

#### Dean's perspective



hat an inspiring and eventful first semester I have had as dean of Seattle University School of Law. This job is even more fulfilling than I'd imagined it would be, and I attribute that to the outstanding faculty, students, staff and alumni I have come to know in my first few months in Seattle.

Accepting this position has been the highlight of my professional career. I have been warmly embraced by the law school and the Seattle and Washington legal communities, and for that I am very grateful.

This fall, I have had the chance to visit with alumni and friends at events in Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, New York and Hawaii. It has been a true pleasure to know what a difference the School of Law made in the lives of our graduates near and far. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months. My trip to D.C. also allowed me to build a foundation for a pilot summer program for our students in the nation's capital that will expand opportunities for students who want to work outside the Pacific Northwest.

Back at the law school, our Faculty Appointments Committee has been reviewing excellent applicants to supplement our already strong faculty, and I am excited about the caliber of candidates we are attracting. The faculty is also working hard to develop strategies and initiatives to expand the law school's national and worldwide presence and to create more international opportunities. And our Faculty Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee is currently reviewing some intriguing proposals for revitalization of our first year curriculum.

I want to send a special farewell to Associate Dean for Advancement Susan Ahearn, who is enjoying a well-deserved retirement after her excellent service in building our development and alumni programs. A committee chaired by Professor from Practice John McKay is working hard to find a replacement for Susan, and we look forward to the new perspectives and energy a new associate dean will bring.

Please spend some time with this issue of the Lawyer, which highlights the compelling work our faculty and students are doing as leaders for a just and humane world. The Report of Giving also showcases the importance of supporting the law school and the difference your gifts make in achieving our mission.

I wish you and yours a peaceful and joyful holiday season. I thank you again for your many kindnesses and support as we look forward to a highly productive 2011.

Best,

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Mark Niles

Dean and Professor of Law

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Dean Mark Niles, photographed outside the law school.

On this page: 2L Julie Culpepper isn't bothered by the rain. Photos by Matt Hagen.

#### The briefcase: law school news



RED MASS Judge Monica Benton and The Honorable Charles V. Johnson share a laugh during the procession from Sullivan Hall to the chapel for Red Mass. Photo by Jennifer Richard.

#### Red Mass tradition honors those who work for justice

More than 250 members of the judiciary and the legal community gathered in October to celebrate Red Mass and pay tribute to retired King County Superior Court Judge, the Honorable Charles V. Johnson.

The tradition of Red Mass at Seattle University School of Law, now in its third year, has become a homecoming as alumni, the bench, bar, legislators, law students and other members of the legal and legislative communities acknowledge the legal profession's vital role in promoting justice and peace.

Judge Johnson and his wife of 55 years, Lazelle, sat center stage as the Honorable Nicole Gaines, president of the Loren Miller Bar Association, and The Honorable Bruce Hilyer, presiding judge of the King County Superior Court, spoke about Judge Johnson's impact and legacy in the community, his tireless service and his approachability.

James Andrus, past-president of the King County Bar Association, described Judge Johnson's greatness, as defined by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Judge Johnson is a man who has been a servant of justice and who continues to stand for excellence. It is my honor, and that of the SU Law community, to recognize your leadership to our community."

"Convocation," a painting from the series A Fire in the Landscape by Barbara Earl Thomas, a local artist and the executive director of the Northwest African American Museum, was given to Seattle University School of Law in honor of Judge Johnson. View a photo gallery from Red Mass at www.law.seattleu.edu/x7033.xml.

# New programs help law school bridge the legal language gap



Kristi Cruz '08



Gillian Dutton

Two law school initiatives aim to meet the growing needs of clients with limited English skills. The law school was chosen to oversee a project of the American Bar Association to develop national language access standards for courts, and this fall, the law school launched an innovative year-long Spanish for Lawyers course.

"It's not just about language, it's about justice," said Des Moines Municipal Court Judge Veronica Alicea-Galvan, who teaches the Spanish for Lawyers course. "Access to Justice demands that we address this."

The course was designed to teach attorneys who are conversant in Spanish but need to practice legal terms, phrases and concepts. Students use role-playing exercises to practice their skills, and guest speakers enhance the course.

"We're not just teaching vocabulary, but the concepts," Alicea-Galvan said.

She has served in Des Moines Municipal Court for three years and was an administrative law judge and city prosecutor. She regularly conducts civil infraction hearings in Spanish. She adds it's not just Spanish-speaking clients who need interpreters.

"I wish I could speak Russian as well," she said.

Students include representatives of agencies and organizations who work with Spanish-speaking clients, including the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. Lisa Roth, an attorney with the Washington Attorney General's Office working on Labor and Industry cases, has found the course very helpful.

"We have a great demand for Spanish-speaking attorneys in my division," she said. "I'm learning a lot and getting more confident. I think it's very useful, very effective."

A few law students with a background in Spanish also enrolled, even though they receive no credit.

"It's a skill you don't want to lose and it's in high demand," said 2L Kimberly Davidson.

The American Bar Association says language access has become an essential component of a functional and fair justice system but acknowledges that systems to assure language access do not exist in many jurisdictions. State courts lack guidance on how to analyze the need and implement effective strategies for language access in their court systems.

The ABA embarked upon a project to create guidelines that are practical, universal, and effective at creating access to state courts for individuals with limited English proficiency. To do that, it turned to the expertise at Seattle University School of Law and two people with broad experience: Gillian Dutton, director of the Externship Program and assistant professor of Lawyering Skills, and Kristi Cruz '08. Dutton has worked in the area of language access since becoming an attorney in 1988, is a founding member of the Washington State Coalition for Language Access (WASCLA), and is known nationally for her work on behalf of Limited English Proficient clients. Cruz was the law school'swfirst Leadership for Justice Fellow at the Northwest Justice Project. She is co-chair of the WASCLA Board of Directors and a certified American Sign Language interpreter.

"Whether it's interpreting for someone who can't hear or someone who can't speak the language, the barriers are the same," Cruz said. "There's so much more to equal access and language access than just calling an agency and getting an interpreter."

# Leadership for Justice Fellow works to protect the rights of disabled inmates

A May graduate who is committed to working with marginalized communities was awarded the 2010 Leadership for Justice Fellowship. Bette Fleishman is working at Disability Rights Washington to address the criminalization of individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries in county jails across the state of Washington.

During her year-long fellowship, she will work to change how county jails and the state Department of Corrections deal with inmates through coalition building, advocacy, training, monitoring and possibly litigation or legislation.

"Solving the global problem of excessive and inhumane incarceration of people with disabilities cannot be remedied in a single year," Fleischman said. "However, a significant impact can be made on the immediate needs of Washington inmates. A disproportionate number of inmates in jails are disabled, and the jails are not equipped to serve them."

Her goals are to establish two model correctional facilities, identify alternatives to incarceration; create enhanced standards of care; increase the knowledge and skill of lawyers, jails and correctional administrators; and develop a long-term plan.

Seattle University School of Law is the only law school in the

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Bette Fleishman, the 2010 Leadership for Justic Fellow, is working to protect the rights of disabled inmates. Photo by Marcus Donner

state to offer a post-graduate fellowship for a graduate to work with a host organization on a specific social justice project.

Fleishman has a lifelong interest in issues involving disability and incarceration. A licensed behavioral health counselor, she worked for 25 years with nonprofit organizations before attending law school. Her experience includes working on prison-based treatment programs, establishing a residential program for incarcerated women with addictive and co-occurring mental health issues, and directing a rape crisis center.

"I am committed and passionate about these issues and want to use the privilege of law school to erase the barriers that exist to keep the law out of reach to many individuals," she said.

She was active in the equal justice community while in law school. She is a member of the Access to Justice Subcommittee, served as a Rule 9 extern for the Associated Counsel for the Accused, and volunteered with the Unemployment Law Project and the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty.

"Bette is a wonderful example of the kind of lawyers the law school produces who are committed to bettering their communities and ensuring justice for all," said Monika Batra, the associate director of the Access to Justice Institute, which oversees the fellowship program. "It's gratifying to see new lawyers joining the equal justice movement, especially in this difficult economic climate in which many legal services organizations are struggling."

## Law school works for a safer future for domestic violence survivors with major conference

Lawyers, social workers, and others committed to working to end domestic violence gathered for two days of intensive and cutting-edge panels and workshops at Seattle University School of Law.

The Second Annual Washington State Domestic Violence Symposium, "Focus Forward: Creating Safer Futures for DV Survivors and Children," was a collaborative symposium for civil attorneys, prosecutors, law enforcement, advocates,



Assistant Professor lane Stoever

judges, scholars, law students, social workers, batterer intervention providers, and others in the field.

More than 350 people attended the multi-disciplinary program, which featured nationally renowned experts to discuss the symposium's critical themes of the effectiveness of domestic violence assessments; the risks and consequences for children who witness domestic violence; and research and practice developments.

"Domestic violence is not just a legal problem," said Jane Stoever, an assistant professor who directs the law school's Domestic Violence Clinic and helped organize the program. "It's a widespread and complex health and social problem. The symposium provides a unique opportunity to bring people together to talk about solutions. We are looking for new, more effective tools to address an old problem, and the solution requires an interdisciplinary response."

Featured speakers included Jacquelyn Campbell, Danger Assessment, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing; Grant Harris, Mental Health Centre, Penetanguishene, Ontario, Canada; Professor Margaret E. Johnson, Co-Director, Center on Applied Feminism, University of Baltimore School of Law; Betsy McAllister-Groves, Child Witness to Violence Project, Boston Medical Center; Professor Joan Meier, DV Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project, George Washington University Law School; Anne L. Ganley, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Washington; Sgt. Greg Stewart, Portland Police Bureau; and the Honorable Joan DuBuque, King County Superior Court.

The conference was sponsored by the School of Law and its Domestic Violence Clinic, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office; King County DV and Child Maltreatment Coordinated Response Project; Seattle City Attorney's Office; and Violence Against Women Act STOP (Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors) grants from King County and the Washington State Gender & Justice Commission.

## John Mitchell named Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence

Professor John Mitchell is the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence at Seattle University School of Law for the 2010-11 and 11-12 academic years.

Over the past two decades, Professor Mitchell has taught courses in evidence, forensics, criminal law, criminal procedure and advocacy. He was also a member of the law school's clinical faculty for six years, the last two as director.



Professor John Mitchell

"John is one of our most respected and beloved faculty members," said Annette Clark, who as interim dean made the appointment. "In addition to his excellent scholarship, he is a passionate and inspiring teacher. Students benefit from not only his broad experience, but also from his approachable nature and good humor."

Mitchell will present a lecture, "Teaching and the Three Gifts," to mark his installation April 5, 2011. He is co-author of "Pretrial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis, and Strategy" and "Trial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis, and Strategy," and "Trial Advocacy: Assignments and Case Files." He has written extensively for professional journals on such topics as professional responsibility, learning and educational theory, training of lawyers, constitutional law, legal process, and criminal procedure.

The professorship was created to honor excellence in teaching and is named for Professor Bill Oltman, who retired in 2008 after 34 years.

