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Fortieth Anniversary Issue

Dean's Message



Dear Alumni and Friends,



The first issue of THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT was published 40 years ago and, as you can see from what you have in your hands, it is still thriving today. The TRANSCRIPT is a very important publication for the College of Law. It is the best history we have of the College over the past four decades and will certainly be a prime source when the Law College's definitive history is written. (Are there any volunteers for that project?) The TRANSCRIPT has also been the primary way in which we communicate with our alumni and friends about happenings at the Law College.

Looking through the first volume, it is clear that much has stayed the same. For example:

■ **Alumni of the College were making a mark on the world.** The 1966 TRANSCRIPT reported that Stan Hathaway, Class of 1950, had just been elected governor of Wyoming; Donald Kelley, Class of 1930, had just been appointed to the Colorado Supreme Court; Lee White, Class of 1950, had been appointed chairman of the Federal Power Commission by President Lyndon Johnson; and Phil Sorensen, Class of 1959, had been a recent Nebraska gubernatorial candidate.

■ **The Law College was seeking donations.** The issue contained a letter from the chair of the Nebraska Law College Fund, Tom Davies, Class of 1937, asking for donations. It also reported that the donations were being put to good use: 30 students were receiving scholarships totaling \$4,800, in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$500. In comparison, this year 148 students are receiving scholarships totaling \$1,370,589 in amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$21,000. If this seems like a big increase, it is worth remembering that tuition and fees in 1966 were \$246 for residents and \$600 for non-residents, compared to \$9,213 and \$21,580 today.

■ **The Law College was a vibrant academic community.** The issue reported that Professor David Dow was completing the second of two books on Nebraska law; that Allen E. Peterson had just been named the editor-in-chief of the NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; that the Honorable Harvey M. Johnsen, Class of 1919, the recently-retired chief judge of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, was to present a lecture; and that professors Richard Broude and Leonard Kaplan had recently joined the faculty.

■ **Student humor was a work-in-progress.** In the first issue, the following "famous last words" were reported: "If I were you McNaughten, I'd plead guilty," and "Rockaway Beach? Track four, and have a good time Mrs. Palsgraf." The issue asked, but did not answer, this important question: "Is money received from a pool collected in class payable to the first person called on includable as income under § 74 of the '54 code?"

■ **The Dean's column was masterful.** Dean Henry Grether's column congratulated the students who took the initiative to found the TRANSCRIPT. But I especially liked the title of the column – Caesar Dicit – and think the current editors should consider reviving that custom.

Hearty congratulations and thank you to all who have been a part of this important publication for the past 40 years. This includes especially Professor Dick Harnsberger, who was the faculty advisor for that first issue, and Professor Alan Frank, who has served the publication for the past 33 years, first as faculty advisor and then as editor.

Steven L. Willborn
Dean and Richard C. and Catherine Stuart Schmoker Professor of Law

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Transcript, ‘Dean Grether’s Child,’ Designed to Keep Alumni Informed

“This was Dean [Henry] Grether’s child,” remembered Jim DeMars, ’69, a member of the original staff of THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT. DeMars talked to the TRANSCRIPT in his Lincoln law office as the magazine celebrates its 40th year of publication.

The first edition of the TRANSCRIPT was published in November 1966. DeMars recalled that during first-year orientation in 1966, Grether announced that the College was going to publish a newspaper and that he was looking for students to put it out. Second-year student Robert A. Feder, ’68, had already been selected as the TRANSCRIPT’s first editor, and DeMars, who had worked on the yearbook



Jim DeMars in his Lincoln law office

while an undergraduate at the University, was named, along with Bob Weaver, ’69, to be an assistant editor. Feder’s faculty advisor, Richard Harnsberger, ’49, was the publication’s first faculty advisor. DeMars was the TRANSCRIPT’s

editor in the publication’s third year, 1968-1969. DeMars said Grether’s main purpose in starting the TRANSCRIPT was “to improve relations with the alumni. He wanted the alumni to know what the law school was doing.” The name that was selected for the publication – THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT – reflected that purpose. The newspaper was to be a record of events and happenings around the College of Law.

According to DeMars, Grether “was very adamant that the TRANSCRIPT had to be in a newspaper format.” One reason for this was the concern in the student body that this new publication “was going to turn into some sort of law review. But when the first issue came out, everyone realized that we were not going to be doing case notes.”

By the 1969-1970 academic year, the TRANSCRIPT had changed to a magazine format, which, according to the editors, was “more durable and more readable.” Another reason, said Peter Beekman, ’70, the TRANSCRIPT’s editor during the format change, “was pure and simple economics. The price of newsprint was starting to go out of sight and a smaller publication on a different paper stock was cheaper.”

There was no money in the Law College’s budget to pay the staff, so Grether arranged for the staff members to be paid for editing the College of Law’s annual Bulletin, which was intended for the College’s applicants and potential applicants. DeMars was also helped financially by being a Legal Writing instructor under Professor Lawrence Berger.

DeMars recalls that the TRANSCRIPT’s staff did not have to look hard for stories. Students would come up to the staff and tell them, for example, that the moot court team was going to New York, and the staff would tell the students to take notes and see if pictures could be taken. “The most difficult thing I had to do,” he said, “was dealing with the post office on bulk mailing.” While putting out six issues a year involved a lot of work, the staff had fun, too. “The rage in law school at that time,” he remembered, was tropical fish. “We had a couple of small fish tanks in the office, and we were breeding fan-tail guppies.”

After his graduation from the Law College, DeMars served in the military, clerked for the Nebraska Supreme Court and went into private practice specializing in construction litigation and workers’ compensation insurance defense with the firm that is now DeMars, Gordon, Olson & Zalewski. He was happy to think back to his law school years and the opportunity Dean Grether gave him to be on “the absolute ground floor” of the founding of the College’s alumni publication and then “over the years, to watch what it has turned into – a really major project.” ■



Dean Henry Grether with TRANSCRIPT editors Robert Feder, ’68, and Herb Knudsen, ’68.

THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT

Looking Back Over 40 Years of Chronicling Law College's Distinguished History

Forty years ago, in November 1966, the first issue of THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT was published. That first TRANSCRIPT was laid out in a newspaper format. In 1969, it switched to a magazine format. Now it is printed on glossy paper and in full color. While the TRANSCRIPT has undergone a number of format changes and utilized a number of logos, then, as now, its purpose was to “bring... to the students and the faculty a common forum.”

The TRANSCRIPT's first editor, Robert A. Feder, '68, noted in his editorial in the first issue that the College's alumni numbered ten times the student body of 250. Today the College has 6,100 living alums and an untold number of friends who receive the printed version of the TRANSCRIPT or access it online. We hope that this quick glance at past issues of the TRANSCRIPT brings forth to all of them fond memories of dedicated editors and important events in the College of Law's distinguished history:

■**1966-1967 – Robert Feder, editor:** TRANSCRIPT begins in a newspaper format. Professors Broude, Kaplan and Shaneyfelt join faculty. College celebrates its 75th anniversary. Prof. Belsheim completes final volume of Modern Legal Forms and Prof. Dow completes two works on Nebraska law, Evidence and Nebraska Jury

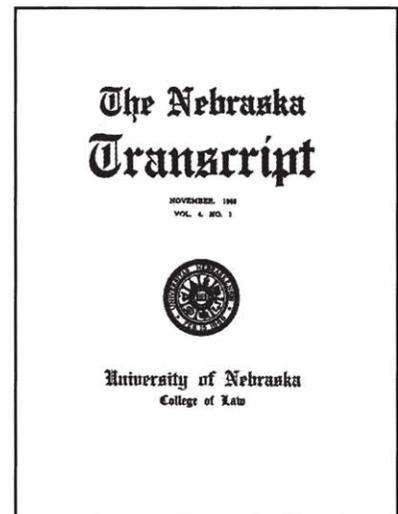


Instructions. George L. DeLacy Memorial Award established.

■**1967-1968 – Robert Feder, editor:** Professors Perlman and Woodard join faculty. Legal Writing is now a separate course. Justice Fortas visits College. “Nine Women Enroll – Husband Hunters or Law Students?”

■**1968-1969 – James DeMars, editor:** Professors Fleming and Huskins join faculty. “F. Lee Bailey Discusses Trial, Jury System.” “Nader Raps Agencies; Hits Legal Training.” College offers summer classes for first time.

■**1969-1970 – Peter Beekman, editor:** TRANSCRIPT has new magazine format. Professors Mattis, Henderson, Lyman and Malone join faculty. “State Supreme Court Rule Allows Certified Law Seniors to Practice.” Huebner Memorial Law Fund established. “Professor Wallace Rudolph Discusses Legal Consequences of Pope Trial.”



■**1970-1971 – Alan Plessman, editor:** Professors Works and Fields join faculty. Student Honor Code adopted. “Freshman Takes Wrong Exam” [Conflicts instead of Con Law]. “Bill Pending in Legislature Will Provide New Law Building.”

■**1971-1972 – John King, editor:** A photograph adorns the cover of each issue of the TRANSCRIPT; the first is of the portrait of Roscoe Pound presented to the College by Arthur J. Weaver. TRANSCRIPT takes over presenting



the pictures and biographies of the senior class from the Nebraska State Bar Journal, which ceased publication. Professors Kalish and Schneyer join faculty. Multi-State Bar Exam created. Proposed plans for the new building on East Campus presented. Robert A. Nelson Distinguished Speaker Lectureship and Cline-Williams

Distinguished Lectureship established. Placement office opens.

■**1972-1973 – Fred Otto, editor:** Professors Ludtke, Snowden, Frank and Saltzman join faculty. Letter to the TRANSCRIPT complains about the long hair of the College's male graduates. "New Law Building Number 1 Priority of NU." William Kunstler speaks at College. Student Anne Trombley urges passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Community Legal Education Project (CLEP) established. Prof. Berger receives distinguished teaching award. Prof. Rudolph retires as president of faculty senate.

■**1973-1974 – Kelley Baker, editor:** Professors Williams and Allen join faculty. Legal aid program for students started at UNL. Prof. Perlman receives distinguished teaching award. Erwin Griswold speaks at College. Roscoe Pound lectureship established. "SBA Works to Increase Minority Enrollment." Law/Psychology Joint Degree Program begun. Professors Henderson and Perlman write torts computer-assisted education program. "New Prison Project Offers Seniors A Wide Range of Legal Experiences."

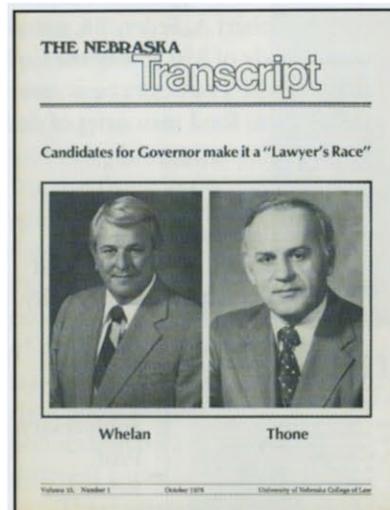
■**1974-1975 – Doug Brown, Cheryl Robbins, editors:** April 1975 issue devoted to move to new building. Student writer John Vihstadt reports on his tour of new Creighton Law Center. Professors Potuto, Hoffman, Kirst and Hazen join faculty. "Law College Designated Area of Excellence." Client Counseling course initiated. Student Jim Gessford plays for Chicago Fire of the World Football League. Civil Clinic to be added. Women's Law Caucus formed. Prof. Lake writes about Wounded Knee II trial. "UNL Law College Organizes Fund Drive, Alumni Association." Joint degree program in Law and Educational Administration proposed. First Women's Law Caucus skit night a big success. Bob Cannon and Susan Jacobs win national Client Counseling Competition.

■**1975-1976 – Alan Everett, Chris Fagot, editors:** Law Student Research Service formed. Hans Linde delivers Holmes Devise Lecture. Senator Sam Ervin, speaking at the College, says, "A lawyer's greatest asset is his integrity." Professor Potuto named staff director for Uniform Corrections Code.

■**1976-1977 – Brian Zdan, editor:** John Strong named dean. John Nelson named law librarian. Ray Hazen to head placement office. Prof. Denicola joins faculty. Prof. Rudolph becomes dean at Puget Sound; Prof. Henderson named dean at Arizona. Holland and Lane Foundation scholarships established.

■**1977-1978 – Kathy Slepicka, Rick Berkshire, editors:**

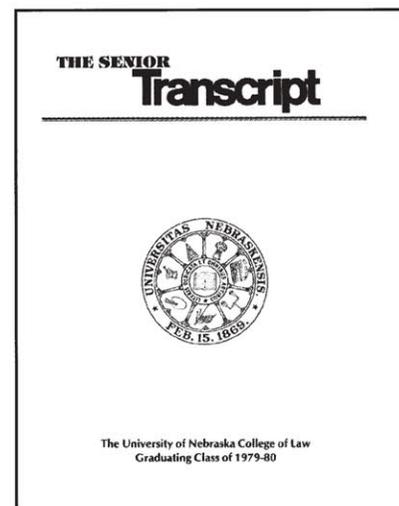
TRANSCRIPT adopts new modern sans-serif logo. Issue dedicated to retiring professor and former dean, David Dow. Professors Gardner, Lamber and Thorson join faculty. Former President Ford speaks at College. "Law College Curriculum Changes, Emphasizing Practical Skills."



Teaching Council grant funds teaching clinic for law faculty. "Students Experience First Winterim Law School Tour." Prof. Lake elected UNL Faculty Senate president.

■**1978-1979 – Rick Berkshire, Steven Andrews,**

editors: TRANSCRIPT unveils major design changes: size increased to 8" x 11"; pages are off-white; advertising is discontinued; color is introduced; senior pictures and bios named THE SENIOR TRANSCRIPT. Prof. Heidt joins faculty. Alums Thone and Whelan meet in governor's race. Clinical instructor Wurtz



takes case to U.S. Supreme Court. Law College building renamed Ross McCollum Hall. McCollum funding to build new courtroom addition. Leon Jaworski and Ronald Dworkin speak at College.

■ **1979-1980 – Joe Morris, Jan Lipovsky, editors:** Professors Duncan, Willborn and Pokorny join faculty. College begins Criminal Clinic. Federal Judge Urbom teaches Trial Advocacy. Law student Dean Sukup doubles as Big Red place kicker. Judge Robert Wenke first Lane Foundation jurist-in-residence. Former student Becky Glover memorialized. Former Dean Beutel speaks at College. First Simmons Law Practice Award presented. Prof. Snowden, law students teach about the law at UNL's Centennial College. Nebraska Supreme Court sits at Law College. "Separate Ceremony Marks Law School Graduation." "Televised Panel Features Minority Lawyers in Recruitment Effort."

■ **1980-1981 – Kathryn Bellman, editor:** "Award Created in Lake's Name." Article features Dean Strong's evidence cartoons. Former Nebraska law professor Henry Foster speaks at alumni dinner. Alfred W. Blessing, Myrna Sedgwick and Florence Wilcox Roberts funds established. Panel on women in corporate practice held. Negotiations class taught for first time. Christian Legal Society hosts conference on Law & Religion. Photo essay tours former law building. Law library offers LEXIS computer research service.

■ **1981-1982 – Robyn Ginn Hubbard, editor:** TRANSCRIPT printed on glossy paper and with embossed cover. John Strong appointed interim vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNL; he later announces that he will teach at the University of Arizona. Prof. Shaneyfelt to serve as acting dean. Prof. Lyons

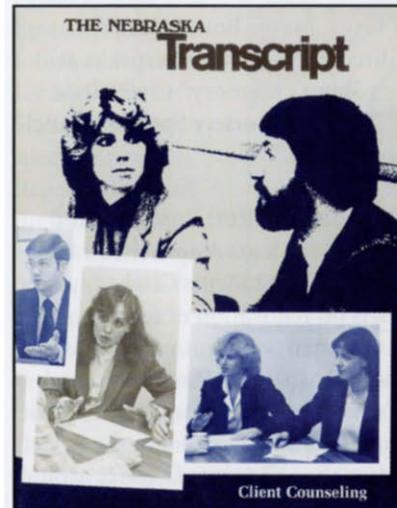
joins faculty. Cornerstone laid for Sherman S. Welpton Jr. Courtroom. Bust of Roscoe Pound unveiled. Janet Krause named placement director. Student chapter of ATLA formed. Prof. Gradwohl reports on his trip to China. Chief Justice Warren Burger speaks at College. Tax Clinic inaugurated. "Law Partners Learn About Stress." TRANSCRIPT



covers Irrigation Development in the Sandhills Symposium and Nebraska Conference on Bar Admissions. Omaha attorney Don Fielder appears as Clarence Darrow.

■ **1982-1983 – David DeTar Newbert, editor:** "College of Law Civil Clinic Works: A Taste of the Real World."

"Commuting to Law School in Lincoln: You Don't Have to be a Masochist, But ..." Newbert interviews Bob Kutak, chairman of the ABA's Commission on the Evaluation of Professional Standards, and later editorializes on his untimely death. "Is EVERYBODY Going to Denver?" Alum John Adams, Jr. reflects on Class of 1929. Effie



Cover Sullivan, one of the College's first female graduates, memorialized. Professors Kirst and Kalish reflect on their semesters in New Zealand and London respectively. Justice Harry Blackmun speaks at graduation. Archibald Cox delivers Pound Lecture. Activities of College's Washington, D.C., alumni are featured in "Moving & Shaking in the Nation's Capital." Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals sits at Law College. Harvey Perlman named dean.

■ **1983-1984 – Ed Bailey, editor:** Prof. Lowe joins faculty. "Telethon Fund Drive a Success." "Transcript Wins National Awards." Sherman S. Welpton Jr. Courtroom dedicated. "College of Law Faculty Ranks High in Scholarly Output." College hosts summer CLEO Institute. College's 1954 National Champion Moot Court Team celebrated. Ruth Witherspoon named assistant dean. Prof. Lyons receives distinguished teaching award. CBS legal correspondent Fred Graham speaks at graduation. Walter Wadlington delivers Cline Williams Lecture.

■ **1984-1985 – Steve Maun, editor:** Prof. Lenich joins faculty. "My Mommy's in Law School." "Big Brothers/Big Sisters Smooth Transition to Law School." Prof. Potuto works in New Jersey prosecutor's office during summer. Prof. Frank receives grant to write K-12 curriculum on Bill of Rights. Sir Zelman Cowen, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, delivers Pound Lecture. "Distinguished Alumni Honored with New Library Plaques." Professor Snowden writes "A Letter from Jamaica." "Drummer Led Felton to Careers as Attorney, Author of Children's Books." Original

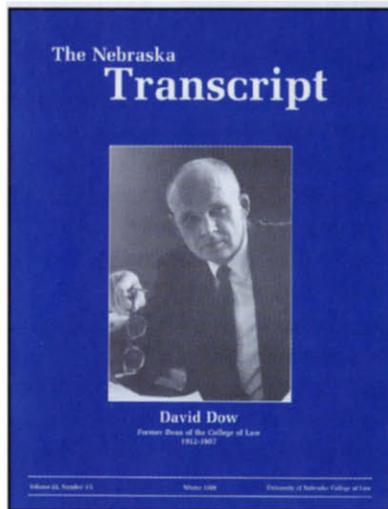
art work to be given to College contributors. Alum Káthy Severens serves as coordinator for Farm Families Crisis Council.

■**1985-1986 – Sara Fullerton, Mark Quandahl, editors:**

Professor McCombs, Tremper and Ruser join faculty. Sally Wise named director of Law Library. Bonnie Kimble named Career Services director. Ted Sorensen speaks at graduation. “Run Honors Shinn’s Memory.” Civil Clinic receives Elderlaw grant. “Federalist Society Sponsors Panel Discussion on Affirmative Action.”

■**1986-1987 – Mark Quandahl, editor:** Roscoe Pound exhibit on display at College. “Students Assessed Library Surcharge.” “Law and Engineering Students Clashed in 1927.” Mark Krause reports on renovation of former law building as architecture department moves in. “Law Review Dedicates Issue to Harnsberger.” Prof. Denicola named reporter for ALI’s Restatement of the Law of Unfair Competition. Prof. Lenich reports on his visit to the Soviet Union. Lucille Rolfes retires after 17 years of service as Law College secretary. Anne Lange appointed assistant dean. Professors Gardner and Melton receive grant to study jurors’ reactions to guilty but mentally ill verdict. Faculty, students attend special classes on social science methodology. “Thorson Leads Waste Task Force.” Professor Potuto visits China.

■**1987-1988 – Vicki Ruhga, editor:** TRANSCRIPT logo changed from sans-serif to more formal serif style. Professors Bradford and Fowler join faculty. Former Dean David Dow memorialized. FACULTY TRANSCRIPT features page on each faculty member. Faculty advisor program begun. Scholarship established to honor former dean, Henry H. Foster. Charles Wolfram of

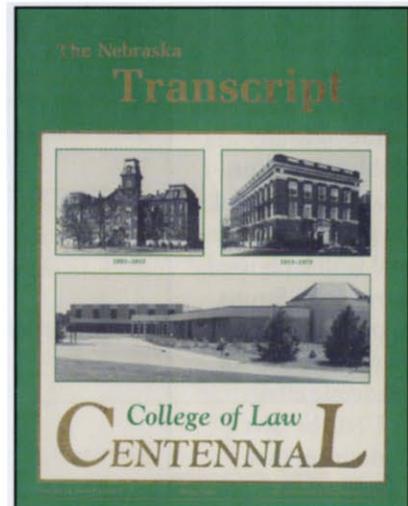


Cornell delivers Nelson Memorial lecture. “Fraser Stryker Creates Scholarship to Honor Long-Time Firm Members.” Lincoln Inns of Court established. Faculty battles women law students in basketball game. “Simmons Children Donate Artwork for Seminar Room.” Women’s Law Caucus sponsors Susan B. Anthony Week. Honorable James Oakes first Cline Williams distinguished jurist-in-residence.

“Richard Larson Bequests \$10 Million to NU Foundation.” Edwin D. Beech Scholarship established. TRANSCRIPT publishes Prof. Harnsberger’s recommended reading list. College hosts regional Trial Advocacy Competition.

■**1988-1989 – Vicki Ruhga, editor:** Spring 1989 issue features a photo essay, “A Day in the Life of a Law School.” TRANSCRIPT wins first place in law school newspaper/magazine competition sponsored by the Law School Division of the ABA. Prof. McGeorge joins faculty. “Niesje Steinkruger: Child Protection Activist Shapes Alaska’s Family Law.” Prof. Shaneyfelt retires. Richard Posner delivers Pound Lecture. Nebraska chapter of Rutherford Institute established. Professors Kalish and Willborn write about their visits to China and Australia, respectively. Center on Children, Families and the Law established. Former UNL psychology professor Bruce Sales delivers first Roberta A. Morris Memorial Lecture. Judges use Prof. Kirt’s integrated computer learning system to practice evidentiary rulings. Prof. Lake helps with documentary on “The Trial of Standing Bear.” Masters of Legal Studies (MLS) degree approved by UNL. Summer SPICE program designed to introduce minority high school students to college. “Law Automation: Computers Replace Card Catalog.” College offers CLE programs via satellite.

■**1989-1990 – Margaret Nelson, editor:** The cover of the Spring 1990 issue of the TRANSCRIPT features the three buildings that have served as the home of the College of Law. This issue kicks off the magazine’s coverage of the College’s Centennial celebration with

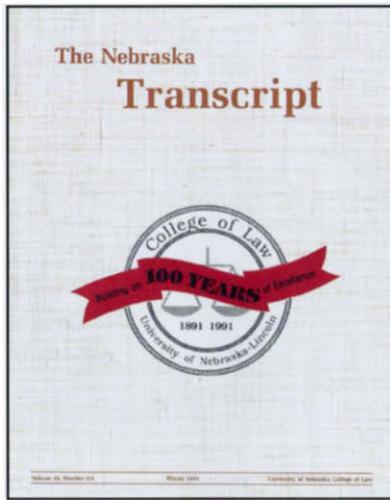


photographs, a time-line, and an article on Professor “Cocky” Robbins. TRANSCRIPT named best overall magazine in ABA/LSD competition. Professors Schopp, Knight-Eagan and Shavers join faculty. Prof. Snowden receives distinguished teaching award. ABA’s Law School Division presents service award to Dean Perlman. Former Dean Henry Grether retires. Donald L. Wood, a 1914 graduate of the College, is featured. Assistant Dean Lange named director of alumni relations. Articles feature College’s Kansas City alumni and “Practicing Law in Greater Nebraska.” Center for the Teaching and Study of Applied

Ethics is established. Prof. Gardner writes Criminal Law casebook. Professor Potuto's TRANSCRIPT article reviews the Nebraska judicial selection process. "Socratic Method Suspended During Canned Immunity Week." Natural Resource Law Society wins environmental award for its recycling efforts. Eastman Scholarship established. Judge Patrick Higginbotham is Cline Williams jurist-in-residence. Linda Crump elected president of the Student Bar Association 14 years after her husband, Gene, held the same position.

■ **1990-1991 – Kathryn Haugstatter, editor:** Winter 1991 issue of the TRANSCRIPT introduces the College's Centennial logo. The TRANSCRIPT

continues to cover the Centennial with: "For Richer, for Poorer – From the 40's to the 90's Spouses Support Law Students;" "The Formative Years: An Early History;" articles on special Centennial programs on women and minority law students; and articles on Dean Roscoe Pound, Dean Henry

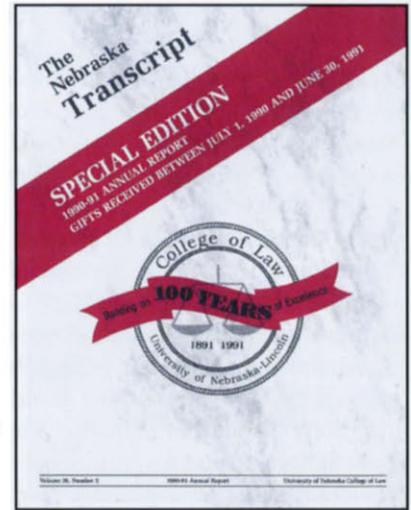


H. Foster, Jr. and Alice Minick, the College's first female law grad. Glenda Pierce named assistant dean of admissions and student affairs. Sue Kirland named director of Career Services. Century Club, an endowed fund to celebrate the Centennial of the College, created. Alum William Biggs elected president of Lions Club International. Prof. Hoffman directs regional NITA program at College. Prof. Lake retires. Equal Justice Society formed. IRIS allows UNL libraries to be accessible by modem. Ross McCollum memorialized. Kiesselbach Scholarship funded.

■ **1991-1992 – Sharon Bartter, editor:** The TRANSCRIPT continues its coverage of the College's Centennial celebration: "Law College Then and Now" features photos from throughout the years in a scrapbook format; students from across the decades reflect on the experience of being first-year law students; alums J. Lee Rankin, George E. Danielson, Lee C. White, Stanley K. Hathaway, Theodore C. Sorensen, Harold "Hal" Daub, and Charles Dean McGrath speak at "Reminiscences: Lawyers in Public Service;" alums Donald L. Wood, George H. Moyer, Sr., Marvin G. Schmid, M. Alex Mills, Duane W. Acklie, G. Bradford Cook, David A. Domina, Susan J. Spahn, and Eleanor S. Skrupa, representing the decades of their graduation, speak

at the Centennial Alumni Dinner; articles feature alums Sherman S. Welpton, Jr., Evelle Younger, Ira Epstein, Claire D. Johnson, Patrick, Jay and John Sullivan. First special Annual Report edition of the TRANSCRIPT, edited by the Dean's office, appears. Elmer S. Jackson

Scholarship Fund, Ted Sorensen Endowment, Erickson & Sederstrom Fund, Earl Dunlap Distinguished Law Professor Fund, Law College Centennial Minority and International Scholarship Fund and Bernard and Elaine Gradwohl Minority and International Student Scholarship Fund are established. Nontraditional Law Student Group formed. Robert R. Veach Seminar Room dedicated. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Alex Kozinski addresses College. TRANSCRIPT receives best magazine award from the Law School Division of the ABA. College's VITA program named most successful Volunteer in Tax Assistance program by LSD. "Breta Dow: We Bid a Fond Farewell."



■ **1992-1993 – Tabitha Hiner, editor:** Law College challenges University of Oklahoma Law Center for alumni participation in the schools' annual giving drives. Prof. Bobertz joins faculty. Prof. Harnsberger retires. Prof. Willborn writes employment law casebook. Women's

Law Caucus sponsors Mentor Program and Susan B. Anthony Auction. Class of 1947 first class to achieve 100% participation in annual fund drive. Law Library named for Marvin and Virginia Schmid whose \$2 million donation is largest ever by College alum. TRANSCRIPT

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF LAW
VS.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA LAW CENTER

CONTEST FOR ALUMNI PARTICIPATION
IN THE
1992-93 ANNUAL GIVING DRIVE

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF LAW ALUMNI	DEC. 31, 1992 14.9%	JUNE 30, 1993 ?
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA LAW CENTER ALUMNI	NOT AVAILABLE	?

Have you been a team player for your law school in this year's annual giving drive? It is only a matter of time before our contest against Oklahoma and there is still time for you to help us reach our goal of 12% alumni participation. Please send your contribution today!

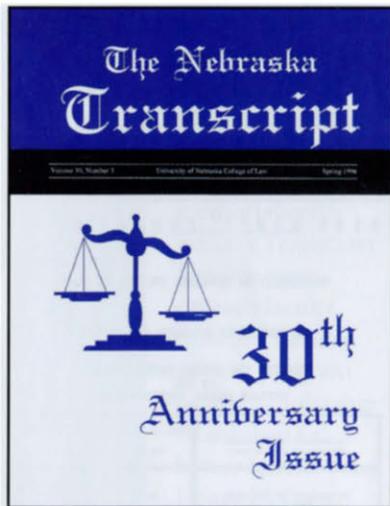
inaugurates series on alumni with nontraditional careers with articles on Harry Letton, former president and CEO of Southern California Gas Co, and Lee Polilov, chief deputy

and counsel for Sarpy County Sheriff's Office. "Law School Antics Throughout the Years Ease the Pressures of the Mind Grind." Cline Williams Jurist-in-Residence program brings judges Lay and Sheran to College. Professors Kirst and Potuto awarded Shining Light Award by Nebraska State Bar Foundation for work on civil and criminal jury instructions.

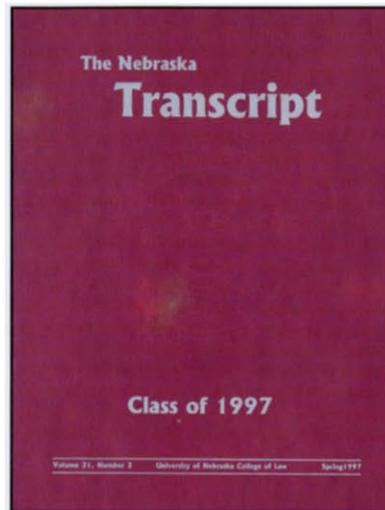
■**1993-1994 – Michelle McDonald, editor:** Prof. Wilson joins faculty. Dean Perlman's first 10 years as dean recognized at reception. "The Legal Generation Gap" features student Andy Snyder, whose uncles Harris and Paul attended the Law College, and Paige Johnson, who followed in the footsteps of her grandfather Bob Guenzel, uncle Steven Guenzel and mother Virginia Johnson. Frank Sidles pursued nontraditional career as president of Provident Federal Savings Bank. Law Library Director Sally Wise elected faculty senate president.

