole Proprietor

Ron Junek took a different approach to serving the needs of industry and ended up in a situation he likes the best: being his own boss. After Valpo Law he accepted a job in Phoenix as Corporate attorney for the Arizona Public Service Company. He left that work for private practice from 1977-78. "I did a lot of litigation, helped to grow the practice until there were eventually twelve attorneys. Then we all decided to go our own way."

Ron developed a sophisticated business practice, representing a number of large companies and even assisting a large foreign power in its business dealings in the U.S. He began representing Labor Ready as a startup in 1989 and helped it grow into a billion dollar corporation.

Labor Ready is a staffing company that provides contract workers to a wide variety of industries by the day, week or month. They provided people for jobs for fabrication, landscaping, factories and exotic things like salmon fishing in Alaska. In addition to helping employers, Labor Ready became a valuable resource for people who were between jobs. "Labor Ready was growing exponentially, and we added a lot of people to my law firm to keep up with the needs of our clients."

Eventually, Labor Ready grew to become a publicly held company. "I had the opportunity to manage the registration on the New York Stock Exchange and to be there the day the listing became effective." In 1998
they asked Ron to move to the Pacific Northwest to manage the legal end of the business there as well as relocate and reorganize the real estate end of the business. “I agreed to do it, but only for four years. The weather was a real adjustment. Phoenix had always been home.”

The company posed a number of legal challenges. “We had 700,000 employees (including all the contract workers) and 100 million dollar financing transactions. There were 800 offices and portfolios of leases.” Ron had to organize the legal department from scratch. “I had to hire competent help and get them up to speed fast. We needed paralegals and assistants and lawyers. There were also security issues, contract issues and employment issues. There were lots of legal issues and it was very exciting to build it from scratch.” Ron also took on responsibility for managing many other departments and by the end of the four years was running a large part of the company.

Not everyone approved of the Labor Ready approach. The AFL-CIO was unhappy that they were hiring so many non-union people to go out on jobs. Ron was presiding at a shareholders meeting attended by 1500 uninvited guests from the AFL-CIO. But Ron met with the President, John Sweeney, talked to the union, found some common ground and eventually completed the meeting peacefully.

“About a year before our return to Phoenix, I started thinking about next career steps.” He thought about a CEO position with a publicly held company. But what happened instead is that a couple of clients asked him to do a little legal work for them. “It appealed to me greatly to continue to build ongoing personal relationships. So I went back into private practice as a sole proprietor. I have 2 clients and they would keep me working 12 – 15 hours a day if I let them. I try not to. One is a financial services company, the other is a staffing company. I am typically involved in their day to day activity involving both legal and business issues.”

“My direction and emphasis has always been business law. I’ve been involved in a number of business ventures. My clients look at me more as a businessman with a law degree than a lawyer who liked business.”

One component of Ron’s success is “the top-notch legal education I received from VU. I never met anyone who had a legal education that was better than mine.” To that, he added hard work and a commitment to customer service. “We see other attorneys, colleagues or adversaries who don’t seem to grasp customer service as an important part of the law. If you provide really great legal service with integrity, they simply won’t go anywhere else.”

Paul Ritsema ’89
Volkswagen

How did Paul Ritsema end up at Volkswagen? “(Highway) 94 runs east and west!” It was just a little more complicated than that. When he left Valpo Law in ’89, Paul clerked for a Federal judge in Grand Rapids and then joined Miller Johnson in the same city. While he was at the firm, “I tried a couple of Federal Criminal trials to get the experience.” He met other attorneys who liked his work and invited him to join a Detroit based firm in Grand Rapids. The business that had attracted him to the firm eventually began to dry up and he moved to a small insurance defense firm in Holland, Michigan. One of their clients was Volkswagen. “It was primarily labor and employment work and I enjoyed that a lot.”

VW wanted to in-source some of their legal positions and he moved to VW of America in Auburn Hills, Michigan to handle employee litigation. “For two years while in Holland, I was their out-house, in-house lawyer. We worked out a flat fee billing agreement so that anyone in Human Resources could call me directly and get legal advice. All calls were included in that flat fee. This was a great fee structure to get them comfortable talking to me and getting proactive about the day-to-day stuff.