## Korematsu Center launches two book projects, signs onto Proposition 8 brief

Seattle University School of Law's Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality announced two multi-year book projects: the "After Race" Project and the Intergroup Conflict and Cooperation Project. Eighteen prominent scholars from around the country and Canada join the Center as Non-resident Korematsu Faculty Fellows.

The "After Race" Project engages with a set of questions centered on post-racialism. Do we live in a post-racial society? What would it mean to live in a post-racial society? What role ought the state play with regard to race? In a post-racial society, what might the salient social categories be? Center Director Robert Chang states, "An all-star group of scholars from law and other disciplines has been



Robert Chang

assembled to discuss these questions over a two-year period and to produce a scholarly volume that addresses these important questions."

The "After Race" scholars include Mario Barnes (University of California, Irvine), Laura Gomez (University of New Mexico), Angela Harris (University of California, Berkeley), Jennifer Hochschild (Harvard University), Kevin Johnson (University of California, Davis), Zeus Leonardo (University of California, Berkeley), Angela Onwuachi-Willig (University of Iowa), and Vesla Williams (University of Virginia).

The Intergroup Conflict and Cooperation Project is convened by Center Director Robert Chang and Professor Greg Robinson of Université du Québec À Montréal. Scholars on this project include Taunya Banks (University of Maryland), Devon Carbado (University of California, Los Angeles), Cheryl Greenberg (Trinity College), Tanya Hernandez (Fordham University), Scott Kurashige (University of Michigan), George Sanchez (University of Southern California), Steve Steinberg (City University of New York), Clarence Walker (University of California, Davis), and Eric Yamamoto (University of Hawaii).

"It is great to be able to bring together a group of legal scholars in tandem with specialists from diverse disciplines," Professor Greg Robinson said. "I think it is a sign of the importance of the project, and also the fun of such work, that we have been able to assemble a 'dream team' to work on this project."

The Korematsu Center also joined 12 other organizations, including the Asian American Justice Center and the Mexican American Defense and Legal Education Fund, on an amicus brief before the 9th Circuit United States Court of Appeals in support of marriage equality.

Perry v. Schwarzenegger involves the federal constitutionality of Proposition 8, a 2008 California ballot initiative that prohibited the recognition of same-sex marriages in California. In August 2010, Judge Vaughn Walker ruled that Proposition 8 violated the Due

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Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The amicus brief examined the issue of whether the long-held animus and discrimination directed against gay men and lesbians prevent this group from seeking recourse through traditional political processes so as to warrant heightened judicial scrutiny. Specifically this brief argued that Proposition 8 should be subject to heightened review because gay men and lesbians, like other protected minority groups, are "politically powerless."

"We thought this brief presented arguments that are becoming increasingly important to counter the way that the referendum or initiative process has been used to roll back the advances of the civil rights movement," said Professor Robert Chang, director of the Korematsu Center.

#### Law Review goes digital, establishes online archive

The Seattle University Law Review has launched an online, openaccess web archive. Now every work the Law Review has published in its 34-year history is available for free full-text download. In addition, new issues of the Law Review will be posted online as they are sent to press.

The website is a useful free asset for practitioners in Washington and beyond. The full-text searchable archive can be visited at <a href="http://www.seattleuniversitylawreview.com">http://lawpublications.seattleu.edu/sulr</a>. In addition, alumni who wrote student Notes and Comments while on the Law Review can now link those works to online biographies at their firms.

Since the website's launch in July, the Law Review has seen a steady and rapid increase in readership. Readers have downloaded more than 5,000 copies of articles, which represents an 1,400 percent increase to the Law Review's traditional print circulation.

The web archive also presents a unique opportunity to reflect on the Law Review's history of excellent legal scholarship. The words of Chief Justice Warren Burger, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and most recently, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor are all treasures to be found in the Law Review's new online archive.

#### Influential Voices series features varied speakers

Seattle University School of Law has an outstanding lineup of speakers for this academic year, including the introduction of Dean Mark Niles and the installation of John Mitchell as the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence.

Joan C. Williams, Distinguished Professor of Law, 1066 Foundation Chair and Director of the Center for WorkLife Law at Hastings College of Law, presented "Jump-starting the Stalled

Revolution: Including Men and Class in the Work-Family Debate."

She is the author of "Unbending Gender: Why Family and Work Conflict and What To Do About It," and "Reshaping the Work-Family Debate: Why Men and Class Matter," which was recently released by Harvard University Press and reinvigorates the work-family debate while addressing gender bias and class issues pervading the American workplace.



Joan C. Williams

The Seattle University Law Review will publish a colloquy on "Reshaping the Work-Family Debate: Why Men and Class Matter," including pieces in reaction to and inspired by themes presented in the book. In addition, Professor Williams will write a reply to the collected contributions.

In addition to Professor Williams, colloquy contributors include Professors Richard Delgado, Robert Chang, Natasha Martin and Jean Stefancic of Seattle University School of Law; Beth Burkstrand-Reid, University of Nebraska College of Law; Laura Kessler, The University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law; Nancy Levit, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law; Ann McGinley, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law; Lisa Pruitt, UC Davis School of Law; Gowri Ramachandran, Southwestern Law School; and Katharine Silbaugh, Boston University School of Law.

#### **Upcoming lectures**

#### March 8

#### Diversity on the Bench: Does Race Make a Difference?

Professor Pat Chew, University of Pittsburgh School of Law and Professor Robert Kelley, Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business

#### April 5

#### Teaching and the Three Gifts

Installation of Professor John Mitchell as Seattle University School of Law's William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence

#### ARC prepares for 25th anniversary celebration

The Academic Resource Center is already making plans to celebrate 25 years of access to legal education in the fall. The law school will host a reunion for the more than 700 ARC alumni who have made a difference in the profession Sept. 9 and 10, 2011. If you are an ARC alum, save the date and join SU Law ARCies group on LinkedIn to keep up on the latest developments.

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### I heard a rumor: How to shake the Obama Muslim perception

By Professor Bryan Adamson



**Backdrop:** In a March, 2008, 60 Minutes segment, Steve Kroft interviewed Kenny Schoenholtz, an Ohio resident, about the upcoming

Democratic presidential primary. Kroft asked which candidate he favored. Mr. Schoenholtz mused: "I'm leaning towards Obama... but I heard he doesn't even know the national anthem... wouldn't use the Holy Bible. He's got his own beliefs, with the Muslim beliefs." Kroft, almost interrupting, fired back, "You know that's not true." With his eyes fixed, chin quivering, and mouth trying to form a response, Mr. Schoenholtz finally said, "No? I'm just—this is what I've been told."

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More than two years later, rumors of President Obama's Muslim religious identity have only grown. The rumors in fact have festered since the 2004 Democratic National Convention, and Pew Research Center's recent survey shows their dogged persistence. Eighteen percent of those surveyed know President Obama is a Muslim. That number spikes with conservative Republicans (34 percent), and with those who disapprove of his job performance (30 percent). Even those ideologically aligned have increasing doubts, with 46 percent believing him to be Christian - down from 55 percent in March 2009. Ideologues Andy Martin, Jerome Corsi, Rush and Glenn, and President Obama's political opponents must be downright gleeful.

What began as a rumor has stuck. Why President Obama has been unable to shake this incorrect perception can only in part be laid at the media's doorstep. It is beyond debate that the media too often acts as an incessant echo chamber, tagging, teasing, framing, sound-biting, and stripping "news" of all context. And the fact that NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, FOX, a local newspaper, a blog, a book, and a radio station report variations of the same event only serve to legitimize the most specious of accusations.

But it is a simple yet overlooked fact that people like Mr. Schoenholtz and those in the Pew survey believe the rumors about President Obama because their *friends* do. While the media may initiate rumors, it is the conversations amongst friends that embed the rumors. Rumors spread in face-to-face conversations, e-mails, through the Internet and blogs. It is the everyday discussion of rumors that cause them to be assimilated into one's beliefs.

Making sense of rumors occurs amongst those closest to us, our "in-group" members, who tend to share similar values, attitudes and beliefs. In-group members also are more likely to attend to the same or similar media sources. Research has shown that in-group influence is particularly strong with issue-based decision making, and is the greatest influencers of political perspectives. As rumor conversations occur, stories are shortened, rumor "facts" are highlighted, and contrary details are excluded. Like any bogey rumor at its most irresponsible, rumors about President Obama's "Muslim-ness" feed into religious, ethnic, and/or racial biases.

Even rumor-mongering viral emails undergo similar distortions. One infamous viral e-mail during the 2008 election campaign asked "Who is Barack Obama?" Words such as RADICAL and ATHEIST were typed in all caps. Another Obama viral e-mail asked "Can Muslims Be Good Americans?" and at some point during its circulation someone introduced the screed by writing "I checked this out on Snopes, and it's true." But of course

the person had not, and it was not. Yet because many people simply forward viral e-mails without verifying their accuracy, and because viral e-mails are transmitted exponentially (as each recipient forwards it to several friends), electronic rumors are more pernicious than those passed on orally.

Regardless of the medium, it is important to appreciate that members of our closest social circles have the greatest influence in mediating, reinforcing or debunking rumors. Rumors will not be quelled if no group member takes on the curious, skeptic, or stifler posture. Those are the members who will ask probing questions going to the rumors' veracity. They will engage in additional information-seeking through non-congenial media sources. The curious, the skeptic, or the stifler might also seek information from members of a different social group to which he belongs to critique the rumor.

Ultimately, debunking rumors requires more than providing truthful facts, and as any public communication strategist will tell you, the rumor subject (President Obama) is the least effective rumor-quelling source. To win this battle, it comes down to the in-group stifler who knows that President Obama is not a Muslim and decides to "tell a friend." Even better: media agents and rumor stiflers should say, as former Secretary of State General Colin Powell so forcefully did: "So what?"

Bryan Adamson's article "The Muslim Manchurian Candidate: Barack Obama, Rumors, and Quotidian Hermeneutics," will appear in the St. John's Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development. It is available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=1666492

#### Above the bar: faculty achievements

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW IS PROUD OF ITS DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AND GRATEFUL FOR OUR PROFESSORS' MANY SCHOLARLY PURSUITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LEGAL AND GREATER COMMUNITY. HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THE NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR FACULTY MEMBERS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.



Associate Professor Bryan Adamson's article "Ricci v. DeStefano: Procedural Activism" will be published in UCLA's National Black

Law Journal. An article he co-authored, "The Status of Clinical Faculty in the Legal Academy: The Case for Unitary Tenure" will be published by the Journal of Legal Education. He, along with other constitutional and civil procedure scholars, served as an advisor on an amicus brief filed in Perry v. Schwarzenegger, currently on appeal to the 9th Circuit.

Tom Antkowiak, Assistant Professor and Director of the Latin America Program, signed a contract with Oxford University Press



to write a book on the American Convention on Human Rights. Also, he and Alejandra Gonza published "El Derecho a la Consulta en las Américas: Marco Legal Internacional" in AportesDPLF, the publication of the Due Process of Law Foundation.