■**1994-1995 – Michelle McDonald, editor:** Dean Perlman takes leave of absence; Prof. Denicola serves as acting dean. Alum John Prein serves dual role as engineer-lawyer. "Law Students Benefit from Volunteer Work" features VITA, CLEP and Community Service Day. "Organizations Offer Diversity" features Women's Law Caucus and Black Law Student Association. "A 'Bright Line' Darkens the Horizon." Prof. Gradwohl and his wife Jan finish manuscript, Criminal Jury Trial Materials: A Comparative Study to be published in China in both English and Chinese.

■**1995-1996 – Michelle McDonald, Kent Solt, editors:** Fall 1995 issue of the TRANSCRIPT features year-in-review photo essay. Spring 1996 issue commemorates TRANSCRIPT's 30th anniversary with original logo on cover. Professors Lepard and Schaefer join faculty. Prof. Bradford receives distinguished teaching award. Civil Clinic celebrates its 20th anniversary with open house and banquet featuring former ABA President Robert McCrate. "Law School Exams Test More Than Students." Alum Doug Beckwith serves as consultant providing businesses with cultural and communication training. Former Dean Edmund Belsheim memorialized. Prof. Bobertz wins Call for Scholarly Papers



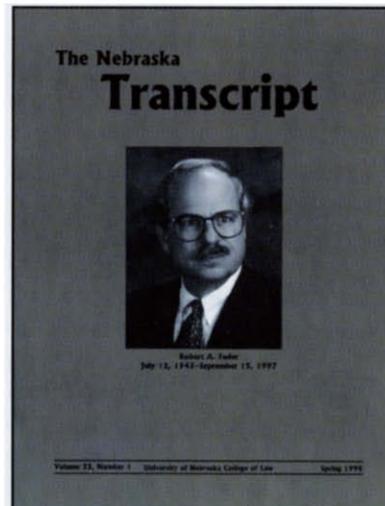
Competition sponsored by AALS. Prof. Hoffman serves as justice of Supreme Court of Palau. Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest grants provide students opportunities in public interest law. Alum Al Abraham's nontraditional career led to his being owner and president of Top Tool Co. Twentieth anniversary of College's national champion Client Counseling team celebrated. John Frohnmayer speaks on hate speech. Alums Margaret Hornbeck Greene and Karen Reimer Beadie speak on the challenges of corporate work.



■**1996-1997 – Kent Solt, Kara Hitchcock, editors:** Spring 1997 issue of the TRANSCRIPT introduces more modern, less formal logo. Dean Perlman returns to College after serving as acting vice chancellor for academic affairs for UNL. "Alumnus Pat Quinn Finds Success in Transportation." Senator Kerrey

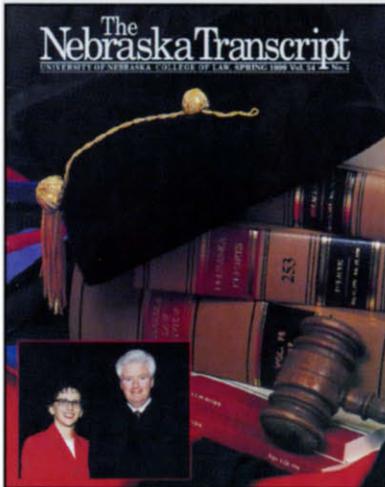
speaks at commencement. Justice Anthony Kennedy keynotes Roman L. Hruska Institute. "Expansion of Civil Clinic to Serve Domestic Violence Victims." "Former FBI Director William Sessions Gives Lecture on Ethics and Advocacy"

■**1997-1998 – Kara Hitchcock, editor:** "Alumnus Stephen Lewis Provides Insight into World of Corporate Law." Wisconsin Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson visits College as Cline Williams jurist-in-residence. Skill based courses – Pretrial Litigation, Family Law Practice, Mediation, Appellate Advocacy, and Refugee and Asylum Law and Practice – added to curriculum. U.S. District Judge Richard G. Kopf speaks at graduation.



■ **1998-1999:** Law College administration assumes editorial control of the TRANSCRIPT; Assistant Dean Lange named editor. Harvey Perlman retires as dean; Nancy Rapoport assumes deanship. Eighth Circuit Judge Richard Arnold visits College as jurist-in-residence. Plans for law library expansion and remodel project unveiled. TRANSCRIPT's first editor, Robert Feder, memorialized. Prof. Potuto named University's faculty representative to the Big 12 Conference and the NCAA. Alum George Johnson, "father of variable annuities." Wilson family's multi-generational ties to Law College recounted. "Senator Chuck Hagel Challenges Graduates to Soar."

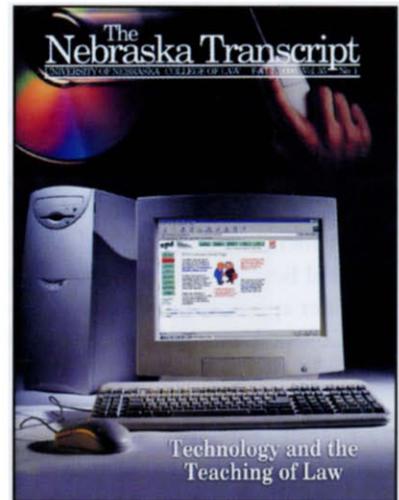
■ **1999-2000:** Prof. Frank named editor of the TRANSCRIPT. Current TRANSCRIPT logo introduced. Tony Dvorak named director of development. John Hendry appointed chief justice of Nebraska Supreme Court. G. Robert Muchemore, Richard M. Van Steenberg and Alfred J. Luebs scholarship funds established. Judge Robert Bork and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer address Roman L. Hruska Institute for the Administration of Justice. Prof. Poser joins faculty. College's client counseling, moot court and trial competition teams win regionals. Senator Kerrey calls on graduates to make "Daily Decisions of Conscience. "Family Traditions Ceremony" new part of graduation; TRANSCRIPT article features Tollefsen family. Prof. Jim Lake memorialized. Prof. Perlman named co-reporter of Third Restatement of Torts – General Principles. "Affirmative Action Director [Linda] Crump Stresses Openness to Differences."



■ **2000-2001:** Dean Rapoport leaves to become dean at University of Houston Law Center. "Not Your Father's Law School: New Technologies are Changing Law College Teaching and Learning." Access to Justice Scholarships honor Prof. Gradwohl. Prof. Wise leaves Law College library to head library at University of Miami School of Law; Richard Leiter appointed director of Schmid Law Library. Lincoln native Nancy Rogers speaks on "Should Lawmakers Leave Mediation Alone." "Client Counseling Competition Celebrates 25 Years of Success." "Staff Leaves Dean's Office to Escape Mold Contamination." Second year moot court competition named after former Dean Henry

Grether. Prof. Schaefer returns from a leave of absence as director of the National Security Council's International Economic Affairs Office. Photos of alums featured in Tony Dworak's "Long Arm Jurisdiction."

■ **2001-2002:** Steven L. Willborn named dean; former Dean Perlman appointed UNL chancellor. Ground breaks on expansion and remodel project featuring majestic reading room, Kauffman Legal Writing Suite, Berger-Harnsberger Faculty Wing, Kutak Rock Computer Lab, Rankin Archive. "Kauffman Family Gift to Improve Student Writing." "Gross & Welch Sponsors Best Brief Award." Curtiss family lineage highlighted. Students Julia Young and Tasha Everman to visit Montenegro as part of Balkan Law School Linkage Initiative. Alumni Council will annually present four Distinguished Achievement Awards to recognize the many outstanding contributions of the College's alumni, faculty, students and friends. Ninth Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski visits College as jurist-in-residence. "Professor Lenich Found Guilty by Student 'Kangaroo' Court." Former Dean Strong delivers Coif Lecture. "Seven Woman Judges who Graduated in 1976 Embody Spirit of Their Class, Times." "American Trucking Industry, Law College Have Strong Ties." In the class of 2004, women outnumber men for the first time. "Cambridge Summer Session Offers Global Perspective."

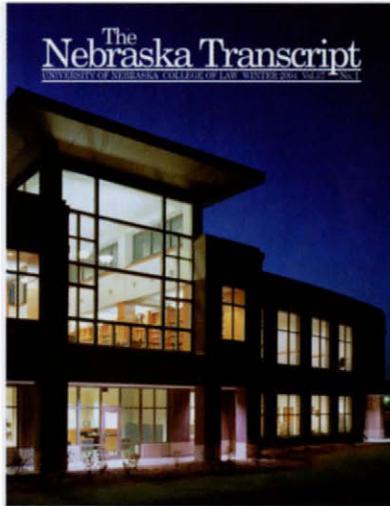


Justice Sandra Day O'Connor speaks at the Law College. Van Steenberg Memorial Scholarship created. Alum David Hill and former New York Solicitor General Preeta Bansal join faculty as visiting professors. "Trial Lawyer, Corporate Executive, Chief Justice: Norm Krivosha Has Worn

Many Hats.” Damon Barry named Ebony Leader of the Future.

■**2002-2003:** “American Indian Initiative Seeks to Increase Native Lawyers.” “Clinic’s Federal Civil Rights Case Teaches Students Many Lessons.” Former Dean Frederick Beutel is remembered in an article by former faculty member Allan Axelrod. Moot Court team wins National Best Brief Award. Prof. Berger retires. Carla DeVelder appointed director of Career Services. Bud Cuca Law College Memorial Fund established. “Entrepreneurial [Emily] Campbell Starts New York Firm.”

■**2003-2004:** Four page full color insert features newly renovated building. “Governors Room Dedication Honors



5 Remarkable Alums.” “New Library Seminar Room Honors Alum Bar Presidents.” Merle Jones, former president of CBS, leaves College \$3.4 million. Law School Admissions Council funds College’s Pre-Law Summer Institute. Former Dean Henry Grether, Prof. Norm Thorson memorialized.

■**2004-2005:** Client

Counseling team, Kevin Corlew and Adam Pavelka, win U.S. championship, compete in international competition in Glasgow, Scotland. Robert A. Cannon and Susan Jacobs Client Counseling Award established. 1954 championship moot court team remembered. Orientation on Professionalism and Ethics becomes part of new student orientation. College hosts Water Law, Policy and Science

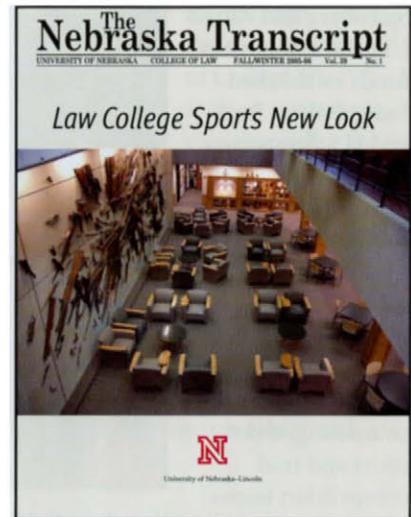


Conference. Ninth Circuit Judge Dorothy Nelson visits as Cline Williams jurist-in-residence. “U.S. Supreme Court Cites Kirst in Confrontation Clause Case.” Alum Steve Spitz serves as visiting professor. Joanna Rogers, secretary to the dean for 17 years, retires. “Blakeman Finds Similarities in Football Officiating, Law” “Captain Craig Strong, Now in Iraq, Receives General MacArthur Award.” Former Nebraska Governor Frank Morrison memorialized.

■**2005-2006:** First full-color issue of the TRANSCRIPT published. Professors Medill, Zellmer, Franck and Schutz join faculty. Tasha Everman appointed director of Career Services. Remodeled classrooms, student lounge featured. Four oil paintings featuring Nebraska landscapes by Lincoln artist Nadine McHenry unveiled. Limerick, Ireland, summer study program begins. Former professor and assistant dean, Don Shaneyfelt memorialized. Angie Hohensee appointed College’s director of development.

Law-Psychology Program featured. “Flavel Wright Grant Supports Bill of Rights Program.” Prof. Poser receives Shining Light Award from the Nebraska State Bar Foundation for her work as reporter on the subcommittee of the NSBA Ethics Committee that recommended the adoption of the new Nebraska Rules of Professional

Conduct. Professors Kalish and Snowden retire. Prof Henderson leaves to join county attorney’s office. Todd A. Morrison International Student Scholarship established. “Military Grads Assist War Effort as JAG Officers in Iraq, Afghanistan.” Former Wyoming Governor Stanley Hathaway memorialized. ■



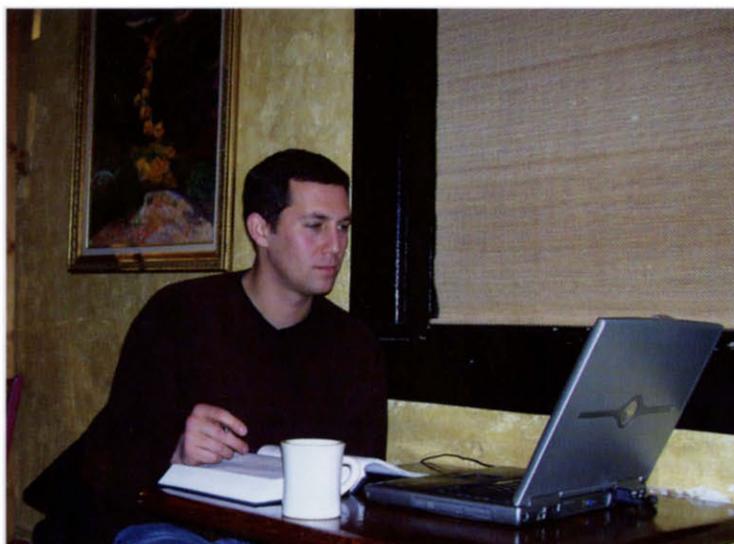


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***David Clausing,
Class of 2008,
Traverses Peaks
& Cliffs of Law
School's First
Year; It's Like
'Juggling Fire'***

BY W. JESSE WEINS

Meet David. David is a single, active, fire-juggling (that's right) 1L at the College of Law. This young man is embarking on that famous journey, the path that every potential lawyer must climb – *the first year of law school*. Full of peaks and cliffs, this path is like none ever trod before, even for people comfortable in elite academic environments. To those who have done so, remembering this journey invariably brings to mind an array of intense emotions, each of which David is intermittently experiencing, from jubilation and confidence to discouragement and (dare I say) panic. Together, let us return to this unique time and relive the first year of law school, through the eyes of one David Clausing, class of 2008.



Clausing studies at a local coffee shop, Mo Java.

Life Interrupted

Law school was not a lifetime goal or automatic decision, admits David in his mellifluous and candid voice. Standing well over six feet tall, with short, dark hair, usually topped with a worn baseball cap, he talks about his past. For the past three years, he has been employed at the Creighton University Medical Center. At this hospital, he worked as a medical technologist in the flow cytometry laboratory, a clinical lab and part of the general lab that performs any tests a

However, during this time as a medical technologist, the idea of studying law, especially health law, began to interest David. One of his best friends is a lawyer, and David met a number of people from her firm. Each of these lawyers, he found, was friendly and seemed to be an interesting person with whom to have discussions. Consequently, after talking it over with more friends and family, he decided to pursue a J.D. "Why not," he thought, since he had considered a graduate degree previously anyway.

In deciding upon a law school, David considered online advice, as well as books about weighing the reputation, price and structure of different law programs. He was accepted to a number of schools, but was drawn back to the College of Law because of the value of its education. "I was able to get a great education in my own state for a good price," he says. "I was also looking forward to moving back to Lincoln. It's a community I really enjoy."

When the time to matriculate approached, David believes it almost a relief, considering how the year had been going until then. Selling his place in Omaha, moving a couple of times and finding a place in Lincoln keeps him from too much anxiety about classes ahead of time. Even so, David knows of the extreme workload approaching, so he continues to talk to friends who had been through it. "I worry

less if I actually know what's in store for me," he says. Naturally, he is also apprehensive about quitting his job to go back to school, and about the lost security of a pay check.



Clausing meets with his orientation group early in the Fall semester for a "Now I Have Questions" brown-bag lunch. Clockwise from upper left: Prof. Craig Lawson, Clausing, student advisor Erin Gustafson, '07, Thomas Greene, Katherine Kalisek.

doctor might order on a patient. David's lab was used to monitor the T-cell counts in HIV patients, to make specific diagnoses of leukemia and lymphomas and to provide prognostic information for breast cancer patients.

During orientation, at first David is anxious to get the year started, but as it wears on and he and his new classmates listen to numerous speakers, David begins to appreciate the company he is in. He enjoys the ethics seminar with judges and attorneys from the community the most.

The First Semester – Taking the Bull by the Horns

After a couple of weeks of class, David's mind set has changed focus. "The time before law school and during orientation was about the big picture – questions like, 'Why do I want to do it?' and 'What does it take to be successful?' Now, my thoughts are centered around the difference between property lost and property mislaid. Does it matter? Has Prof. Works entered into a contract if he walks from R Street to O Street with a chicken on his head? These are the concerns on my mind these days. It seems as though I am already in the thick of it, but I have a feeling I ain't seen nothin' yet."

Despite these realizations, David still feels prepared, anticipating what lies ahead. He tends to spend about four to five hours after classes studying course material, plus an hour or two between classes reviewing what was covered. He is also taking advantage of advice from professors and Dean Glenda Pierce on preparation for class and exams. At this early point, Contracts is the class that is on David's mind the most when he's outside of classes. "Hopefully," he states, "this compensates for understanding it least while in class." Civil Procedure has also been a time consuming class, probably due to the complex interlocking nature of the federal rules.

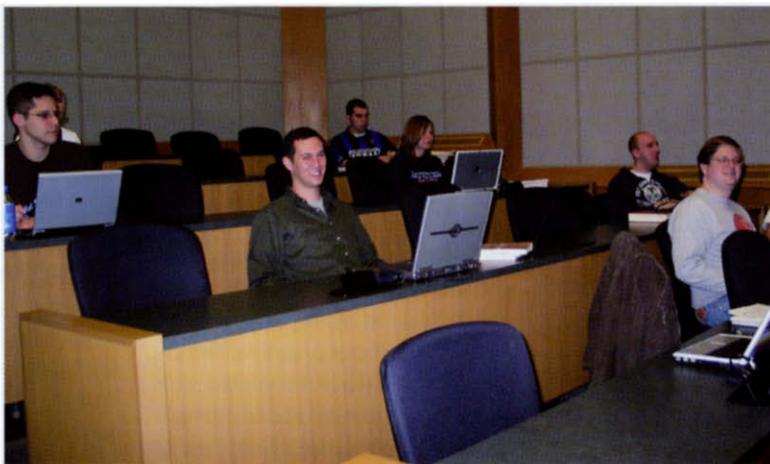
David has been adapting study habits to fit the law school environment. Undergraduate classes required him to know the information exactly as he had been instructed. For law school, however, his study primarily involves interpreting a jumbled mass of instruction, cases and supplemental material, in an effort to apply legal rules in any given circumstance. In other words, he finds that he is more responsible for teaching himself the concepts than in college.

Moreover, David has noticed how his time for personal hobbies has lessened. This can be difficult, as he likes to stay active by running or biking around town, and he has a tendency to be creative and begin various projects. Oftentimes, this involves starting various construction projects, like repairing bicycles or making a bat-house for his mother. "Right now I have plans for a couple carved out speaker boxes, some coffee table legs and a ½ inch plank

of plywood," he replies. David has even been known to juggle on-fire torches if the occasion should arise, but he is also content to "sit around a coffeehouse with friends."

One of the first jarring aspects of law school is the Legal Research and Writing course. This begins with a "closed" memo, meaning the applicable precedent is given to the students, and they simply apply it. Next, during the "open" memo, students are still not allowed to use computer-assisted legal research, even simply for printing (hence the pockets full of quarters), but they must seek out relevant cases. David's memo concerns how to apply the Texas Whistleblower Act. His fictitious client was fired from her job after reporting to the district attorney that her boss had committed forgery. "The main legal issue in question was whether

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Clousing prepares for his Civil Procedure class taught by Prof. John Lenich.

she made her claim in good faith as required by the Texas Whistleblower Act," David states. Fortunately, once David finds the pertinent statute and a treatise on his subject, most of the cases he wants are referenced there. At this point, he merely pulls the reporters and copies the cases.

As December mid-terms and finals approach, David becomes increasingly concerned with Civil Procedure. This mid-term is 50 per cent of the final grade, and they had already tested the waters with a practice exam. Thus, David is sure that Prof. Lenich will write a long, complex hypo with many and multifarious issues. In this course, there are numerous rules that do not always seem to tie together. Torts, says David, is the class in which he is currently most comfortable.

When asked to describe his "daily groove," David notes that it tends to vary. "It really depends on how late I go to bed the night before, but I often get up in time for an

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hour of reading before morning class. Between classes, I also read material for the next classes. If it's a day where class continues until 3 p.m., I rarely go straight to the library afterwards. Instead, I go home for awhile or to the rec center. I usually return to the library around 6 p.m. and work on the research assignment, afterwards getting together with a friend to outline. I stay at the library until 9 or 10 p.m., sometimes later if I feel behind. When I get home, I often read more material that might be covered in class the next day. Lately I've been trying to understand a particular Contracts case, so I keep re-reading it just so I have a clue for the next morning. I might get to bed then around midnight. Last night, I did Torts from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. It just seemed like a good time to work on it."

Luckily, David is also finding ways to relax through it all. He likes to meet friends at local coffee establishments, such as Mo Java Café & Roasting Co., The Coffee House and Meadowlark Coffee & Espresso.

Give Him a (Christmas) Break

After the close of the first semester, and those very first exams, David travels to Waverly, Iowa, where his entire family congregates to celebrate Christmas at his grandparents' farm. David grew up in Hastings, but a few years ago, his father, who is a Lutheran pastor, took a position with a church in Arkansas. His mother found a job within the Arkansas prison system as a principal for its GED schooling program. David's sister, who visited Lincoln during the first semester, also makes the trip from Seattle. She and her husband recently had their first child, David's nephew Noah. David takes his fill of leisure time in December, but once again returns to prepare and study the week before classes resume.

The Second Semester – A Mental Marathon

By the second semester of one's first year, that Legal Research and Writing course becomes a nearly obsessive focus. David's adjunct instructor is local attorney Gary Young, whom David believes "undersold" himself in their small group's initial meetings. While Young contended that the students would not think amiably of him once their writing projects were underway, David has found this to be inaccurate. He is impressed with Young's understanding of legal writing, especially after working through their differences with the general specifications of the large group instructions.

The two early memos of the first semester give way to a memo that sets up students' briefs and oral arguments in the spring. The issue of David's brief is a sticky one, in the grey area of constitutional confinement by public officials.

Specifically describing his issue as "whether, under the facts and Supreme Court precedent, a policeman subjected a woman to custodial interrogation while questioning her in a hospital," David rattles off pertinent facts at a whirlwind pace. A woman had entered herself into a hospital because of a laceration on her leg. An officer approached her and questioned her about a murder that had recently taken place. Eventually, the woman confessed to the murder, and when she confessed, the officer read her the Miranda warnings and put her under arrest.

Even so, David notes that he was initially disappointed and taken aback when he was assigned to represent the police officer for his brief, since David's memo had leaned toward the conclusion that the officer had, in fact, put the woman through a custodial interrogation. In other words, he is forced to argue the opposite side of what he thought the appropriate outcome should be. In his scramble to present the police officer's side convincingly, David does additional research and later actually becomes convinced that his earlier conclusion was erroneous. Now, he



Clausing answers a judge's question during his oral argument.

maintains and truly believes that the officer did not engage in a wrongful custodial interrogation, primarily because the hospital is unlike a police station and the officer did not place her there.

After turning in his brief, David turns to his oral argument. When the practice session is over, he describes it as "tremendously helpful" because he has never been involved in public speaking before. David had been given a speaking role in civil procedure class with Prof. Lenich, but that responsibility was neither formal nor graded. "The oral argument is like starting a whole new subject, after having become comfortable with the research and writing," he says. After his practice round, however, he comments, "It is nice to know that you're on the right track." While he is happy with his argument's introduction, he wants to study up on a few questions, as well as become more assertive in his speaking style.



Clausing and some of his fellow 1L classmates prepare for finals. From left to right: Clausing, Natalie Nelson, Erin Gerdes, Andy Hermann.

Before the oral argument graded presentation, David admits that he feels “a little stressed,” although he laughs and seems to be in good spirits. He also looks the part, standing tall in a white shirt and black suit jacket. As the session ends, David is satisfied with his performance. “The judges said I had answered their questions directly on point, which is good,” he comments, “but one thought I was too reserved in my speaking style.” The judges wasted no time, he says, since early in his introduction one threw a question at him that forced him to the middle of the issues. Perhaps this was because David was the final speaker, as the appellee of the second legal issue. Happily, however, the end of Legal Research and Writing prompts a “good time” with many first years. David and others visit Bodega’s Alley afterwards, before (what luck!) finding an Alpha Xi Delta taco feed that continues until 2 a.m.

Spring finals strike with blazing intensity, as the final few weeks slide by. The stamina needed to battle through on all five exams takes a mental and physical toll. Because they encompass a two-week period, the exams’ continual strain just doesn’t seem to let up. David deftly fights his way through, however, reaching for the light at the end of the tunnel. And then... (giant sigh) it’s over. He thinks that there is a tendency to be overconfident with one’s answers, since with essays, what one writes is what one believes to be correct. As his grades are displayed, David notes that he did better on Torts than he imagined, with his lowest mark being in Contracts. He finds it interesting how different the exams were, depending on the professor who taught the course.

Looking back, David notes that each important event through the year seems like ages ago, such as looking at the first semester while in the second semester or looking at

the second semester just three weeks after finals. The time flies by; in fact, other stories must wait for another day.

Ask him about his bicycle ride down Walton Trail and picnic with Prof. Lawson after having won the prize at the Women’s Law Caucus auction, or about his shadowing experience with an attorney at a Methodist Hospital in Omaha during spring break.

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The Next Step

David never had a set plan concerning law school. He thought he would get out of “the lab” for awhile and become versed in the issues he cares about most deeply. “Law school sounded like the most interesting thing to do,” David admits simply. He is not worried about getting any specific type of job. He does not even necessarily want to be a lawyer; he just wants to learn law. Besides, he could always return to the lab if he needed an income. “I am enjoying school more and more,” he states, “maybe even to the point of practicing.”

In that regard he is off to a great start. Having taken advantage of the Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest, David is working over the summer for Nebraska Appleseed, a non-profit organization that serves low-income families, immigrants and children in Nebraska. Half of his time is paid through the grant, and the other half is for law school credit as an externship and research in selected field course with Prof. Lawson. David is researching Nebraska’s health care issues, such as viewing other states’ statutes that include incentive programs for providing health care to employees. He hopes to encourage such health care and insurance options for employees here in Nebraska.

Yes, in the end, David conquered Goliath, that daunting first year of law school that threatens to crush all challengers. In fact, he looks forward to the challenges of the next two years. If David could give some advice to next year’s 1Ls, he’d tell them to take advantage of upper-class students’ knowledge, especially on helpful study aids and on the ways to study for individual professors. Sounds like juggling fire, doesn’t it? But, then again, that’s what being a 1L is all about. ■

Justice Ginsburg: 'Independent Judiciary Essential to Rule of Law'

“Essential to the rule of law in any land is an independent judiciary – judges not under the thumb of other branches of the government, and therefore equipped to administer the law impartially.” With these words, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, began her April 7, 2006, lecture, “Maintaining the Independence of the U.S. Judiciary,” to more than 500 students, lawyers, judges and administrators at the College of Law as part of the Roman L. Hruska Institute for the Administration of Justice.



She went on to warn that “judicial independence is vulnerable to assault; it can be shattered if the society law exists to protect does not take care to assure its preservation.” Ginsburg cited examples from Uganda, Russia and Ecuador of how “the best efforts of judges to adjudicate cases fairly can be thwarted.”

The U.S. Supreme Court has fared far better, she reminded her audience. The constitutional guarantees of lifetime tenure and salaries that cannot be diminished by the legislature have helped secure the judiciary’s independence from the political branches of government, but Ginsburg said, far more important is “a culture that frowns on attempts to make the courts over to fit the president’s or Congress’ image.”

Ginsburg described three instances in which the Court confronted unconstitutional assertions of power by the executive branch. One was when the Nixon administration refused to hand over the recordings and documents concerning the Watergate investigation. A second was when President Truman was ordered by the Court to rescind his executive order seizing 85 steel companies on the eve of a strike by steelworkers.

Her third example involved the treatment of prisoners captured after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. In *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*, the Court held that a U.S. citizen,

who had been captured in Afghanistan as an “enemy combatant” and who was being held on a Navy brig, must be allowed to challenge the factual basis of his detention before a tribunal meeting the demands of due process. Justice O’Connor, writing for a four-judge plurality, wrote that even in “our most challenging and uncertain moments” when “our Nation’s commitment to due process is most severely tested, we must preserve our commitment at home to the principles for which we fight abroad.” And in *Rasul v. Bush*, the court, in a 6-to-3 decision,

ruled that Guantánamo detainees may petition for a federal court review of their situations.

This distinguished record did not prevent Ginsburg from raising current concerns about the independence of the judiciary in this country. Too many, Ginsburg lamented, fail to “entirely understand what history, in large part, bears out: Federal judges . . . generally endeavor to administer justice impartially and to interpret laws reasonably and sensibly, with due restraint and fidelity to precedent.”

One “headline producing illustration” of her point was the reaction of then-House Majority Leader Tom DeLay when federal courts refused to order the feeding tube restored to Terri Schiavo, a brain-damaged Florida woman. The courts, she said, had read the federal statute “as it was written, not as a goodly number of the members of Congress wished it had been written.” DeLay had angrily warned that “the time will come for the men responsible for this to answer for their behavior.”

Another concern was the proposal by the House Judiciary Committee to create an “office of inspector general for the federal judiciary.” When the committee’s chairman wrote a letter to the chief judge of a judicial circuit complaining that the court had ordered an unlawfully low sentence for a narcotics case and called for a “prompt response . . . to rectify” the decision, it gave judges

a “good cause for concern” as to what the role envisioned for the inspector general’s office might be.

Ginsburg also decried congressional initiatives to restrict the federal court’s references to foreign law. Foreign law certainly is not binding precedent, she said, but is worthy of consideration, just as treatises and law professors’ articles are.

Another threat to federal judicial independence is a confirmation process that has “often strayed from examining the qualifications of each nominee into an endeavor to uncover some hidden . . . agenda the nominee supposedly harbored.”

Ginsburg also criticized recent congressional efforts to curtail judges’ attendance at out-of-town educational events. Current ethical rules, said Ginsburg, are sufficient to protect against the risk of judges being influenced by private interests that might underwrite legal education seminars. But impeding judges’ ability to attend and participate in such events, in the words of former Chief Justice William Rehnquist, runs “contrary to the public interest in encouraging an informed educated judiciary, and contrary to the American belief in unfettered access to ideas.”

Ginsburg also cautioned against a number of proposals to limit the jurisdiction of the federal courts. Subjects that have recently been proposed for jurisdictional limitation include federal habeas corpus; actions seeking relief against government’s



UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman presents Justice Ginsburg with the Willa Cather Medal, which recognizes individuals who have made great contributions to the humanities.

unconstitutional to be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate. Said Ginsburg, “The founders of the United States did not envision a rule of law based on pure majoritarianism, and I see no cause to embark on such an experiment now.”

The election of judges in at least 38 states was another subject that Ginsburg raised. Life tenure, she pointed out, is not the only way in which judicial independence can be secured; fixed nonrenewable terms could also be employed. She pointed out that in Nebraska, once appointed, a judge seeking retention must stand for an up or down vote periodically. “How can an elected judge resist doing ‘what the home crowd wants,’” she asked. “I invite this audience’s suggestions for satisfactory answers” to this question.