“My clients were great people, there were few problems and VW was clearly on the comeback trail.” When they offered a full-time in-house position, he didn’t hesitate. “I knew and liked the people I would be working with and for, especially the General Counsel and the Director of Human Resources. And I like cars! I am happy to be the in-house VW HR attorney. There are eight lawyers. I report to the General Counsel and he reports directly to the president.”

Like all big companies, Volkswagen presented some unique challenges. “Auto-making is a cyclical business. They have good and bad years. We have passed the bottom rough and are on the way back up as an industry. I get to take my legal experience and wrap it up as business advice. Basically, I am helping to
decrease risk for the decision-makers. They come to me with a decision they want to make and I am able to tell them, from a legal perspective, 'if we do it this way, this will be the results. But if we wait until this happens, it would be better, reduce risk, cost less.' I really enjoy the pro-active stance I get to take. I would rather help prevent problems than try to fix them later."

The company's qualities that he admired as an outsider he can now appreciate as an insider. "Like all VW employees, I am recognized for my performance and contributions. They give people the opportunity to succeed and help them with rewards, training, coaching and discipline."

"It's also a delightful place to work, great people, a very ethical company. I have never been asked to compromise my legal or personally ethical or spiritual point of view. It's true that big companies cannot have a particular religious bent. But VW is in many ways a family with strict internal, ethical standards. Talent is obviously very important. But honesty and ethics are equally important. If you have talent, but are not honest or ethical, you are asked to leave."

Paul finds his current environment "very collegial and in many ways it reminds me of my law school experience." He credits Valpo Law for preparing him to take advantage of this career opportunity, but advises that the preparation began before law school. "VU prepared me to be a very good attorney. It taught me to handle a number of different issues and exposed me to a lot of things. Moot court and the law review helped me be a better writer. Obviously I would not be here without a great legal education."

"But what really prepared me the best was a good undergraduate education that forced me to read and write. I think legal writing should be required every year in law school. Your ability to communicate in written form is often much more important than your ability with the spoken word."

**Donald Seberger '80**

Pechiney

Donald Seberger is Vice President and Group Counsel of Pechiney, a French multinational corporation with headquarters in Paris. It produces, converts, and processes aluminum for a wide range of products, and produces plastic packaging for the medical, pharmaceutical, food and dairy, and consumer products industries. Don didn't start out in heavy industry. In fact, for the first twenty-plus years of his career he alternated between private practice (first an associate and then a partner at Jenner & Block) and a variety of in-house corporate positions.

In the process, he discovered that "I really like working for companies that make things. I enjoyed my time at both Continental Bank in the early 1980s and Western Publishing Company, the publisher of the Little Golden Books, in the early 1990s. However, industrial companies, like Case Corporation and Pechiney, hold a strong attraction, especially at a time when manufacturing and heavy industry in America are in decline. "It's a function of being able to see and identify in some small way your career and your work with something that's tangible. I take a great deal of satisfaction, for instance, that Pechiney produces approximately 70% of the aluminum used by Airbus in its commercial aircraft. I travel a great deal and I find that I am often surrounded by Pechiney aluminum. The same thing is true of our plastic packaging business. A great deal of the meat, cheese and other dairy packaging that you see everyday in a grocery stores is produced by Pechiney."

Pechiney is a Jenner & Block client, but not his client specifically. In 2001 Pechiney decided to create a position in Chicago for a mergers and acquisitions lawyer for the Americas. The primary focus of Don's practice over the years has been corporate mergers and acquisitions so Don was the natural choice for Pechiney. His position allows him to maximize his expertise and to solidify the relationship between Jenner & Block and Pechiney. "I report directly to the General Counsel in Paris. He is a very good friend and colleague and I think the world of him. I also get to continue to work with a number of my friends and former partners at Jenner & Block. It is a relationship that benefits everyone."