Lorraine Bannai, Professor of Lawyering Skills and Associate Director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, was

part of a panel discussion on "Surviving and Thriving: The Experiences of Legal Writing Professors of Color Inside and Outside of the Classroom" at the 2010 Bienniel Legal Writing Institute Conference. She also delivered a presentation on youth curfew ordinances at the Color of Justice Program in Anchorage, Alaska.



Professor from Practice Bob Boruchowitz published an op-ed, "Public Defenders Underfunded in Tennessee," in the Knox-

ville News Sentinel. He also discussed public defense reform and the potential role of the Justice Department at an American Constitution Society meeting in Washington, D.C. Also, he received a grant from the Foundation to Promote Open Society to continue his work on persuading misdemeanor courts to provide counsel to all eligible persons. With the assistance of recent graduate Dan McGivern, Boruchowitz obtained a unanimous recommendation for a pardon from the state Clemency and Pardon Board for a client who has one felony drug conviction and is a graduate of SU's Criminal Justice program and a student in the SU Master's Program in Counseling.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills Deirdre Bowen's article "Grutter's Regrets: An **Empirical Investigation** of How Affirmative



Action Is(n't) Working" won best paper in the National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference's Junior Faculty Writing Competition. She presented the paper at the conference, as well as at the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting in Chicago and at LatCrit Conference in Denver. She also presented "A Tale of Two Diversities: Minority and Nonminority Law Student Responses to the Benefits of Affirmative Action" at the AALS Midyear Workshop on Race and the Law in New York. Also, her article "Brilliant Disguise: An Empirical Analysis of a Social Experiment Banning Affirmative Action" was published in the Indiana Law Journal.



Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills Mary Bowman's paper "Engaging First-Year Law Students through Pro Bono Collabora-

tions in Legal Writing" was selected by the AALS Section on Pro Bono and Public Service for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

Associate Professor Melinda Branscomb and Sue Ann Allen's collection of mediatortraining materials, "An Interest-based Media-



tion: Audio-visual Series," containing 3 teaching DVDs, a teacher's manual, a student handbook, and related training materials, was published through Amazon.

Professor Robert Chang delivered the keynote address "Classroom Encounters of the Unfortunate Kind: Bias and Insti-

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tutional Reponses" at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Seattle Seminar. He also presented "The Racial Project Called



Post-Racialism" at the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference at Seton Hall School of Law.



Margaret Chon, Associate Dean for Research and the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Professor for the Pursuit of Justice, and John Strait,

Associate Professor, presented "Changes No One Believes In: The Obama Hope Poster Litigation and Client/Attorney Misconduct Needing More than Hope to Resolve" at a Seattle American Intellectual Property Inn of Court event. Professor Chon also participated in an "Author Meets Reader" panel discussing Greg Robinson's book "A Tragedy of Democracy: Japanese Confinement in North America" at the Law & Society Meeting.

University Professor Richard Delgado and Research Professor Jean Stefancic spent part of the summer at a writers' colony on the Olympic Peninsula, where they were awarded competitive residencies. Their book "No Mercy: How Conservative Think Tanks and Foundations Changed



America's Social Agenda" was identified as a "must read" by leading Chicano historian Rodolfo F. Acuna. Another book of theirs, "Understanding Words that Wound," was favorably quoted and discussed in a recent article in the Harvard Law Review. Professor Delgado's article "Rodrigo's Portent: California and the Coming Neocolonial Order" was published in Washington University Law Review, and his article "Intersectionality and the Future of Critical Race Theory" was accepted by the Iowa Law Review. He also wrote a chapter, "Transcendence: Conservative Money and Generational Succession," for a Carolina Academic book of essays on poverty and law.



Gillian Dutton, Externship Program Director and Assistant Professor, spoke on a panel discussing federal law for the provision of services

to limited English proficient students and parents at the Ninth National Academy for IDEA Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers. She presented on the Seattle University Medical Legal Partnership Public Benefit Advocacy Project at the Washington State Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care conference in Seattle, and, in Boston, she presented "Strengths and Limitations of Executive Order 13166" at "Charting New Directions: A Symposium on Addressing Language Access Policy, Program Management, and Funding Challenges in the Coming Decade."

Eric Eberhard, Distinguished Indian Law Practitioner in Residence, was a featured speaker at a national Tribal Leaders Forum, sponsored by the



American Indian Resources Institute, on the Pechanga Tribe's reservation in Temecula, California. He addressed "Challenges and Opportunities for Indian Tribes in the 2010 Midterm Elections."



Associate Professor Carmen Gonzalez's article "The Global Food Crisis: Law, Policy and the Elusive Quest for Justice" was accepted for

publication by the Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal.

Paul Holland, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor, presented "Adolescent Brain Development, Interro-



gation, and Interviewing Juvenile Clients" at a meeting of the Shaanxi Bar Association and Shaanxi Female Legal Workers' Association in Xi'an, China.



Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Associate Professor **Lily Kahng**'s article "Investment Income Withholding in the

United States and Germany" was published in the Florida Tax Review. She also participated in a tax colloquium on the comparative tax treatment of marriage in the U.S. and UK at Loyola (LA) Law School.

Assistant Professor Won Kidane's article "Managing Displacement by Law: The Role of the African IDPs Convention" was



accepted as the lead article in the January issue of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law.

Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Associate Professor **Jack Kirkwood** wrote the "Mergers of Buyers" section of **continued** >

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the comments submitted by the American Antitrust Institute on the proposed new Horizontal Merger Guidelines. These guidelines

are the most important antitrust enforcement policy statement issued by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission. Also, his article "Rethinking Antitrust Policy Toward RPM" was published by the Antitrust Bulletin.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills Connie Krontz presented a daylong CLE on ethical and persuasive legal writing for the King County Public Defender's Office.





Tayyab Mahmud, Professor and Director of the Center for Global Justice, had several articles selected for publication including, "Slums,

Slumdogs, and 'Surplus Humanity'" by Boston College Third World Law Review; "Surplus Humanity' and Margins of Legality: Slums, Slumdogs, and Accumulation by Dispossession" by Chapman Law Review; and "Slums, Slumdogs, and Resistance" in a symposium issue by the Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law. He also made numerous presentations, including at the Mid-West People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference and the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

Associate Professor **Natasha Martin**'s article "Pretext In Peril" was published in the Missouri Law Review as the centerpiece

of a colloquium. Also, she presented "What Difference Will Difference Make?: Diverse Lawyers, Context and Legal Interpretation" at



the Color of Justice Program in Anchorage, Alaska. In addition, Professor Martin made three presentations at the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference: "Caricature, Race and the Myth of Post-Racialism in America: From Elephants, Monkeys, and Aunt Jemima to Barack Obama;" "New Narratives, Same Old Problems: The Risk to Diversity-Centered Workplace Decision making in a 'Post Racial' America;" and "[Un] Cover Thyself?: Muslim Womanhood in the American Workplace at the Intersection of Gender, Race, and Religious Identity."

Professor Hank McGee was appointed to the Governor's Panel on Climate Change and Forests, and to the Citizen's Committee



of the Seattle Public Utilities Long Term Combined Sewer Overflow Program. He also led a discussion at the Seattle Central Area Motivational Project on the "Enforcement of Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act" and the relevance of the statutes to the Seattle Construction Trades.



Doug Nash, Director of the Center for Indian Law & Policy, and Rob Roy Smith, Adjunct Professor, addressed the Cobell Settlement at the

22nd WSBA Indian Law Seminar. At this event, Professor Nash also gave a presentation on SU's Indian Law Dispute Resolution Project. He also gave one of three

keynote presentations at the "Conference for Indian Families" in Garden Grove, Calif., which attracted nearly 1,000 attendees. During that conference, he also gave two presentations on Wills and Probate.



Laurel Oates, Professor and Director of the Legal Writing Program, and Anne Enquist, Professor of Lawyering Skills and Associate Director

of the Legal Writing Program, published the fifth edition of "The Legal Writing Handbook." This edition includes color and has an electronic supplement that will allow students to learn how to use the latest versions of Westlaw and Lexis.

Professor Catherine O'Neill presented "The 'Fish Consumption Rate Issue:' Follow the Salmon; Understand the Treaties" at a workshop



hosted by the Suquamish Nation and sponsored by the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She also helped organize and participated in a workshop on Adapting to Climate Change in the Puget Sound at the University of Washington.



Associate Director/Collection Development Librarian **Kara Phillips**' co-authored "A Tragedy of the Commons: Property Rights Issues in

Shanghai Historic Residences" was published in the Penn State International Law Review.

Associate Professor Russell Powell's book review of "Secularism and Muslim



Democracy in Turkey" by Hakan Yavuz will be published in the fall issue of the Political and Legal Anthropology Review. Also, he was selected as

one of three outside U.S. scholars to participate in an interdisciplinary multi-year research project sponsored by Loyola Chicago considering the relationship between religion and democracy. He presented his initial work on the relationship between Islam and constitutional secularism in Turkey at the first of three annual meetings. He will present the next phase of his work in Indonesia next June.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Norm Printer** lectured on the "Challenges of Applying International Humanitarian Law to Non-Inter-



national Armed Conflicts" at the 28th Warsaw International Committee of the Red Cross Workshop (ICRC) on Humanitarian Law in Warsaw, Poland.



Professor of Lawyering Skills and Associate Director of the Legal Writing Program Chris Rideout's co-authored article "Legal Writing:

The View from Within" was published in the Lead Articles volume of the Mercer Law Review. His luncheon address from the Mercer Law Review's Symposium on the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Legal Writing Institute, conducted last November, was published in the same volume. Professor Rideout's article "Penumbral Thinking Revisited: Metaphor in Legal Argumentation" was published in the Journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, and

his article "Discipline-Building and Disciplinary Values: Thoughts on Legal Writing at Year Twenty-Five of the Legal Writing Institute" was published in The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute.



Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills Mimi Samuel was awarded a Fulbright Specialist grant to work with the law department at the

University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka. In February and March of 2011, she will spend six weeks at the University, teaching a legal research and writing class and working with faculty to develop the legal writing curriculum. She also completed an intensive four-week course to become certified to teach English to speakers of other languages.

Professor Julie Shapiro will write the chapter on legal issues in the forthcoming book "LGBT-Parent Families: Possibilities for



New Research and Implications for Practice." The book will be published next year and will include contributions from scholars in the areas of psychology, sociology, human development, family studies, gender and sexuality studies, legal studies, social work, and anthropology.



**David Skover**, the Fredric C. Tausend Professor, is co-editor of "Judicial Review," a section of "Concurring Opinions," a well-read blog within

the legal academy. "Judicial Review" publishes book reviews by national and international jurists. He also signed a contract

with Cambridge University Press for "The Digital Path of the Law," a collection of essays that focus on the impending digitalization of legal course materials and the pedagogical ramifications of this technological change.

Assistant Professor Dean Spade spoke on a panel on race and sexuality at the AALS Mid-Year Meeting and on a panel called "I Am



What I Say I Am: A Panel on Self-Determination" at Concordia University in Montreal. He also gave the keynote lecture "The Limits of Law Reform: Reflections on the Role of Lawyers in Transformative Social Movements" at the Shaking the Foundations Conference at Stanford Law School. Professor Spade recently published his article "It's So Queer to Give Away Money" in Tikkun Magazine.