The Hruska Lectureship is jointly sponsored by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation, the Law College and the federal courts. Prior Hruska lectures have included Supreme Court justices Anthony M. Kennedy and Stephen G. Breyer.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was nominated for the Supreme Court by President Clinton. She is the second woman to be named to the court. Prior to her appointment, she served as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, as a law professor at Rutgers and Columbia and as general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union. ■



Members of the Women’s Law Caucus met with Justice Ginsburg. Pictured from left are Karen Ebmeier, Jamie Wobig, Ginsburg and Kimberly Loontjer.

“acknowledgment of God as the sovereign source of laws, liberty or government;” and claims involving constitutional challenges to the right to marry without regard to sex and sexual orientation. Another proposal would allow U.S. Supreme Court judgments declaring a federal law

Judge Tacha Reflects on Changes, Challenges Impacting Federal Courts

BY W. JESSE WEINS

On February 8, 2006, Deanell Reece Tacha spoke at the College of Law on “Change and Challenge for the Federal Courts.” Tacha, the chief judge of the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, appeared as the Cline Williams jurist-in-residence. She was introduced by Professor Colleen Medill who clerked for Tacha in 1989-1990.

Tacha discussed the myriad changes facing the federal judiciary in the 21st Century. She addressed the impact of technology in the modern courtroom, issues regarding diversity of the populace and of the bar, the notion of the vanishing trial and recent trends reflected in the federal docket as part of a discussion about the ever-evolving nature of the third branch of government.

She has been on the federal bench for over 20 years, the last five as the chief judge on the Tenth Circuit. This has given her a good foundation for understanding the legal landscape during this period, as well as insight into the future of the country’s judiciary. She spoke concerning this landscape and what it portends.

First, Tacha described “The Whats” of the past 20 years, i.e., the legal issues the federal courts have dealt with. In this time, there have been many major changes. The Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which were far more stringent than state guidelines, had been enacted by Congress. As a result, more prosecutions were being brought in federal courts.

In 1985, there were only a handful of federal crimes, as criminal law was primarily state law. Today, however, there are over 500 federal crimes.

Federal discrimination law is much broader and more mature than it used to be. Likewise, environmental law was in its youth 20 years ago. The Supreme Court has recently granted certiorari in a larger percentage of business cases, and the ramifications will resound in both the profit

and nonprofit sectors. Focus on white collar crime has also expanded, especially in the severity of sentences and penalties. In addition, there is a new set of bankruptcy amendments, and these amendments have an impact on judicial caseloads. Perhaps the biggest “neon light” for federal courts concerns immigration law. All courts are

being impacted, but the caseloads of border states have increased exponentially.

Other changes will continue to impact our system for decades, if not longer. Technology aids our understanding of many issues, such as water law and intellectual property. Expert testimony is much more efficient because of technology, and information is more available and more sophisticated. Tacha presided over the Oklahoma City bombing cases in the Tenth Circuit and believes that legal issues concerning terrorism will continue to occupy the courts. Examples include the legal ramifications of the Patriot Act, including

surveillance and the treatment of enemy combatants.

Next, Tacha discussed “The Whys” of the past 20 years, i.e., the influences on the law. Scholars will remember this period as a remarkable one in which the court adapted old principles to novel situations. In this age, constitutional provisions have begun to collide. The developments since the Constitution’s drafting have resulted in legal issues impacting many areas of the law that the founders could not have imagined. Moreover, respect for state law and state constitutions has increased during this period.

Tacha continued by considering “The Who,” i.e., the faces behind the law during the past 20 years. She stated that the bench has changed in character, that there are happily more women and more people of color in the judiciary. This helps to reflect the diversity of the American public. On a less positive note, there has been



a dramatic drop in the number of judges coming from private practice. The Eisenhower administration, for example, appointed 65 percent of its judges from private practice, while the Bush administration has only chosen 38 percent from private practice. This is problematic because judges with practice experience are helpful to the system. Unfortunately, this may be due to the lower pay, since “even the academics are making more than the judges!”

“The How” of the administration of justice has also changed, according to Tacha. She is concerned that our nation may be relying too much on alternative dispute resolution. ADR is a necessary feature, but right now 98 percent of civil trials are not in the regular courts. This rate is worrisome because such procedures are not transparent. This makes the administration of justice seem hidden. In contrast, traditional courts are transparent, inviting public observance and concern.

In addition, “The How” of what judges do is impacted by the jump in caseloads. In 1985, all the circuits together had a caseload of over 33,000. In 2005, it was over 68,000. Despite this increase, except for a few exceptions on the borders, there are no new Article III judges.

Finally, Tacha finds that the public itself has changed. In the early 1980s, *CNN* and *USA Today* began to make people aware of the “hot button” legal topics, as well as high profile trials and events. Even so, the public is ill-educated regarding how the law actually works or even what general legal concepts, like the independent judiciary, mean. Tacha concluded that lawyers and judges must help the public in its ability to understand legal history and formulate intelligent legal opinions. Because we have been granted a legal education, we have a civil duty to aid the rest of the country. She calls for us all to “be more than advocates; be patriots!” ■

Pound Lecturer, Waldron, Addresses Trade-Offs Between Liberty, Security

BY W. JESSE WEINS

On January 26, 2006, Jeremy Waldron, university professor and director of the Center for Law & Philosophy at the Columbia University Law School in New York delivered the Roscoe Pound Lecture. Waldron spoke on “Safety, Security, and Public Goods with Structure.”

Beginning with the truism that “nobody wants to be blown up,” Waldron focused his speech on the trade-offs between civil liberties and national security in the post 9/11 United States. Are less civil liberties and more government surveillance a necessary condition of heightened security? It is impossible to know, he stated, since we have not been victims of another successful attack. Yet, it is possible to gain perspective over the civil liberties/national security balance by deconstructing the meaning of security and how it may be found in society.

Waldron considered the relationship between “security” and “individual safety.” Concerns about individual safety do not explain what Waldron calls the “depth” of the issue – the fear of violent death, living with fear, the loss of assurance, the loss of routines.

Nor do they explain the “breadth” of the issue. Individuals may be differently situated with regard to threats to their safety. Thus, a higher degree of national security as a whole does not necessarily make certain individuals (such as the poor), or certain areas (such as those in public buses) any more secure. Some individuals will no doubt be additionally compromised by the increased government surveillance, such as those who “look” like terrorists. Thus security is not a pure public good, one that can be equally distributed. Some methods of raising security may actually hurt security for some sections of society, in effect trading the liberty of a few for enhanced security of others.

According to Waldron, an aggregate view of security is not the best way to conceptualize the civil liberty/national security debate. Instead, we must see the needs of individuals who could be marginalized and the needs of a potentially-injured minority. Our nation’s people do not want to be safe from danger by being locked in a sealed room. We want mutual security for all individuals, along with decreased fear. The trade-offs expose this debate’s complicated relationship, but we must see the individual, as well as the whole. Moreover, we must see security as more than just individual safety, but also factor in the harm fear itself can engender. ■



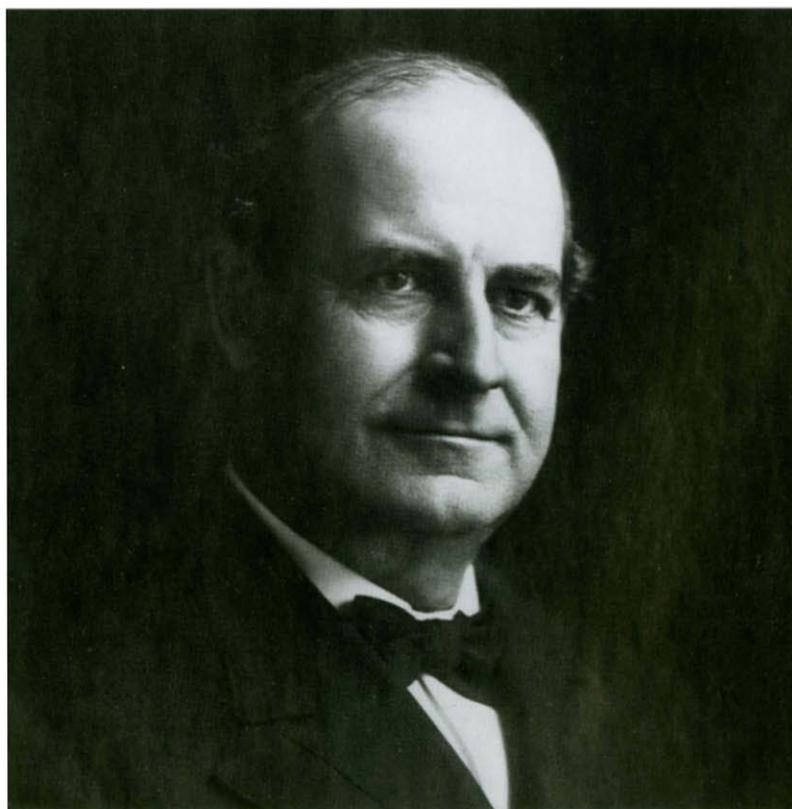
Jeremy Waldron with Prof. Susan Poser and Dean Steve Willborn

The Great Commoner

Symposium Contemplates Controversial Modern Legacy of Nebraska Lawyer William Jennings Bryan

BY JASON A. CANTONE

When people think of the most famous lawyer to hail from Nebraska, William Jennings Bryan is usually the first to come to mind. Whether known for his part in the Scopes Monkey Trial (seeking to prevent children from learning about evolution) or his role in politics (highlighted by unsuccessful presidential runs), Bryan is one of the most well known lawyers in American history.



Michael Kazin, professor of history at Georgetown University authored *A Godly Hero: The Life of William Jennings Bryan*, which evaluates Bryan's legacy and the

profound impact Bryan made on the political, economic and legal foundations of our society. Just as Bryan has been called "one of the most controversial lawyers," Kazin's novel has also been described as controversial.

"I heard the book is controversial, and if there's a place to showcase this controversy and talk about it, it should be here at the College of Law," said Assistant Professor Susan Franck, the program's organizer and moderator, before the symposium featuring three prominent lecturers began.

Kazin said society's interest in populism spawned his interest in Bryan. "I like writing about people who have been dissed . . . and few have been condescended to as much as Bryan," Kazin said.

Kazin believes the portrait of Bryan made famous in films and plays such as *Inherit the Wind* misrepresents Bryan's important status in American cultural and legal history by presenting him as one with a pathological hatred of knowledge.

Bryan, known as "The Great Commoner" and the most popular orator of his era, received support from the American Federation of Labor, fostering a connection to the Democratic Party that has lasted a hundred years. Kazin said that Bryan was an integral figure in turning Democrats into what we now view as the more liberal of the major political parties. Bryan also cared about civil rights and women's suffrage. However, he spurned W.E.B. DuBois when DuBois offered to support him, and Bryan refused to remove the KKK from the Democratic Party. Kazin presented this as a political

move to garner needed political support, whereas other historians contend that this shows Bryan's refusal to stand up for minorities.

Professor William Thomas, the John and Catherine Angle professor in the humanities at UNL, focused on how Bryan influenced the development of American railroads and on his modern political legacy. Thomas discussed the 1894 election when Bryan ran for Nebraska's U.S. Senate seat against a railroad attorney.

"If this was ever good versus evil, this was going to be great," Thomas said, before reminding those in attendance of Bryan's election loss.

Thomas mentioned that corporate interest might have bought the legislature, and that this, coupled with Bryan running out of campaign money, brought about his defeat. The railroad industry was described as a force to which "everyone else was subservient – and pulled everyone else into its orbit." Whole regional economies collapsed and others formed in the wake of railroad expansion, Thomas said. Thomas believes that Bryan's situation is symbolic of a modern problem where people vote their fears and their wallets.

Jim Chen, associate dean and James L. Krusemark professor of law at the University of Minnesota Law School (and recently appointed dean of the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law), said Bryan is like "a prophet, a stranger to his own country."



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"He was a complete loser in science," Chen said. "He failed miserably at the one federal job he held" and Chen concluded that it was a good thing that he lost the presidency.

Bryan's policy of free silver was a crude and obsolete tax policy that had underlying wise ideas. Chen said

that free money is great for a growth environment, but people with a fixed stream of income want tight money.

"Ultimately, the Constitution is a financial document," Chen said, as he focused upon the 1896 financial debates regarding tariffs and government revenue. Traditional politics made it difficult to turn populist fury into legal and electoral reform.

Chen stated that Bryan's actions, however, helped bring about such reforms as the direct election of senators and replacing a tariff-based economy with a tax-based one. In conclusion, Chen compared Bryan to Moses and other religious figures in his analogies about taking America to "the promised land." ■



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Congratulations, Class of 2006!

Members of the College of Law's Class of 2006 received their J.D. degrees on May 6, 2006, at a ceremony held at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts.

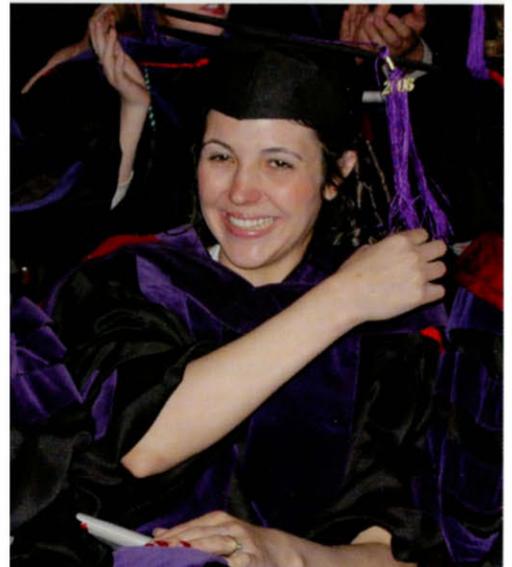
The commencement address was delivered by J. Robert (Bob) Kerrey, who served three years in the United States Navy including service in Vietnam and received a pharmacy degree from the University. After a successful business career, he served as Nebraska's governor for four years and served as a United States senator for 12 years. He is presently the president of The New School, a legendary progressive university located in New York City.

Kerrey told the graduates, "We may not understand your Latin phrases, but we must not abandon our belief in how much the law gives us.

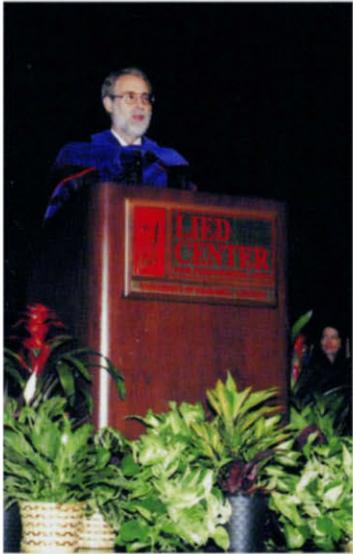
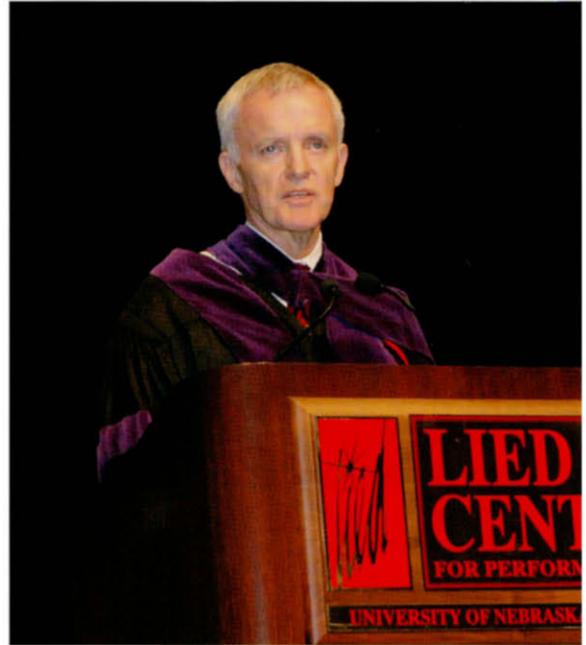
You must remind us."

Christopher J. Riffle, president of the Class of 2006, delivered remarks on behalf of the class. William G. Dittrick, '74, president of the Nebraska State Bar Association, and John V. Hendry, '74, chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, welcomed the new graduates to the legal profession.

Processional and recessional music was provided by the Plymouth Brass. ■



GRADUATION 2006



Opposite page from top: Christopher J. Riffle, president of the Class of 2006; Janet King receives her diploma from Dean Steven Willborn; graduates, including Jennifer Coe (right), move their tassels to the left side. This page, top row: Prof. Susan Poser congratulates Justin Adin; J. Robert Kerrey delivers the commencement address. Middle row: NSBA President William Dittrick addresses the students; Supreme Court Justice Ken Stephan and Chancellor Harvey Perlman. Bottom row: Dean Willborn and Andrea Miller.

Family Tradition Ceremony

Seven Graduates, Family Members Honored

At its 2006 graduation, the College of Law continued its recent tradition of recognizing the significant contributions that family loyalty makes to the Law College. At the Family Tradition Ceremony prior to the graduation, seven graduates were joined by family members who had also graduated from the Law College. The family members were each presented with a plaque in the shape of the state of Nebraska with their names inscribed alongside the name of their current graduating relative.





1. Mary K. Blecha with her father, Kirk S. Blecha, '74

2. D. Brandon Brinegar with his father-in-law, Kent A. Schroeder, '68

3. Jennifer R. Deitloff with her father, John K. Sorensen, '73, and her cousin, John L. Selzer, '05

4. Erin Nowlan Fox with her brother, Shawn P. Nowlan, '94

5. Amie E. Perlman with her father, Harvey S. Perlman, '66, and her brother-in-law, David O. Spinar, '96

6. Kate E. Placzek with her father, Daniel M. Placzek, '81

7. Michael L. Schudel with his father, Paul M. Schudel, '75

Law Student Mabrey Works in India To Shut Down Sex Trafficking

BY JASON A. CANTONE

Walking down the streets in India last summer, nothing could prepare Sara Mabrey, '07, for Calcutta's Red Light District.

"The brothels were so dirty, and the men were dirty and everything about it was so disgusting," Mabrey said.

Walking down the street, you would see girls no older than 12 years old lined-up for blocks and blocks. Each girl would do her best to entice men into following her into the

brothel and paying for her services.

"It was shocking just how normal all the girls looked," Mabrey said. "They looked like little girls who should be on the playground and not standing in line in front of brothels seeking customers."

Mabrey spent time last summer working with attorneys and social workers at Freedom Firm where she worked with College of Law alum, Glen Parks, '01. Consisting of attorneys and social workers, Freedom

Firm seeks to rescue children forced into prostitution and find justice by identifying victims and perpetrators of forced prostitution, mobilizing police to rescue victims and arrest perpetrators and by assisting the legal system in prosecuting perpetrators. Freedom Firm also encourages rescued girls to seek justice and begin rehabilitation. However, these noble tasks are often quite difficult.

The police are occasionally corrupt and tip-off brothels before busts, Mabrey said. In addition, rescued children might not be out of danger.

"In one home for rescued girls in Calcutta, the girls' organs were being sold to provide money to the home," Mabrey said. "In another home, the rescued girls were required to be part of a whole new sex ring when they were at their most vulnerable."

While taking undergraduate psychology courses at Asbury College, in Wilmore, Ky., Mabrey knew she wanted to help end this seemingly never-ending circle of abuse.

"I learned about sex trafficking while at a conference in Washington, D.C., and I was enthralled with the possibility of being able to do something to help," Mabrey said. She said that she was studying child sexual abuse in psychology courses at the time and it intrigued her why people would take part in such a business. Her interest in rescuing the victims of sex trafficking brought her to the College of Law, where she learned how the law could be an effective tool to combat sex trafficking.



Sara Mabrey wears a sari, the traditional garment worn by many women on the Indian subcontinent.

In some situations, parents or family members sell children into the system, while other children are kidnapped and forced to become sex slaves.

“Either way, they’re often put into a situation where they can’t afford to get out,” Mabrey said.

She said that the children often live in boarding houses with a rent inflated to the point where a girl needs to have sex with 10 men a day to pay the bills.

Even with her impressive knowledge and passion to learn about and bring an end to child sex trafficking, Mabrey began the journey with a few worries.

“My biggest fear was that I’d be lonely all summer,” Mabrey said. She was worried that she might not hit it off with the social worker she intended to live with for five weeks. Also, she wondered what it would be like to live in a brand new culture where there might not be people with whom to talk and socialize. However, Mabrey said the worst part of her preparation was the immunizations.

“I hate needles and you have to get so many shots to go over and live in India for a summer,” she said. “That definitely made me nauseous.”

Despite her worries, “everything turned out to be incredible,” Mabrey said.

She even started meeting new people on the plane to India.

“I met a couple on the plane, met people on the streets, had meals in people’s homes,” she said. “Indians were extremely warm and friendly people and easy to get to know.”

In addition, Rohi, the social worker she lived with “was amazing,” she said.

Mabrey said living in India really opened her eyes to how a different culture views something as looked down upon as child prostitution.

“I began to see society through someone else’s eyes,” she said. “I could see how women are treated by society and what views everyone has.”

Mabrey discovered that it is important to talk about others’ cultures to better understand your own and that her experiences made her better equipped for any job.

“Seeing all aspects of the child sex trade made me have compassion for all of the individuals,” she said. “You see a terrible poverty and desperation, where children live on the streets with lice crawling all over their bodies.”

Mabrey vividly remembered visiting a home for children dying of AIDS. The house was small, with maybe 25 children and house mom and dad who had lived there for 15 years. During the day, the children would

attend school and then eat their meals and play at the home. They resided outside of the town, which allowed a quieter atmosphere where the children could play without neighbors watching them like social misfits.

“To know they would all die early made it difficult, but their spirit showed me how blessed I am and how you need to make the most of each and every day,” Mabrey said. “You need to live and experience each day.” ■



A cobbler on the streets of Calcutta

Law Students Spend Spring Break Providing Legal Help to New Orleans

BY RYAN LINDBERG

Five College of Law students spent their 2006 spring break volunteering for the New Orleans City Attorney's Office. Paul Brunner, '07, Joneice Burnett, '07, Rebekah Caruthers, '07, Ryan Lindberg, '07, and Rebecca Pugh, '08, spent the months before their trip fundraising to cover the costs associated with flying to and staying in New Orleans. The trip was sponsored by private donations from various individuals and business as well as the Black Law Students Association.

The Nebraska law students were part of a much larger group of law students traveling from law schools across the country to provide legal relief to the people of New Orleans. The Student Hurricane Network, developed by law students to help solve the legal problems created by Hurricane Katrina, organized the relief effort.

While in New Orleans the students spent most of their time working on legal research and writing projects for the City Attorney's office. The students had the opportunity to meet Mayor Ray Nagin, attend a City Council meeting and tour the Lower Ninth Ward. When not at work the students spent time becoming familiar with New Orleans and had the opportunity to patronize many local establishments, a surprising number of which had already reopened despite the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

The students were shocked upon seeing the Lower Ninth Ward and the level of destruction that was not apparent in the French Quarter and Business District where the students spent most of their time. All of the students agreed that the trip was a unique experience and were thankful to be able to volunteer some of their



Five College of Law Students who were part of the Hurricane Network were able to meet with New Orleans' Mayor Ray Nagin. From left: Rebecca Pugh, Paul Brunner, Nagin, Rebekah Caruthers, Ryan Lindberg and Joneice Burnett.

newly acquired legal knowledge. The comments of Rebecca Pugh, who is a former resident of New Orleans provide insight into the state of New Orleans, at the time of the students' visit.

"Having previously lived in and frequently visited pre-Katrina New Orleans, I couldn't help but notice the changes. At first glance, much of the city appears to be worn but otherwise unaffected. On our first day, I roamed some of the more familiar areas – the French Quarter,

the Central Business District [downtown] and Uptown. A few blown out or boarded up windows, closed businesses, fallen posts, and blinking stop lights, were the only obvious reminders of the previous destruction.

"I waded through the cabbage, beads and plastic cups leftover from the Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day celebrations; I sipped coffee alongside the hipster/student crowd on Magazine Street; dodged young people yelping for beads in the French Quarter. So after the first day, I prematurely concluded that New Orleans had either rebounded or remained relatively unscathed.

"The tour of the Lower Ninth Ward was sobering – the devastation was simply unimaginable and undeniable. We saw high water marks, rescuers' graffiti, houses pushed off their foundations crushed against neighboring houses, overturned cars, toys buried in mud, all signs of life reduced to rubble. I knew the destruction continued past what we saw – through the Ninth Ward, New Orleans East, St. Bernard Parish, and all along the Gulf Coast. Pictures cannot convey the scope of the devastation nor the emotional repercussions. The emotional damage left in Katrina's wake struck me more than vast piles of rubble

Hurricane Crisis Spurs Zehtab To Chair Disaster Preparedness Project

“Hurricane Katrina made me angry,” explained Sean Zehtab, ’08. “Everything that could go wrong did go wrong down there in terms of the government response, but I had to ask, ‘What have I done? I’m just as responsible. I’m a law student and I’m going to be part of the legal profession.’”

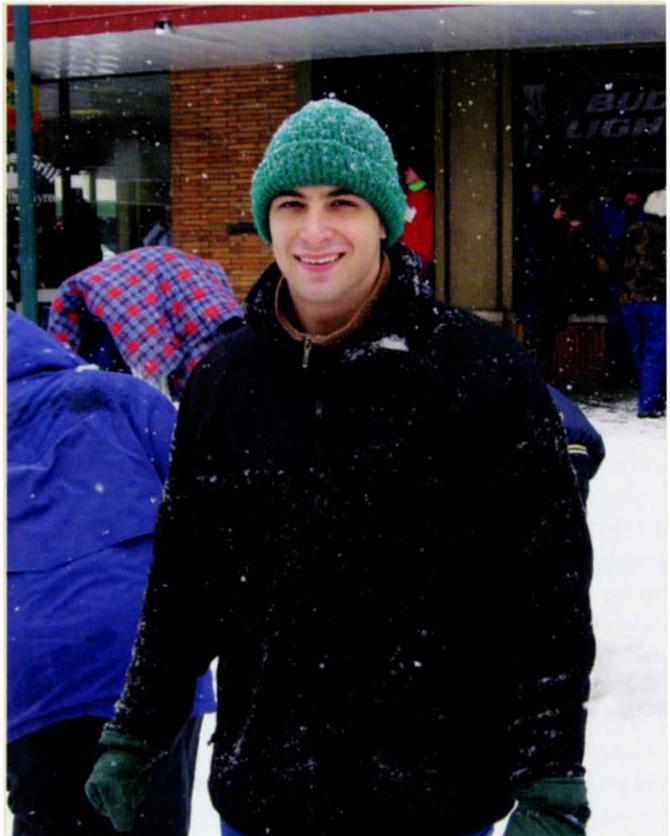
Zehtab’s visits to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast let him see first hand the need to deliver legal services to those who were hardest hit in the aftermath of a disaster – people, especially immigrants and the indigent, who lack legal representation. Some languished in jail, charged with crimes that were allegedly committed before the hurricane, but whose cases remain in limbo; many had already served their maximum possible sentence. Others faced eviction from landlords, but did not have the legal representation needed to present their side.

As a result, he became involved with the Student Hurricane Network and its Disaster Preparedness Committee, which he co-chairs. Working with a law student from Chapman University, who is also getting his Ph.D. in disaster preparedness, and an attorney from the Mississippi Center for Justice, Zehtab’s committee is partnering with ABA’s Pro Bono staff to prepare a model disaster training manual that can be adopted by any state. Upon completion of the template,

ever could. The entire city seemed shellshocked. The sense of loss, uncertainty, and desperate hope was palpable in every conversation.

“I learned of the damage from the insistent spirituality of the cabbie who endured worsening conditions in his home for seven days after the storm, from the reticence of the cop who stayed on the job despite losing her house, from the family grateful to be serving falafel to tourists again, from the many people who returned to their jobs without their families because of scarce housing and schools, from the drunken attorney who confided that his newfound love of celebration sprang from his desperate wish to return the city to “normal,” and from the tarot card reader moonlighting as a doorman until the tourists return to ask about their future.

“After a week, I understood that ‘rebuilding’ will require much more than fixing windows and streetlights. Hurricane Katrina left an indelible mark on New



Orleanians. But despite the trauma and its wicked reputation, New Orleans has always had a strong and unique community. I have no doubt it will endure.”

In December 2006, during the break between semesters, seven College of Law students participated in the Student Hurricane Network’s Project Gideon. They were Joneice Burnett, ’07, Rebekah Caruthers, ’07, Ramon Griffin, ’09, T.J. Johnson, ’09, Toni Leijá Wilson, ’08, Liam Gallagher, ’09, and Todd Molvar, ’09. More than 150 law students from 12 law schools assisted about 30 New Orleans public defenders with a caseload big enough for at least 72 full-time attorneys. The students went to jails and interviewed criminal defendants who had been waiting to see lawyers for months. ■

students and other organizations in a state will be called upon to research the laws of the state that are relevant to delivering legal assistance to the poor and indigent in the aftermath of a disaster.

The committee plans to promote the project and to train public interest leaders in the manual's use. "We feel it is important to do tabletop simulations and face-to-face training," Zehtab said. "We have a target list of states that are in high threat areas, ones that have declared emergencies over the past 15 to 20 years and we're going to work with those first." He has already attended the ABA's Criminal Justice Section's Conference on Disaster Preparedness in the Criminal Justice System in New Orleans and the Equal Justice Works Conference in Washington, D.C., to recruit people to help on the project.

His response to Hurricane Katrina was far from the first time that events have propelled Sean Zehtab to take action in the public interest. He was an undergraduate at the University, majoring in developmental biology, when the attacks of 9/11 occurred. "It was clear that people were going to be fighting on my behalf," he said, "and I didn't have anything to stop me from being part of that." Along with his older brother, he enlisted in the Army and served in Iraq for 14 months. "I was a tanker, but in Iraq we also did patrols in Humvees and the sort of nation building you see on TV – building schools, going to community meetings and patrolling the neighborhoods," he explained. Near the end of his deployment, an uprising in several cities led to his involvement in major combat in Sadr City and Najaf.

It was Zehtab's experiences in Iraq that led him to law school. "I was interested in the law in Iraq because it seemed like such a lawless place. Soldiers were enforcing the law and making up the law as they went along. Within the broad confines of the Geneva Convention and our orders, we were out there on the street acting as judge, jury and executioner all in one," he recalled. "That really got me interested in the law and why people have laws and obey them." After he graduates, returning to the Army as a JAG officer is an option he's considering.

Zehtab's Iraqi experience led him to another endeavor – politics. The society he had left to enter the military was not the same when he returned. The country seemed more militarized and more desensitized. While the threat of terrorism is very real, Zehtab believes some elements in society were taking advantage of the fear it engendered. At the same time, "the destruction of the middle class is going

on unabated. Here in the heartland, people are hurting. Health care costs are exploding; illegal immigration and globalization are problems. Cheaper goods at a store are of no benefit to those who can't buy those goods because they don't have a job."

He ran for the Nebraska legislature in the 26th district. He campaigned on improving education in the state by rethinking how the state delivers education in rural areas and on stopping the Nebraska practice of "roller-coaster budgets." He emphasized making investments in drawing business to the state and in technology in order to make the state less dependent on agriculture. "The great thing about the information economy is you can do things anywhere in the world. You can do it in Massachusetts, you

can do it in California, Oregon and Texas, and you can do it in Nebraska, too," he said. We need to address problems before they happen, he added, like preparing for the time when much of the manual labor will be done by robots.