Unfortunately, Don's immediate future is uncertain. Pechiney is in the process of being acquired by Alcan, Inc. and it is not clear what that means for Don and many of his colleagues throughout Pechiney. Don just completed two acquisitions for Pechiney this summer, one in Mexico and the other in Chile. "However, I can't tell you what I'll be doing in six months. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with Pechiney. In fact, I have enjoyed the past 3 years more than any other period of my professional life. I have been able to continue to travel, meet new friends, maintain old friends, and do deals. I could not ask for more. If it ends tomorrow, I have no regrets whatsoever."
McNaughton Event

Alumni, friends, faculty, the Dean and staff gathered at The Court (a beautiful, elegant renovated barn) in Fremont, IN on September 19, 2003. The reception and dinner were hosted by Earl '91 and Pam McNaughton.

President Alan Harre, Pam & Earl '91 McNaughton

Thompson '97 & Jama Smith
Chris '76 & Clare '78 Nuechterlein
Elaine & Steve Lewis '69
Dan Pritchett, Scott Wagenblast '93, and Greg Hunter

Mark Rutherford '86
Jordan '01 & Courtney '01 Williams
Bruce Huntington '00 & Bonnie Hillegas
Ernie '50 & Florence Oppliger

Herb Stride '57
Mick '02 & Jill '02 Story
George '85 & Elisabeth Pappas
Jack '61 & Sally Lawson
Judge Scott '85 & Sara Vanderbeck

Commemorate the 125th Anniversary

Each year, the Equal Justice Alliance sells these Charles River jackets with a School of Law logo embroidered on them to raise money for grants awarded to VU law students working at public interest jobs with little or no compensation. This year, to commemorate the 125th Anniversary, our jackets will bear the anniversary logo (as shown). The jackets are available in seven colors and sizes ranging from S-3XL at a cost of $56 (sizes S-XL), 2XL at $58 and 3XL at $60. (Prices include shipping.) To order, visit the ordering website below.

Ordering website: www.valpo.edu/law/alumniservices/eja.html

**Please be sure we receive your order no later than December 15, 2003.**
After graduating with a double major in Economics and Asian Studies, Kim went to work for two Valpo Law alumni, George and Susan Liu, in Hong Kong. "I was working as a paralegal and thinking about law school. Lots of School of Law grads came to visit George and Susan, and they were all great people." Kim's mind was made up. She earned her Valpo Law degree and went back to work for the Liu's where she specialized in high tech law. Her work included projects as diverse as representing the Chinese space launch agency to negotiate satellite launch contracts and traveling to Norway to negotiate the chartering of a Chinese vessel to a Norwegian offshore drilling company.

Retired Valpo Law professor Jack Hiller fondly remembers his former Research Assistant "...to be more like a colleague than an assistant. I never had to check her work. She was one of those who marched to a different drummer." He remembered the Norway trip, which happened while Newby was still in law school. "One day she just wasn't around for class," Jack said. "Later on I found out she had been to Norway on behalf of the Chinese government. Best excuse for missing class I ever heard!"

Kim stayed in Hong Kong for most of the '90s. "I was in a great position. I had a great job in a terrific firm and worked with people I really liked and respected. But my parents were getting older and I had nieces and nephews I didn't get to see. I wanted to spend more time with all of them." Kim grew up in Plymouth, Massachusetts and in September of 2000, she moved to Boston. Skadden Arps, one of the largest law firms in the world, was happy to have her as head of their intellectual property and technology department in Boston. Again, Kim found herself in a challenging position at a great firm and an exciting lifestyle in downtown Boston.

James Li is an emergency physician, an Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and Kim's partner, in the house on Cranberry Island. They met in Boston and it was soon clear to both of them that they were not getting enough time together. "James only had one weekend off a month, so we barely saw each other. As an emergency physician he was constantly facing sudden death." It made them both think about how quickly life can pass. They decided to take a year off to get closer to one another and spend more time outdoors. "We wanted a location that was remote and removed," Kim said. They found it on Cranberry Island.