Assistant Professor Jane Stoever helped organize the Second Annual Domestic Violence Symposium: "Focus Forward: Creating Safer Futures

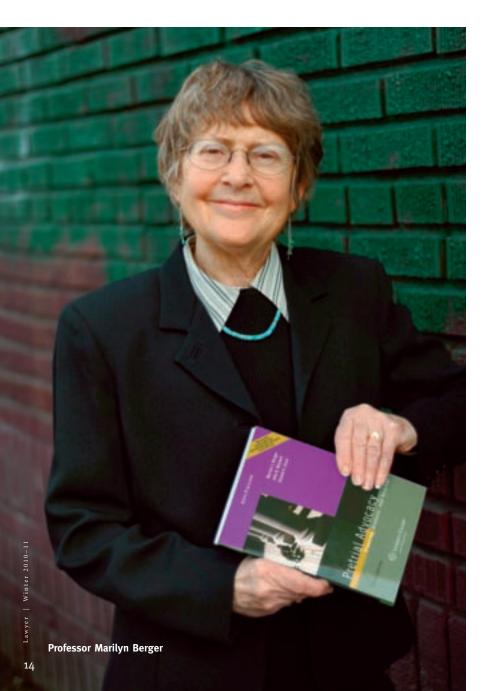


for Domestic Violence Survivors and Children" and spoke on "Legal Issues and Developments in Domestic Violence Law" at the symposium. She also presented "Intentionally Teaching Cross-Cultural Lawyering Skills Across the Clinic Curriculum" at the Northwest Clinical Conference. She presented her forthcoming article, "Freedom from Violence: Using the Stages of Change Model to Realize the Promise of Civil Protection Orders," which will be published in the Ohio State Law Journal.

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# Out of the Ashes

Documentary on 9/11 fund stirs emotions, asks hard questions



hen Professor Marilyn Berger heard Kenneth Feinberg speak about the grueling and emotional process of administering the \$7 billion 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, she knew he should document the story.

Convincing him of that was another story.

Berger waited to talk to Feinberg, the special master of the Victim Compensation Fund, after his moving keynote speech at a conference in New York.

"He told haunting stories about 9/11 families, the impact of the Fund on their lives, and the uniqueness of the Fund in 9/11 history," Berger said.

Feinberg dismissed her, saying he didn't know her or the law school and didn't understand the need to talk about it. But she wasn't easily deterred.

"It took me years to win him over," said Berger, who seven years later has released, "Out of the Ashes," a compelling documentary in which Feinberg is a major presence.

The film, which was produced by Berger through her Films for Justice Program at the law school, is a powerful story about the controversial September 11 Victim Compensation Fund and whether it offered justice to survivors and their families. It examines the legal, moral and ethical ramifications of the Fund and its impact on the civil justice system.

The federal government created the Victim Compensation Fund – the largest public entitlement program in history – just 11 days after the attacks. It eventually distributed more than \$7 billion to more than 5,500 families. "Out of the Ashes" tells

the stories of seven 9/11 families and how they struggled to make sense of the tragedy – and how they chose to deal with the Fund that was designed to help them put their lives back together.

The film portrays both the strengths and weaknesses of the Fund. Featured interviews include Feinberg, who is now overseeing the \$20 billion fund to pay claims related to the BP Gulf oil spill. He speaks candidly about the difficulty in persuading victims to give up their right to sue, the problems created by ambiguity in the law that established the Fund, and how the heart wrenching stories affected him as he struggled to essentially put a price tag on a life, over and over again.

Deputy Master Deborah Greenspan and the many attorneys who represented victims' families in different capacities also appear in the film. But the poignant, painful and candid interviews with the families are the heart of the film. Families of several victims talk not only about their loved ones and their tragic loss, but also how working with the Fund helped and hampered their personal recoveries.

They include a retired firefighter whose son was one of 343 firefighters killed; the widow of the co-pilot of Flight 93; a woman whose husband was killed, and whose journey was further complicated because her husband was an undocumented worker; a widow of an insurance agent who rejected the Fund and felt compelled to file a lawsuit in order to demand answers and accountability; a same-sex partner of a woman who died in the Twin Towers who battled for recognition as a same-sex partner survivor; and the family of a woman who died from respiratory disease caused by the toxic dust created by the collapse of the towers.

The film debuted to a packed house at the law school in October. Berger plans screenings for New York, Washington, D.C., and

### See the film

Alumni and other community members are invited to a public screening and discussion of "Out of the Ashes" from 4:30-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at the law school. To watch the trailer, visit www. outoftheashes911.com.

other areas as well. Many of the victims' families and attorneys will see the film for the first time at a screening by the New York County Lawyers' Association Jan. 12.

"Out of the Ashes" raises important questions: Did the Fund undermine the legal system, as its critics claim? Or did it offer victims a way to avoid the extraordinary cost, complexity and excruciatingly slow pace of a lawsuit? And if the Victim Compensation Fund was the right thing to do, do those affected by other tragedies like Hurricane Katrina, the Oklahoma City bombing, and other disasters also deserve compensation? If so, is this Fund, with its methods for calculating the value of a human life, an appropriate model?

The film attempts to answer such questions, but does not present one point of view.

"It's up to the viewer to decide," Berger said.

Berger, who also made an expanded version of the film available to law schools to purchase for curricular use, expects it to be eye-opening to students. Along with debating the Fund in a legal sense, students may gain a greater understanding of the devastating attacks.

Although most people recall in detail where they were the moment the towers were struck and the resulting fear and anguish, Berger said that as time moves on, law students aren't as personally connected to the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history. She noted that some students who will study the film next year were only 11 or 12 when the attacks occurred.

Other key participants in the film include co-director Sarah Holt, an Emmy-Award-winning documentary producer, director, editor and writer and narrator Charles Ogletree, the Jesse Climenko Professor of Law at Harvard Law and director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice. A number of student research assistants worked with Berger throughout the years.

Berger, an authority on pretrial and trial advocacy, established the Films For Justice Institute in 1996 and produced three educational documentary films in the series "Lessons from Woburn" about a lawsuit brought by families in Woburn, Mass, alleging contamination of their drinking water. The original participants appear in the documentary, based on the lawsuit, Anderson v. W.R. Grace, the book by Jonathan Harr, "A Civil Action," and the Hollywood movie by the same name. The films are used in more than 100 law schools.

Producing the movie was more work than Berger ever expected when she spontaneously suggested the idea to Feinberg – but also more worthwhile.

"This is the culmination of a momentous seven years," Berger said.

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### Scholarship recipients committed to social justice, diversity

The students chosen for this year's coveted full-tuition scholarships bring a breadth of experience and important perspectives to Seattle University School of Law. The 2010 recipients are: Chanele Brothers and Sarah Haywood, Scholars for Justice; Bree Blackhorse, Native American Law Scholar; and Sonja Carlson, Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Scholar.

#### SCHOLARS FOR JUSTICE AWARDS

Two full-tuition Scholars for Justice Awards are given each year to admitted students who demonstrate a commitment to a career in public interest law, both before and after law school. This year's Scholars:



Chanele Brothers Scholar for Justice

Most people think of gypsies as a Halloween costume. Chanele Brothers learned

during her time in Romania that gypsy is actually a pejorative term for the Romani, Europe's most marginalized population, and it changed the course of her studies and career. Living abroad, she saw how poorly the Romani were perceived and treated.

Brothers, who earned a B.A. in Russian studies from Stetson University in Florida, intended to specialize in Russian studies in graduate school. Instead, she became a member of the Romani Studies program at the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned her master's degree in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies.

She learned more about discrimination when she taught at a private Muslim school in Austin, Texas. She found students to be open to new ideas, including her courses on world cultures and religions, and respectful of others. They did not find the same respect themselves outside the school.

"To see these children that I adored face such discrimination just because they were wearing a head scarf was painful," she said.

For her dedication to eradicating discrimination and working for justice, she was named a Scholar for Justice at Seattle University School of Law.

Brothers has volunteered with the United Way, the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross. Her interest turned toward law school when she volunteered with a tenants' rights organization in Chicago. She is interested in studying immigration law and pursuing international externships offered through the law school.

"I saw all the different ways that law can change and help people," she said. "Poverty, homelessness, discrimination and inequality are realities in all societies, but through a strong commitment to justice, the effects can be minimized. This is what I intend to

achieve through a career in public interest law."



Sarah Haywood Scholar for Justice

Growing up as an adopted Korean

American in New Mexico, Sarah Haywood sometimes struggled to find her own identity. She found it by reaching out to the Latino community at home and abroad – which eventually led her to law school.

As a high school student, Haywood volunteered in Costa Rica with Amigos de las Americas, working with low-income families. She went on to double major in Diplomacy and World Affairs and Spanish at Occidental College in Los Angeles, where she was also exposed to a larger Asian American community that brought her closer to her Korean cultural roots.

Haywood returned to Latin America (Mexico and Honduras) twice to direct volunteer projects, most recently as a senior staff member managing 55 youth volunteers helping to plan to build school facilities. After college, she spent two years as an Americorps\*VISTA member at El Centro de la Raza in Seattle, which provides direct services and advocacy for the Latino community.

"It's important to provide services, but at the same time we need to be changing the system that creates the need for services," she said.

For her commitment to service and change, she was named one of Seattle University School of Law's Scholars for Justice.

"The time I have spent working abroad juxtaposed with my work with local disempowered communities has helped me put into perspective both my capacity and limitations, as an individual, to effect change," Haywood said. "I believe a law education will increase this capacity, as well as redefine my limitations."

She looks forward to getting involved in justice-related activities at the law school and to studying abroad.

"Social justice is a systemic, institutional, societal issue, but the victims of social injustice are individual people," Haywood said. "These people and the relationships I share with them motivate my work."



Bree Blackhorse Native American Law Scholar

Some people choose to take some time off before starting law school.

"Not me. I view my time and energy as valuable resources that must be invested wisely," Bree Blackhorse said.

Blackhorse is Seattle University School of Law's 2010 Native American Scholar. The School of Law established the full-tuition award to encourage more Native students to attend law school. Native Americans have one of the smallest bars in the nation.

Blackhorse graduated from Seattle Pacific University in just three years with a degree in political science while working full-time as a certified fit specialist and prosthesis fit specialist at Nordstrom, a job she began when she was 16. Throughout that time, Blackhorse, a talented artist and traditional dancer, traveled with her parents to powwows and art shows around the country.

She is an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; she is of the Beaver Clan and the Tom Palmer Band. Bree's Indian name is "Prized Woman", which she was given to her by Elder Bruce Wolf Child from the Blood Reserve in a ceremony in Alberta.

Her mother, Catherine Blackhorse, and stepfather, Terrance Guardipee, are established artists, having shown their work with the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian Institute, as well as at the Santa Fe Indian Art Market. Bree is also a painter and ledger artist who has exhibited her work at the Heard Museum Indian Art Market and who has had her work published by Native People for Cancer Control to promote awareness for cancer prevention. She also was powwow royalty for Edmonds Community College 2005-2006 and for Gonzaga University 2006-2007.