Even though he finished a distant third among the three candidates in the race, Zehtab said he gained from the experience. "I enjoyed meeting and talking to people and the challenge of figuring out where I stood on the issues," he recalled. "I went into it with the

idea that I'm probably not going to win, but I'm going to talk about the issues that I care about and represent myself well, and I'm going to listen to people." He also found it amusing that many people came to him with concerns that had nothing to do with state government. "It's like running for dog catcher, but you're not running for dog catcher."

It was difficult to run for the legislature while a law student. But even though he is no longer involved in a political campaign, Zehtab finds time to pursue his passion for the public interest while continuing his legal studies. His involvement in the Student Hurricane Network is just one such endeavor. Another is his conviction that ordinary people need to know more about the law. He enjoyed teaching in the Law College's Community Legal Education Project last year, and this year he is working with the national Street Law program to teach a course in practical law in area high schools and community centers. A pilot program in one school begins this spring. To him, this is just a beginning. "I definitely believe that in this law school there is a great opportunity to create tremendous public interest lawyers due to the quality of our education and the relatively low tuition costs that reduce our student loan debt." Zehtab certainly is doing all he can to bring this about. ■



As part of his campaign for the legislature, Sean Zehtab spoke at Lux Middle School on Veteran's Day.

Former Loyola-New Orleans Student Finds Respite from Hurricane Trauma

BY W. JESSE WEINS AND ELLIE TYTKE

Ellie Tytke transferred to the College of Law after Hurricane Katrina induced a temporary hiatus at the Loyola University-New Orleans School of Law in Louisiana. The hurricane left her apartment flooded, her car totaled and her life in disarray. Although Loyola is once again holding classes, Ellie is happy with her decision to move to Nebraska and attend the Law College.

The daughter of a newspaper reporter, Tytke was used to moving around the country. She had lived in Florida, Alabama and California before studying at Florida State University and graduating from Emory University in 2002. After two years in the workforce, she decided to go to law school. Location was central to her decision in choosing a law school. New Orleans appealed to her because she is an avid live music fan and the city had a thriving local music scene. She also looked at the employment rate for recent graduates and the cost of living, which was lower in New Orleans than in many large cities.

Tytke was initially impressed with the friendliness of the students and administration at Loyola, where she made many friends. The hurricane hit late in the summer after her first year at Loyola. She was with friends traveling to see their favorite band. She was aware that a hurricane was scheduled to hit Florida, and perhaps New Orleans, but the constant hurricane warnings and two previous evacuations that year, had desensitized her and others to the danger.

Having lost her cell phone, Tytke was not aware of the growing strength of the hurricane or that it had turned toward Louisiana until she saw what was happening while watching the Weather Channel in a gas station in Indianapolis. Even after she replaced her lost cell phone, she wasn't able to get through to New Orleans. By the time she returned to her mother's home in Tallahassee, she had learned through emails that her friends were safe, so her primary concern was for her cat Uma. She knew that the



friends who were looking after Uma were unable to reach her and that she had been stranded in her apartment on the first floor of an apartment complex.

The first day that Louisiana officials allowed reentry into the state, Tytke and her mother headed for New Orleans. The drive was creepy, to say the least. As they moved through Gulf Port, Miss., Katrina's wrath was evident. Power lines were leveled; trees had snapped like twigs; road signs were broken in half. Abandoned cars littered the sides of the road and debris was everywhere. Approaching the New Orleans area, there was a distinct and putrid smell. It is hard to describe – something like mold and garbage.

The drive took eleven hours; they arrived in the middle of the night.

The city was eerily quiet and dark. Occasionally, a police vehicle or military vehicle would drive past, and there were spotlights run by generators at a few intersections. It was hard to see with no power, but the devastation was apparent. Buildings were toppled; trash was strewn everywhere; trees had fallen. Driving into her neighborhood in the Metairie neighborhood, all was still. Each block was different, however. Some neighborhoods seemed to have suffered little damage; others were devastated.

She entered her apartment with a police officer. They found Uma in the bathtub, shaking but unharmed. A quick scan of the apartment revealed that her cat was smart to hide in the bathtub. The carpet was soaking wet and the bathroom had an inch or so of standing water. Everything was covered in mold. Nothing seemed to be missing, but the cupboards were all opened. Only later would they discover that looters had kicked in the door, looking for food and water, and that neighbors who lived above Tytke had supplied the cat with food and water.

In Florida, Tytke attempted to make a decision about law school. It was two weeks into the semester. Some of

her friends were attending various schools from across the country, but when Loyola announced that it was opening a satellite branch at the University of Houston primarily for first-year students, she decided to go there. The University of Houston was very accommodating, but the long commute, parking difficulties and taking classes at odd hours were hard to deal with. Moreover, while in school,



The destruction in New Orleans

Tytke was in constant battle with FEMA. Trying to get help was like a full-time job.

By the spring semester, Loyola was up and running again. But Tytke had few reasons to stay. By then, looters had taken everything from her apartment, and life in New Orleans was chaotic. She decided to transfer to the College of Law. She was familiar with Lincoln, having visited the city to see a band at the Rocco Theater. Then, as now, she found Lincoln to be exceptionally agreeable. The people are friendly, the downtown quaint and the climate much cooler than the south. Her contacts with the school were positive. The admissions office was a delight to deal with. Helpful, accommodating and empathetic are the three best words she can think of to describe office personnel Beki Colberg and Vicki Lill. Having been through so much, Tytke found it a relief to have such caring people on staff.

She is glad she chose to transfer. The students have been very friendly, and she likes her classes and professors. The classes are a bit smaller, which is also a plus. The quality of the instruction is superior and the workload comparable to what she experienced at Loyola. She loves living on a lake, being able to cross town in fifteen minutes and the change of seasons. It is a different life here, which moves at a more comfortable pace.

Tytke hopes that this disaster will foster greater recognition of the unfortunate situation in New Orleans. Outsiders travel to the city for Mardi Gras and Jazzfest, but they do not see the impoverished children and dilapidated homes that sit just a mile or two from the French Quarter. Furthermore, the poverty line in this area is closely associated with race, as the majority of the city's poor are black. Some have faulted those families for not being able or willing to evacuate, but it is not mentioned that over 20 per cent of New Orleans households lacked access to a car. She asks, "If one's family has no transportation, and one's entire life has always been in New Orleans, how and where would a person go anyway?" ■

■ Guest Speakers Enlighten Law College Community



Dean Steve Willborn with Thomas O. Barnett

■ **Thomas O. Barnett: Working for Justice**

A lot has happened to Thomas O. Barnett between leaving his childhood home in Norfolk and speaking at the Law College in September 2006. Barnett gained international exposure as a Fulbright Scholar in the United Kingdom, where he first met Dean Steve Willborn. But Barnett's success is even more profound in America.

The Senate confirmed Barnett as assistant attorney general of the Antitrust Division, United States Department of Justice, on February 10, 2006, after an extensive legal career that included a clerkship in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Barnett drew from these experiences when presenting his lecture on anti-trust law.

Barnett provided an overview of the history of antitrust laws in America and explained in simple

terms how supply and demand can be negatively affected by price-fixing schemes.

Competition is a fundamental guiding principle for our nation's economic policy, spurring innovation and maintaining effective pricing, he said. Barnett explained that cartel enforcement is the Antitrust Division's top enforcement priority. The division is also trying to convince other countries to impose penalties to prevent cartels. Barnett related antitrust procedures to known psychological forces such as the Prisoner's Dilemma, where you are better off being the first to confess and gain amnesty from further criminal liability.

Luke Alexander, '07, said the lecture's biggest insight was that "people in cartels are banging down the door to confess. It's amazing." Alexander also enjoyed that Barnett spoke of the connection between antitrust and the world of sports.

Barnett also recognized that Nebraska is filled with sports aficionados and explained why college football plays on Saturdays, and the NFL on Sundays. Congress created an exemption for NFL antitrust, provided that they play games only on Sundays during the college football season. This cleared up Saturdays so that NCAA college teams, such as the Huskers, would not need to compete for airtime with professional sports.

-Jason A. Cantone

■ **Judge Daniel Beckwith: International Law in Bosnia**

Judge Daniel Beckwith visited the Law College and spoke on his experiences in international law in Bosnia.

Beginning in 2004, Beckwith managed a national war crime trial monitoring unit in Bosnia, after war crimes trials were moved there from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. He has analyzed over 30 war crime trials, provided judiciary training and served as a media spokesperson for the Bosnian War Crimes Report.

Beckwith described the challenges of instituting courts for criminal and human rights crimes in post-conflict Bosnia. After such conflicts, it becomes difficult to do justice.

First, the criminal procedure code needs to be rewritten, which limits the court's ability to rely on precedent or legislative history. Second, new and reinstated judges must be taught their role in an independent judiciary. Fact finding is problematic as many people have left the country or do not want to testify. For those recovering from conflict, the trials attempt to do justice, and for all, there is a need to hear the people's testimony to aid the process of closure. According to Beckwith, the American lawyers helping in the process often do not have the necessary training and experience to achieve optimal results in Bosnia.

Judge Beckwith is from Nebraska and was a trial judge for the 6th Judicial District of Nebraska from 1976 until 2004.

-W. Jesse Weins



■ **Donald C. Farber: Author, Entertainment Lawyer & Literary Agent**

Donald C. Farber, '50, spoke about his experiences as an entertainment lawyer and literary agent during a visit to his alma mater. He began by remarking that his job in entertainment law entails mostly going to theater. But, he considers this better than reading law books, at least most of the time.

Working in show business, he noted, involves “putting deals together.” The occupation does not depend on the interpretation of cases; it is “simply” formulating agreements.

Farber considered himself lucky to have fallen into the business when off-Broadway shows were just beginning. He offered three tenets that one should know about show business before diving in. First, everyone’s paranoid. This is because 85 percent of actors in New York, for example, are not employed. Second, it is an ego biz. Nevertheless, one must live with conflicts of interest when drafting documents for parties, working for what Farber calls a “community of interest.” Third, it is a sexist business in many respects.

Farber explained the basic outline of his job, which is getting everything ready to get a play produced. There are numerous types of agreements that must be drafted and negotiated, including option agreements, co-production agreements and associate producers agreements. Such agreements and preparations must satisfy securities laws, and Farber noted that all such organizations are formed as limited liability companies. From that point, one need only obtain a cast and crew and find a theater. He contends that the first and most important aspect is acquiring capital funds. “Raising the money for the show is 88 percent of the job, the other 12 percent is hiring the right people,” he stated. Eventually, however, one learns the people to know and how to comport with pertinent laws.

Farber also detailed his project, *The Fantasticks*, a two-act play, which ran for 42 years and earned tremendous profits. He also commented on a drafting error in *The Fantasticks*, a statement that income would be paid for certain period “from the close of the show.” This became a real issue, since the show played for 42 years.

-W. Jesse Weins

■ **Josephine Potuto: NCAA Infractions and Athletic Boosters**

Is giving a Nebraska football player a free lunch an NCAA violation? The Nebraska Entertainment and Sports Law Association invited Prof. Jo Potuto to explain NCAA infractions and athletic boosters. Potuto is the University’s faculty athletic representative to the NCAA and the Big 12 Conference.

Potuto said the NCAA Infractions Committee only has authority over member universities and not over individual boosters. Similarly, the NCAA cannot impose penalties on an individual coach but might tell the university that the coach will not be allowed to do off-campus recruiting if there were past violations. A booster with no formal association with the university is farther removed from NCAA sanctions, but the university can still be held responsible.

At an infraction hearing, boosters have no right to be present. If boosters were allowed to appear, Potuto said, the “big money boosters” would arrive with counsel explaining how they did nothing wrong, while the rest of the boosters would be unable to attend. Bigger boosters are more likely to be known by the university and, thus, are more likely to be held responsible. For example, when Alabama denied knowledge of a booster in a recent case, the booster’s many athletic privileges called the university’s veracity into question.

When asked whether a school like Creighton should be held to a different compliance standard than a larger school like UNL, Potuto replied, “If you want to play with the big boys, you need to be held to the same standard. If you want the benefits of Division I, you need to match the compliance required.”



-Jason A. Cantone



■ **Amy Miller and Kevin Hasson: The Constitutionality of Religious Symbols on Public Lands**

Should the village hall display a Nativity scene around Christmas? Should the Lancaster County Courthouse display the Ten Commandments as guiding principles? The Federalist Society invited Nebraska ACLU attorney Amy Miller, '96, and Kevin Hasson of the Beckett Fund for Religious Liberty to debate the constitutionality of religious symbols on public lands.

Miller stated that the ACLU seeks to prevent the government from endorsing any religion. This has led governments to place secular items alongside religious displays in order to make them more likely constitutional. She highlighted one location where officials placed a gingerbread man peering through a window at the baby Jesus to “secularize” the display. Miller also stated that the Ten Commandments should not be displayed on public lands because, while they encompass guiding principles, different religions have different versions of the

Commandments. Admitting the ACLU’s stance is often controversial, Miller read letters complete with expletives criticizing the ACLU’s position.

Alternatively, Hasson believes that a diversity of religion in public must be endorsed. He finds that religion should be viewed alongside race and ethnicity. Hasson said ethnic parades and holidays do not create government endorsement for any particular group. He said it’s “common sense” that one wouldn’t protest a St. Patrick’s Day parade on behalf of non-Irish and that “a foundation of democracy is to hear and see things you disagree with.”

Miller calmly disagreed with this diversity stance, stating that allowing all religions a place would lead to public photos of aborted fetuses and Rastafarians bringing marijuana more into the culture.

“Both Miller and Hasson presented their arguments in such a manner that recognized and respected the positive and negative aspects of the opposing opinion,” said Lisa Morinelli, '08. Currently enrolled in Constitutional Law, Morinelli found the debate pertinent to the class and “an illustration of the practical application of the law in today’s world.”

-Jason A. Cantone

■ **Patrick Garry: Corrupting the First Amendment: The Consequences of Granting Highest Constitutional Protection to Non-Political Speech or Why Hugh Hefner Has More Rights Than Cindy Sheehan**

Children around the world are able to play an online video game called Super Columbine Massacre RPG. In this game, players utilize semiautomatic weapons to shoot down people in the Columbine school cafeteria. Controversial video games often spur heated debates on censorship and limits to free speech. Likewise, some question whether the free speech rights of vocal dissenters such as Cindy Sheehan should be regulated.

Dr. Patrick Garry, law professor at University of South Dakota School of Law who has a Ph.D in constitutional history, explained the importance of free speech and how current policies could harm political speech. Garry, invited by the Federalist Society, has published seven books, including *Rediscovering a Lost Freedom: The First Amendment Right to Censor Unwanted Speech*.

Garry stated that the classical argument regarding free speech postulates that we must protect low-value speech to truly protect high-value speech. Thus, even though one court opinion stated that an estimated 29 million children viewed adult programming each year, courts have declined to impose any burdens on this type of speech.

Under the marketplace-of-ideas model, the rationale of protecting speech is that the social truth needed for self-government can only arise from an



Patrick Garry with Federalist Society President, Marco Brown

open competition of ideas. Thus, we must increase the volume of ideas to maximize the diversity of thoughts. While the marketplace model once was concerned with a relatively small supply of ideas, Garry said with the Internet and cable, “we are flooded with ways to find information,” ways that often drown out political speech and place an emphasis on celebrity headlines and sports scores. For example, moments before Garry spoke about this rising concern, some news web sites featured headlines such as “Cameron Diaz: Photog tried to run me down,” glossing over global warming and controversial speeches at the United Nations.

Garry finds video games a good example of legislative backlash against current free speech doctrine. States regularly pass legislation to reduce perceived indecency in video games, and courts repeatedly strike them down. Garry proposes that, given the realities of our media society, the First Amendment should split political and non-political speech, giving political speech the highest constitutional protection. This two-tiered model would correspond with both history and the intent of the Framers, but also makes the rationale real that political speech is at the heart of the First Amendment. Concerns arise on how to differentiate the types of speech, but courts have already made differentiations between fact and opinion in defamation cases and between facts and ideas in copyright law.

-Jason A. Cantone

■ **Jim Huffman: A Public Purpose Is Not a Public Use: Why the Supreme Court Got It Wrong in Kelo**

When should the government be able to take your home? The Federalist Society invited Prof. Jim Huffman of Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Ore., to discuss the ramifications of the recent Supreme Court case *Kelo v. New London* and the power of eminent domain in our society.

When an area is economically depressed, Huffman said, the state might seek to step in and buy the property in order to encourage future economic prosperity. However, what happens if the landowners do not want to sell their homes and businesses for only “just compensation”? It is an easier case when the government needs to take land for an important public highway or railroad. But, in *Kelo*, the United States Supreme Court said it was constitutional for a city to take land and sell it to a private developer as part of an integrated development plan designed to revitalize an ailing economy, as long as the taking was not designed to confer a private benefit on any particular private party.

The Court found that, if a community would enjoy the general benefits of economic growth, it is a sufficient public use for the government to take the property under the Fifth Amendment. Huffman finds Justice Stevens’ opinion in *Kelo* to be “troubling.” While the term ‘public use’ was generally defined as what the legislature views to be a public use, Stevens incorrectly blends the terms ‘public use’ and ‘public purpose’ together, Huffman said.

This issue has resulted in political action across the nation. In *Kelo*, there were about 40 *amicus* briefs filed. The case has spurred 12 ballot initiatives in 2006 and hundreds of law articles in the last two years. “I don’t know if I can think of another case that generated such across the board political response,” Huffman said.



-Jason A. Cantone

■ **Michael Heise: Federal Implications of No Child Left Behind**

Prof. Michael Heise of the Cornell Law School in Ithaca, N.Y., explained that legislative reform efforts such as the No Child Left Behind Act are fraught with unintended legal and policy consequences. Heise presented his thesis on October 9, 2007, at the College of Law, with support from the Winthrop and Frances Lane Foundation.

No Child Left Behind, said Heise, involves all districts in the country in an attempt to decrease achievement gaps and expand school accountability for student progress. Schools must show academic progress or face escalating consequences. However, the states can self-define their assessment standards. States can also decline participation, but must then also decline financial incentives.

Every state participates in the No Child Left Behind, but courts have held that participation is not mandated. The state of Michigan has argued that No Child Left Behind requires costs not covered by the act. Heise noted, however, that the costs cannot be too great if all states continue to participate.



Policy consequences of the act flow from the legal consequences. As states aimed for the top, they began “jockeying for position,” which resulted in increased standards on school achievement,” Heise said.

If states diluted performance standards, it could increase the chance of a state to navigate safely through No Child Left Behind with minimal financial consequences. The mandate of state testing limits this concern, Heise said. The existence of a national test can show whether the state’s assessment standards fall above, at or below national standards.

As to Nebraska, “it’s like a perfect storm here in the last calendar year,” Heise said. Nebraska’s approach to achievement leads to a higher pass rate than is reflected by the national test. Parents and leaders need to decide what to do with the gap between exam scores for Nebraska children and whether utilizing a set national test alone could benefit or harm.

There is also concern that the act restricts the curriculum and that teachers will be forced to teach to the test and emphasize rote memorization. Heise advises, however, that the goal should be not to conform to a set test, but to create the best test possible to advance education. Despite potent concerns, Heise insists there is a strong place for the No Child Left Behind Act in the nation’s educational structure.

-Jason A. Cantone

■ **Jennifer Roback Morse: Authentic Feminism: Having It All, Eventually**

Feminism must uphold the values of women without denigrating men, said Jennifer Roback Morse, a former professor of economics at Yale University and the author of *Love and Economics: Why the Laissez-Faire Family Doesn’t Work*, in her presentation at the Law College, which was sponsored by The Federalist Society.

Morse said that the image feminists filter to society is that men and women are identical, “except that women are better,” and that it is almost criminal to suggest that men and women can have prominent differences.

However, Morse suggested that men and women are indeed different and should work together in collaboration. She suggested that this model of complement and collaboration will lead to a better future than one of pure gender competitiveness.

Morse provided examples that men and women are different from early child development. For example, boys and girls respond differently to daycare and these differences exist in social interactions throughout adulthood.

Morse suggested that women should be allowed to finish school sooner by moving educational systems from age-based to achievement-based so that women can harness their abilities to learn quicker and be ready for motherhood “during their childbearing peak years” in their twenties. In addition, Morse believes a more flexible labor market is needed so that women can return to school or work after having children. Finally, Morse also suggested a larger element of fault brought into divorce proceedings to strengthen the importance of stability in marriage and allow women to take career chances they might not take if they believe their husbands might leave them.

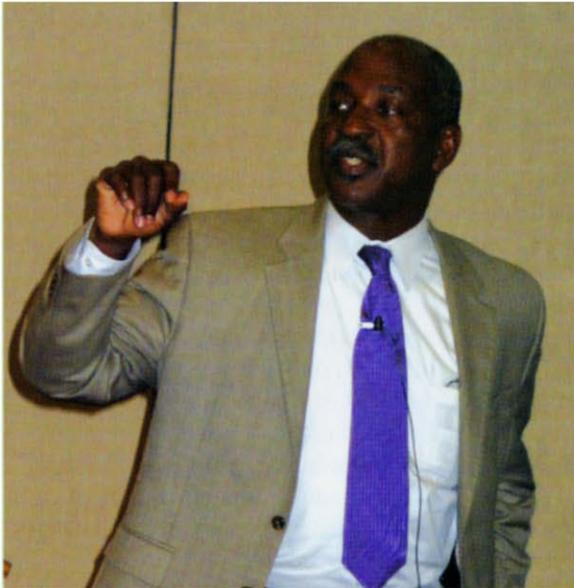


-Jason A. Cantone

■ **Charles Ogletree: All Deliberate Speed**

Harvard University Law Professor Charles Ogletree came to speak at the College of Law with a long list of accolades and personal achievements spanning several decades. Ogletree is a prominent legal theorist who has dedicated his life to looking at the Constitution to examine people’s rights and how history has shaped our country. While presenting historical revelations in the context of *Brown v. Board of Education*, Ogletree also promoted his new book, *All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half Century of Brown v. Board of Education*.

Ogletree’s main goal, he said, is “to show that *Brown* opened the doors for people to be successful.” Using historical summaries of prominent Blacks who were either harmed by racism or devoting their lives to ending it, Ogletree reminded those in attendance of a quote by Charles Hamilton Houston: “A lawyer is either a social engineer or a parasite.”



Social engineering can be done through empirical research. Ogletree showcased work by Robert L. Carter, whose psychological studies of children's preference of dolls was cited in the *Brown* decision. While empirical research is still introduced in courts today through testimony and amicus curiae briefs, courts continue to question its validity.

Among the historical figures discussed by Ogletree, Emmet Till brought about some of the most emotional responses from those in attendance. Till, a black man, was killed after he was caught whistling at a white woman in 1955. His mother released harrowing pictures of his corpse to the media, which were shown during the lecture, to show what was still happening in society. Till's story has been told in the film *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till*.

Ogletree also focused upon the role of education in America. Before *Brown*, W.E.B. DuBois explained, "The Negro needs neither separate nor mixed schools. What he needs is Education." This statement, made two decades before *Brown*, captured the notion that it is not the place but what is in it that is important, said Ogletree.

Ogletree said *Brown's* consequences were not all positive. Some 38,000 black teachers and administrators lost their jobs in Southern states. Black schools were closed down, and the teachers were told they were no longer needed. This wasn't a question of the teachers' qualifications, as 85 percent of minority teachers had college degrees, a higher percentage than whites.

Prof. Susan Poser asked how Ogletree viewed the current Omaha schools proposal advocated by Sen. Ernie Chambers. Ogletree said that when he first heard of the Omaha proposal, it sounded outrageous because it returns to discriminatory "separate but equal" ideas. However, Ogletree said that, as a citizen, there is an intellectual question: "Is Chambers saying that if integration isn't helping the urban community, can he work it out so that his community receives short-term benefits?"

Ogletree said that the proposal "probably won't survive any legal challenge because it's race-specific," but it has woken-up legislators to provide services to children who need it most.

Ogletree has been part of efforts to re-emphasize education in low-income communities. In one summer, Bell Scholars gained six months of reading and math skills, compared to the two months of regression experienced by most children during the summer. In addition, parents and teachers noted improvements in self-esteem and social skills.

As Ogletree said at the end of his lecture, "It is a question of when will we be able to embrace that we are one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for ALL, and it is not just a matter of red state or blue state or Republican or Democrat."

-Jason A. Cantone

■ College's Diversity Programs Receive NSBA's Visionary Awards

The College of Law's efforts at promoting diversity in the legal profession were recognized by the Nebraska State Bar Association with awards presented at the 2006 Barristers' Ball. Receiving Visionary Awards were the College's Pre-Law Institute, a summer program funded by the Law School Admissions Council that exposes minorities and other under-represented populations to the promises and challenges of a

career in law, and Charles E. Wright, '58, who is the primary sponsor of the College's Native American Education Forum, which promotes the importance of a legal education to the Native American community. The Barristers' Ball was held in honor of the Bar's Nebraska Minority and Justice Implementation Committee.

■ Courtroom Host to Boswell's Military Promotion Ceremony

The Welpton Courtroom at the College of Law has hosted trials,

classes, competitions and plays, but on April 12, 2006, it was the site for a truly unique event – a military ceremony for Charlotte Downey Boswell, '07, who was promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Air Force. She was also presented with the Military Outstanding Service Medal.

The ceremony included the presentation of the colors by the University's ROTC Honor Guard and the singing of the National Anthem by ROTC cadets Samantha Veal and Jason Parsons. Col. Robert R. Tovado

presided over the ceremony and administered the oath to Boswell. Also speaking was Boswell's husband, Capt. Mike Boswell, who lamented that he would no longer be able to pull rank on his wife or make her call him 'sir'.

Charlotte Boswell said that she

decided to have the ceremony at the courtroom because it was "a place that represented my future," as an Air Force JAG officer. "Many of the things I will do as a JAG will pull from experiences at the Law College with my peer, faculty and staff members.

I greatly value the foundation these experiences have provided me."

Another reason she thought that it was appropriate that the ceremony be held at the College was to provide members of the Law College community who may have never seen

■ Dramatic Basement Flood Not No. 1 Disaster

On November 13, 2006, a water pipe broke in the basement of the Law College, releasing 300-400 gallons of water per minute. By the time the water could be turned off, about 30,000-40,000 gallons of water flooded the student lounge and locker areas, reaching a depth ranging from about 1-3 inches. It was a very dramatic sight, but the water was clean and clear so it is difficult to get a sense of it in pictures. The building's staff worked quickly and efficiently to remove the water, and it appears there will be no long-term damage.

Classes were cancelled for the day. Dean Willborn made the following report to students in the next issue of the *Sounding Block*, the bi-weekly Law College newsletter:

You have now all lived through one of the Law College's all-time, top-ranked disasters. Congratulations. I'm sorry to report, however, that I think the flood can only rank second or third on the list, at best. (I've only been here 27 years; who knows what horrible things might have happened in 1895 or 1926.)

By my lights, the top-ranked disaster was the fire of 2002. This occurred during construction of what is now the North Hallway. It was a slow burn, rather than a raging fire. As a result, I have no great picture of billowing flames, for which I am thankful.

This was a bigger disaster than our recent affair for two reasons. First, a fire produces both fire damage and water damage, compared to a flood which produces only water damage. Second, we were not able to get rid of the smell of the fire for months. So far, fingers crossed, we do not think there will be any long-lasting effects like that resulting from the flood.

I can't talk about the fire without mentioning that Prof. John Lenich gets some of the 'credit' for this disaster. He was working late that night and thought he smelled something funny. So he called the police. Twice. Then went home for the night. Later that evening, the fire occurred. Let this be a warning: If you smell fire, you should call the fire department, not the police. I hope Prof. Lenich reads this in case he's forgotten the central lesson of that night in 2002.

The second-ranked disaster would have to be the mold problem in January 1999. One day, there was suddenly a sour odor in the Dean's Office. Worse even than what normally emanates from those quarters. Eventually, we determined that there was a serious mold problem coming from the vents that go underground from the basement, across the floor under the student lounge, and then up into the Dean's Office and Room 106. The Dean's Office was entirely vacated. The administrative staff was scattered in spare offices around the building. Dean Nancy Rapoport was located in a tiny office near the back of the library. Many people in the building fell ill. Many people looked for and found jobs elsewhere. As you might guess, I have no pictures of this disaster – and John Lenich bears no part of the blame. But it was a big problem.

Thus, I am sorry to say that our flood, dramatic though it was, can only rank no better than third on the all-time list. Which just goes to show that sometimes it is better not to be Number One.





a formal military ceremony “an insight into our world. Our ceremonies are rich in tradition, handed down through the generations. They serve to bond military members together, remind us of our heritage and honor our accomplishments.”

■ **Advocacy of Shanks Family Inspires Gradwohl’s Artwork**

As part of the Lincoln Arts Council’s Stories of Home Project, the Multi-Cultural Legal Society and the Black Law Students Association co-sponsored a display of the artwork entitled “All Deliberate Speed” at Varner Hall from August 25, 2006 to September 8, 2006. Ann Gradwohl, daughter of Prof. John Gradwohl, ’53, and Judge Jan Gradwohl, ’54, created the artwork, which was inspired by the life of Lela Knox Shanks.

Shanks, along with her husband, Hughes Shanks, was active in the civil rights movement, and the artwork captured the Shanks family’s fight for better education for not only their

own children, but for all African Americans.

A special reception for law students, faculty and members of the community was held on Thursday, August 31, 2006, at Varner Hall to view the artwork and hear Gradwohl and Shanks speak about the artwork and the story behind it. University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken gave the opening remarks, followed by Dr. Sonya Smith, associate to the president and assistant vice president for academic affairs for diversity, who spoke

about what it meant to have this artwork displayed in the University’s administration building.

Gradwohl shared her story about the creative process for the artwork, before turning the program over to Shanks who spoke about her life and the struggles her family had faced in education and employment due to segregation. She powerfully spoke of her husband Hughes’ struggle to find a job in the legal field after law school because he was consistently refused job applications based on his race.

In her artist’s statement, Gradwohl explained what her artwork, inspired by the advocacy of Hughes and Lela Shanks, represents:

“To express visually a context in which discrimination, segregation

and racial stereotyping and profiling have been allowed to exist, I have elected to use two school desks. Each is painted the color of a common school writing implement. One is the graphite of pencils. The other is chalk. The chalk-colored desk, like our white majority culture, does not face directly the source of its support. This element of the work is intended to encourage members of the majority culture to expand their understanding of the stories of others and to act to make an inclusive and just community through which we may, together, push the human race forward.

“Etched into the desktop of the sculpture, as they are etched into the collective memory of those who seek racial equality, are the oxymoronic words used by the Supreme Court in the *Brown* decision, ‘all deliberate speed.’ This text is imposed over footage of the August 28, 1963, March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.”

-Caitlin Barnes



Ann Gradwohl’s Stories of Home Project as it was displayed in Varner Hall.

■ *Class of '76 Donates Artwork for Student Lounge*

On September, 29, 2006, the recently refurbished student lounge at the College of Law was the site of the unveiling of an eye-catching work of art donated by the Class of 1976 on the occasion of its 30th class reunion.

Larry Roots' "Laws of Nature" is a work of art composed of 57 squares in three rows. In the words of the artist, "This artwork functions on two levels . . . upclose as an individual perspective, and afar, as a diverse pattern and matrix. .

. . This concept illustrates the importance of individualism within a global society. "The whole is the sum of the parts."

Class members Gene Crump and Bob Bartle explained the inspiration for the gift in a letter to their classmates. They wrote: "When we moved to the new Law College on East Campus, it was new and modern and bereft of art, history and soul. The Class of '76 supplied the soul for many law school challenges and activities by our engagement, involvement and perseverance. History was made by our success in University, regional and national legal competitions. We left the school a better place after our graduation. . . . The law school has remodeled the library, courtroom, classrooms and student lounge after 30 years of intensive use. Dean Willborn has sought works of art to be placed around the school to add life and energy to the building, faculty and students who followed in our footsteps. It would be appropriate if our class (the



The Class of 1976 gathers in the student lounge for the dedication of the "Laws of Nature" artwork.

first class to start as seniors in the new law school and graduate) would present to the law school a symbolic piece of art work in the student section of the building in our name for all of our living and deceased classmates."