The house they purchased, a former summer vacation home, had no power and no water. It has an outhouse and a waterless, composting toilet. Kim and James had a well drilled in July. They are currently installing the plumbing themselves. Kim speaks of that particular chore in a bemused tone. "Figuring out the plumbing and then actually installing it is an..." She pauses, searching for the right word. "...an interesting task for us."

A bank of propane tanks gives them lights and power for the stove and refrigerator. But that is just a temporary solution. A stack of huge boxes contains the solar panels that will eventually provide full power to
the house. "When we went to the hardware store and told them about the system we wanted, they were surprised that it was so big. We were basing it on the kinds of conveniences we were used to. It is amazing, to both of us, what you can learn to live without."

Every day, her dramatic decision is reinforced by her environment. "It is just so beautiful here. We have wooded acres to roam. We both love sailing and kayaking. We're living in one of the most productive lobster fishing areas in the world and we've gotten very friendly with the local fishermen. We even obtained a license to have five lobster traps of our own."

Their year has just begun, but Kim and James are not measuring the value of their time on Cranberry Island by what they accomplish by year's end. Instead, Kim says, "...we're looking at what we accomplish, day by day during the year. That is what's most important." They look for those day to day accomplishments - spending time outdoors and with each other, building a home - to have a long-lasting impact on their lives.

James is also on the board of directors of Remote Medicine, "...a nonprofit organization promoting long term progress in the health of impoverished populations through two venues: direct medical assistance and formal field training of Western physicians in both technical and ethical aspects of resource-scarce medical practice." (www.remotemedicine.org) In addition to doctors, Remote Medicine provides assistance with building infrastructure for water and electricity. Kim thinks "...we'll be able to transfer some of the experience we're having with installing that kind of technology."

They have not made immediate plans for the future, but are certainly considering their options. "One scenario is that James returns to Harvard and I go back to work for Skadden in Boston. But James is already licensed in Maine and I've arranged to take the Maine Bar Exam. The people in town are thrilled to have James here because the town didn't have a doctor. Once we get the solar panels up and get the house wired, I could continue doing what I did freelance. All I need is a reliable phone line, access to the internet and the ability to do video conferencing." Right now though, they are looking at their work in progress as a permanent residence.

In the meantime their only internet access is at the local library. While they can be reached by cell phone, reception is not always the best. Their phone is connected to an exterior car antenna set on a broiler pan that is straddling the rafters in the highest part of the house. Sometimes they have to adjust the antenna to get a better signal.

"It is great to be able to do something like this," Kim said. "We're very lucky. But this is not a rejection of the law in any way. I loved my jobs, the great opportunities, the clients and the exciting, challenging work. But there are other things out there." Kim looks at the blue sky, the blue water, and the Great Blue Herons. If you listen hard through the cell phone static, you can hear her smile.
**1972**

**Nolan Rappaport** left the Justice Department to take a job with the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. Nolan is the minority counsel for the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims.

**1975**

**Larry Bauer** is presently serving as the deputy director at the Office of States Attorneys Appellate as prosecutor of the 3rd District in Ottawa, IL. Larry is also serving his 3rd term as a representative on the Winnebago County, County Board in Rockford, IL. Larry and his wife, Sharlene, reside in Roscoe, IL, with their 3 children, Laurel, Jessica and Tyler.

**1976**

**Thomas Ruge** has become a member of the Valparaiso University School of Law Area Council of Indianapolis. Tom is with the firm of Lewis & Kappas.

**Robert Travers** was appointed Associate Judge in the 11th Circuit in Livingston County, Pontiac, IL. Since 1977, Robert has practiced at Felleimer Law Firm, in the Pontiac, IL area.

**1980**

**Nancy Vaidik** was recently elected president of the Indiana Judges Association. Nancy has served as judge on the local bench from 1993 to 2000, and was appointed to the Appellate Court in February 2000.