She looks forward to becoming involved in the law school.

"Historically, law has been a weapon of oppression used against my people, but now I see it as a tool of empowerment" she said. "I look forward to attending Seattle University School of Law and contributing to the community."



Sonja Carlson Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Scholar

With a degree in economics from Columbia University, Sonja Carlson has pro-

fessional experience with multinational corporations. She has worked in New York, Paris, Tel Aviv, and Seattle, including time at KPMG and Deloitte performing transfer pricing analysis, as well as at Corbis Corporation.

Carlson's experiences living and working overseas sparked her desire to pursue legal studies, and led to her being named Seattle University School of Law's inaugural Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Scholar. The scholarship is given to a student who has a keen intellectual interest in understanding the

nature of modern society – particularly the nature of the modern corporation and its intersection with law and society. As the Berle Scholar, she will be involved with the work of Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Center on Corporations, Law and Society.

"Law is a field of work that is very powerful," she said. "The legal system is intertwined with societal structure. I'm very interested in how corporations influence our society and globalization."

Most recently, Carlson's involvement in a prolonged custody dispute over her son confirmed her desire to attend law school. Even though she was somewhat savvy about the court system thanks to her academic studies and prior experience navigating systems at home and abroad, being involved in such an intimate legal dispute was a humbling experience – one that caused her to examine power structures from a new perspective.

Knowing that many people confront similar situations with few resources and/ or little understanding of the legal system, she hopes to focus at least a portion of her professional efforts on women's human rights, including family law and domestic abuse.

Carlson enjoys analyzing societal issues from varying perspectives. In fact, she initially chose to enter the field of economics because she appreciated viewing such issues from a 'scientific' perspective rather than a purely 'public policy' oriented one. Combined with her cross-cultural experiences living abroad, this fits well with the work of the Berle Center and her desire to study law.

"It really is interesting for me to see the different ways that people hold and view the world, and how it shapes the context of their lives," Carlson said.



# Seattle University School of Law

# A new voice for justice

# Dean Mark Niles inspired by law school's mission

By Katherine Hedland Hansen

hen a teacher discovered a broken toy in her second-grade classroom, she began questioning her students about what happened. A young Mark Niles immediately detected inconsistencies in one girl's story.

She first said she hadn't touched it, but then said when she returned it to a shelf it wasn't broken. Niles was compelled to point this out to the class.

"She cried and ran out of the room. It was my first successful cross-examination," the now dean of Seattle University School said with a laugh. "I remember thinking at that moment that I might want to be a lawyer."

When he was a little older, he was inspired to become a teacher by Richard Bach's 1970 fable "Jonathan Livingston Seagull." Another book, "Simple Justice," about the lawyers, law professors and legal strategies that led to the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, helped him realize he could combine the two. He set out to become a law professor.

"That book taught me the incredible role that lawyers and legal educators can play in advancing the cause of social justice, and I always hoped that I could be a part of bringing about needed social change in my lifetime," he said.

Now he has reached the pinnacle of his career thus far, assuming the deanship at Seattle University School of Law, a law school that embraces the values of justice, diversity and excellence that have helped define him since childhood.

That shared vision is what led Niles, an outstanding legal scholar and experienced academic leader, to pursue the deanship. Except for his years at Stanford Law School and Weslyan University, Niles spent his entire life and career in the Washington, D.C., area. But after his visits to the law school for his interviews and meeting the faculty, staff and students, he never hesitated to move across the country to take the job.

"Accepting the appointment as dean of Seattle University School of Law has been the high point in my career," Niles said. "I did not hesitate to take on this wonderful opportunity to lead one of the most respected law schools in the country. As I get to know students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the legal community, I am even more confident I made the right choice. The time I have spent at Seattle University School of Law has already exceeded my expectations."

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Niles was drawn to the law school because of its strong commitment to social justice and academic excellence. He was impressed by the diversity of the student body, faculty and staff, the scholarly work of the professors, exceptional clinical programs, and the top-ranked Legal Writing Program.

The university and law school feel fortunate to have found such an inspiring new leader.

"Dean Niles stood out among an exceptional group of finalists and a large pool of applicants as the right person to lead the School of Law," said President Stephen Sundborg, S.J. "He shares a commitment to academic excellence, social justice and diversity that are hallmarks of the education provided by Seattle University."

Niles came from American University Washington College of Law, where he was associate dean for academic affairs and professor. He has taught and specializes in civil procedure, administrative law, constitutional law, governmental liability, and law and literature.

#### A scholar and mentor

Niles is also a dedicated faculty mentor, said Anthony E. Varona, a professor at Washington College of Law who assumed Niles' associate dean role.

"I was one of many junior professors who Mark mentored and encouraged with great heart and soul. I would not have made it through the tenure track without his guidance and advice," Varona said. "He is the kind of selfless, generous senior colleague who makes a faculty a welcoming and cohesive one—a community of scholars and teachers who support one another and stay focused on the scholarly and educational mission of the institution. He is, in sum, an ideal academic colleague, mentor and friend. My friends and colleagues at

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Seattle Law are so lucky to have Mark as their dean."

Co-Chair of the Dean Search Committee, the John D. Eshelman Professor Janet Ainsworth, said the committee was impressed with Niles at its first meeting with him in Chicago.

"He was so engaging, so genuine, and so thoughtful in his understanding of the challenges faced by legal education in today's world that the committee had no trouble at all imagining him as the right person to become our dean," Ainsworth said. "That first impression was further confirmed when Dean Niles visited the campus later on as one of the finalists for the deanship. In a pool of finalists that

brought us national attention for its depth and quality, Dean Niles stood out. We feel incredibly fortunate that Dean Niles also saw what we saw—that he is the ideal match to lead our law school to continue our strong upward trajectory in the coming years."

Earlier in his career, Niles served as a clerk for the Honorable Francis Murnaghan, Jr., of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He was an associate at the D.C. firm of Hogan and Hartson, and a staff attorney in the civil appellate division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he argued cases in several federal circuit courts. He served as the Reporter for the Maryland Civil Pattern Jury Instructions



SU Provost Isiaah Crawford, Annette Clark '89, who served as interim dean, and Dean Niles.

Committee of the Maryland State Bar Association. Niles has published numerous articles and essays on subjects including the Ninth Amendment, federal tort liability, airline security regulation, and the depiction of law and justice in American popular culture.

In September he kicked off the School of Law's Influential Voices series with a thought-provoking and well-received lecture exploring questions related to the new focus on preventing future crime through the prism of a discussion of a book and film, "Pre-Empting Justice: 'Pre-Crime' in Fiction and Fact." Showcasing his intellect and creativity, he explored the serious practical, legal and moral questions created by the focus on preventing possible future crimes through an analysis of Philip K. Dick's 1956 science fiction short story "The Minority Report," and Steven Spielberg's 2002 film "Minority Report."

#### A commitment to students

Though he is an accomplished leader, Niles says his favorite part of law school education is teaching and working with students. After his first year as dean, he fully intends to be back in the classroom, teaching civil procedure.

"There's nothing I love more than teaching a first-year class," he said.

Students appreciate that passion.

"We are excited to have Dean Niles build and lead this institution," said 3L Reyna Ramolete Hayashi, president of the Public Interest Law Foundation and a member of the Social Justice Coalition Steering Committee. She was a student representative on the Dean Search Committee.

"Our social justice mission is what compelled him here, and we know it will continue to define his vision for the law school's future. We are thrilled about his enthusiasm to collaborate with students



Dean Niles talks with Sharon Sakamoto '84 and Linda Strout '79.

because he shares our commitment to advancing social justice, not just in an extracurricular sense but integrating it into all aspects of our legal education."

Niles values working with students and welcomes their contributions. He learned an important lesson about that when he was a student himself at Stanford Law School.

After completing a semester-long externship at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in Washington, D.C., he returned to Stanford. One of his good friends, Alexandra McKay (currently an executive vice president at Casey Family Programs Foundation in Seattle), and he organized and co-chaired the Coalition for a Diversified Faculty. The group had been inspired, in large part, by the study of the burgeoning scholarly discipline of Critical Race Theory and by some of its pioneers like his professor and mentor Chuck Lawrence and his current Seattle University School of Law colleague Richard Delgado.

"The group was a true coalition of a wide range of student organizations dedicated to a single objective: the promotion of racial, gender, ethnic, sexual orientation, religious, national origin and other diversity in our law school," Niles said. "We worked for months on what we called an 'affirmative action plan' for law school hiring, going through scores of drafts before coming up with a finished product we were quite proud of."

He and McKay created a product that everyone in the coalition was proud of, and united, they scheduled a meeting with the dean to discuss the proposal.

"We were shocked and disappointed to find that he was not interested in hearing the student perspective on the lack of diversity at the school nor the benefits that enhanced diversity could provide," Niles recalled.

Looking back, Niles understands part of the reason for the dean's response was his belief that his law school had done much in the pursuit of gender and racial justice in the decades since he was a law student, and the dean rightly felt a sense of pride in those achievements.

But it still stings that they were so quickly shown the door, and he pledges to hear

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out students who have invested time and energy in their own ideas and proposals.

"There is no reason why I as a dean shouldn't listen to a suggestion, and give students a fair hearing," he said.

McKay recalls Niles' passion and intellect.

"It's hard to describe how much Mark participated in the law school experience," McKay said. "Mark was the person in law school who could vigorously debate about critical race theory, Habermas and the public sphere, brainstorm about the lack of diverse tenured staff, and still be THE go-to person about sports or any pop-culture reference,"

Another classmate from Stanford, Rodney B. Younker of Summit Law Group in Seattle, also fondly recalls his law school days with Niles.

"I've said many times that I learned more from the people I was in law school with than the faculty, because it was such a fascinating group of people who were so smart and capable and interesting, and Mark was certainly one of them," Younker said.



Mark Niles talks with from left, State Supreme Court Justice Charles Johnson '76, Marlys Palumbo '82 and Tony Ravani '07 at a Dean's Club event at the Rainier Club.

Younker said they shared a diverse household of law students including Niles, an African American from D.C, Younker, a "WASP" from the Pacific Northwest, a Hispanic student from Cleveland and a Jewish student from New York.

"We called ourselves the multicultural household," Younker said. "It was the most delightful and incredible education being around so many viewpoints. Mark is the kind of person you can really talk to. You can discuss issues with him, like diversity, and he's not going to get judgmental or defensive. You can learn a lot from him."

Plus, Younker said, Niles is a good basketball partner and a great friend.

"We haven't spent as much time together in the last 15 years as we would have liked," Younker said. "I leaned on him pretty hard to come here because I thought it would be good fun to have him here."

#### Advancing the law school

Despite his impressive background and position, Niles remains modest. He seems casual, often seen around the law school without a tie and consistently greeting people with a genuine smile and sense of humor, but he takes quite seriously his role as dean and his charge of advancing the law school.



The dean's wife, Carolyn, and son, Max, attended a reception with him. Daughter Grayce couldn't make it that night.