In their letter, Crump

and Bartle asked the Class of '76 to recall the life works of their deceased classmates: Mark Behm, Bob Cannon, Stan Foster, Gary Geese, Becky Glover and Doug Voegler.

Crump chaired a steering committee composed of Bob Bartle, Sam Brower, June Wagoner Edwards, Susan Jacobs, Tom Lamb and Keith Prettyman, among others, that was in charge of raising the funds needed to purchase the artwork. They hoped that the contributions would also allow the class to continue its contributing to the Becky Glover Library Fund and to help support the Client Counseling Competition, a program that began while they were students at the Law College.

2005-2006 Student Award, Competition Winners

Graduation with Highest Distinction

Mark Hassebrook
Scott Newman

Graduation with High Distinction

Derek Aldridge
Robert Diederich
Leigh Koehn
Tracy McKay
Keith Peters
Samuel Randall
Christopher Riffle
Joel Weigert

Graduation with Distinction

Amy Brooks
Jameson Brummond
Matthew Connealy II
Sean Conway
Allyson Crossman
Jennifer Deitloff
Nathan Evershed
Jill Fiddler
Erin Fox
Christopher Hilkemann
Stacey Hines
Jennifer Holden

Jason Janousek
Brent Keele
Damon Kruger
Michael Kuhn
Grant Leach
Erinn McGorty
Sean Murray
Mark Porto
Alan Schuller
Christopher Seifert
Amber Shenk
Scott Taylor
Heather Veik
Zoë Wade
Mathew Watson
Joshua Weir
Jessica Wieland
Andrew Wilcox
Lani Wright

Order of the Coif

Derek Aldridge
Robert Diederich
Mark Hassebrook
Leigh Koehn
Michael Kuhn
Grant Leach

Erinn McGorty
Tracy McKay
Scott Newman
Keith Peters
Samuel Randall
Christopher Riffle
Christopher Seifert
Joel Weigert

Order of the Barrister

Jason Caskey
Sean Conway
Janet King
Damon Kruger
Allyson Mendoza
Kate Placzek
Mackenzie Sorich
Melissa Vincent
Zoë Wade

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

top GPA in each class
Scott Newman, '06
Benjamin Siminou, '07
Erin Gerdes, '08



An adventurous group of law school students traveled to the University of Southern California in Fall 2006 to support the Nebraska Cornhuskers football team and meet Nebraska alumni from around the nation. Nic Sikora, '08, provided Trojan costumes painted with Nebraska colors and symbols for those who drove to Los Angeles. Pictured are top row: Jason Cantone, '08, Ryan Sevcik '07, Nic and Andrea Sikora. Bottom row: Marcos Flores, '07, Anthony Ybarra, '09, Brenda George, '07.



On Saturday, September 9, 2006, the College of Law held its first Meet the Families Day. Students and faculty brought their spouses and children to participate in activities like the fishing game, a goodie walk, beanbag toss and bocce ball.

**George L. DeLacy Memorial Award
excels in Constitutional Law and
exemplifies compassion and
understanding for human rights under
the law**

Christopher Seifert, '06

Theodore C. Sorensen Fellowship

Patricia Kush, '07



Ted Sorensen, '51, presents Patricia Kush, '07, with the Theodore C. Sorensen Fellowship

**Robert G. Simmons Nebraska Law
Practice Award
best student paper of significance to the
general practice of law in Nebraska**

Joe Kishiyama, '07
Ben Siminou, '07

**National Association of Women Lawyers
Outstanding Student Award**

Kimberly Loontjer, '07

**Credit Advisors Foundation Award
Civil Clinic students of the year**

Alan Schuller, '06
Christopher Seifert, '06

**Pat Gies Memorial Award
outstanding Civil Clinic student**

Christopher Seifert, '06

**Academy of Trial Attorneys Award
outstanding Criminal Clinic student**

Samuel Randall, '06

**Silver Quill Award
excellence in Legal Research & Writing**

Kelli Churchill, '08

**Gross & Welch Best Brief Award
best brief in Legal Research and Writing**

Joshua Diveley, '08
Christine Higgins, '08

**McGrath North Mullin
& Katz Legal Writing
Award**

Hilary Anderson, '08
Kelli Churchill '08
Erin Gerdes '08
Jonathan Haas '08
Christine Higgins '08
Andy Maca '08
Marcus Powers '08
Matthew Ream '08
Jessica Snowden '08
Michelle Weber '08

**National Moot Court
Team**

Sean Conway, '06*
Allyson Mendoza,
'06*

Kate Placzek, '06
Mackenzie Sorich, '06*
Melissa Vincent, '06
Zoë Wade, '06
*won regional, competed in national
finals

**Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court
Competition – first place**

John Anderson, '07
Patricia Kush, '07

**Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court
Competition – best brief**

John Anderson, '07
Patricia Kush, '07

**Roscoe Pound Award
best oral advocate in Thomas Stinson
Allen Moot Court Competition**

John Anderson, '07

Grether Moot Court Competition Best

Oral Advocate

John Anderson, '07

**Grether Moot Court Competition – first
place**

John Anderson, '07
Patricia Kush, '07

**Robert A. Cannon and Susan Jacobs
Client Counseling Award
first-place team in Client Counseling
Competition**

Mindy Rush, '07
Abby Smith, '07

**First-Year Client Counseling Competition
– first place**

Nic Sikora, '08
Michelle Weber, '08

National Trial Team

Justin Adin, '06
Jason Caskey, '06
Lucas DeLay, '06
Charles Emanuel, '07
Nathan Evershed, '06
Janet King, '06

**National Animal Advocacy Moot Court
Competition**

Michelle Broyhill, '06
Melissa Harvey, '06

**National Animal Advocacy Closing
Argument Competition**

Janet King, '06*
*National runner-up

**Lierman Animal Moot Court Competition
– first place**

Michelle Broyhill, '06

**Lierman Animal Closing Argument
Competition – first place**

Janet King, '06

Harner, Schutz Join Faculty

Rapoport Inspired Harner's Love of Bankruptcy Law

She grew up in Canton, Ohio, the home of the football Hall of Fame. She is an avid fan of her law school alma mater's football team, the Ohio State Buckeyes, as well as of the Cleveland Browns. So how has Michelle Harner adjusted to being a College of Law faculty member in Lincoln? "Well, we have Nebraska license plate holders on our car, we had season tickets for the football team and Alexandra, my two-year old, can say, 'Go Big Red,' quite nicely," she said.

Harner's path to the Law College went from Canton, to Boston

College where she majored in English and political science, to Ohio State where she was executive editor of the law review, to serving as a law clerk for United States Bankruptcy Court Judge William T. Bodoh in Youngstown, Ohio, to law practice with the international law firm Jones Day in Cleveland and Chicago. But she



has a Nebraska connection, as well. In law school she "fell in love with bankruptcy law" due, in large degree, to the influence of one of her mentors at Ohio State, Assistant Dean Nancy Rapoport, who would later become dean of the Law College in Nebraska. Rapoport, who taught bankruptcy and had been a bankruptcy practitioner, introduced her to the field and to Judge Bodoh, "and just talking with them about their experiences instilled a love of the practice in me."

Bankruptcy law, Harner said, "was a nice fit for me because I really didn't know whether I wanted to litigate or do transactional work and it was an area of law that allowed me to have the flexibility to experience both

Farm Background Makes Ag Law Natural for Schutz

The College of Law does not often hire its own graduates to join the faculty, but it was fitting that when it did so recently, the College brought on board someone who was raised on a farm in the middle of the state, ten miles from Elwood (population 750), to teach Agriculture Law.

Anthony Schutz, '03, grew up on a farm that at one time or another had dairy cattle, hogs and diverse crops. While Schutz did not see farming in his future, he did not envision himself a lawyer or law professor either. He



was a Criminal Justice major at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and he wanted to be a police officer. Thus he began his career path as a correctional officer for the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office.

While Schutz enjoyed his experience there, he came to realize that it was not what he wanted to do long term.

Having done well as an undergraduate student and on the LSAT and after talking to Peter Longo, '83, a political science professor at Kearney, he decided to go to law school to further his education in a way that would not limit his career choices and allow him to "take the road wherever it goes."

That the road led to law teaching was unexpected. On his way to graduating with highest distinction and being named editor-in-chief of the NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW, "even after the second year, I thought that after every exam I had not performed well so it was a continuing surprise throughout [that I did so well]," he said. After spending his first year "in the back of the library studying," he found in

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types of legal practice.” At Jones Day, Harner joined the bankruptcy and restructuring practice and focused on corporate reorganization, including out-of-court refinancing and bankruptcy filings. She worked primarily on the company-debtor side but also did some creditor work for banking institutions and software and high tech companies that found themselves with customers in bankruptcy. It was exciting work. “Bankruptcy practice is very much an emergency room practice; you never quite know when a client is going to knock on your door,” she recalled. “Usually when they do, they’ve had their head in the sand for the past year or so. So you work around the clock to file in bankruptcy court in a matter of days.”

It was when she was at Jones Day’s Cleveland office that she met her husband, Paul Harner, who was then in Jones Day’s Columbus, Ohio office. Paul now practices with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker and is based out of the firm’s Chicago office.

After having practiced with Jones Day for almost 11 years and having made partner, Harner felt it was time to pursue another one of her ambitions that Rapoport and other faculty members at Ohio State had nurtured. “It was the right time to come back to the academic setting and teach and help train new young lawyers going into the field,” she said. She wanted more time to reflect and write and the flexibility to write on topics that interested

her without the need to worry about potential conflicts between what she was writing and loyalty to the client she was serving.

The Harners have quickly come to love Lincoln, finding it a very warm and welcoming community. Michelle Harner also really enjoys teaching at the Law College. “I find the students very enjoyable, very intelligent and very insightful,” she said. “They’ve offered me new perspectives on issues I thought I knew backwards, forwards and upside-down.” In addition to Bankruptcy, she is teaching Professional Responsibility, Corporations, and Corporate Finance and Governance. The Corporate Finance course is new to the curriculum and focuses on valuing corporate entities and obtaining financing, as well as alternatives for managing corporate risk.

Her research agenda includes working on an article exploring a new cause of action being asserted against corporate directors and officers called “deepening insolvency,” which dovetails with the current debate revolving around the business judgment rule and whether the standards for directors and officers are too lax in light of Enron and other corporate scandals. She is also working on an article regarding the use of corporate debt by hedge funds to gain control of, or influence over, corporate governance matters. ■

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his second and third years that one of the most valuable aspects of his law school experience was interacting and sharing ideas with other students and with the faculty. “I was always knocking on faculty doors talking to them about the subject matter,” he recalled.

Upon graduation, he clerked for two years with the Honorable C. Arlen Beam ’65, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Then came another surprise. He was one of 12 people selected to interview for three clerking positions with U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Although he was not one of the three selected, he interviewed with the chief justice in his office on his first trip to Washington. “We talked for about 20 minutes,” Schutz said. “According to the chief justice, I was sitting on the couch that John Quincy Adams died on. That was the opening line of the interview.”

While clerking, he also taught Legal Research and Writing at the Law College. That confirmed his growing interest in law teaching. He jumped at the chance to interview for a regular faculty position. As part of the process, he had to present a paper to the faculty. “I started the job talk by saying that after three years of sitting in

classrooms listening to my professors it looks like the table has turned. Now you have to sit and listen to me.”

Schutz was hired, but in accordance with a tradition when the Law College hires one of its own, he spent a year teaching at another institution. He spent the 2005-2006 academic year teaching in the Lawyering program at Cornell Law School, instructing a class similar to the Legal Research and Writing class he taught at the Law College.

Now he is in his first year of teaching in the same school he attended as a law student. The renovation of the building has made it feel not quite the same, and Schutz has had to get used to addressing his former professors by their first names. He has taught Agricultural Law, the Environmental Law and Water Resource Management Seminar, Land Use Planning and State and Local Government Law. Preparing to teach four courses for the first time has been a challenge, but he says he has enjoyed it and thinks the students enjoy his classes.

Schutz hopes to be part of another Nebraska tradition by co-authoring a casebook on Agriculture Law. The late Professor Norm Thorson was the author of the existing casebook in the field, which is now out of date. ■

Bradford's Podcast Summaries Prove Popular with Students

You drop into the lounge chair at the pool, lay back and soak in the rays while you listen on your iPod to the soothing sounds of . . . Prof. Steve Bradford discussing securities regulation?!? O.K., that may be taking it a little too far, but it is now possible, thanks to one of the latest law school innovations, podcasting.

For those of you who didn't grow up with Macs and PCs, a podcast is simply a digital recording posted on the Internet. You can listen to it on your computer or download it and listen to it later on an iPod or mp3 player.

Bradford participated last spring in a podcasting project sponsored by the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI). Every week, he recorded a 15-20 minute summary of his Securities Regulation class and posted those recordings on the Web for anyone to access.

"A student could not have passed the exam just by listening to the summaries," Bradford said, "but the podcasts did provide a good overview of what we were doing. That's helpful because it's such a complex regulatory course." Kacie Clarke, '07, who took the class last spring, said, "Sometimes I would get lost in the details. It was helpful to hear the main points restated in the podcasts." Matt Warner, '07, said the podcasts helped him "bring the big picture together."



Warner and Jake Hinkins, '07, said the podcasts enabled them to fill in gaps and errors in their notes. According to Bradford, "Even the best students sometimes miss or misunderstand things in class. This gives them a check."

The podcasts were popular with students not just at the Law College, but nationwide. CALI surveyed all students whose professors were participating in the project. About three-quarters of them said the podcasts were of excellent or above average value, and almost 80 percent said they would like future law school classes to use podcasting. Almost 40 percent of the students surveyed said they listened to most or all of the podcasts, even though 76 percent of them had never listened to a podcast before.

"I didn't know if students would use the podcasts or not," Bradford said, "but I didn't see any harm in trying it. As it turned out, the students liked it and used it. I had a total of 1,484 hits on the web site. That's over 80 hits per posting, and I only had 24 students in the class."

Hinkins sometimes listened to the podcasts as he drove. "Surprisingly," he said, "it didn't even cause road rage. At least no more than usual." Warner, who sometimes listened to the podcasts late at night before he went to bed, joked that "the only downside was I would have nightmares about the *Howey* test" (one of the tests used to determine whether an investment is a security).

What's next? "I haven't hit the Billboard charts yet," Bradford said, "but I'm hoping for a recording contract. And then I want to tour with Maroon 5." Until that happens, Bradford said he plans to expand the podcasting experiment to other courses. He also may add video. "I use PowerPoint slides in class and, even before PowerPoint came along, I have always been a strong believer in the power of diagrams and flowcharts to teach. So why not add slides to the podcasts for people who learn better visually?"



**C. Steven Bradford
Earl Dunlap
Distinguished
Professor of Law**

■ Prof. Steve Bradford was elected to serve as president-elect of the UNL Academic Senate for the 2006-

2007 academic year and as president for the 2007-2008 academic year.



**Susan D. Franck
Assistant Professor
of Law**

■ Prof. Susan Franck spoke at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law's Conference on Procedural Aspects

of Investment Treaty Arbitration where she focused her remarks on choice of law in international dispute resolution. She also made presentations at Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law and Hamline University School of Law where she addressed issues related to the design of dispute resolution systems for investment-related conflict. Franck also wrote "Foreign Direct Investment, Investment Treaty Arbitration and the Rule of Law," which is forthcoming in the *Pacific McGeorge Global Business and Development Law Journal*; "Sanctions for Frivolous Challenges to Arbitration Awards" in the ABA's *International Arbitration News*, which was reprinted in *Transnational Dispute Management*; and "Transforming into an International Lawyer," published in the *ILSA Quarterly*. She is currently at work on two writing projects. One addresses the potential interaction between dispute systems design and investment treaty conflict; the other provides an empirical analysis of investment treaty arbitration awards. This fall, Franck was named as a "New Voice" by the American Society of

International Law. She will be speaking at the society's annual meeting this spring. She also was instrumental in organizing the College's symposium on "The Modern Legacy of William Jennings Bryan."



Michelle M. Harner
Assistant Professor of Law

■ Prof. Michelle Harner recently spoke at a National Business Institute seminar entitled Bankruptcy Reform Update — One Year Later and has been invited to participate in a panel discussion regarding the legal theory of deepening insolvency at the annual meeting of the American Bankruptcy Institute in

Washington, D.C. Harner currently is working on an article analyzing the utility of deepening insolvency (a theory that seeks to hold directors, officers and others associated with a troubled company liable for actions taken while the company was insolvent) in corporate America. She also co-authored and published a book chapter entitled "Enforceability of Contractual Restrictions on Disposition of Property" in *Bankruptcy Business Acquisitions* (2d ed.) published by the American Bankruptcy Institute.



Roger W. Kirst
Henry M. Grether Professor of Law

■ Prof. Roger Kirst received a University Distinguished Teaching Award and an Award for Special Merit at the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Bar Association for his decades of work on Nebraska civil procedure. He was a speaker and commentator at a national conference on the Sixth Amendment

Right Of Confrontation at Brooklyn Law School.



William H. Lyons
Richard H. Larson
Professor of Tax Law

■ Prof. Bill Lyons taught United States Income

Taxation of Individuals at the University of Leiden (Holland). It was his second time teaching in this International Masters in Taxation program. Lyons was also elected to a second three-year term to the American College of Tax Counsel as Eighth Circuit regent

and was selected as managing editor of *The Tax Lawyer*, the ABA Tax Section's law review journal. Lyons will teach Comparative Wills, Trusts and Estates at the Kansas-Nebraska summer program at the University of Limerick in the summer of 2007.



Colleen E. Medill
Professor of Law

■ Prof. Colleen Medill completed the manuscript for the second edition of her casebook, *Introduction to Employee Benefits Law: Policy and Practice*. The book, which will be published by Thomson-West in 2007, has been used in 25 law schools around the country. Medill was awarded a

\$30,000 research grant from the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College and the Social Security Administration for her research study of participant perceptions and decision-making concerning retirement plan benefits. The study involves a survey of former participants in the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System. She is working with the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System and researchers from the UNL Bureau of Sociological Research to conduct the survey. Medill also spoke to the faculty at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law on "ERISA Preemption and the Future of Federal and State-level Initiatives for Health Care Reform."



Richard E. Moberly
Assistant Professor of Law

■ Prof. Richard Moberly presented his article, "Unfulfilled Expectations: An Empirical Analysis of Why so Few Employees Win Claims under Sarbanes-Oxley's Anti-retaliation Provisions," at the First Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law at Marquette University Law School.

Prof. Medill an ERISA Hottie?

Did you know that the College of Law is the home of one of the most beautiful pension-and-employee-benefit attorneys in America? Prof. Colleen Medill was one of 12 nominees in the first annual ERISA Lawyer Hotties Contest run by *Above the Law*, an internet website that takes a behind-the-scenes look at the world of law.

According to the testimonial of her mystery nominee, "Colleen is highly attractive. She's not smoldering hot, in some 'tacky centerfold' sort of way. Instead, she is exceedingly pretty, in the tasteful, professional, dignified way that one would expect of an ERISA attorney. And this is why she deserves to be the number one ERISA hottie: she is undoubtedly 'hot,' but in a manner consistent with the statutory framework."

Medill has made her mark as an ERISA scholar in many ways, but this particular accolade was unexpected. But she is flattered. "Whoever nominated me was kind and sincere. I like to think it was a former student in my ERISA class," she said.



Josephine R. Potuto
Richard M. Larson Professor of Constitutional Law

■ Prof. Jo Potuto has been named chair of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions. Along with James O’Hanlon, a professor at the

University’s College of Education and Human Sciences, she published on the NCAA website a monograph, *National Study of Student Athletes Regarding Their Experiences as College Students*, describing the results of their survey of student athletes at 18 Division I schools. The monograph can be found at http://www.ncaa.org/library/research/student-athlete_experiences/2006/2006_s-a_experience.pdf.

Rapoport Joins UNLV Faculty



Nancy B. Rapoport, dean of the College of Law from 1998-2000, has been named the Gordon & Silver, Ltd. professor of law at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, effective July 1, 2007. Rapoport served as dean of the University of Houston Law Center from 2000-2006.

Established in 2003, the Gordon & Silver, Ltd., Professor

of Law designation is conferred upon a leading teacher and scholar in the area of commercial, bankruptcy and business law.



Kevin L. Ruser
Professor of Clinical Legal Education and Director of the Civil Clinical Law Program

■ Prof. Kevin Ruser, together with Deanna Lubken of the Civil Clinic staff, wrote the 2006 edition of *The Nebraska Chapter 7 Consumer Bankruptcy Manual*, which updates the manual in light of the amendments made by the

Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005.



Steven L. Willborn
Dean and Richard C. and Catherine Stuart Schmoker Professor of Law

■ Dean Steve Willborn published “Consenting Employees: Workplace Privacy and the Role of Consent,” 66 *Louisiana Law Review* 975, and completed the fourth edition of his textbook, *Employment Law: Cases and Materials*,

with Stewart Schwab (Cornell), Gillian Lester (Berkeley) and John Burton (Rutgers). Willborn was named chair of the U.S. National Board of the International Society for Labor and Social Security Law. He is also serving a two-year term as member of the Board of Directors of the Law School Admission Council, the organization that develops and administers the LSAT.



Brian D. Striman
Professor of Law Library

Prof. Brian Striman was a panelist at the 2006 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in St. Louis, giving a presentation at the day-long Chapter Leadership Workshop: Professional Development Program. His presentation was about creating

effective program evaluations and analysis of the results. In October 2006, he completed his term as president of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL), and is now co-chair of the 2007 MAALL Local Arrangements Committee, as well as being the webmaster for the annual meeting’s website. The Schmid Law Library and the College of Law are hosting the 2007 MAALL Annual Meeting in Lincoln, November 1-3, 2007. MAALL is a 19-member consortia of law libraries from nine states in the midwest region, and is a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.



Sandra B. Zellmer
Professor of Law

■ Prof. Sandi Zellmer published “A Tale of Two Imperiled Rivers: Reflections from a Post-Katrina World” in the *Florida Law Review*; “The Emergence of the Environment in Water Law & Politics in the U.S.” in *The Evolution of the Law & Politics of Water* published by UNESCO;

and “The Law of Instream Flows” in *Instream Flows for Riverine Resource Stewardship*, published by the International Instream Flow Council. She also wrote an editorial for the High Country News and the *Lincoln Journal Star* entitled “Supreme Court Drops the Ball on Wetlands Protection.” Zellmer spoke on “Federalism and Water Law” at a Duke University workshop and at the UNL Water Resources Research Initiative Colloquium and on “From the Mighty Mississippi to the Muddy Missouri: Can the Law Learn to Think like a River?” at the University of Florida Public Interest Environmental Conference in Gainesville, Fla.

Development Report

How You Can Support the Law College

The University of Nebraska College of Law has a long history of support from alums, corporations, foundations and friends. We are grateful for the generosity. However, in order to maintain the high quality of our academic programs and remain a leader among the nation's universities, we must attract increasing support from those who believe in our ability to transform the lives of students and contribute positively to society. In an era of decreasing state appropriations and higher and higher tuition costs, private gifts are essential to our ability to excel. While private dollars do not replace other revenue, they are a catalyst for the extraordinary.

The following are a few examples of ways you can support the College of Law today and in the future:

1. Create an endowed fund

Your principal is invested and only the investment income is used. The advantage of this method is the fund grows over time, providing increasing support for the University and a lifetime of giving.

2. Designate the University as a beneficiary on life insurance

You can name the University of Nebraska Foundation as the owner or beneficiary of an existing policy or a new one. You may also choose to assign your dividends to the Foundation.

3. Establish a charitable gift annuity

This allows you to convert an asset with a low or fluctuating yield into a secure fixed return for the balance of your lifetime with the remainder benefitting your area of interest at the University of Nebraska.

4. Donate real estate or appreciated stock

Farms, personal residences, condos or investment property are often donated to the University because of the tax benefits to the donor. Appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds can also be donated, providing a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the securities.

5. Direct your IRA to a fund that benefits the college

Direct your IRA manager to transfer funds directly to the University of Nebraska Foundation and receive an exclusion from gross income up to \$100,000 per year.

I would be happy to help you with any of these options. Please contact me if you need more information or to get the process started. I can be reached at 402-458-1192 or ahohensee@nufoundation.org.



Angie Hohensee
Director of Development



Memorial gift reminder:
Please make memorial gifts payable
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to benefit the College of Law.

Alumni Council Awards Honor Distinguished Achievements

The College of Law Alumni Council presented four Distinguished Achievement Awards at a dinner at the Lincoln Country Club in April 2006. The awards recognized the many outstanding contributions made to the College by its alumni, faculty, students and friends.



■ *Distinguished Alumni Award* was awarded to Judge Laurie Smith Camp, '77, for rare distinction in professional achievement. Presenting her award were Judge William Jay Riley, '72, and Judge Richard Kopf, '72. Judge Smith Camp is the first woman to serve as judge on the Federal District Court for the District of Nebraska. While at the Law College, Smith Camp was editor-in-chief of the *NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW*. In his remarks about Smith Camp, Judge Kopf explained why he, not Judge Smith Camp, was the first woman judge on the court.



■ *Distinguished Faculty Award* was presented to Prof. William H. Lyons by Kim Robak, '85. Lyons joined the faculty in 1981 and is highly regarded as both a teacher and scholar in tax law. He is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, a member of the ABA Section of Taxation and has published widely on tax issues. He has also won many teaching awards.



■ *Woods & Aitken/Alumni Council Outstanding Student Award* was presented to Chris Riffle, '06, by Professor Susan Poser. Riffle was president of the senior class and served as research editor for the *NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW*. A native of Washington state, Riffle is an associate with the Koley Jessen firm in Omaha.



■ *Outstanding Service Award* was presented to Claire and Charlene Johnson by Frank J Barrett '59. Claire Johnson, '58, is a partner with Parker Milliken in Los Angeles. He has been a fellow in the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers since 1979. While at the Law College, he was a member of the *NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW*, argued on the national moot court team and served as senior class president and SBA president.

J.D./M.D.

Highly Motivated Doctors Whitted, Raines Find Law Degree ‘Extraordinarily Valuable’ in Their Medical Practices

BY TERRI BIERBOWER

Though they graduated five years apart, Edward Raines, '80, and Peter Whitted, '75, have a few things in common. The two men attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the 70's, and both attained a Bachelor of Arts degree. They continued their education at the College of Law, and upon graduation, both went on to medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha – Whitted graduated in 1979 and Raines in 1984. But this is where the similarities end: Dr. Raines specializes in adult and pediatric thoracic surgery and adult cardiac surgery, while Dr. Whitted is a specialist in external ocular disease, anterior segment, cataract and laser surgery and vision correction surgery.

Raines remembers his first year of law school as one of the most demanding of his academic years. “My thought processes and some of the foundations of my life were truly challenged. I realized that I lived in a sequestered world and didn’t understand an open-minded manner of thinking,” he said. “But I wouldn’t trade my law degree for anything – the friendships that I made and also the fact that I successfully completed an intellectual challenge.”

Initially, Raines did not want to pursue a medical career. “My father practiced medicine; he worked so hard and was a high profile, well-known person in western Nebraska,” he said. But while working as a law clerk, Raines found himself more interested in the medical aspects of some malpractice cases. So his career plan changed to include medical school upon completion of his law degree.

Similarly, Whitted did not plan on medical school. “After my first year in law school, I determined that the tedium of the writing required by the legal profession would prevent me from enjoying the vocation,” he said. He continued law school and took a year off to complete the premed requirements. Whitted then finished his last year of law school, passed the bar examination and applied to medical school.

Both doctors commented on the selection of their specialties. During his cardiac surgery rotation, Raines was impressed with the clear difference in the patients’ conditions following surgery, and thought it would be gratifying to specialize in this field. “My specialty is formidable; Mother Nature is unforgiving and requires my best every day,” Raines

said. “Any lapses will be rewarded with less than optimal outcomes.”

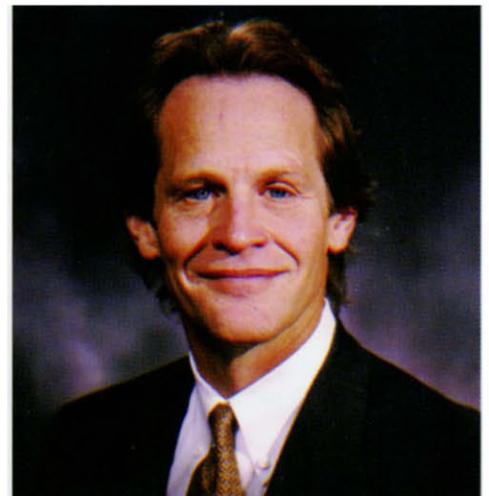
Raines has been practicing cardiothoracic surgery and heart transplantation in Lincoln since 1991, and in 1996 started the Artificial Heart Program at BryanLGH. In addition to his cardiac cases, he operates on lung cancer patients. “It has been astonishing to witness the development of artificial heart technology in the past ten years,” he said. “I think we are on the verge of artificial hearts that afford long-term support, providing a suitable, adequate and rewarding level of life.”

Whitted’s specialties in cornea and external disease as well as anterior segment surgery were those he “fell



Photo by Don Bok

Raines



Whitted

into.” The Midwest Eye Care practice he inherited in 1984 performed the first implants and transplants in Nebraska.

A desire to improve the ophthalmology profession drives Whitted. He has been named to the *Best Doctors in America* list each year since 1996. Less than four percent of American doctors appear on this annual list. “We drink from a well we did not dig,” he said. “It is our responsibility to leave our chosen profession better than we found it. I am involved in a number of activities in an attempt to improve the delivery and financing of healthcare to all Americans.”

Whitted provides surgical services for Mission Cataract USA, and volunteers for organizations such as One World Health Center, Hope Medical Outreach Coalition, and the homeless screen with Prevent Blindness Nebraska. “There is an extraordinary need in America for eye care in underserved populations, and it is satisfying to make a small dent in that growing need,” he said.

In addition, Whitted is a clinical instructor at the Med Center. “Students ask challenging questions that keep me

on my toes,” he said. “And some questions lead to changes in the paradigms that exist in all specialties. These changes emanate from students who move the profession and practice of medicine forward.”

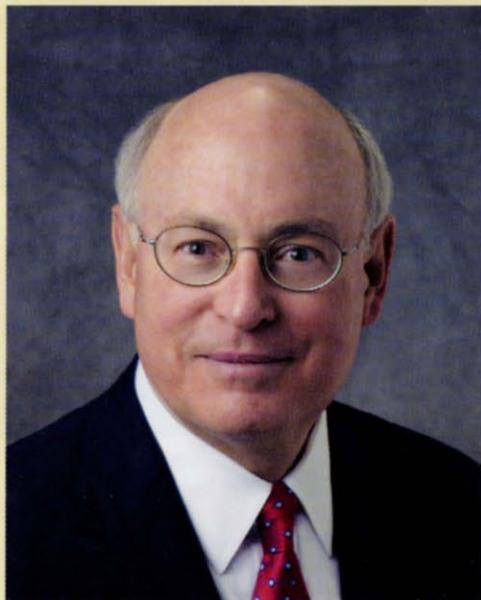
Recently, Whitted used his skills in China as a teacher with project Orbis. Orbis is a flying instructional eye hospital that emanated in Houston, Texas, in the early 1980s. Teachers fly to third-world countries and train local ophthalmologists to perform eye surgery successfully. “The most rewarding portion was the receptive medical population,” said Whitted. “We were able to be inordinately successful in that environment.”