**1983**

**Victor Fitz** has been appointed the new prosecuting attorney for Cass County in Cassopolis, MI.

**Joy Phillips** received her Master of Arts in Theology degree from St. Mary's Seminary Ecumenical Institute in May 2003. Joy is serving as administrative law judge with the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings. She resides in Baltimore, MD with her husband, Paul Craley.

**1985**

**N. Cornell Boggs** recently accepted the position of general counsel for Tyco Plastics and Adhesives in Morrisville, NJ. Previously, Cornell served as Americas Regional Counsel for Intel Corporation, associate general counsel for Anheuser-Busch, and in-house counsel for Monsanto's corporate group.

**1987**

**Judith Garner** recently returned to full time practice as labor counsel for Laclede Gas Company in St. Louis, MO.

**1988**

**John Hallacy** was recently presented the Brandi Award by the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan. John is the Calhoun County Prosecutor in Battle Creek, MI.

**Christine Taylor** graduated in May, 2003, from the University of Missouri, Columbia’s LL.M. program for Dispute Resolution.

**1989**

**David Barker** recently left as associate general counsel for RCA to open his private practice office of Barker Law Offices. The firm will concentrate on business and real estate services. David’s focus will be on acquisition transactions. The firm is located in Hamilton County, IN, and will soon be opening additional offices in Marion and Howard Counties.

**1990**

**William Donaldson** married Leigh Audrea Brown on December 21, 2002. They have a son, Robert, and reside in Cleveland, TN.

**Vonda Marrow** was appointed director of development at The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. She will focus primarily on fund raising and planned giving. Before joining Hospice, she served as the Planned Giving/Major Gifts Officer for the Indianapolis Zoological Society.

**1991**

**Paul Pasche** is practicing worker’s compensation law at Bradley, Gonnolly & Masuda, P.C. in Chicago, IL. His wife, Jennifer (’89U) appeared as a contestant on JEOPARDY! on December 9, 2002.

**1992**

**Terry Boesch** was invited to attend an academic conference on the future of higher education at one of Queen Elizabeth’s properties in London. Terry recently taught law for a semester in the eastern European country of Belarus, while lecturing in the Ukraine at a UN conference. Most recently, Terry shipped to school children in Europe, 25,000 used textbooks which were donated by Indiana schools. Last year, he shipped 12,000 books to schools and libraries in eastern Europe.

**Christine (Salweski) Otterbacher** joined the local firm of Terrell & Thrall. She married Scott Otterbacher December 18, 1997. They have three children, Max 2 years, and twins, Cassandra and Brett born January, 2003.

**1994**

**Holly Brady** is employed as an associate at Thiesen & Bowers in Fort Wayne, IN.

**Kurt Lichtfuss** is a political officer at the U.S. Embassy, Belgrade, Serbia.

**Scott Scarpelli** heads the Southwest Region Dow Chemical Special Litigation Group where he represents Dow Chemical and Union Carbide in silica and asbestos dust liabilities primarily in Texas.

**1995**

**Melinda Baas** currently works for the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency. Melinda is married to **John Prokos** ’95, and they reside in the Flint, MI area.


**John Prokos** was recognized by the Michigan Family Independence Agency of Genesee County, Michigan, with the Legal Advocate of the Year award for his work on behalf of the agency. John is currently assigned to the juvenile unit of Prosecutor Arthur Busch’s office. Prior to locating to Genesee County, John and his wife, **Melinda Baas** ’95 resided in Wyoming.
CLASS actions

Robert Null was recently named partner at the Indianapolis, IN office of Bose, McKinney & Evans.

Charles White is general counsel for International Resources. Charles is a judge pro tem in Hamilton Superior Court 4; treasurer of the Hamilton County Republican Central Committee; past Republican District Caucus Chairman; and former state chairman of Indiana Young Republicans. Charles and his wife, Nicole, have a son, and have been residents of Fishers, IN, since 1997.

1996

John Aylesworth is a part-time corporate counsel for Keating Development Group, Inc., and has started a new firm, Battaglia & Aylesworth, in Chicago, IL. His firm primarily handles real estate, litigation and family law.