Niles aims to raise the regional and national presence of the law school, and to support faculty and students. Some of his goals include developing an innovative first-year curriculum that exposes students to subjects and pedagogical approaches not traditionally part of the first year experience in law school and that is also endemic of the law school's social justice mission. He wants to increase non-tuition based income for the law school by creating revenue-generating programs and development outreach.

"Though the law school is in a very strong position, there is great potential here and room for growth," he said. "I won't rest on the laurels of what has already been accomplished."

He acknowledges that graduates of all law schools are facing a difficult job market.

"I want to work very hard to assist our graduates in finding employment in their field of interest," he said.

Niles feels at home in Seattle, and he relishes the opportunity to reconnect with friends here and to reach out to alumni and the greater legal community. He has been meeting with alumni and other members of the legal community and judiciary, bar associations, civic leaders and access to justice advocates. There will be many opportunities for people to meet him at the law school, in the Seattle and Tacoma areas, and beyond. Niles is working to expand opportunities for students and graduates farther from Seattle, meeting with alumni and employers in New York, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco.

"I have been amazed at the support I have received from members of the legal community who are not alums of the law school or the university. The commitment of the School of Law to promote social justice in Seattle, throughout Washington and



the nation has clearly given rise to a legion of supporters, which is an immeasurable asset to me and to the school."

His family remains his strongest support. His mother, Marianne Coleman Niles, went to law school at Georgetown as a second career when Niles was a teenager, and her example sets a precedent for him.

"My mother has been my biggest influence, both in terms of the way she instilled her values and expectations in me as a child, and also because I followed her into the legal profession. She is a remarkably talented and successful lawyer who is an impeccable pillar of her community and I hope that I have and can live up to her example."

In his increasingly limited spare time now that he is dean, Niles enjoys sports, theater, movies and good television. But his favorite thing to do is spend time with his wife, Carolyn, and children Max, 10, and Grayce, 14.

"The thing in my life that I am most proud of is the wonderful choice I made in a wife and the two great kids that we are raising," he said. "They are the lights of my life and my number one priority.

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#### 2010-2011 Law Alumni Board

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#### **Important Dates**

January 5 San Francisco Alumni Regional Program

January 27 New Year's Alumni Reception

February 17 BLSA Alumni Awards Reception

February 24 Bar Exam Conclusion Celebration

March 24 Latina/o Alumni

Awards Reception

April 15-16 Alumni Weekend 2011

### Law Alumni Board: From the President



#### Dear Alumni Colleagues,

am honored to serve as president of Seattle University School of Law's Law Alumni Board. My term began July 1, the same day Dean Mark Niles began his tenure at the law school. All the Board members are excited about the opportunities and energy Dean Niles brings, and he will have our full support as he shapes his vision for the law school.

The Law Alumni Board serves as the governing body of the Alumni Association and supports the law school in a variety of ways – as advisors, advocates to our alumni colleagues and the legal community, and financial contributors. As president, I am committed to maintaining the partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations and to developing new and innovative services that will meet the needs of our expanding alumni base.

Our alumni community is a dynamic body of individuals from diverse backgrounds. The board encourages your involvement, your financial support and your commitment to ensure that our law school continues to thrive. The members of the Board are your representatives and serve as your voice. Your involvement in the Association in any capacity connects you to this institution that over time will continue to benefit you and your life goals.

We have made significant progress over the past four months. Jill Butler '07, one of our newest LAB members, recently hosted an alumni reception in Washington, D.C., to welcome Dean Niles. That's one way the LAB is committed to supporting the dean in his efforts to raise the national profile of the law school.

In this Alumni section, you can read more about the Regional Programs in D.C., and New York, as well as other upcoming regional programs. You'll also learn more about the other enhanced benefits now provided to alumni, including an online directory created to help alumni better connect with each other. Alumni Weekend is April 15–16, 2011. Please save the date and make plans to be in Seattle to celebrate our alumni community.

The board congratulates the Recent Alumni Committee for the success of the "300 in 30: A Recent Alumni Challenge." The challenge was to bring in 300 gifts in support of the law school's Annual Fund for Excellence in the 30 days of June. The committee exceeded that goal through the support of faculty, alumni and friends who contributed more than 400 gifts, triple the number of gifts typically received in June for the law school.

I have served on the Law Alumni Board for a number of years now, and I am excited for the opportunity to serve as president. I give special thanks to my predecessor, Linda Strout '79, for her outstanding leadership as our very first president of the Law Alumni Board. I am grateful for her continued support and am eager to connect with more alumni.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Black '95 President, Law Alumni Board Founding Dean's Club Member

# Regional alumni groups extend the law school's reach

The Washington, D.C., regional alumni chapter had the opportunity to meet Dean Mark Niles and hear him talk about his vision for the School of Law and his goal to create more summer and full-time opportunities for students and graduates in the nation's capital. The intern season in D.C. runs June 1 through July 31, and the goal of the proposed pilot summer program is to offer substantive law courses combined with an integrated externship component.

But like many alumni of the law school, this group is not content to just listen – they want to be involved. With the leadership of Jill Butler '07, a member of Law Alumni Board and host for the D.C. reception, the D.C. Alumni Chapter will welcome students next summer and provide integral and continued support. Strategically, the law school's national presence and reputation will be elevated and students will be better positioned to gain future employment in government and the private sector.

Regional programming provides alumni with the opportunity to network and to come together for meaningful discussion about



Dean Niles listens to Kathryn Naegeli '07, with the Department of Justice, during the D.C. Alumni Reception on Capitol Hill. Photos by Greg Dohler.

how they remain connected to the law school. In November, Dean Niles was in New York City meeting with alumni there, and he met with alumni in Hawaii just last week. In January, alumni in the San Francisco area are invited to a Washington wine-tasting reception. If you are interested in serving as a regional alumni representative, we invite you to partner with our Office of Alumni Relations.



Stacey Lara-Kerr, associate director of the Center for Professional Development, talks with Anne van Leynseele '08, an analyst with the Social Security Administration.



Debra Wiley '94, the Department of Education Ombudsman, speaks to Javier Dominguez and Sean Spersten, who were attending the Equal Justice Works conference in D.C.

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# Benefits for alumni have diversified this year with an array of new programs

ne of the important goals of the Office of Alumni Relations is to provide law school graduates with special benefits. There are a number of enhanced programs available to you.

#### The Online Alumni Directory

Last year, the School of Law launched the Online Alumni Directory to help foster connections within the alumni community. Since then, numerous regional alumni groups have joined the site. After further developing the site to include an array of features, the School of Law is pleased to invite the entire alumni community to take advantage of this new online resource.

The Online Alumni Directory offers a variety of resources for alumni. In addition to offering a directory feature, which utilizes an advanced search engine to help alumni locate friends and former classmates, the directory offers an interactive career center and upcoming events calendar. In addition, alumni can link their directory profiles to their other social networking sites. As a member of the directory, alumni also have the ability to join groups based on their former student organization affiliations, region and class year.

Most importantly, when alumni update their profiles, their alumni record is automatically updated as well. It is our hope that alumni from around the world will embrace this opportunity to connect with other alums and to better engage with one another. To access the directory, please visit <a href="http://seattleu.site-ym.com/">http://seattleu.site-ym.com/</a>. To fully access the site, please contact the alumni office to receive your user name and

password at lawalumni@seattleu.edu or 206-398-4600.

### SU email addresses after graduation

Starting in January, graduates will be able to keep their email addresses even after they graduate. Part of the university's Alumni Web, SU Alumni Connection, will allow alumni to keep Seattle University in their email address post-graduation in addition to enjoying all the features of Microsoft's Live@edu program. This fall, the Class of 2010 helped to test this program, and the School of Law looks forward to sharing this benefit with all alumni next month.

#### CLEs offered via webcast

The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program continues to expand with the

introduction of webcast offerings, which allow alumni everywhere, not just in Seattle, to participate. The Office of Alumni Relations also offers a limited number of scholarships for alumni to attend CLEs. Find CLE program information at www. law.seattleu.edu/Continuing\_Legal\_Education.xml. Contact our office for more information about CLE scholarships.

#### Lifetime library privileges

In addition to these new benefits, alumni continue to enjoy lifetime library privileges, including access to the print collection, the extensive microfilm and government document collections, and email reference services. Library borrowing memberships are available for an annual fee of only \$25. Learn more at <a href="https://www.law.seattleu.edu/Library/Services/Alumni.xml">www.law.seattleu.edu/Library/Services/Alumni.xml</a>.



Become part of the Online Alumni Directory at http://seattleu.site-ym.com/ and contact the alumni office for your unique password.



Members of the Recent Alumni Committee celebrated at a recent event. From left are Hillary Madsen '08, Grace Wiener '08, Justin Walsh '08, Melissa Chin '08, Walt Williams '08, Chris Wong '08, David Keenan '08 and Brian Considine '07.

# with your alumni association

he Alumni Association of Seattle University School of Law boasts membership of more than 10,000 representing every graduate of the Class of 1974 through the Class of 2010. Reflecting the diversity of our alumni, so too are there several opportunities to become and stay engaged in the life of your law school.

#### LAW ALUMNI BOARD

Participate in Law Alumni Board (LAB) sponsored programs like the New Year's Reception, held each January to thank the hundreds of alumni who give back to the law school, and Alumni Weekend. Also, LAB solicits nominations for new members to the board and award nominations for the annual Alumni Association Awards; please consider nominating your peers for these prestigious honors.

#### RECENT ALUMNI COMMITTEE

The Recent Alumni Committee was created to support alumni in building upon the networks they created in law school while facilitating an exchange of ideas and career networking opportunities. The committee meets each month and any graduate in the past 15 years is welcome to attend.

#### REGIONAL ALUMNI PROGRAM

Regional committees provide an opportunity for alumni to maintain connections to alumni colleagues in various regions of the country, while advancing the mission of the

school. There is an active Washington, D.C. chapter already and more formal groups are forming in New York, Texas and California. We encourage regional committees to also join our office in hosting receptions to welcome prospective and incoming students to the law school community.

#### **ALUMNI AWARDS**

You are invited to nominate your alumni peers for several SU Law alumni awards in recognition of achievement and service. Learn more at www.law.seattleu.edu/x8725.xml.

#### **REUNION PROGRAM**

Reunions provide a chance for graduates to reconnect with each other and faculty, to celebrate the success of former classmates, and to visit the law school, while attending special programs and receptions. If you are a member of the 10-, 20- or 30-year classes, we invite you to join the reunion committee where you will be in the best position to ensure that the celebration is well attended by your alumni friends and colleagues. The Classes of 1981, 1991, and 2001 will have their reunion during Alumni Weekend 2011.

To find out more about events, alumni benefits or ask about ways to be more involved with your law school, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 206-398-4600 or lawalumni@seattleu.edu.

### Alumni Weekend 2011

#### **April 15 & 16**

#### We've been talking a lot about

"new" this year—a new Dean with new vision, a new School of Law Annex that provides new opportunities for learning, and a new Law Alumni Board president who brings new leadership to the Alumni Association—but equally important to these developments are our traditions of celebration. For the third year, the Law Alumni Board together with the Office of Alumni Relations will spearhead the planning of Alumni Weekend to be held on Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, 2011.