Raines has a similar motivation – he is inspired to be among the best practitioners in his specialty. Proof of this achievement is the fact that he has been on the *Best Doctors in America* list every year since 1997. “I have taken on as my measuring stick of success those who are the finest in the country,” he said. “Only by challenging yourself to be among the best do you achieve the highest standards

Boyer’s ‘Most Rewarding Work’ Is for Nonprofit, Charitable Entities

BY TERRI BIERBOWER

As different as they are, Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo, the Boy Scouts of America and film production have something in common. John K. Boyer, ’69, is involved in each. But this is merely a glimpse at the community involvement Boyer takes pride in while he also serves as a managing partner and attorney at Fraser Stryker in Omaha.



While still in high school, Boyer decided his career path would involve the law. After graduating with a B.A. in Economics from Southern Methodist University in 1966, he attended the College of Law. The most memorable portion of his time at the Law College involved interaction with faculty and Dean Henry Grether. Two professors in particular had a profound effect on him – Dick Harnsberger and Larry Berger. “The nature of their classes, how they conducted themselves – they were outstanding teachers,” Boyer said.

Since graduation and during his 38 years as an attorney, Boyer has seen the practice of law evolve significantly due to changes in technology. “We had no computers when I was in law school; now instant gratification is important. Because of cell phones, e-mail, scans and text messaging, an attorney is on-call all the time,” Boyer said. “These venues for communication require an immediate diagnosis for the problem at hand. The convenience of giving thought to a response is not a luxury available today.”

Boyer practices in the areas of business and corporate, taxation, estate planning, health care, governmental and administrative affairs, and nonprofit and charitable organizations.

patients in this region would like to have, and deserve.”

Much like his dedication to being unparalleled in his field, Raines strives for the same on the racetrack. At the insistence of a patient, Raines tried automobile racing reluctantly. He now competes weekly at Eagle Raceway, and has a dedicated pit crew and staff to cheer him on. “I have gained respect for a sport that prior to trying I had no idea existed or how difficult it could be,” he said. “It’s not only the technical aspects of driving, but also overcoming fear, all while driving at a high speed among a multitude of other cars trying to reach the front of the pack.”

Even though Raines never practiced law, it has assisted him in his career. “I understand problem solving and have an unbiased approach to the contemplation of issues,” he said. “Law school afforded me the opportunity to look at social, legal, religious and economic issues in a more

enlightened way, and I have an open-minded approach to my medical career and to life in general.”

Whitted feels his law degree is indispensable as well. “I am lucky to have insight into two different professions, both of them extremely challenging and rewarding. I think a legal education encourages respect, not fear, of the law,” he said. “A legal education is extraordinarily valuable because it teaches a systematic approach to problem solving.”

For any students reading this article, Whitted has a few parting words of advice. “Understand that your legal education is an expanding rather than a limiting education. It is a stepping-stone to any arena and provides an extraordinary opportunity to succeed, with which comes an extraordinary responsibility. Make the most of it – this isn’t a dress rehearsal.” ■

“All of my areas of focus are challenging,” he said. “But the most rewarding is the work I perform for nonprofit and charitable organizations.”

He speaks especially of his positions as president, board member and attorney for both the Omaha Zoological Society and the Omaha Zoo Foundation. “Every one of my board positions is enjoyable,” Boyer said. “But this one is tremendously satisfying and extremely educational. We work together to make Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo one of the best zoos in the world.”

Other board positions include the University of Nebraska Foundation; Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce; Peter Kiewit Institute of Information Science, Technology and Engineering; Omaha Performing Arts Society and Durham Western Heritage Museum.

But most impressive is the organization that Boyer has been involved with for 50 years – the Boy Scouts. At the age of 7, he became a Cub Scout, then a Boy Scout and finally an Eagle Scout. In order to earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills.

A twist of fate allowed him to utilize his skills as an attorney while helping a program he found significant. The legal counsel for the Boy Scout Council, Bud Floersch, assisted a young Boyer with obtaining his merit badge on civics. Years later, Floersch died in the blizzard of 1975. The council asked Boyer to assume this position, one he continues to hold. His involvement carried on through the years – Boyer’s two sons were Eagle Scouts. And after two years as a chairman, he continues to serve on the Board of Trustees for the council. In addition, Boyer was given the 1996 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, and he received a Citizen of the Year award in 2004.

The standards learned while in the Boy Scouts were especially meaningful. “The life values and skill sets I obtained were paramount in my life,” he said. “I still follow them today.”

Even with all the extracurricular choices young people have, he believes the Boy Scouts will always have a place in our society. “The Boy Scouts provide an opportunity for leadership, civic responsibility, social interaction, outdoor skills and becoming acclimatized to the environment,” Boyer said.

He had the chance to apply those abilities recently when he became involved in film production through a client relationship. Boyer was the executive producer for the film *Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West* and served as the production executive for *Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa*. Both were shot in the IMAX format.

The former film is educational and therefore has “long legs,” a term used in the industry to indicate that its longevity is timeless. “It took a great deal of exploration and nearly two years to shoot utilizing all four seasons of the year. We were very thorough with the details, down to the buttons on the costumes,” Boyer said.

His newest project is a miniseries with HBO. Boyer estimates they will shoot two million feet of film to obtain the ten two-hour segments that will be aired. “I knew nothing about the movie business until I got involved,” he said. “It has been an amazing experience.” ■

AlumNotes

1950

■The third edition of *Producing Theatre: A Comprehensive Legal and Business Guide* by **Donald C. Farber, '50**, has been published by Amadeus Press.

■**Theodore C. Sorensen, '51**, was the keynote speaker for the Nebraska-Lincoln-Gallup Leadership Institute Summit, "A Global Look at Accelerating Positive Forms of Leadership Development," held at the Gallup World Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Sorensen is former special counsel and adviser to President John F. Kennedy and a widely published author on the presidency and foreign affairs.

■**Bevin B. Bump, '52**, was presented with the Magic Key Award from the Chadron Chamber of Commerce. Bump has served for 53 years as Chadron city attorney.

■**Eleanor L. Knoll Swanson, '54** is the 2006 recipient of the Outstanding Contributor to Women in Law by the Women and the Law section of the Nebraska State Bar Association. In 1954 she was a member of the Law College's national championship Moot Court Team. She has been a pioneer in the areas of adoption and elder law.

■**Frank L. Balderson, '55**, Scottsbluff, who practiced in Alliance for many years, was elected to the Nebraska State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

■**Jan Gradwohl, '55**, Lincoln, spoke on "Equality, Responsibility and the Social Spider" at Women's History Month/Women's Week 2006 Events.

1960

■**Robert K. McCalla, '61**, was recognized by the New Orleans

CityBusiness magazine as "50 Leaders in Law". He has over 35 years experience as a labor lawyer with three years working with the National Labor Relations Board.

■**Thomas W. Tye, '62**, has informed THE TRANSCRIPT that it was his son, Thomas W. Tye II, who was inducted into the AkSar-Ben Foundation Court of Honor rather than him. THE TRANSCRIPT apologizes for the error. The senior Tye, who lives in southern Arizona, retired from the practice of law 15 years ago and turned his practice over to his two sons. He remains of counsel to the Kearney firm Tye & Rademacher.

■**John M. Wightman, '63**, was elected to the Nebraska Legislature. Senator Wightman represents Nebraska's 36th legislative district in Dawson and Buffalo counties. He is a partner with the Wightman Law Office in Lexington.

■**Hal Daub, '66**, has been elected chairman of Community Health Charities, an umbrella national health group. Daub is a partner with Blackwell Sanders in Omaha.

■**Kermit A. Brashear, '69**, was the keynote speaker for the Omaha Bar Association Law Day luncheon on May 2, 2006, in Omaha. He was awarded a 2006 Visionary Award at the Nebraska State Bar Association's Barrister's Ball for his work on the Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee in support of the Minority and Justice Implementation Committee.

1970

■**Howard Frederick Hahn, '70**, of Blackwell Sanders in Omaha, was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007* for tax and non-profit charities law.

■**Ben Nelson, '70**, was reelected to a second term as United States senator from Nebraska.

■**Ronald D. Olberding, '71**, retired after serving the Eighth Judicial District for more than 22 years as district judge.

■**Patrick E. Quinn, '71**, Omaha, gave the keynote address at the Nebraska Trucking Association's "Quinn*essential" convention. Quinn, who lives in Tennessee, is currently serving as chairman of the American Trucking Association. Since 1994, he has served as co-chairman of the Board of Xpress Enterprises, the fifth largest publicly-traded truckload carrier in the United States; president and director of the company since its formation in 1989; and as an officer and director of U.S. Xpress, Inc.

■**Jeffery E. Curtiss, '72**, Houston, Texas, retired from Service Corporation International where he served as CFO. He was awarded a Certified Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder and was elected a member of the Board of Directors of KBR and serves as chairman of the Audit Committee. KBR is a NYSE company.

■Lancaster County Attorney **Gary E. Lacey, '72**, was among a group of Lancaster County officials who were featured presenters at a three-day conference on domestic violence, "Effective Prevention and Systemic Response: Family Violence International Seminar," in Shanghai, China.

■In addition to continuing to teach Negotiations at the College of Law, **David M. Landis, '72**, teaches Community and Regional Planning at UNL.

■**Wayne J. Mark, '72**, was elected president-elect of the Nebraska State

Bar Association for 2006-2007. Mark is a partner in Omaha's Fraser Stryker Law Firm.

James E. Rembolt, '72, Lincoln, a partner with Rembolt Ludtke, whose practice includes business law and estate planning and administration, has been named to the 2007 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*.

■ **Dennis D. King, '73**, has been named Sheridan County attorney. He is with Smith & King in Gordon.

■ **John M. McHenry, '73**, became the First Supreme Court District representative to the Nebraska State Bar Association's Executive Council at the association's annual meeting in November 2006. He was also elected a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. McHenry is a shareholder with McHenry, Haszard, Hansen, Roth & Hupp in Lincoln.

■ **William R. Rathe, '73**, district manager and financial adviser with Waddell & Reed's Lincoln office, has been awarded the firm's Crest Award. This is the top award for financial advisers and managers with the most productive sales.

■ **David T. Schroeder, '73**, has been named Howard County attorney. He continues to maintain his practice with Kelly, Schroeder & VonSeggren in Grand Island.

■ **W. Scott Davis, '74**, has been named a partner with Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gruit & Witt in Lincoln. His expertise is in business & commercial law and estate planning & probate.

■ **John V. Hendry, '74**, retired as chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court effective October 2, 2006. He previously served as county judge of the Lancaster County Court and was in private practice in Lincoln.

■ **Julie Pokorny, '74**, Lincoln, is a member of the Stewardship Advisory Board of the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center. She is vice president-senior trust with Wells Fargo Bank

■ **R. Kent Radke, '74**, has been appointed president of the Nebraska Title Co. Radke had been vice president since 2002.

■ **Walter E. Zink II, '74**, was named commander of the 5th U.S. Army Task Force One at Fort Sam Houston. He is responsible for training and mobilization readiness of U.S. Army Reserve component units within the 5th Army's 21-state area of operations.

■ **David R. Buntain, '75**, was named vice president of the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra for the 2006-2007, the symphony's 80th season.

■ **Michael G. Heavican, '75**, was named chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court by Gov. Dave Heineman. Heavican has served as Lancaster County attorney and U.S. attorney.

■ **Robert M. Hillis, '75**, was elected president-elect designate of the Nebraska State Bar Association for 2006-2007. He is a partner with Yost, Schafersman, Lamme, Hillis, Mitchell & Shulz in Fremont.

■ **David H. Ptak, '75**, Norfolk, has been named executive director of human resources and general counsel of Northeast Community College.

■ **Randy R. Stoll, '75**, has been named head of the Child Protection Division in the Nebraska Attorney General's Office. He was York County attorney.

■ **Brian J. Waid, '75**, Seattle, Wash., was honored as Rotarian of the Year for the Seattle metropolitan area in recognition for his work organizing Hurricane Katrina relief. Waid received this award once before in the Southeastern Louisiana and Southern Mississippi district for having organized a youth leadership training program and leading an international goodwill exchange. Waid practices with the Law Offices of Robert B. Gould.

■ **Patricia J. Winter, '75**, was named to the advisory board for the employment benefits program of the John Marshall

Law School in Chicago. Winter is senior attorney with The Northern Trust Co.

■ **Carl J. Circo, '76**, assistant professor of law at the University of Arkansas Leflar Law Center in Fayetteville, Ark., has written "Contract Theory and Contract Practice: Allocating Design Responsibility in the Construction Industry," 58 *Florida Law Review* 561.

■ **Keith A. Prettyman, '76**, has joined the Lincoln office of Woods & Aitken. He will lead the firm's insurance practice area. He formerly was general counsel and vice president for Assurety Life Insurance Co.

■ **Ronald C. Jensen, '77**, of the Omaha law firm Baird Holm, has been elected chairman of Goodwill Industries.

■ **Robert L. Nefsky, '77**, Lincoln, a partner with Rembolt Ludtke working in corporate law, has been named to the 2007 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*.

■ **Terry R. Wittler, '77**, an attorney with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, was elected vice president of the Lincoln Bar Association.

■ **Steven E. Guenzel, '78**, was elected president of the Nebraska Historical Society. He is an attorney with Johnson, Flodman, Guenzel in Lincoln

■ **Lynn P. Hendrix, '78**, has been elected 53rd president of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation for 2006-2007. Hendrix is a partner with Holme, Roberts & Owen in its Denver office. His practice emphasizes the transactional aspects of natural resources and energy law. He is also a registered patent attorney. Mr. Hendrix is also the current president of the Remember Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to reminding young drivers to practice safe driving.

■ **Michael W. Pirtle, '78**, has become a director with the Omaha firm Gross & Welch. Pirtle has experience in mediation and 30 years in civil litigation and insurance defense. He

was also selected chair-elect of the House of Delegates of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

■ **Ronald J. Sedlacek, '78**, has been named of counsel to the Corporate Department of Blackwell Sanders in Lincoln. His practice focuses on

governmental affairs and lobbying. Sedlacek is vice president and general counsel of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

■ **Robert W. Van Norman, '78**, Rapid City, S. D., has joined Thomas, Nooney, Braun, Solay & Bernard as a partner.

His practice areas are criminal defense and professional licensing issues.

■ **Warren Wilson, '78**, has been awarded the first Teacher of the Year Award at Hamilton College-Lincoln, where he is paralegal program coordinator.

'Master' Peterson Specializes in Affordable Housing

Even though she had a flat tire on her drive from Omaha to Lincoln, Patricia Schuett Peterson's, '79, return to the College of Law as part of Masters Week 2006 was a "wonderful experience." Masters Week is an annual event at the University that connects distinguished graduates with current students.

Patti Peterson is well qualified to share her expertise and experience. An attorney in Kutak Rock's Omaha office, Peterson practices in the area of municipal finance, working primarily with affordable housing issues.

She joined Kutak Rock's securities department right out of law school. An entity had just been created by state law that could issue tax exempt bonds and loan funds at lower than the existing mortgage rates, which were quite high at the time. So Peterson was able to get in on the ground floor. The law was based on a provision of the Internal Revenue Code, which Peterson finds ironic because when she joined the firm she said she would do anything but tax work. But she found the work to be fun and rewarding. "Professor Berger was right," she said thinking back on her tax class. "It's not necessarily about the exact provisions of the Code, but the policy behind why the Code was written that way that's important."

In her job, Peterson has the opportunity to work with state housing agencies across the country. "I fondly refer to having a Wall Street practice here on the plains because I do what lawyers do who practice on Wall Street; it's just that I do it in a much better environment – the State of Nebraska where public schools are great and homes are affordable," she remarked.

Peterson enjoys her practice, which fits her personality. "I love being in charge. As bond counsel, that's the role you play; it's like being the conductor in an orchestra. You figure out who's playing what part and what needs to be done to put the symphony together," she said.

Returning to the Law College gave Peterson a chance to reflect on her law student days. "I probably looked like a law school geek," she recalled, "because I loved law school. I was so enamored with the classes. Everything seemed so interesting." Even though the work was "very hard," she said the most rewarding part was "being in some adventure all together with 150 students and helping each other out and encouraging each other." She remembers particularly an unusually warm February day when her Legal Process class convinced Prof. Rob Denicola that class time would be best spent playing softball. Some of her best friends are members of her law school class – people like Rick Berkshire, Paula Metcalf and Pam Mattson.

Masters Week is not the only opportunity that Peterson has had to relate to current students. She is also a member of Cather Circle where she and other alumnae of the University meet twice a year with women students. In both settings, the message she conveys to students is that the general education one receives as an undergraduate and a law student prepares one to venture out into areas that students do not even think about while in the midst of their education. "It was like I was told when I was here," she said. "You were teaching me to think like a lawyer and that's exactly what I needed to take the ball and run with it" in her practice. "It was what I learned here in terms of researching, analyzing, writing and communicating that enabled me to do what I do."



Chancellor Harvey Perlman presented Patti Peterson with a medallion at Masters Week 2006.

■ **Daniel A. Fullner, '79**, was elected chair of the Nebraska State Bar Association's House of Delegates. Fullner is a partner in the Madison law firm Moyer, Moyer, Egley, Fullner & Montag.

■ **Eileen K. Jennings, '79**, general counsel for Central Michigan University, has been appointed to a three-year term to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division I Committee on Infractions.

■ **Paula J. Metcalf, '79**, is serving on the board of the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.

■ **Ross A. Stoffer, '79**, was appointed to the county court bench for the 7th Judicial District. Stoffer joins the county court judiciary after spending more than a quarter century in private practice at Mueiting & Stoffer and its predecessors in Norfolk.

1980

■ **James R. Harris, '80**, McCook, was the featured speaker for the Heritage Days Breakfast.

■ **William J. Mueller, '80**, has been selected as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He is a founding member of Ruth Mueller Robak in Lincoln.

■ **T. Randall Wright, '80**, has been named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law. He is with Baird Holm in Omaha.

■ **Scott R. Cook, '81**, Las Vegas, Nev., has been elected a partner at Gordon & Rees.

■ **Robert F. Copple, '81**, has started Copple & Associates in Scottsdale, Ariz. The firm focuses on dispute prevention, management and resolution, particularly in the biotechnology sectors. Copple has also been appointed a research fellow at the Arizona State University College of Law Center for the Study of Law, Science & Technology.

■ **Eileen L. McBride, '81**, Omaha, has joined the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, as the fiduciary trust officer for the Nebraska Indian Tribes. The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians has offices in Winnebago and Santee.

■ **Daniel M. Placzek, '81**, a partner with the Grand Island law firm Leininger, Smith, Johnson, Baack, Placzek, Steele & Allen, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Attorneys at the group's annual meeting in London.

■ **Elisabeth Townsend Bridge, '81**, is one of the authors of *Intellectual Property Law* for the State Bar of Wisconsin CLE Books as part of the *Wisconsin Business Advisor Series*. She practices with the Milwaukee, Wis., law firm Whyte, Hirschboeck & Dudek.

■ **Verlyn Luebbe, '82**, Pierce County attorney, was selected "Extraordinary Public Servant" by the *Norfolk Daily News*. The award honors Northeast and North Central Nebraska elected officials who have earned the praise of their constituents.

■ **Carole McMahon-Boies, '82**, is the new director of judicial branch education for the Nebraska Supreme Court

■ **Alan J. White, '82**, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., was appointed to the Columbia County Circuit Court in Wisconsin.

■ **Mark J. Young, '82**, Grand Island, was a recipient of an Award of Appreciation from the Nebraska State Bar Association. The award is given to the individual or organization for outstanding public service creating better public understanding of the legal profession and the administration of justice. Young is Hall County attorney.

■ The Nebraska Municipal Power Pool has named **Christie M. Dibbern, '83**, general counsel for the public power/public natural gas organizations

operating under NMPP Energy. She has been with the organization since 1991.

■ **Patricia J. Falk, '83**, professor and associate dean at Cleveland Marshall School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected to the board of the Society of American Law Teachers.

■ **Thomas E. Geu, '83**, professor at the University of South Dakota School of Law, gave an academic research presentation in California on the application of brain science research to better understand professional judgment and how to teach it.

■ **Catherine D. Lang, '83**, serving as property tax administrator for the State of Nebraska, has been asked by the governor to perform the duties of deputy tax commissioner until a legislative bill can be pursued to bring the Nebraska Department of Property Assessment and Taxation back under the Department of Revenue. Once this is completed, the governor will formally appoint Lang deputy tax commissioner.

■ **Susan Wood Pahlke, '83**, is an attorney with Pahlke Law Office in Winner, S.D.

■ **Bryan E. Slone, '83**, Omaha, has been named managing partner of the Deloitte & Touche Nebraska/Iowa practice.

■ **Christian R. Blunk, '84**, has become of counsel to the Omaha law firm Abrahams, Kaslow & Cassman. His practice focuses on estate planning and corporate law.

■ **Peter J. Paul, '84**, has been elected secretary treasurer of the Nebraska Tax Research Council. Paul is with Keating, O'Gara, David & Nedved in Lincoln.

■ **Joe W. Stecher, '84**, has been named interim United States attorney by the Justice Department for the District of Nebraska.

■ **Terri S. Harder, '85**, Minden, received an UNO Alumni Award for Distinguished Service, which

recognizes the highest attributes of integrity, stewardship, volunteerism, leadership and commitment to social justice in the public and community service arena. She is a judge for the 10th Judicial District.

■ **Kim M. Robak, '85**, partner in Ruth, Mueller, Robak in Lincoln, has been elected to the Board of Directors of FBL Financial Group, Inc., an insurance holding company that is traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

■ **Gregory B. Lemon, '86**, Lincoln, has been appointed president and CEO of the Nebraska Tax Research Council. He most recently served as deputy Nebraska secretary of state.

■ **Marilyn (Campbell) White, '86**, Phoenix, Ariz., has been named chair of the Arizona Department of Economic Security Appeals Board. She is also president of the National Association of Unemployment Insurance Appeals Boards.

■ **Donald G. Blankenau, '87**, joined Blackwell Sanders as a partner in its new Lincoln office. He works with the office's new natural resources and water law practice. Blankenau has served as special assistant attorney general for the State of Nebraska in cases involving water rights conflicts and has served the State of Florida over allocation of the waters of Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin.

■ **C.K. Duryea, '87**, Omaha, has been named vice president of gift planning for the Methodist Hospital Foundation.

■ **Mark R. Killenbeck, '87**, Wylie H. Davis distinguished professor of law at the University of Arkansas Leflar Law Center, has authored *M'Culloch v. Maryland: Securing a Nation* published as part of the *Landmark Law Cases and American Society* series by the University of Kansas Press.

■ **Mark C. Quandahl, '87**, was awarded a 2006 Visionary Award at the Nebraska State Bar Association's

Barristers' Ball for his work on the Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee in support of the Minority and Justice Implementation Committee.

■ **Bruce R. Rieker, '87**, has become vice president of advocacy for the Nebraska Hospital Association in Lincoln, which represents all 85 Nebraska hospitals. Rieker had been chief of staff for 3rd District Congressman Tom Osborne.

■ **Gregory S. Heier, '88**, has been named athletic director at Doane College in Crete. He was Doane's human resource director for eight years and was an assistant basketball coach.

■ **Joel D. Pedersen, '88**, has been named associate general counsel at the University of Nebraska.

Anne Sherwood-Paine, '88, Oxford, has joined the firm now known as Duncan, Duncan, Walker & Sherwood-Paine.

■ **Debra M. Zampetti, '88**, has returned to her former job for the County of Pasco Florida as administrator for zoning and compliance.

■ **Bruce L. Bohrer, '89**, was promoted to executive vice president of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. Bohrer has worked at the Chamber of Commerce for seven years, recently serving as senior vice president and general counsel for public policy.

1990

■ **Mark A. Brohman, '90** has been named executive director of the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Brohman had been serving as chief of administration for the Game and Parks Commission, acting as the commission's liaison with the Nebraska Legislature. He had been with Game and Parks for 13 years.

■ **Linda R. Crump, '90**, has been elected president of the Nebraska State Bar Association for 2006-2007. She is assistant to the chancellor for equity, access & diversity programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

■ **Kelly R. Dahl, '90**, was selected to *The Best Lawyers in America 2007* for his work in environmental law.

■ **Julie Shipman-Burns, '90**, an attorney with the McCord & Burns Law Firm in Lincoln, was elected president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys.

■ **Nancy R. Wynner, '90**, has become a partner with the Lincoln firm DeMars, Gordon, Olson & Zalewski. She practices in the areas of general civil litigation, juvenile law, lemon law and misdemeanor criminal defense. She was elected treasurer of the Lincoln Bar Association.

■ **Emily Campbell, '91**, has been appointed an adjunct professor of law at New York Law School teaching Drafting Contracts. She has also lectured to students in Columbia University's MBA program on The Law For Entrepreneurs and has served as chair of the Committee on National Security and Counter-Terrorism for the Federal Bar Association, Southern District of New York Chapter. Campbell is managing member of the Campbell Law Firm in New York City.

■ **Michelle S. Mapes, '91**, has joined Blackwell Sanders' Omaha office as of counsel in the areas of closely held businesses, finance and lending, intellectual property, employee benefits and taxation, with a focus on renewable fuels and bio-energy.

■ **Care' McInnis Raam, '91**, has been appointed senior municipal judge for the city of Grand Junction, Colo. She is also municipal judge for the towns of Palisade, Parachute and DeBeque and of counsel with Beckner, Achziger, McInnis & Raam.

■ **Todd A. Richardson, '91**, of Blackwell Sanders in Omaha, was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007* for corporate mergers and acquisitions law.

■ **Bryan P. Robertson, '91**, was elected chairman of the board of the Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants. Robertson is managing director of Juris Valuation Advisors in Lincoln.

■ **James M. Sulentic, '91**, Omaha, has been elected a partner with Kutak Rock. Sulentic focuses his practice on all aspects of trademark clearance, registration, maintenance and protection, both foreign and domestic.

■ **Riko E. Bishop, '92**, was elected president of the Lincoln Bar Association. She also received the Award of Appreciation from the Nebraska State Bar Association for working to create a better public understanding of the legal profession and the administration of justice. Bishop practices with Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford.

■ **Mark J. Blazek, '92**, president of the Oak Creek Valley Bank in Valparaiso, retired as a major after 20 years in the Army National Guard.

■ **Mark A. Fahleson, '92**, Lincoln, a partner with Rembolt Ludtke who practices labor and employment law, has been named to the 2006 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and the 2007 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*.

■ **Roger J. Heideman, '92**, a former partner with Morris, Titus & Heideman, was appointed to the Lancaster County Juvenile Court.

■ **Andrew S. Pollock, '92**, Lincoln, was recognized by the Midlands Business Journal in its annual "40 Under 40" feature. Pollock is executive director and general counsel for the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Bruce Ross Raam, '92, has been appointed to serve as Mesa County

judge in the 21st Judicial District of Colorado. He has been a partner with the Grand Junction, Colo., firm of Beckner, Achziger, McInnis & Raam, as well as a bond magistrate for the 21st Judicial District and an associate municipal judge for Parachute.

■ **Kenneth J. Vampola, '92**, Fremont, was awarded a 2006 Visionary Award at the Nebraska State Bar Association's Barristers' Ball for his work on the Bilingual Bail Bond Rights Advisement Project, which developed bilingual forms designed to provide information on defendant's rights while in custody and procedures for posting bond. Vampola is a county judge for Nebraska's Sixth Judicial District.

■ **Karin L. Higgins-Noakes, '93**, was appointed district court judge for Nebraska's Eighth Judicial District. Noakes has been serving as Howard County attorney, as city prosecutor in St. Paul, as Greeley County attorney and as village attorney for Greeley since 2004.

■ **Sandeep S. Sheth, '93**, has been promoted to director of business planning for TD Ameritrade Holding Co. in Bellevue.

■ Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co. has promoted **Bernadette A. Tate, '93**, to vice president and senior counsel in the law division.

■ **Mark L. Brasee, '94**, was recognized by the Midlands Business Journal in its annual "40 Under 40" feature. Brasee is with the Omaha firm Fraser Stryker.

■ **Carlos A. Monzón, '94**, Lincoln, was awarded a 2006 Visionary Award at the Nebraska State Bar Association's Barristers' Ball for his work on the Bilingual Bail Bond Rights Advisement Project, which developed bilingual forms designed to provide information on defendant's rights while in custody and procedures for posting bond.

■ **Rob Owen, '94**, has been named the associate deputy undersecretary of international affairs of the Bureau of International Labor Affairs. Most

recently, Owen served as ILAB's chief of staff.

■ **T. Parker Schenken, '94**, has been named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in corporate law. He is with Baird Holm's Financial Transactions and Creditors' Rights Section in Omaha.

■ **John R. Freudenberg, '95**, has been named Criminal Bureau chief for the Nebraska Attorney General's office. He was county prosecutor in Sheridan and other panhandle counties and a partner in the Rushville law firm Smith, King & Freudenberg.

■ **Matthew W. McNair, '95**, chief deputy attorney general with the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, was included in the 2006 "40 Under 40" award group chosen by the *Lincoln Business Journal*.

■ **Robert E. Caldwell, '96**, Lincoln, has been named president/CEO of Hampton Enterprises, Inc./Hampton Commercial Construction, Inc. Caldwell previously served as general counsel for Linwelt.

■ **James "Jim" Swanson, '96**, was appointed by the Greeley County Board of Commissioners as the new Greeley County attorney.

■ **Jone M. Bosworth, '97**, has been appointed director of the Department of Early Learning for the State of Washington. Previously Bosworth served as senior director of the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative in St. Louis, where she supported partnerships with public and private non-profits to create enhanced opportunities for young people aging out of the foster care systems.

■ **Fred Campbell, '97**, was named chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission. He most recently served as Chairman Kevin J. Martin's legal advisor for wireless issues.

■ **Aimee J. Haley, '97**, was elected secretary of the Omaha Bar

Association. She practices with Fullenkamp, Doyle & Jobeun.

■ **Ann Littell Mills, '97**, has established the general civil litigation law firm Courtney & Mills in Springfield, Mo.

■ **Robert A. Mooney, '97**, Omaha, has joined Gross & Welch as a director. He has nearly 10 years experience in insurance defense, commercial law, white collar crime and appellate litigation.

■ **Peter A. Pirsch, '97** was elected to the Nebraska Legislature. Senator Pirsch represents Nebraska's 4th legislative district in Douglas County. He formerly worked for the Omaha City Attorney's office.

■ **Rebekah Sievers, '97**, Omaha, and her husband Christopher Sidzyk announced the arrival of their second child, a son, Ty Elliott, born October 26, 2006.

■ **Kelli Anne Svensson, '97**, has joined the Omaha law firm Valentine, O'Toole, McQuillan & Gordon as an associate. She concentrates her practice in the areas of litigation and workers' compensation.

■ **Roman K. Windrum, '97**, has been named chartered financial analyst for the Union Bank & Trust at the bank's new Hispanic Banking Center in downtown Lincoln. He is an investment officer and portfolio manager.

■ **Andrew M. Loudon, '98**, Lincoln, of Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grit & Witt, was recognized by the *Midlands Business Journal* in its annual "40 Under 40" feature.

■ **Steven J. Schmidt, '98**, was named assistant clinical professor of law at the College of Law working with the College's Criminal Clinic. Schmidt was also elected secretary of the Lincoln Bar Association.

■ **Erik K. Stafford, '98**, has been promoted to major in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army. He and his family live in

Kaiserslautern, Germany, where he is in charge of the administrative law office.