Stacey (Brooks) Mrak was elected as the Pulaski County Prosecutor in Winamac, IN last November, 2002. She is a board member of the Pulaski County Community Foundation, the Winamac Kiwanis and the Pulaski County Drug Free Council. Stacey is the mother of two children, Sidney 4 years, and Mia 6 months.

Charles Douglas is with the firm of Riley Bennett & Egloff in Indianapolis, IN.

Christine Douglas has relocated her practice to Indianapolis, IN. Christine, and her husband Charles '96, have one child, Lindsey, born February 24, 2002.

1997

April Grunden has opened a law office in Fort Wayne, IN.

1998

Joel Baar recently relocated to the Grandville, MI area. He is now employed with Visser & Bolthouse joining fellow alumni Don Visser '77, Rick Bolthouse '78, and Tom Vander Huist '89.

Linda Beier married Martin Latz on March 16, 2003. Linda is an eminent domain attorney for the city of Phoenix.

Phillip Pulliam currently leads KPMG, Mid-Atlantic Energy Group in McLean, VA. Phillip is a member of the firm's State and Local Tax Practice Telecommunications Group. Phillip attends Georgetown University Law Center where he is pursuing his LL.M. in Taxation.

Tracey Wetzstein has joined the firm of Kenneth J. Allen & Associates, P.C. in Valparaiso, IN as an associate. Tracey is practicing personal injury law, particularly in the area of trucking accidents and products liability. Her husband, James, was recently appointed to the position of Associate University Pastor and Associate Dean of the Chapel at Valparaiso University.

1999

Rob Coyle, Marc Lloyd, and Adam Moore are with the Indianapolis IN firm of Smith Fisher Maas and Howard.

Shawn DeMerse is now employed at Foley, Baron & Metzger in Farmington Hills, MI.

C. Jesse Green has been recognized with the Alumni Achievement Award from The Lake Michigan College Alumni Association. Currently, he is director of communications for the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association. Upon graduation, he became a reporter for the Michigan Lawyers Weekly. His legal analyses have appeared in the Detroit Free Press, Associated Press, Grand Rapids Press, Ohio Lawyers Weekly, and numerous radio outlets across the state. Green's analyses have also been used to brief Presidents William J. Clinton and George W. Bush, the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, the Michigan House and Senate, and the Michigan Attorney General. He also coordinates media relations and internal communication for the high-profile 2000-member legal association.

Nicole Grose joined the firm of Dale & Huffman in Bluffton, IN as an associate.

Thomas Flaherty is with the firm of Hennessy & Roach in Chicago, IL. He recently became engaged to Andrea Crumm. They will be married this November, and plan to reside in the Aurora, IL area.

2000

Brian Van Ells has recently joined the Manitowoc, WI based firm of Whyte Hirschboeck & Duke. He is involved in the Litigation and Family Law practice groups.

Scott Smith has joined the office of Rothberg Logan & Warsco in Warsaw, IN as an associate.

Michael Tolbert is employed at the Merrillville, IN firm of Hoenpen, Wagner and Evans. Michael was recently featured in an article in the Post-Tribune which analyzed the lack of minority lawyers and law students in Indiana.

2001

Elizabeth Deremiah has recently accepted a position at the law firm of Schyler & Associates, P.C. in Merrillville, IN. Elizabeth will specialize in personal injury and commercial litigation.

James Fox joined Leone Halpin & Konopinski in South Bend, IN as an associate.

Kathy Samovitz joined Coachmen Industries, Inc., in Elkhart, IN as associate counsel. She will assist with contracts, litigation, bankruptcies, records retention and regulatory compliance issues.

Brook Shreve joined the firm of Lucas Holcomb & Medrea in Merrillville, IN as an associate.

2002

Matthew Tarkington has been named as a member of the Valparaiso University School of Law Area Council of Indianapolis. Matthew practices law at the firm of Lewis & Kappas as an associate.

In Memoriam

The dean, faculty, staff, students and alumni of Valparaiso University School of Law honor the following alumni and friends who have passed away. We are grateful for their participation in the development of the Law School, and we extend our condolences to their family members and friends.