The weekend's program will include the annual Alumni Awards Reception and reunions for the classes of 1981, 1991 and 2001.

# At home in academia

### Tom Galligan's career takes him from practice to Congress

By Cheryl Reid-Simons

s a kid, Tom Galligan Jr., thought he wanted to be a lawyer, a teacher or a writer when he grew up. He didn't wind up following a single one of those dreams – he achieved all of them and more. Galligan was a practicing attorney, law professor and scholar before assuming his present role as a college president.

"I've accomplished what I've accomplished because of the education that I was able to enjoy," Galligan says. "One of the great things I learned at Seattle U is what you want to do for a law student is teach him or her to teach themselves, because the law you learn today is going to change tomorrow."

He has also learned that the career path you start doesn't always lead to the same place. After law school graduation, Galligan '81, began working at Seattle's Lane Powell and had a promising career as a civil litigator. Today, the 55-year-old father of four grown children serves as president of Colby-Sawyer College, a small and distinguished liberal arts institution in New London, N.H., and is a national expert on maritime law called to testify before Congress on the legal aspects of the disastrous Gulf Oil spill.

It wasn't any kind of adversity or distress that changed Galligan's career trajectory. If anything, things were going too well when he was at Lane Powell. "I was doing great and enjoying myself and I realized if I ever wanted to try anything different that was the time," he says. "Because in a year or two



Tom Galligan Jr. '81, testifies before Congress about the legal aspects of the Gulf oil spill. Photo by Jay Mallin.

I would be a partner in a great law firm (and the future would be settled)."

Galligan took a leave from Lane Powell to get an LL.M. from Columbia University, but instead of returning to Seattle after graduation, he accepted a job teaching law at Louisiana State University.

"As a civil litigator I was not in court that much," he says. "So I realized my performance need would be filled more in a classroom. I liked that because I'm sort of a ham. "

In Louisiana, Galligan developed an expertise in maritime law. "My primary research and teaching love in law was torts," he explains. "In Louisiana, admiralty is a significant part of personal injury practice. So I would be giving speeches and I'd be asked, 'Is that the rule in admiralty?' And I couldn't answer."

So he approached his mentor at LSU, Frank Maraist, who taught admiralty. Maraist told him he should try teaching the admiralty course to see if he liked it. "I loved it. I absolutely loved it. So we split it and life was great. He had a casebook that he published and he asked me to join him in writing it."

As before, just when things seemed great, Galligan decided he'd better make a change before he got too comfortable. So after 12 years teaching and writing at LSU, Galligan took an appointment as dean of the University of Tennessee's College of Law - and again, found himself loving the new challenge, this time of academic administration along with teaching.

"After about seven years, my chancellor told me, 'You should think about being president of a college," Galligan recalls. He

tucked the suggestion away and went on with his life. His son, Patrick, was a junior at Bates College in Maine and his daughter Sarah was in her first year at Dartmouth when Galligan and his wife, Susan, visited. "It was a beautiful fall weekend," he says. "My wife went to Mt. Holyoke, our honeymoon was in Nantucket. New England was always on our wishlist."

The couple returned to Tennessee and within two weeks, Galligan had an email from a search firm looking for Colby-Sawyer's new president. "I swore I was not going to get emotionally involved," he says of the nomination and interview process. "But by the end of the second day I was in love. What a wonderful challenge and opportunity."

Fortunately, the Colby-Sawyer trustees felt the same way about Galligan, and he



Tom and his wife, Susan, are at home in New England.

Galligan was on the second day of a vacation in Florida when he got the request to testify before a House Committee. "My wife said, 'How many times in your life is this going to happen to you? You've got to go to Washington." So, with that blessing, he interrupted the family vacation to testify.

"I've accomplished what I've accomplished because of the education that I was able to enjoy. One of the great things I learned at Seattle U is what you want to do for a law student is teach him or her to teach themselves, because the law you learn today is going to change tomorrow."

was named president of the college in 2006. Under his leadership, Colby-Sawyer's enrollment has grown significantly, along with the size of the faculty and the number of majors and minors offered. And he teaches one undergraduate law class each year. "I'm still adjusting to being responsible for 18- to 20-year-olds," Galligan says. "It's very different than being law school dean or faculty member."

Even as he adjusted to life as the president of a college in New England, Galligan's expertise in maritime law brought him to the attention of Congress after the BP oil rig explosion that killed 11 workers and caused the worst oil spill in U.S. history. The Senate came calling next – just days before a more significant vacation to Italy. Galligan was able to squeeze his testimony in just two days before leaving for Europe.

"It was a terrible, terrible, tragic reason to have a once in a lifetime professional experience," Galligan says "I was really nervous about the whole thing... But at the hearings, the first witness was either a father or a mother or a widow of one of the people who was killed. ... To listen to them really helped center things and put it all in perspective."

Galligan told the Committee that the laws covering the disaster were "under

compensatory, outdated and inconsistent." Because the accident happened on a mobile drilling rig that was capping the well so that a permanent rig could be built, the survivors have no right to recover damages for loss of companionship. Had the accident occurred on the fixed platform that would be built next, state law would cover the workers and made their families eligible to recover non-pecuniary damages.

The House listened and soon passed a bill that would address the outdated and inconsistent laws Galligan testified about. The Senate has not yet acted on the legislation.

Regardless of whether Galligan's testimony triggers a significant change in maritime law, he's made an enormous impact on many of those practicing law today and in the future. Galligan, who along with his father, Thomas C. Galligan, established an endowment to enhance the quality of the Seattle University School of Law's educational program, looks back on his years in law school and realizes the value of the bonds between professors and students goes far beyond recommendations and networking.

"Sometimes things you think and hope for yourself are more likely to happen if someone validates you."

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### **Graduate protects** education from attack, fights stereotypes

By Katherine Hedland Hansen

rowing up the daughter of a pilot and a flight attendant, Courtney Erwin had the privilege of traveling a lot. From an early age, she knew she wanted to see the world.

And like many law students, Erwin was interested in pursuing international law. With her drive and commitment, she created a way to make it happen. Her work with various organizations has taken her to Southeast Asia, North Africa and the Middle East. Along with seeing the world, Erwin is working to change it.

"My belief is that you should do what is your passion," she said. "I'm doing things that I've wanted to do since I was a kid."

Erwin '05 lives in Doha, Oatar, and is the legal accountability manager for Education Above All, an independent nongovernmental organization established by Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned.

A policy research and advocacy organization, Education Above All is concerned with a single policy area: protecting education from attack. EAA aims to protect, support and promote the right to education in areas affected or threatened by crisis, conflicts and war. It serves as a catalyst for concerted action among partners around the world in order to prevent attacks on education, and to respond more effectively to attacks.



Courtney Erwin enjoys the desert oasis in Wadi Shab, Oman.

Before this job, Erwin had other interesting positions, most recently as chief of staff and director of Programs at the Cordoba Initiative, an international NGO that promotes engagement between the United States and Muslim-majority countries. It's also the organization behind the controversial cultural center proposed near Ground Zero, but Erwin didn't work on that specific project.

Erwin also worked at the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington as coordinator for Religious Freedom. As the first to assume that role, she created and implemented its religious liberty and church-state separation program, focusing on education, advocacy and policy.

Before law school, Erwin had considerable international experience, including a master's degree in Islamic Studies from McGill University in Montreal and a bachelor's degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

In her current role, Erwin leads EAA's legal accountability program, which seeks to diminish impunity and strengthen accountability for protecting education from attacks.

Education should be considered just as important as other human rights like health care," she said. "Nobody else is squarely addressing this issue."

Erwin said Her Highness is a strong woman who empowers other women and young people.

"She is incredibly influential and very much involved," Erwin said. "I admire her tremendously."

She enjoys the challenging position and the country of Qatar, a wealthy and somewhat liberal Emirate bordering Saudi Arabia.

"There's something to learn every single day," she said. "It's a country that's basically created itself and I'm watching something

being formed before my very eyes. The pace of development is incredible."

To keep up with rapid economic growth, there are hundreds of thousands of workers from other countries there performing professional and service jobs. In fact, expatriates outnumber Qataris by about five to one.

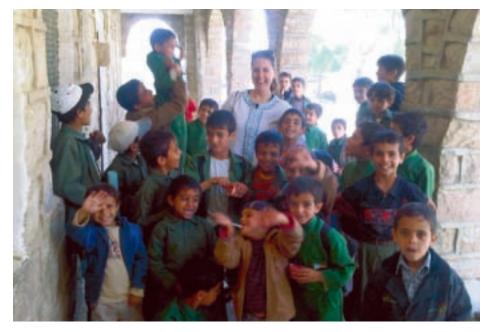
"You are immediately embraced," Erwin said. "I have made friends from around the world in Doha."

She doesn't need to conform to the traditional dress of black head scarf and cloak Qatari women wear, but she is modest and respectful of cultural and religious traditions, careful not to reveal too much skin. But she says she is treated as an equal.

"I don't ever feel disrespected or inhibited from doing what I want to do," she said.

#### **lluminating experiences**

Erwin was well prepared for the Qatari and Muslim customs from her previous jobs and education. While at Cordoba Initiative, based in New York City, she managed



As part of Education Above All's mission to protect education from attack, Erwin recently visited a school in the village of Thula, Yemen.



Erwin stands inside the city's fort in Niswa, Oman.

the Shariah Index Project, which seeks to clarify Islamic legal principles related to society and governance and measure today's states against that standard. She initiated and managed the government relations and legislative affairs department.

"The office was one of the most diverse places I have encountered," she said. "In addition to my Egyptian-American Imam boss and his Kashmiri wife, I worked with an Evangelical Christian who is an expert on Yemen, a Pakistani Muslim who worked with Iraqi 'fixers,' a Cote D'Ivoirian architecture student, and a Jewish-American former military man now at Harvard."

Her projects provided unparalleled experiences, including meetings with Secretary Madeleine Albright, Sudanese opposition leaders, and religious leaders in the Holy Land.

As part of that job, she traveled twice to war-torn Sudan to observe the country's first multi-party elections in 24 years and gained an entirely different perspective than what she had seen on the news.

"Sudan is one of my favorite places, mostly because of the people," she said. "I tried to speak to as many people as possible about their thoughts on democracy, Darfur,

#### Alumni profile

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the U.S. and al Bashir. Most of the people I spoke to thought that the international media hadn't accurately captured the political issues and had served to complicate the situation further."

When she returned, others were surprised to hear of the warmth, wisdom and sophistication she encountered there. She found herself trying to dispel misconceptions and feels fortunate to have had experiences that have enlightened her.

Her interest in Islam began years ago, and she earned her master's degree in Islamic studies a few months before the 9-11 attacks put Muslims under such scrutiny and attack. The negative stereotypes of Muslims have in fact increased in the past several years, Erwin said, and she wants people to be more open-minded.