■ **Julie A. Effenbeck, '99**, Deshler, has been named Nuckolls County public defender. She continues to serve as public defender for Jefferson and Thayer counties.

■ **Joshua C. Gardner, '99**, has joined Learning Rx of Lincoln. As a cognitive trainer, he works with students to improve their cognitive skills, training that improves the brain's ability to process information.

■ **Kathy J. Kirschbaum, '99**, Omaha, has been named a shareholder in Koley Jessen.

■ **George E. Martin III, '99**, Omaha, has been elected a partner with Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne. He practices with the firm's labor and employment group and concentrates his practice in employment and workers' compensation litigation and human resources training and management.

■ **Jenny L. Panko, '99**, Syracuse, has been named a partner with Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grit & Witt in Lincoln. Her present practice consists of workers' compensation cases for employers, specifically in large production settings, and estate planning.

■ **Jill E. Thomsen, '99**, has been promoted to director HR Customer Services for Union Pacific. In this role, she supports the Operating Department staff headquartered at UP Center in Omaha. Thomsen has been employed with Union Pacific since 2001 as assistant director EEO/AA.

■ **Kelly N. Tollefsen, '99**, an attorney with Morrow, Poppe, Otte & Watermeier, has been elected to the Lincoln YMCA Board of Directors.

■ **Timothy J. Tuttle, '99**, is an attorney with the U.S. Air Force and a student in the labor law LL.M. program at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He served in Iraq,

assisting the Iraqi courts in prosecuting insurgents and foreign fighters accused of committing crimes against coalition forces.

2000

■ **Pamela J. Bourne, '00**, of the Omaha law firm Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne, attended the Senate Leadership Summit for Young Professionals in Washington, D.C.

■ **Jeremy T. Fitzpatrick, '00**, has been elected a partner with Kutak Rock. Fitzpatrick practices appellate law, construction law, government relations and litigation in the firm's Omaha office.

■ **Kevin W. Gaughan, '00**, was elected president of the Lincoln County Bar Association for 2006-2007. He is with Waite, McWha & Harvat in North Platte.

■ **Kathryn "Kate" E. Jones, '00**, has become associated with the Omaha law firm Kutak Rock in the employment litigation area.



■ **Michael G. Rogers, '00**, has been named partner with the Omaha law firm Baird Holm. He is a member of the Financial Transactions Group

practicing tax-exempt municipal finance, commercial and mortgage loan transactions, real estate and corporate matters.

■ **David W. Tomlinson, '00**, has become associated with Baird Holm in the firm's healthcare practice in Omaha. Prior to his new position, Tomlinson worked for a leading Oregon health law firm.

■ **Todd D. Turner, '00**, was elected treasurer of the Lincoln County Bar Association for 2006-2007. He is with Ketcham, Olson & Keith in Norfolk.



■ **Grayson J. Derrick, '01**, has been named partner with Baird Holm in Omaha. He is a member of the corporate and technology and

intellectual property practice groups and focuses on intellectual property, electronic commerce and financial services law. Derrick has been named to the Board of Directors of Social Settlement.

■ **Dustin Lee Dingman, '01**, Las Vegas, Nev., is a partner with Murphy & Dingman. His practice is personal injury law.

■ **Kevin A. Eike, '01**, has become associated with Aldrich Law Office of Portland, Ore. The firm is a leader in construction defect litigation. Eike is an avid snowboarder and competed in the United States National Championships for Boarder Cross in 2005.

■ **Michael J. Flood, '01**, was elected speaker of the Nebraska Legislature. He was also awarded a 2006 Visionary Award at the Nebraska State Bar Association's Barrister's Ball for his work on the Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee in support of the Minority and Justice Implementation Committee.

■ **Rebecca L. Gould, '01**, has been named interim executive director of Nebraska Appleseed. She has been the leader of Nebraska Appleseed's Welfare and Medicaid Litigation and Policy Program. Nebraska Appleseed is a non-profit public interest legal organization founded to fill a major gap in our justice system by addressing

problems at their roots rather than the symptoms.

■ **Kevin L. Griess, '01**, has joined Blackwell Sanders' Lincoln office as an associate in the firm's environment, natural resources and water practice area.

■ **Jonas I. Longoria, '01**, has become a shareholder and director with the Scottsbluff law firm Chaloupka, Holyoke, Hofmeister, Snyder & Chaloupka. His practice includes personal injury litigation, workers' compensation, domestic relations, criminal defense and general civil litigation.



■ **Drew K. Theophilus, '01**, has been named partner with Baird Holm in Omaha. He is a member of the financial transactions group practicing real

estate and agricultural law, commercial law and mortgage finance.

■ **Jisella A. Veath Dolan, '01**, has been elected a partner with Blackwell Sanders. She is with the firm's Omaha office in the corporate department.

■ **Monica K. Miller, '02**, assistant professor of criminal justice and social psychology at the University of Nevada, Reno, has published "Friends' Writers Offer Creative Necessity Argument of Sexual Harassment: Justification or Abuse Excuse?" *15 DePaul-LCA Journal of Art and Entertainment Law* 265.

■ **Jeremy J. Patrick, '02**, is an assistant professor at the Detroit Mercy School of Law. He is teaching Applied Legal Theory and Analysis.

■ **Lori J. Stout, '02**, is serving on the board for The Nebraska Renewable Energy Association. The association was formed to provide information

and education on all sources of potential renewable energy.

■ **Caroline M. Westerhold, '02**, is an associate with Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gruit & Witt in Lincoln. Her areas of practice include workers' compensation and general litigation.

■ **James L. Beckmann, '03**, has established Beckmann Law Offices in Lincoln.

■ **Molly M. Brummond, '03**, has joined M.E. Group, Inc., in its Lincoln office. She serves as in-house counsel and works in the marketing and business development department being responsible for proposal development, public relations and client communications. M.E. Group is a firm specializing in mechanical and electrical engineering and in sustainable design.

■ **Jonathan E. Friesen, '03**, New Bern, N.C., has joined the firm of Stubbs & Perdue. His practice focuses on real estate, estate planning, probate, business law and business formation.

■ **Ryan R. Fuller, '03**, Walton, was married to Erin Rink at the Trinity Lutheran Church on October 15, 2005.

■ **Sara A. Gossman, '03**, has joined A Law Firm, P.C., in Westminster, Colo., as an associate. Her areas of practice are patent and trademark prosecution, copyright registration, licensing, enforcement and litigation.

■ **Army Capt. Ingolf (Ing) Maurstad, '03**, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service while serving in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate of the Multinational Corps-Iraq. He served on the headquarters command staff as an operational law attorney and as the primary legal advisor in the MNC-I C3 Plans and Policies Cell, the section responsible for planning all Coalition Force operations within Iraq.

■ **Lisa M. (Hinrichsen) McFarland, '03**, married Shane D. McFarland on April 26, 2006, in Lincoln. She is a staff

attorney for the Nebraska Public Power District in Columbus.

■ **Danielle M. Nantkes, '03**, was elected to the Nebraska Legislature. Senator Nantkes represents Nebraska's 46th legislative district in Lincoln. She formerly worked for Nebraska Appleseed.

■ **Rick W. Grady, '04**, married Evon Brady on October 7, 2006, at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in San Francisco. Grady is with the San Francisco office of Peckar & Abramson.

■ **Natalie Stone-Burns Hazen, '04**, has joined Ballew, Schneider, Covalt, Gaines & Engdahl as an associate. She practices in the areas of family and juvenile law, business planning, personal injury and general trial practice.

■ **Danielle Kuhlman, '04**, and **Travis Jon Wright, '04**, were married September 23, 2006, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Henderson, Nev.

■ **Cynthia R. Lamm, '04**, has become associated with Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gruit & Witt in Lincoln. She specializes in personal injury and insurance litigation.

■ **Timothy S. Sieh, '04**, was elected York County attorney.

■ **David V. Chipman, '05**, has become associated with Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl in Lincoln. He currently practices in commercial and transactional litigation.

■ **Amanda A. Dutton, '05**, has become associated with Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gruit & Witt in Lincoln. Her areas of practice include workers' compensation and general litigation.

■ **Natalie M. Mackiel, '05**, is an associate at Wolf Popper in New York City.

■ **Amy R. Skalka, '05**, is an associate with Seiler & Parker of Hastings. Her areas of practice are family, juvenile, injury, civil litigation and insurance defense collection.

■ **Erin M. Urbom-Karmazin, '05**, is an associated with Brad Moncrief & Associates in Hastings. She specializes in juvenile and family law.

■ **Amber L. Ackerson, '06**, is associated with Heldt & McKeone in Lexington. Her practice concentrates on family law and bankruptcy.

■ **Amy Adkins Brooks, '06**, is counsel for Sprint-Nextel in the Employment Litigation Group in Kansas City, Mo.

■ **Michelle Broyhill, '06**, has joined Legal Aid of Northwest Texas in Abilene, Texas.

■ **Colleen M. Byelick, '06**, has been appointed assistant general counsel and licensing director by Nebraska secretary of state John Gale.

■ **Jason M. Caskey, '06**, is an associate with Crocker, Huck, Kasher, DeWitt, Anderson & Gonderinger in Omaha.

■ **Matthew J. Connealy, II, '06**, has joined Crary, Huff, Inkster, Sheehan, Ringgenberg, Hartnett & Storm Law Offices in Sioux City, Iowa, as an associate.

■ **Allyson Crossman, '06**, has joined Koley Jessen in Omaha as an associate. Her practice focuses on estate planning.

■ **Daniel E. Dawes, '06**, has been selected for the 2006-2007 Congressional Black Caucus Louis Stokes Health Policy Fellowship. He is assisting with health policy and law initiatives, drafting legislation and conducting research related to health care disparities that are affecting minorities.

■ **Jennifer R. Deitloff, '06**, has joined McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz in Omaha as an associate. She practices in the area of employment law

■ **Robert P. Diederich, '06** has joined McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz in Omaha as an associate. He practices in the area of bankruptcy law.

■ **Nathan J. Evershed, '06**, has opened his own law firm in Bountiful, Utah, practicing estate planning and elder law. He shares the office with another College of Law graduate, Sean Druyon, '01.

■ **Bradley A. Ewalt, '06**, has joined Wroblewski Law Office in St. Paul, Neb., as an associate.

■ **Jill D. Fiddler, '06**, is an associate with Woods & Aitken in Lincoln with the firm's Transaction Department.

■ **Amanda M. Gartner, '06** is associated with Anderson & Bressman in Omaha.

■ **Krista D. Goodenberger, '06**, has been named deputy Cheyenne County attorney in Sidney.

■ **Erin R. Harris, '06**, has joined DeMars, Gordon, Olson & Zalewski of Lincoln, as an associate. Her practice is in the areas of employment and labor law, general and corporate business, family and juvenile law and civil litigation.

■ **Christopher C. Hilkemann, '06**, has joined Copple, Rockey & McKeever law in Norfolk as an associate. He practices in general civil litigation with an emphasis on corporate law and business transactions, estate planning, employee benefits law and personal injury litigation.

■ **Stacey L. Hines, '06**, is an associate with Baird Holm in Omaha. She works in the firm's financial transactions practice.

■ **Kimberly Hyde, '06**, and **Angel Velitchkov, '06**, were married in the Berean Church in Lincoln.

■ **Jason Janousek, '06**, has joined the Omaha firm Fraser Stryker as an associate. He practices in commercial litigation, insurance defense and self-insured litigation and personal injury.

■ **Julie M. Jochum, '06**, married Jason Ray Koubek in Las Vegas, Nev. Jochum is associated with McFarland Law Offices in Lincoln.

■ **Grant D. Leach, '06**, has joined the Kutak Rock law firm in Omaha as an associate specializing in corporate finance.

■ **Tracy J. McKay, '06**, is an associate with Kutak Rock in Omaha working in employment litigation.

■ **Andrea D. Miller, '06**, has joined the Scottsbluff law firm Simmons Olsen as an associate.

■ **Sean C. Murray, '06**, has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to conduct independent research in Lithuania. Working with the Vytautas Magnus School of Law and the International School of Management, his research is on international investment, investors and investment treaties.

■ **Amy S. Ostermeyer, '06**, is associated with Talent Plus, a human resource consulting firm in Lincoln. She is chair of the Global Talent Interviewing Center.

■ **Amie E. Perlman, '06**, was married June 3, 2006, to Ron Larson. The

wedding was held at First Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln.

■ **Keith T. Peters, '06**, is an associate with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln. His practice concentrates on litigation and creditor's rights.

■ Captain **Alan L. Schuller, '06**, attended the Naval Justice School in Newport, R.I., this fall. He is currently assigned to the legal center at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C., as a judge advocate.

■ **Jamian J. Simmons, '06**, is an associate with Smith & King in Rushville. She also works with Dennis D. King, '73, Sheridan County attorney, prosecuting criminal cases throughout Northwest Nebraska.

■ **Heather B. (Mosier) Veik, '06**, Lincoln, married Justin Veik at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Heather Veik is a judicial law clerk for Judge William B. Cassel of the Nebraska Court of Appeals.

■ **Zoë Wade, '06**, has joined Baird Holm in Omaha as an associate with the firm's litigation practice.

■ **Matthew T. Watson, '06**, has joined Crosby Guenzel in Lincoln as an associate.

■ **Angelica L. Wichman, '06**, and Ryan McClure, were married September 16, 2006, at St. Paul Methodist Church in Lincoln. Angela Wichman McClure is with the Kleveland Law Office in Lincoln.

■ **Joel L. Weigert, '06**, is an associate with Kutak Rock in Omaha in the financial services area.

■ **Benjamin J. Wilton, '06**, is quality, safety and environmental manager at the Abengoa Bioenergy ethanol plant in Ravenna.

In Memoriam

The College of Law extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following alumni:

1940

■ **William Amos Sawtell, Jr., '40**, died on May 10, 2006, in Santa Fe, N.M., at age 90. Sawtell served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, with combat service in France and Germany, retiring with the rank of major. He practiced law in Omaha as a partner in the law firm of Morseman, Fike, Sawtell & Davis and was part of a team that put together the credit card system now known as MasterCard. He moved to Santa Fe in 1972 where he continued to practice law. He volunteered for many

preservation groups, raised Gotland horses and loved fly fishing.

■ **Samuel M. Kirbens, '42**, Laguna Beach, Calif., died March 7, 2006, at the age of 87. He served in the United States Air force as a sergeant. From 1965-1985 he was a Denver County Court judge.

■ **Jack H. Hendrix, '48**, died November 25, 2006, in Denver, Colo. He was a first lieutenant in the Army artillery during World War II, stationed primarily in the Philippines, and was twice awarded the Bronze Star. He

served as Hitchcock County attorney from 1948 until 1967 when he was appointed district judge. He retired from the bench in 1991.

1950

■ **Lynn D. Hutton, '51**, died at the age of 78 in Norfolk on March 24, 2006. Hutton joined his father's law firm in 1951, taught Business Law at Norfolk Junior College and retired from law practice in 2005.

■ **Donald L. Brock, '52**, died in Lincoln on August 9, 2006, at the age of 85. He served in World War II as a bombardier/navigator in the United States Air Force. With 52 missions completed, he returned to the United States and began a nine month position with the United States Navy, mapping oil deposits off the Louisiana coast. He was discharged with the rank of captain in 1947. He was retired from the Hastings law firm Brock & Seiler, now Seiler & Parker. He served from 1958 until 1964 as Adams County attorney.

■ **Kenneth L. Cobb, '52**, died September 19, 2006, at the age of 79, at his home in Lincoln. He served in the United States Army during World War II in the European theater. Cobb was a longtime Lincoln attorney who was an avid hunter and fisherman.

■ **Richard W. Satterfield, '54**, died at age 80 after a battle against cancer on January 21, 2007, in his home in North Platte. He served as North Platte city attorney and as a federal magistrate.

■ **Kenneth P. Weiner, '59**, a longtime Omaha attorney and past president of the Omaha Bar Association, died on September 22, 2006, at the age of 73 from kidney failure. Weiner was active in Law Day activities and was appointed by Gov. Kay Orr to serve on the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission.

1960

■ **Kevin Colleran, '68**, Lincoln, died September 18, 2006, at age 65. While attending an American College of Trial Lawyers meeting in London, England, he was struck by a car as he walked across a street and he died later that night. After clerking for U.S. District Court Judge Robert Van Pelt from 1968-1969, Colleran joined Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather. In 2003, he was named in

Best Lawyers in America for his work in personal-injury litigation. He was one of 16 Lincoln lawyers invited to join the American College of Trial Lawyers.

1970

■ **Alan Lee Plessman, '71**, died December 4, 2006, at age 60. A well-known car enthusiast, Plessman was in private practice in Lincoln for 35 years.

■ **Steven H. Hinman, '72**, Grand Island, died May 21, 2006, after a brief illness. He was 59 years old. Hinman served in the United States Army, was Grand Island assistant city attorney, an associate judge for Hall County and a partner in the law firm of Anderson, Vipperman, Hinman, Hal & Kovanda before opening his own office and becoming an attorney with ABA Recovery Service, Inc.

1980

■ **Robert J. Janda, '83**, died May 31, 2006, in St. Joseph, Mo., as a result of injuries from an auto accident. Janda, 48, practiced law in St. Edward and was president of the Bank of St. Edward.

■ **Frank E. Podany, '87**, Clarkson, died at the age of 49, on October 19, 2006. He practiced law in Lincoln, Columbus and for the Winnebago Native American Tribe.

1990

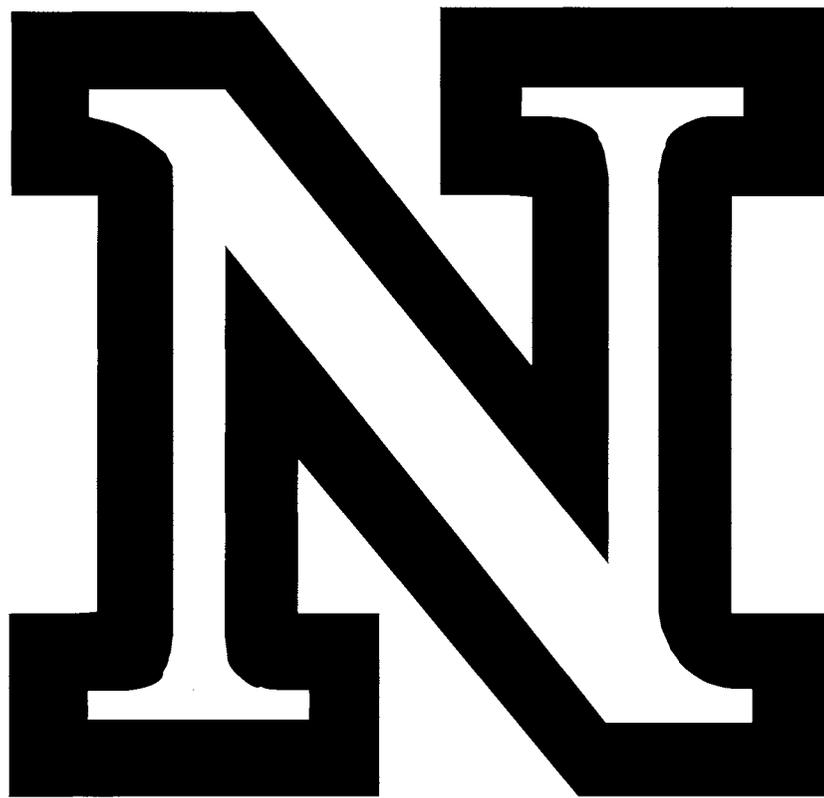
■ **Tiffany (Floth) Romero, '95**, died August 5, 2006, at the age of 36 after a battle with breast cancer. She practiced law in Omaha for five years and then moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where she started her own law practice, specializing in estate planning.

■ **Thomas A. Carlson, '96**, died of kidney cancer July 22, 2006, at age 47. The Omaha veterinarian was director of new products for Lloyd Inc., a pharmaceutical company in Shenandoah, Iowa, since 2004. Prior to that, Dr. Carlson was director of veterinary affairs for Biocor Animal Health in Omaha. During his career, he also served as a senior administrator for the Animal Emergency Clinic of Omaha, was an instructor at Omaha College of Health Careers and owned a practice in Omaha. He also served as a medical and legal consultant for a clinic in California. In addition to his law and veterinary degrees, Carlson obtained master's degrees in biology and business administration.

■ **Keely S. Lewis, '96**, Bisbee, Ariz., died on January 21, 2007, after a battle with ovarian cancer. She was legal director for Southeastern Arizona Behavioral Health Services. Her husband was Christopher James Lewis, '96.

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**Dedicated to the memory of
Paul Donald Brunner
December 21, 1980 - September 20, 2006**



Paul Donald Brunner grew up in Scribner, Nebraska. After earning his degree in criminal justice, Paul enrolled at the University of Nebraska College of Law. During law school, Paul made countless friends who remember him as a charismatic and positive person who inspired them to enjoy life. Paul's true passion was studying and discussing civil rights issues and upon graduation he wanted to work in the field. However, in September of 2006 Paul tragically died at the age of twenty-five from a sudden cardiac event. His death occurred just eight months before he was to receive his Juris Doctor degree. This memorial is a tribute to a wonderful son, brother, friend and colleague. May we never forget your enthusiasm for life.

-From the plaque erected in the student lounge by the Class of 2007



**Gabriela
Acosta**

HOMETOWN: Eustis, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb. — English Literature/Political Science (summa cum laude); J.F.K. Peace Scholarship; J.G.W. Lewis Scholarship; Ruby V. Pedersen Excellence in English Scholarship; Balsey-Whitmore Award; Mildred Reed Jones Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Black Law Students Association; CLEP; Equal Justice Society; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Student Attorney-College of Law Civil Clinic Immigration Project; Law Clerk-Lancaster County Public Defender's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Assistant-Dawson County Public Defender's Office, Lexington, Neb.; Legal Assistant-Derek Mitchell Law Office, Lexington, Neb.



**Luke
Alexander**

HOMETOWN: Superior, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — JD/MBA Joint Degree. Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. — Exercise Science/Legal Studies.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Class SBA Representative; Second-Year Class Vice President; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society; Environmental Law Society; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Intern-Athlete's First Sports Agency; Summer Manager-Adidas/Recruits Unlimited.



**Matt
Aerni**

HOMETOWN: Waverly, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — International Relations; Triangle Fraternity; Lacrosse.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Phi Alpha Delta International (clerk); Republican Law Students Association, Federalist Society, NATA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: State Farm Insurance-Lincoln, Neb., Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Lincoln Law LLC, Lincoln, Neb.



**Carl N.
Anderson, III**

HOMETOWN: Layton, Utah.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Weber State University, Ogden, Utah — Psychology
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; College of Law Ambassador; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Federalist Society; First-Year Orientation Leader; J. Reuben Clark Law Society; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; VITA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lincoln City Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.

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**John W.
Anderson**

HOMETOWN: Woodinville, Wash.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Washington, Seattle, Wash. — History.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition (finalist); National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (first place); ATLA/NATA (president); First-Year Orientation Leader; J. Reuben Clark Law Society; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Contracts, Construction Law Practice; Kenneth L. Noha Memorial Award (best brief, Allen Moot Court Competition); Outstanding Oral Advocate-Allen Moot Court Competition; Outstanding Oral Advocate-Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; National Animal Advocacy Closing Argument Competition (first place).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Judicial Clerk-Honorable Karen B. Flowers, Honorable John A. Colborn, Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Rembolt Ludtke, Lincoln, Neb.; Paralegal-Kohler & Hart, Milwaukee, Wis.



**Caitlin (Anderson)
Barnes**

HOMETOWN: Aurora, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln & Omaha — Criminal Justice (summa cum laude); University Regents Scholarship; Peter Kiewit Distinguished Scholar; Study Abroad-Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha in Toledo, Spain; University Honors Program; Taekwondo Club.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Black Law Students Association; Multi-Cultural Legal Society (president); NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Property; Amen Scholar; Beech Memorial Scholar; Eastman Scholar; Regents' Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Health & Human Services System, Legal Services, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson, & Endacott, Lincoln, Neb.; Criminal Bureau Intern-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Matthew D.
Baack**

HOMETOWN: Holdrege, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Business/Finance.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Project Wishlist; VITA; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Lansing Anderson Memorial Scholarship; Wilber S. Aten Memorial Scholarship.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Clerk for General Counsel-University of Nebraska Foundation, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Harding, Schultz & Downs, Lincoln, Neb.; Customer Service Representative-Lincoln Federal Savings Bank, Lincoln, Neb.



**Amanda
Bentley**

HOMETOWN: South Shore, Ky.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Berea College, Berea, Ky. — Psychology (summa cum laude); Phi Kappa Phi; Psi Chi; Vincit Qui Patitur; Labor Award; Reader's Digest Scholar; Escobar Scholar; Study Abroad Programs in Segovia, Spain and Morelia, Mexico.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Christian Legal Society; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship for New Nebraskans; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Kimberly A. Pinchbeck, Richmond, Va.; Intern-Blackstone Fellowship, Scottsdale, Ariz.



**Ross M.
Berg**

HOMETOWN: O'Neill, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, Neb. — Business Administration (magna cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Weber Law School Scholar.



**Charlotte D.
Boswell**

HOMETOWN: San Jose, Calif.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of California, Santa Barbara, Calif. — French (magna cum laude, distinction in major); French National Honors Society; Best Senior Honors Thesis Award; Education Abroad, la Sorbonne, le Centre Parisien d'Etudes Critiques, Paris, France; NCAA Division I Swimming & Diving Team.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Allen Moot Court Competition; ATLA/NATA (secretary); Christian Legal Society; LSD/ABA; Project Wishlist; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Captain-USAF; Legal Intern-Staff Judge Advocate, Offutt AFB, Neb., Little Rock AFB, Ark.; ROTC Instructor-University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Logistician-Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Paralegal-Wilson Sonsini, Palo Alto, Calif.; Teacher-BUSD, San Jose, Calif.



**Joe
Bradley**

HOMETOWN: Grand Island, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Broadcasting.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Allies and Advocates for GLBT; Black Law Students Association; CLEP; Equal Justice Society; First-Year Orientation Leader; Law School Democrats; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleseed for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson, & Endacott, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jonathan R.
Brandt**

HOMETOWN: Ogallala, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Political Science/Philosophy (with honors).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.

Senior Transcript



**Matt
Breuning**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2007
EDUCATION: University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa — Economics (with honors): Honors Thesis, “Attendance and Uncertainty of Outcome: The Case of German Soccer”; National Scholars Award; Crew Team; Certificate for German Proficiency.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Class President; Second-Year Class President; Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader (master of ceremonies); LSD/ABA (College of Law representative); Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.; Nebraska Moot Court Board (vice chair); Phi Alpha Delta International; Project Wishlist (coordinator); SBA; VITA (volunteer); Moot Court Problem Writer
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Hotz, Weaver, Flood, Breikreutz & Grant, Omaha, Neb.



**Paul D.
Brunner**

HOMETOWN: Scribner, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Criminal Justice.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Black Law Students Association (vice president); Multi-Cultural Legal Society; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Richard & Judy Weill Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Hon. Vernon Daniels, Separate Juvenile Court, Douglas County, Neb.; Law Clerk-Young & Young Attorneys At Law, Omaha, Neb.



**Lindsey R.
Buchheit**

HOMETOWN: Gretna, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. — English (with high distinction): Boatright Prize for English Composition; Cardinal Key National Honor Society; Sigma Tau Delta Honorary; Cornerstone Journalist; Society of Academic Scholars; Flintlock editor; Track; Basketball.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Student-Faculty Continuing Legal Education Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Federalist Society (secretary); Republican Law Students Association; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus; Project Wishlist.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Corbett, Anderson, Corbett & Vellinga, Sioux City, Iowa; Law Clerk-Rembolt Ludtke, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Executive Assistant-Rembolt Ludtke, Legal Secretary-Colombo & Heavey, Papillion, Neb.



**Andrea Hiatt
Buckley**

HOMETOWN: Butte, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Spanish Translation and Interpreting (magna cum laude); Study Abroad—Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, Honors Program, Outstanding Senior Award, Phi Kappa Phi Honorary, Alpha Mu Gamma Foreign Language Honorary.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allies & Advocates for GLBT (treasurer); Equal Justice Society (fundraising vice president); International Law Society; Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (grant recipient); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Gretchen Bechtol Lee Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Friedman Law Offices, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-ACLU Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.



**Mark W.
Buckwalter**

HOMETOWN: Salt Lake City, Utah
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Utah State University, Logan, Utah — Political Science/Psychology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; J. Reuben Clark Law Society.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Legal Research & Writing; Silver Quill Award (outstanding student in Legal Research & Writing).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Senior Certified Law Clerk-Pierson, Fitchett, Hunzeker, Blake, & Katt; Personal Banking Representative-Zions Bank.



**Joneice S.
Burnett**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha — Sociology with Emphasis in Social Inequality; University of Nebraska at Omaha Ambassador; Parking Advisory Committee; United Way Heartland Blueprint Class XIV; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Black Law Students Association (secretary); CLEP; Environmental Law Society; Equal Justice Society; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; SBA; Women's Law Caucus; Student Hurricane Network.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Cook County Office of Public Guardian, Chicago, Ill.; Student Hurricane Network Law Clerk-City Attorney's Office, New Orleans, La.; Research Assistant-Children and Family Coalition of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.



**Wendy A.
Carey**

HOMETOWN: Shreveport, La.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Alcorn State University, Alcorn State, Miss. — Political Science (summa cum laude); Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Black Law Students Association (social committee chair); CLEP; Environmental Law Society; Law School Democrats; Multi-Cultural Legal Society (vice president, treasurer); SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship for New Nebraskans; John H. Binning Scholar; College of Law Centennial Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Office Intern-Deborah McDonald and Patricia Dunmore, Natchez, Miss.; Research Assistant-Prof. Catherine Wilson, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Jonathan W.
Carlson**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb. — Political Science (magna cum laude); Political Science Student of the Year for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004; Val & Elizabeth Peterson Memorial Scholarship; Collegiate All-American Scholar; Presidential Academic/Athletic Award.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: International Law Society (class representative); Nebraska Moot Court Board; Project Wishlist.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Robert K. Andersen Memorial Scholar; Harold & Helen Felton Scholar; John H. & Loretta M. Lenich Scholar; Hymen Rosenberg Memorial Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-McHenry, Haszard, Hansen, Roth & Hupp, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Craig Lawson, University of Nebraska College of Law.

Senior Transcript



**Daniel R.
Carnahan**

HOMETOWN: Chadron, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Finance (with distinction); Deans List; Golden Key National Honor Society; Beta Gamma Sigma National Business Honor Society; Superior Scholar; National Student Exchange Program.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board (master bailiff); SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Corporations, Land Use Planning, Securities Regulation, Style and Composition in Legal Writing; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant–Prof. Luke Meier, University of Nebraska College of Law; Law Clerk–Harding, Shultz & Downs, Lincoln, Neb.



**Nathan W.
Carter**

HOMETOWN: Mount Joy, Pa.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln - M.A. in Philosophy. Nyack College, Nyack, New York - Philosophy.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Christian Legal Society (president); Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (president).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Keating, O’Gara, Nedved & Peter, Lincoln, Neb.; Loan Officer–Medallion Mortgage, Lincoln, Neb.



**Rebekah K.
Caruthers**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. — Political Science: National Parliamentary Debate Association; African American Student Association; INROADS; Student Ambassador; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Allen Moot Court Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Black Law Students Association (president); CLEP; Entertainment & Sports Law Association; LSD/ABA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; SBA; Student Hurricane Network.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Jackson Scholar; Jones Scholar; Knapp/Lyons Scholar; Rosenberg Memorial Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–National Collegiate Athletic Association, Washington, D.C.; Graduate Assistant–University of Nebraska–Lincoln Student Involvement; Law Clerk–New Orleans City Attorney’s Office; Project Assistant–University of Nebraska Medical Center Intellectual Property Office, Omaha, Neb.