1947

Richard Walsh, Crown Point, IN, July 1, 2003

1949


1963

Ronald Aungst, Valparaiso, IN, May 3, 2003

1965

Vance Harke, Falls Church, VA, July 17, 2003

Rudy Kutansky III, Schererville, IN, July 18, 2003

1973

David Folkert, Spring Lake, MI, 2000
Golden Gavel Society Gathering

The largest assemblage ever of Golden Gavel Society members gathered for a festive evening to reminisce on Saturday, October 4, 2003. Guests enjoyed a traditional Strongbow turkey dinner, inspiring comments from Coach Homer Drew, and an entertaining perspective on Valpo Law's history by Mike Swygert '67. The 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1953 was celebrated. The Robert K. Duerr Award was given to Don Waskom '52 and George Hoffman '51.

Eligibility to the Golden Gavel Society is limited to those who have graduated from the School of Law at least 40 years ago.
Gromley Society Dinner a Success

The second annual Gromley Society Dinner was held on Saturday, September 13, 2003, at the University Club of Chicago.

Gromley Society members, consisting of alumni and friends, commit to making annual gifts of at least $1,000 in support of the law school's Annual Fund. The society is named in honor of Professor Charles Gromley who taught at the law school from 1960 to 1992. Membership in this society reflects a high level of commitment to the school, and a shared vision for ensuring excellence in legal education.

To become a member, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1.888.825.7652 or visit our website at http://www.valpo.edu/law/alumniservices/supportvalpo/gromley/
Professor Florence Higgins blazed the trail for outstanding professors like Rosalie Levinson, Laura Dooley, and Clare Nuechterlein. Those educators in turn have inspired countless budding attorneys. Had it not been for the encouragement and wisdom of those women, I may not be fortunate enough to be the Student Bar Association president today!

While the objective of teaching and learning has not changed in Valpo Law's 125 years of existence, students' activities have certainly changed from the era when Florence Higgins was a student. My daily routine as SBA president is not dissimilar from my colleagues' schedule—law students are the busiest people I know!

An average week for me includes attending classes, reading, studying, working out, meeting weekly with the Dean to discuss SBA activities, unwinding with classmates at Buffalo Wild Wings, responding to students' questions and requests in the SBA office, attending a Faculty Meeting or Career Planning Student Committee meeting, and working at my Federal Judicial Externship with Judge Philip Simon in Hammond.

My work week is not peculiar to any of my colleagues—students are busy and involved in numerous academic and social activities.

However, it is important to remember the women who came before me—such as Florence Higgins—who have graced the rich history of the Valparaiso University School of Law.
CALENDAR OF events

November 12, 2003
Swygert Moot Court Competition

November 15, 2003
Meet Valpo Law Day

November 17, 2003
Indiana Court of Appeals Oral Arguments

December 14, 2003
December Commencement
2:30 p.m. - Chapel

January 2004 — Date TBD
Atlanta Alumni Reception

January 19, 2004
Martin Luther King Jr., Day

January 29, 2004
Monsanto Lecture
Professor Anita Bernstein
Sam Nunn Professor
Emory University School of Law

February 2004 — Dates TBD
Dallas Alumni Reception
Phoenix Alumni Reception

February 16, 2004
Law Review Symposium

February 27, 2004
Law Clinic Benefit

February 28, 2004
Spring Alumni Board Meeting

March 2004 — Date TBD
Sarasota Alumni Reception

March 27, 2004
Meet Valpo Law Day

April 11 & 12, 2004
Law & Pastoral Ministry Conference

April 15, 2004
Tabor Lecture

May 1, 2004
National Council Meeting
125th Anniversary Gala
Field Museum, Chicago

May 15, 2004
Commencement
2:00 p.m. - Chapel

June 5, 2004
Meet Valpo Law Day

May 1, 2004
125th Anniversary Gala
Field Museum
CHICAGO

For information on these and other programs, please check our website at:
http://www.valpo.edu/law/

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