**Michael W.
Chaloupka**

HOMETOWN: Scottsbluff, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Political Science.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Bartle & Geier Law Firm, Lincoln, Neb.



**Thomas
Chapman**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2006
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.
— English/History.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Environmental Law Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Market Analyst-Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Omaha, Neb.; Sr. Analyst-American Electric Power, Columbus, Ohio; Manager-Enron, Houston, Texas.



**Chad
Chase**

HOMETOWN: El Dorado, Kan.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.
— Finance: Golden Key National Honor Society; Alpha Gamma Rho; Campus Crusade for Christ; Athletic Ticket Sales Student Government Committee; KSU Chorale.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Student-Faculty Student Awards & Assistance Committee; Christian Legal Society (treasurer); SBA; VITA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Risk Management Officer-Verus Bank, Derby, Kan.; Loan Administrator/Management Trainee-UMB Bank, Kansas City, Mo.



**Kacie N.
Clarke**

HOMETOWN: Central City, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. – Accounting: Cardinal Key Honorary Society; Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship; Collegiate Business Association Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; College of Law Ambassador; SBA; VITA, Women's Law Caucus; Study Abroad-Downing College Cambridge, England.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Certified Senior Law Clerk-Credit Management Services, Grand Island, Neb.



**Keillen
Curtis**

HOMETOWN: St. Paul, Minn.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.
— Economics/Philosophy: Aquinas Scholar.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Black Law Students Association (vice president, development chair); Multi-Cultural Legal Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Minneapolis City Attorney's Office Civil Division, Minneapolis, Minn.; Law Clerk-Minneapolis City Attorney's Office Criminal Division, Minneapolis, Minn.; Research Assistant-Prof. Catherine Wilson, University of Nebraska College of Law.

Senior Transcript



**Jacob
Curtiss**

HOMETOWN: Alliance, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Finance (with honors).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Student-Faculty Library Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; SBA (executive board treasurer, second-year class representative).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Attorney General’s Office–Inmate Litigation & Consumer Protection, Lincoln, Neb.



**Chad
Doornink**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — International Business (with distinction): Aksarben Leadership Scholar; Canfield Scholar; Pepsi-Melvin Jones Scholar; G & L Churney Scholar; Elmer Rhoden Scholar; Benjamin Marshall Mem. Scholar; Shuler-Mills Scholar.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Elmer L. Jackson Scholar; Bryon W. Pierce Memorial Scholar; Regents’ Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk–Douglas County Attorney, Omaha, Neb.



**Karen
Ebmeier**

HOMETOWN: Lawrence, Kan.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. — Political Science (highest distinction).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Program of Concentrated Study in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Education Law; Women’s Law Caucus; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Harold I. Mosher Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Keating, O’Gara, Nedved & Peter, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Assistant–Office of Larry V. Albers, Lincoln, Neb.



**Charles P.
Emanuel**

HOMETOWN: North Bend, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Business Administration/Economics: Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity (recruitment chair, social chair, Balanced Man scholarship coordinator); CBA Student Advisory Board; Monash University Study Abroad, Melbourne, Australia.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; National Trial Team (regional champion); ATLA/NATA; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International (justice); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate–Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, Oliver & Hedges, Silicon Valley, Calif. & Los Angeles, Calif.



**Abby K.
Ferraro**

HOMETOWN: Ankeny, Iowa
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- International Business/French: Consortium of
International Universities (Overseas Program-Paderno del
Grappa, Italy).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Women’s Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-MDS Pharma Services,
Lincoln, Neb.



**Marcos C.
Flores**

HOMETOWN: Provo, Utah.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Utah State University — Business and Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister
Program; Black Law Student Association (treasurer); Multi-
Cultural Legal Society; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law
Assn.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Clark County Public
Defender, Las Vegas, Nev.; State Farm Insurance Companies,
Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Monzon Law, Lincoln, Neb.



**Stacy M.
Foust**

HOMETOWN: Arlington, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha — Criminal Justice
(summa cum laude): Phi Kappa Phi; National Golden Key Honor
Society; A.O. Smith Water Scholarship; R. Duane Munter Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of
Concentrated Study; Faculty Appointments Committee; Brother/Big
Sister Program; LSD/ABA; Project Wishlist; SBA; Women’s Law
Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin
& Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Attorney General’s Office, Criminal
Appellate & Criminal Prosecution Sections, Lincoln, Neb.; Production
Assistant, Licensed in Property/Casualty Insurance-Farm Bureau
Financial Services, Omaha, Neb.



**Monica L.
(Beethe) Freeman**

HOMETOWN: Tecumseh, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Management (with
honors and high distinction): Regents’ Scholar; University Honors
Program; Superior Scholar; Golden Key International Honor Society;
University Marching Band; Beta Gamma Sigma.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive
editor); First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Allen Moot Court
Competition; Federalist Society; Republican Law Students Association;
SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the
Future Award in International Law; Amen Scholar; Baumfalk Memorial
Scholar; Eastman Scholar; Keriakedes Scholar; Morgan Scholar; Jones
Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Woods & Aitken, Lincoln, Neb.;
Information Architect-J.D. Edwards Honors Program, University of
Nebraska–Lincoln.

Senior Transcript



**Tara L.
Gardner**

HOMETOWN: Columbus, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Sociology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; College of Law Alumni Ambassador; Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (treasurer); Environmental Law Society; Equal Justice Society; Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Anderson, Creager & Wittstruck, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk–Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition, Lincoln, Neb.



**Brenda
George**

HOMETOWN: Waco, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, — Political Science (highest distinction): Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honorary; Psi Chi National Psychology Honorary; Phi Kappa Phi; Cardinal Key; Willard Sorority.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA (secretary); Women’s Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Richard Huebner Memorial Scholar; Elmer L. Jackson Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Hymen Rosenberg Memorial Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Rembolt Ludtke, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk–Nebraska District Court Judge Alan G. Gless, Seward, Neb.



**Jason
Grams**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Political Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); National Moot Court Team; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; The Robert M. Spire American Inn of Court; Allen Moot Court Competition; Law School Democrats (founding member); Student-Faculty Appointments Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; ATLA/NATA; LSD/ABA; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Regents’ Scholar; Judge Camp Scholar; Felton Trust Scholar; Perry Scholar; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Lieben, Whitted, Houghton, Slowiaczek & Cavanagh, Omaha, Neb.



**Jonathan L.
Grob**

HOMETOWN: Centennial, Colo.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Colorado–Denver — Finance/Accounting/Economics (cum laude): Colorado Scholar; Regents Scholar; Beta Gamma Sigma; Golden Key; Phi Chi Theta (president); Financial Management Association (National Honor Society member).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Delta Theta Phi (treasurer); First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA; 1L Study Skills Assistant.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Corporate Tax, Corporations, International Business Transactions; Jefferson H. Broady Scholar; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar; H.M. Van Steenberg Memorial Scholar; Delta Theta Phi Academic Achievement Award; Yale C. Holland Memorial Scholar; Winthrop & Frances Lane Foundation Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz, Omaha, Neb.; Intern–Morgan Stanley, Denver, Colo.



**Erin A.
Gustafson**

HOMETOWN: Grand Rapids, Minn.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.
— Psychology (magna cum laude); Psi Chi Honor Society;
Study Abroad-Summer Institute for Global Justice, Utrecht,
the Netherlands.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Student-Faculty Student
Awards & Assistance Committee; International Law Society
(co-president, co-vice president); Project Wishlist; SBA;
Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Intern-Guatemala Human Rights
Commission, Washington, D.C.; Law Clerk-Nebraska
Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Zach
Hemenway**

HOMETOWN: Lawrence, Kan.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan. — Journalism
(with honors).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive
editor); Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Fraser-Stryker
Scholar; Winthrop & Frances Lane Scholar; CALI Excellence for
the Future Award in Contracts, Family Law, Legal Process, Torts,
Unfair Competition, American Legal History, Arbitration, Mental
Health Law Seminar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Stinson Morrison
Hecker, Kansas City, Mo.; Law Clerk-Knudsen, Berkheimer,
Richardson & Endacott, Lincoln, Neb.



**Todd Jake
Hinkins**

HOMETOWN: Orangeville, Utah.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah
— Business Marketing (magna cum laude); National Dean's List;
Presidential Ambassador; Student Association Presidential Cabinet
(controller); The Academy; Delta Epsilon Chi International
Competition (2nd place).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling
Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; College
of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Client
Counseling Competition Board; Federalist Society; J. Reuben Clark
Law Society (president); Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law
Assn.; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Moriarity, Gooch, Badaruddin
& Booke, Salt Lake City, Utah; Law Clerk-Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss,
Grimit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.



**Kelly D.
Hoffart**

HOMETOWN: Pierce, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2006
EDUCATION: Concordia University, Seward, Neb. —
Communications.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI
Excellence for the Future Award in Criminal Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Student Assistant-Schmid Law
Library, University of Nebraska College of Law.

Senior Transcript



**Sara
Hulac**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. — Computer Science (magna cum laude); Study Abroad-Berlin, Germany.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Equal Justice Society (vice president of corporate relations); Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (president, grant recipient); Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-ACLU Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleaseed for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Douglas County Attorney's Office, Omaha, Neb.



**Ramzi
Hynek**

HOMETOWN: Valentine, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Business Administration (with highest distinction): Regents' Scholar; McKelvie Scholar; LeRossignol Scholar; Beta Gamma Sigma; Golden Key; Student Government; CBA Student Ambassador.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (managing editor); College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: LEAD/ICAN Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Scholarship; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Cline Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Rembolt Ludtke, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-The Nebraska Minority and Justice Task Force; Research Assistant-Dr. Brian Bornstein, Juror Stress Study; Dispute Mediator-Nebraska Attorney General's Office.



**Matthew D.
Jansen**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Finance/Economics.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Neb.; Law College Representative-Bar/Bri; Law Clerk-Douglas County Attorney, Omaha, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Steve Bradford, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Rebecca
Jarecki**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Psychology (with high distinction): Golden Key Honorary; Psi Chi Honorary; Arts & Sciences Ambassador; Arts & Sciences Advisory Board; Judicial Appeals Board; Psychology Research Assistant; Psychology Teachers Assistant.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Program of Concentrated Study in Employment Law; Delta Theta Phi; Federalist Society; SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Mental Health Law Seminar; Robert D. Baumfalk Memorial Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Externship-Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission; Lincoln, Neb.; Loan Servicing Clerk-Lincoln Federal Savings Bank, Lincoln, Neb.



**Sabrina L.
Jensen**

HOMETOWN: Broken Bow, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan. — Political Science/Spanish (magna cum laude); Track & Field: All-American, Academic All-American, Female Student-Athlete of the Year; Student Government: Legislative Director, Senator; Presidential V.I.P. Ambassador; Mortar Board Honor Society; Study Abroad —Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA: Second-Year Class Representative, Third-Year Class Vice President; Client Counseling Competition; Christian Legal Society; CLEP; International Law Society; National Trial Team; Program of Concentrated Study in International Law; Project Wishlist.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Intern-United States Air Force, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Peterson AFB, Colo.; Legal Assistant-Atencio Law Office, Albuquerque, N.M.



**Shannon C.
Kelly**

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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Communication Studies.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Tony Brock, Lincoln, Neb.



**Daniel J.
Kerr**

HOMETOWN: Hastings, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Hastings College, Hastings, Neb. — Political Science (high distinction)/Economics (high distinction).



**Joseph Akira
Kishiyama**

HOMETOWN: Scottsbluff, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Chemical Engineering.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (articles editor); Environmental Law Society; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; John S. Pierce Memorial Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Patent Law Clerk-University of Nebraska Office of Technology Development; Plant Superintendent-Vitamin E and Monoglycerides, Archer Daniels Midland, Decatur, Ill.

Senior Transcript



**Brian
Koerwitz**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb. — Chemistry.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Corporations, Pretrial Litigation.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Woods & Aitken, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Bartle & Geier, Lincoln, Neb.; Chemist-Nebraska State Patrol, North Platte, Neb.



**Patricia
Kush**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio — Secondary Communication Education (cum laude); Editor of undergraduate literary magazine; Miami University Presidential Award for Employment; Debate Team; National Debate Tournament (qualifier).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Kenneth L. Noha Memorial Award (best brief, Allen Moot Court Competition); Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist, co-coordinator); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (first place); Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Kelso Morgan Scholar; John Phillip Morrow Memorial Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Evidence.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Davis & Kuelthau, Milwaukee, Wis.; Law Clerk-Harding, Shultz & Downs, Lincoln, Neb.



**Ryan M.
Lindberg**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Secondary Education.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: John M. Gradwohl-Nebraska Council of School Attorneys Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Association of School Boards, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Harding Shultz & Downs, Lincoln, Neb.



**Nathan A.
Liss**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Doane College, Crete, Neb. - Math/History: President's Scholarship; Men's Varsity Soccer Scholarship; Tau Sigma Zeta (treasurer, alumni representative); Peer Judicial Board.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Clark, Butler, Walsh & Hamann, Waterloo, Iowa.



**Sara A.
Mabrey**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. — Psychology (cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Third-Year Class President; Client Counseling Competition (finalist); First-Year Client Counseling Competition (first place); Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society; Client Counseling Competition Board; CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; International Law Society; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-The Freedom Firm, Ooty, India.



**Bradley E.
Marsicek**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — History, Communication Studies; Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society; Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Mental Health Law Seminar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Ogborn, Summerlin & Ogborn, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant—Prof. Colleen Medill, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Philip L.
Martin**

HOMETOWN: La Jara, Colo.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah — Business Management/Organizational Behavior Emphasis (magna cum laude); National Honor Society; Marriott School of Management Academic Scholarship; Prof. Gordon E. Mills Teacher's Assistant.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: J. Reuben Clark Law Society; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl, Lincoln, Neb.; Operations Manager-FedEx Express, Seattle, Wash.



**Alison M.
Mashek**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Psychology/English (with distinction); Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society; Regents' Scholar; Peter Kiewit Scholar; Honor's Program; UCARE Research Grant Recipient.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; LSD/ABA; Project Wishlist; SBA; Women's Law Caucus; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Regents' Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Torts, Civil Procedure, Evidence; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.

Senior Transcript



**Corinne M.
McChesney**

HOMETOWN: Shenandoah, Iowa
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln —
Philosophy/Political Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: CLEP; Law School
Democrats; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County
District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Sherrets &
Boecker, Omaha, Neb.



**Matthew G.
McGill**

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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa — Business Finance.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court
Competition; Student-Faculty Honor Committee; Law School
Democrats; SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General’s
Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Student Coordinator-Summer 2006 Pre-
Law Institute, University of Nebraska College of Law; Student
Assistant-Summer 2005 Pre-Law Institute, University of Nebraska
College of Law.



**Brent A.
Meyer**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb —
Finance and Entrepreneurship (cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allen Moot Court
Competition; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister
Program; CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; Nebraska
Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.; Nebraska Moot Court
Board.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Welsh & Welsh, Omaha,
Neb.; Law Clerk-District Court of Lancaster County,
Lincoln, Neb.



**Timothy R.
Mulliner**

HOMETOWN: Hastings, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Criminal
Justice: Dale & Ellen Schroeder Scholarship Recipient; Alpha
Tau Omega Fraternity (vice president).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of
Concentrated Study; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor);
ATLA/NATA; First-Year Orientation Leader; Project Wishlist;
Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence
for the Future Award in Legal Process.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Atwood, Holsten & Brown,
Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Colleen Medill,
University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Katy V.
Munch**

HOMETOWN: Bellevue, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.
– Journalism/History: National Merit Scholar; James C. Malin Scholar; University Daily Kansan; New Student Orientation.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Criminal Clinic; Jean & Rowland Nelson Scholar.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Alicia C.
O'Connell**

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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Criminal Justice/Psychology (magna cum laude): Regents' Scholar; Phi Eta Sigma Scholar; Distinguished Senior Award; Rho Lambda Honor Society (president); Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; ATLA/NATA; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: G. Robert Muchemore Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Temporary Paralegal-Gilroy Law Office, Omaha, Neb.; Intern-LaVista Police Department, LaVista, Neb.



**Amanda L.
Olson**

HOMETOWN: Gibbon, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Criminal Justice (cum laude); University Honors Program.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Internship-Buffalo County Attorney's Office, Kearney, Neb.



**Michael H.
Orcutt**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Arizona State University-Phoenix, Ariz. — Economics (magna cum laude): Barrett Honors College; Certificate of International Business; Pedrick Scholar.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: International Law Society; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Arizona Attorney General, Phoenix, Ariz.; Law Clerk-Cochran & Dahl, Phoenix, Ariz.

Senior Transcript



**Nathan G.
Osborn**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas — History/Sociology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: ATLA/NATA (secretary); CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; International Law Society; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Phi Alpha Delta International.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Senior Certified Legal Intern-District Attorney, El Paso County, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Law Clerk-Friedman Law Offices, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-ACLU Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.



**Josh
Penterman**

HOMETOWN: Bennet, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Hastings College, Hastings, Neb. — Psychology/Sociology/Criminal Justice: Psi Chi; Pi Gamma Mu.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Retirement Plan Services Department, Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln, Neb.



**Joshua J.
Pluta**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Mathematics/History: Regents' Scholarship; Golden Key National Honor Society; Pi Mu Epsilon Honorary; Phi Alpha Theta Honorary; National Residence Hall Honorary; Residence Hall Association (national communications coordinator)
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Equal Justice Society; Law School Democrats.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Criminal Law, Family Law; Regents' Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Public Defender, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-ACLU Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.



**Justin C.
Rammell**

HOMETOWN: South Weber, Utah
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Weber State University, Ogden, Utah — Spanish.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Program of Concentrated Study in Real Estate; Federalist Society; J. Reuben Clark Society; Republican Law Student Association.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Des Moines, Iowa; Law Clerk-Iowa Legal Aid, Des Moines, Iowa; Law Clerk-Law Office of Carlos A. Monzon, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Sandra Zellmer, University of Nebraska College of Law; Senior Certified Law Clerk-Nebraska Office of the Attorney General, Environmental, Agricultural & Natural Resources Division - Lincoln, Neb.



**Natalie K.
Randall**

HOMETOWN: Liberal, Kan.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.
- Master of Human Relations; Oklahoma Panhandle State
University, Goodwell, Okla. - Bachelor of Music Education.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills
Program of Concentrated Study; ATLA/NATA; SBA;
Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska State Patrol,
Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Alicia Henderson,
University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Jessica K.
Runge**

HOMETOWN: Sioux Falls, S.D.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of South Dakota - Criminal
Justice/Psychology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Delta Theta Phi;
Women's Law Caucus.



**Mindy
Rush**

HOMETOWN: Little Falls, Minn.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Doane College, Lincoln, Neb. — Paralegal
Studies (summa cum laude): Outstanding Graduate;
Pinnacle Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills
Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling
Competition (first place); National Client Counseling
Team; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; SBA;
Women's Law Caucus; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI
Excellence for the Future Award in Family Law; Dean
Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Public
Defender's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Michael D.
Samuelson**

HOMETOWN: Madison, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb. — Business
Management (summa cum laude): John G. Neihardt
Scholarship; Nucor Foundation Scholarship; Delta Sigma Pi;
Alpha Lambda Delta.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions
Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling
Competition; CLEP; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen
G. Eastman Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Copple, Rockey & McKeever,
Norfolk, Neb.; Law Clerk-The Law Office of Christine
Vanderford, Lincoln, Neb.

Senior Transcript



**Murray R.
Schmoker**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Business Administration with Accounting Emphasis (summa cum laude); UNK Achievement Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Class SBA Representative; ATLA/NATA; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International (treasurer); SBA (executive treasurer).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Senior Certified Public Accountant-Coopers & Lybrand, Omaha, Neb.; Director of Accounting-Catholic Health Corporation, Omaha, Neb.; Senior Manager/Certified Public Accountant-Williams & Co, Onawa, Iowa; Law Clerk- Nebraska Legal Services; Certified Internal Auditor; Certified Cash Manager.



**Justin
Scott**

HOMETOWN: Alcester, S.D.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. — History/Computer Science (magna cum laude with honors).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Christian Legal Society (third-year class representative); VITA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship for New Nebraskans; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Accounting for Lawyers.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, Aberdeen, S.D.; Assistant Information Technology Manager-Alkota Cleaning Systems, Inc., Alcester, S.D.



**Nicole
Seckman**

HOMETOWN: Schuyler, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Business Administration (with distinction); Regents' Scholarship; Honors Program; Kappa Delta Sorority (vice president); Student Government Senator; College of Business Advisory Board; Order of Omega (president).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; National Animal Advocacy Competition; Student-Faculty Continuing Legal Education Committee; Environmental Law Society; Republican Law Students Association; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Mattson, Ricketts, Davies, Stewart & Calkins, Lincoln, Neb.



**Ryan J.
Sevcik**

HOMETOWN: Falls City, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, Missouri — History (summa cum laude); Insignis Scholarship; Presidential Scholarship; John Sublett Logan Graduate Fellowship; Student Honors Organization; Student Government Association (president).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Class Vice President; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; College of Law Ambassador; Christian Legal Society; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (research editor); Project Wishlist; Republican Law Students Association; SBA (executive vice president; executive president); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Employment Law, Labor Law, Corporate Tax, International Law, Unfair Competition, Legislation Seminar; Law College Prize for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Women's Club of Hastings Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Koley Jessen, Omaha, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Roger Kirst, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Amber N.
Shavers**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wis. — Anthropology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Class SBA Representative; Client Counseling Competition (finalist); First-Year Client Counseling Competition (first place); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); College of Law Ambassador; Black Law Students Association; Client Counseling Competition Board; CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn. (co-founder, president); Project Wishlist; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Donald P. Lay Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Pre-Law Institute Classroom Assistant—University of Nebraska College of Law; University Program Council Graduate Assistant—University of Nebraska—Lincoln; Friendship Home—Women’s Advocate, Lincoln, Neb.; Manager—World Music Productions, New York, N.Y.



**Angela R.
Shute**

HOMETOWN: Sidney, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2006
EDUCATION: Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb. — Legal Studies (summa cum laude); Board of Trustees Scholarship; Justice Studies Scholarship (honors); Pre-Law Award; Legal Studies Club; Campus Activities Board; Golden Eagle Dance Team.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Student-Faculty Lectureship Committee; College of Law Ambassador; CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board (secretary); Republican Law Students Association; SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Administrative Law, American Legal History, Conflicts of Law.



**Benjamin I.
Siminou**

HOMETOWN: Poway, Calif.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas — English/Political Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (editor-in-chief); Nebraska Moot Court Board; First-Year Orientation Leader; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Author, Making Sense of Hybrid Rights: An Analysis of the Nebraska Supreme Court’s Approach to the Hybrid-Rights Exception in Douglas County v. Anaya, 85 NEB. L. REV. 311 (2006).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Constitutional Law I, Pretrial Litigation, Civil Clinic; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; Robert G. Simmons Nebraska Law Practice Writing Competition (second place).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Angle, Murphy, Valentino & Campbell, York, Neb.; Research Assistant—Prof. Susan Poser, University of Nebraska College of Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Intern—Cheyenne County Attorney’s Office, Sidney, Neb.



**Abby L.
Smith**

HOMETOWN: Crete, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa — Political Science/International Relations (summa cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling Competition (first place); National Client Counseling Team; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; International Law Society (president); Law School Democrats; Women’s Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in International Litigation and Arbitration, International Trade Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—UNL Student Legal Services; Law Clerk—Helmann & Sullivan, Hastings, Neb.; Research Assistant—Prof. Susan Franck, University of Nebraska College of Law; Volunteer—Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Lincoln, Neb.

Senior Transcript



**Heather J.
Smith**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Human Resource Management/Psychology: University Honors Program; Pan Pacific Study Abroad Program.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Student-Faculty Grade Appeal Committee; Client Counseling Competition Board (chair); Federalist Society; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Intern–Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Intern–University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Office of Sponsored Programs; Publications Coordinator–Nebraska Supreme Court, Reporter of Decisions Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Heidi M.
Sprague**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — International Business.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; College of Law Ambassador; First-Year Orientation Leader; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Property, Legal Process, Entertainment Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk–Morrow, Poppe, Otte, Watermeier & Phillips, Lincoln, Neb.



**Eric M.
Stott**

HOMETOWN: Lancaster, Calif.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2006
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah — Business/Finance.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Federalist Society (president); J. Reuben Clark Law Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant–Prof. Steven Bradford, University of Nebraska College of Law; Law Clerk–Shiffermiller Law Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Financial Professional–MassMutual Financial Group, Salt Lake City, Utah.



**Kenneth C.
Strawn**

HOMETOWN: Las Cruces, N.M.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M. — Economics/Business Computer Systems (with honors): Outstanding Senior Award; Crimson Scholar; AITP (webmaster); NSCS; Phi Eta Sigma; Golden Key; Chess Club.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn. (publications chair); SBA; ATLA/NATA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Judge Robert R. Camp Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Intern–U.S. Department of State, San Francisco, Calif.; Circulation Desk Attendant–Schmid Law Library, Lincoln, Neb.



**Ann J.
Tait**

HOMETOWN: Alliance, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Political Science: University Honors Program; Golden Key International Honor Society; Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Nebraska Moot Court Board (chair); National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Law School Democrats; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Harold & Helen Felton Scholar; Donald T. Meier Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Advocacy Services, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-University Legal Services, Washington, D.C.



**Matthew
Torres**

HOMETOWN: Sunrise, Fla.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Master's Degree in Business Administration. University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Business Administration.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Republican Law Students Association; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Law Office of Christine Vanderford, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Advocacy Services, Lincoln, Neb.



**Kristin
Thornblad**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Smith College, Northampton, Mass. — American Government (cum laude): Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society; First Group Scholar; Praxis Internship Grant Award; Study Abroad-New York University in Prague, the Czech Republic.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Delta Theta Phi; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Constitutional Law I, Gender, Race, and Class Issues in the Law, Advanced Legal Research.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Legal Intern-American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C.; Law Clerk-Douglas County Attorney's Office, Omaha, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Richard Leiter, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Jennifer L.
Tricker**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. — Psychology/Spanish/Accounting
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Senior Certified Law Clerk-United States Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Research Assistant-Woods & Aitken, Lincoln, Neb.; Community Learning Center Site Supervisor-Cedars, Lincoln, Neb.; Director-Camp Lincoln/Lake Hubert, Lake Hubert, Minn.

Senior Transcript



**Elizabeth
Tytke**

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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. — Political Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (vice president); Christian Legal Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, Boston, Mass.; Legal Assistant-The Debt Exchange, Boston, Mass.; Student Representative-Westlaw, New Orleans, La. & Houston, Texas; Intern-The Office of Statewide Prosecution, Tallahassee, Fla.



**Micah L.
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EDUCATION: Doane College, Crete, Neb. — Business Administration/Accounting; National Merit Scholarship; Thomas Doane Scholarship; Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Constitutional Law, Wills & Trusts.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nestor & Mercure, Tecumseh, Neb.; Commercial Loan Underwriter-Commercial Federal Bank, Omaha, Neb.; Branch Manager-Farmers Bank, Lincoln, Neb.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Environmental Law Society; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Intern-State Farm Insurance, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Berry & Kelley, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jenna L.
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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Communication Studies (with distinction); Regents' Scholar; Chancellor's Senior Honorary Innocents Society; Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society; Chancellor's Leadership Class; Gamma Phi Beta Sorority (president).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; SBA (secretary, first-year representative); First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Student-Faculty Library Committee; College of Law Ambassador; First-Year Orientation Leader; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Blackwell, Sanders, Peper & Martin, Omaha, Neb.



**Kari M.
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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Finance (with high distinction); Delta Sigma Pi (president); Circle K International (president); Nebraska Banker's Association Scholarship; Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Orientation Leader; Phi Alpha Delta International (vice president); SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Styron & Shilling, Branson, Mo.; Law Clerk-Lincoln Law, Lincoln, Neb.



**Matthew B.
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EDUCATION: Utah Valley State College, Orem, Utah — Accounting (cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling Competition; First-year Client Counseling Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; Client Counseling Competition Board; Federalist Society; J. Reuben Clark Law Society (secretary/treasurer); Republican Law Students Association; SBA; VITA (supervisor).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant-Prof. William Lyons, University of Nebraska College of Law; Law Clerk-United States Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.



**Geoffrey M.
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HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha — Computer Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Federalist Society; Republican Law Students Association; St. Thomas Moore Society; SBA; VITA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office
WORK EXPERIENCE: Senior Desktop Application Developer-Orion Advisor Services, Omaha, Neb.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Federalist Society.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: William M. Holt Scholar; Elmer L. Jackson Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Berry & Kelley Law Offices, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Colleen E. Medill, University of Nebraska College of Law; Consultant-Dovebid Valuation Services, Inc., Foster City, Calif.

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**W. Jesse
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EDUCATION: Dakota Wesleyan University – English/
Criminal Justice (summa cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW;
Christian Legal Society (class representative); Federalist
Society; NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT (student editor); St. Thomas
Moore Society.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: William M.
Holt Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-U.S. Air Force JAG,
Offutt, Neb.; Law Clerk-The Alliance Defense Fund's
Blackstone Fellowship, Shreveport, La.; Research Assistant-
Prof. Richard Duncan, University of Nebraska College of
Law.



**Henry L.
Wiedrich**

HOMETOWN: Amarillo, Texas
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln
— Civil Engineering: CSEMS Scholarship; Institute of
Transportation Engineers.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW;
First-Year Client Counseling Competition; McGrath,
North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award;
Federalist Society; J. Reuben Clark Law Society.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI
Excellence for the Future Awards in Property, Copyright;
Robert D. Baumfalk Memorial Scholar; John C. Gourley
Memorial Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County
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Wiggins**

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AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: William M.
Holt Scholar.



**Isaiah
Wilson, II**

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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Yale University-New Haven, Conn. —
American Studies (concentration in Ethnic Studies).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: BLSA; Multi-Cultural
Legal Society (vice president); SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Baird Holm, Omaha,
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**Jais M.
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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Accounting.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Program of Concentrated Study in Business Planning & Taxation; First-Year Orientation Leader.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—UNL Department of Technology Advancement; Law Clerk—Brooks Pansing Brooks Law Firm, Lincoln, Neb.; Tax Intern—Hanigan Bjorkman Ecklund CPAs, Lincoln, Neb.; Audit/Tax Intern—Dana F. Cole CPAs, Lincoln, Neb.; BKD LLP CPAs, Lincoln, Neb.



**Darren S.
Wright**

HOMETOWN: Albion, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb. — General Business (magna cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; National Trial Team; SBA (third-year class representative); Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Legal Extern—Lancaster County Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.



**Derek
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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Business Administration (with high distinction); Beta Gamma Sigma Honorary Fraternity; Golden Key Honor Society; Superior Scholar; Sigma Alpha Epsilon National Fraternity (vice president).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); SBA (third year representative); Project Wishlist; Republican Law Students Association; VITA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Individual Income Tax, Trial Advocacy; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gruit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.

Graduates Not Pictured:

Jordan Adam
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Anna Cramer
Kevin Dalton
Richard Friess
Sarah Helming
Kimberly Loojtjer
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Sean McCabe
Sergei Nosov
William O'Brien
Ann O'Connor
Kimberly Olivera
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2. Undergraduate Dean's List information is not included.
3. All resumes are in standard format consisting of hometown, expected graduation date, education, Law College activities, awards & academic scholarships and work experience.
4. Information was current as of January 1, 2007.
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 - ATLA - American Trial Lawyers' Association
 - CLEP - Community Legal Education Project
 - LSD/ABA - Law Student Division/American Bar Association
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