"In the decade that I have spent studying the religion and language, working with and in Muslim communities, and traveling to places like Yemen, Sudan, and Palestine, I have never been treated in a way that has compelled me to change my focus," she said. "I have been treated with incredible hospitality and respect by men and women alike. In fact, the most common reactions I encounter are surprise that I know anything about Islam and can speak some Arabic and gratitude that I am working to ensure respect and justice on equal



Erwin and her friend, Noha, stand on top of the oldest house in Sana'a, Yemen. Noha is working on an import export project aimed at promoting traditional Yemeni handicrafts.

terms between Muslim and non-Muslim communities."

Erwin is grateful to Seattle University School of Law for helping her on her path of international human rights work. While in law school, she advocated on behalf of asylees fleeing religious, ethnic and political persecution abroad at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and worked on human rights and public interest litigation, including torture and detention cases at the Public Interest Law Group. She was also editor in chief of the Seattle Journal for Social Justice.

"Law school was an important time in my life," she said. "It made me a better and more strategic thinker. My writing improved dramatically, and I think I took every international law course offered."

But even with all her experience, finding the jobs she has landed is not easy. She found her present position through connections she made at an earlier conference. She encourages students who want to work abroad to get to know as many people in as many places as they can – and to consider jobs that might not initially interest them.

"You have to know people and be open to different possibilities," said Erwin, who describes herself as laid back but also very focused.

She loves Doha, but living in a desert, where the temperature reaches 125 degrees, does require some adjustment. Facebook and Skype help keep her in touch with her family in Issaquah, Wash., and sister in Paris, and she takes the opportunity to see another country with every trip she takes.

"It's as different from my life in Seattle and New York as you can get," she said. "I love traveling, but I am a Seattleite at heart."

#### 1977

Kent Buckles joined Reliance Trust to lead a unit addressing the emerging fiduciary risks of qualified retirement plans, public company stock funds, ESOP transactions, and stable value funds.

Thomas O'Leary is a United States Immigration Judge in Tucson, Ariz. He is also an adjunct professor for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson. He has two grandchildren.

#### 1980



James Hushagen, a senior member of Eisenhower & Carlson, PLLC in Tacoma, is the vicechair of the Board

of Regents of Pacific Lutheran University. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Thrivent Financial, as Vice President and Chair of the Synod Council for the Southwestern Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and President of the Board of Directors of Lutheran Summer Music. He is also general counsel to several nonprofit corporations and regularly provides governance training to nonprofit boards.

#### 1981



Paris Kallas stepped down as a King County Superior Court Judge and joined Judicial Dispute Resolution, a

firm in downtown Seattle that provides efficient and effective resolution of civil disputes on a private basis.

Robert Maletta is a senior policy adviser for the international aid agency Oxfam and is based in Kenya. He has been involved in managing development and emer-



gency operations throughout Africa for more than 20 years.

#### 1982

**Anne Bremner** joined the two-year-old blog Women in Crime Ink as a contributor.

#### 1983

**Steve Krafchick** is in his 27<sup>th</sup> year of practicing law. His Seattle practice focuses on helping people with fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome.

#### 1984

William Beatty was selected as the director of securities for the Washington Department of Financial Institutions. He has been with the Securities Division since 1986, most recently serving as a program manager and general counsel.

Edmund Murphy was appointed by Gov. Christine Gregoire to the Pierce County Superior Court. He previously served as a deputy prosecutor with the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office.



Sharon Sakamoto, the board development committee chair for the law school's Law Alumni Board, was honored

by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association at its annual Trailblazers Award Reception in November. The Trailblazers Award recognizes the outstanding achievements, commitment and leadership of lawyers who have paved the way for the advancement of other Asian

Pacific American attorneys. She is a partner in the firm Aoki & Sakamoto LLP in Seattle.

#### 1985

Thomas Atwood is president-elect of the Eastern Washington Bankruptcy Bar Association.

Karen Koehler created the Female Trial Advocacy Program now being offered through



the Washington State Association for Justice. It is open to any female member of the Washington bar.

#### 1986

Jean-Rene Basle was named the new San Bernardino County Counsel. He has worked for the county counsel's office since 1989.

Don Bennett was appointed executive director of the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board. He joined the board's staff in March 2007 as executive deputy director.

The Honorable Vickie Churchill was a co-recipient of the Washington State Bar Association's 2010 Outstanding Judge of the Year Award presented to the Superior Court Judges' Association Executive Committee. She serves in Island County Superior Court. She and other Executive Committee team members led the Superior Court Judges' Association through the 2009 legislative session, helping them retain \$75 million/biennium of the \$78 million/biennium in new state funding from the Justice in Jeopardy Initiative, despite the severe budget cuts statewide.

#### 1988

Mark K. Comstock was named vice president for real estate and store development at Recreational

Equipment, Inc. His responsibilities include new store site acquisition and development, management of REI's growing companywide portfolio of real estate assets, and facilities management of the co-op's headquarters in Kent, Wash. His previous experience includes being vice president for real estate and facilities for T-Mobile USA and vice president for real estate and asset management at Eddie Bauer.

#### 1989

James McConkey joined the Chicago office of Miller Canfield in the Litigation and Trial Group.

#### 1990

Brenda Bauer, the director of the City of Seattle's Fleets and Facilities Department since 2004, was hired as interim city manager of Bainbridge Island.

#### 1991

Fred Cooperrider is a partner at McGinn IP Law Group, PLLC in Vienna, Va. He specializes in patent law with an emphasis on prosecution of patent before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

#### 1992



**Brad Moore**, an attorney at Stritmatter Kessler Whelman Coluccio, successfully argued in front of the Washington

State Supreme Court that insurance companies must reimburse policy-holders with sales tax when settling property loss claims so that consumers will be fully compensated in the wake of a tragedy.

Karen Murray, Municipal Court supervisor for the Associated Counsel for the Accused, received the King County Bar Association's 2010 President's Award. She has been a longtime member of KCBA's Rev.

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#### Class notes

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration Luncheon Committee. She also serves on the board of the Future of Law Institute. She has also been honored with an award from the law school's Black Law Student Association.

#### 1993



The Honorable Frank Cuthbertson of Pierce County Superior Court received the Washington Chap-

ter of the American Board of Trial Advocates' 2010 Judge of the Year award.

Sarah Donnellan practices law in Wisconsin in the areas of Social Security, disability, ethics, estate planning, real estate and family law. She is also a member of the YMCA Board and the Junior League of Eau Claire.

Cynthia Linet closed her practice in Hawaii and relocated to Bothell, Wash., to live near her family and



concentrate on her great passion in life – art.

**Susan Machler** was elected the new governor for District 9 by the Washington State Bar Association.

#### 1994



Michael Aoki-Kramer is a principal in the Seattle office of RDH Building Sciences, Inc. RDH is an

international building enclosure and building science consulting firm providing design, construction, and risk review services to property owners, developers, architects and contractors around the world. **Dale Barr** founded Constellation Law Group, PLLC in 2007 in Tracyton, Wash. He provides intellectual property services to a diverse clientele.

John Burns was appointed by Florida Gov. Charlie Crist to the Charlotte County Court. He has served as an assistant state attorney with the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court since 1995.



Charles Swift and Catherine McDonald were married in Seattle on August 27. They will

continue to live in Seattle, where they practice together in their own law firm, Swift & McDonald, specializing in criminal defense and national security law.

#### 1996

Katrina Foley was named Orange Coast College's 2010 Citizen of the Year for her service to the community and to the college district. She volunteers as chairwoman of the Coast Community College District's Measure C Citizen's Oversight Committee, which serves as a watchdog for Measure C funds. She was also the community's voice on the Orange Coast College's Presidential Search Committee.

Bill LaBorde joined Seattle City Councilmember Rasmussen's office. He has worked for years as an effective advocate for progressive environmental and transportation policies in Seattle and Washington State.

#### 1997

Brandee Faria was featured in the Honolulu Pacific Business News' Forty Under 40 Class of 2010 for her consumer advocate work and volunteerism in the community. She practices with Perkin and Faria.

#### 1998

**George Bonini** joined the Seattle office of Ater Wynne as Of Counsel.



Emmelyn Hart married Stephane Machut on San Juan Island, Wash. on September 18. The officiant at the wedding was classmate Carrie Coppinger Carter '98.



Kris Haworth and Patrick Sutton '99 married this year after meeting at a reunion gathering in Sausalito. Cur-

rently living in Tiburon, Calif., Kris works in computer forensics as the managing director for MicroForensics, Inc. and Patrick works in human resources at the University of California at San Francisco.



Lt. Col. Kirk Kumagai and his wife, Sarah, were married in May. He is a Deputy Staff Judge Advocate with Marine Corps Forces Central Command in Tampa, Fla., and she is an anesthesiologist.

#### 1999

**Tracy Flood** was elected the new at-large governor of the Washington State Bar Association. She is chair

of the WSBA Civil Rights Law Section and a member of the WSBA Family Law Section's Executive Committee.

Shannan Frisbie and her husband, Ian Smith, along with their son, Duncan, welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Ryan, on



April 28. Shannan is a partner at K&L Gates.

Tanya Lewis joined the Salt Lake City firm of Richards Brandt Miller Nelson as an associate. She will focus her practice in the areas of insurance, commercial litigation, employment and family law.

**Dean Warhaft** is the host of "Endurance Traveler," a new show on Fox Sports Northwest chronicling endurance events and their locales all over the world.

#### 2000

Jennifer Gellner is the director and supervising attorney for the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC), which is funded by a grant from the IRS. There are eight students representing approximately 50 low income clients with IRS matters in the United States Tax Court.

Rick Hansen, counsel for corporate governance at Chevron Corporation, was recognized as a "Rising



Star of Corporate Governance" by the Yale University School of Management Millstein Center for Corporate Governance.

#### 2001

Matthew King formed the Law Office of Matthew R. King, PLLC in Seattle. His practice will focus on complex business and civil litigation in the State and Federal Courts.



Thuy Nguyen-Leeper was elected the 2010 President of the Asian Bar Association of Washington (ABAW). ABAW

serves as a voice for the Asian Pacific American legal profession in Washington, promoting justice, equality and opportunity for Asian Pacific Americans, and as a resource for fostering APA professional development, legal scholarship, advocacy and community involvement.

The Honorable Joan Tierney is an Administrative Law Judge in the Seattle Office of Administrative Hearings, presiding primarily over Unemployment Insurance Hearings. She is also a part of the faculty participating in the training of new Administrative Law Judges and recently authored the Unemployment Appeals chapter of the King County Bar Association's Washington Law Practice Manual.

#### 2002

Ericka Curran was promoted to associate professor of clinical skills at Florida Coastal School of Law. She is also the director of the school's Immigrant Rights Clinic, which focuses on serving asylum seekers, victims of crime and detained immigrants.

Kari Petrasek is the 2010–11 president of the Washington State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

**Rajiv Sarathy** is a partner at Perkins Coie and current president of the South Asian Bar Association of Washington.

#### 2003



Tara Eubanks joined the Law Offices of John Budlong in Edmonds, Wash., where she will be handling plaintiffs' medical malpractice, product liability and serious injury cases.

Barbara Rhoads-Weaver started her own firm, Sustainable Law, PLLC, after becoming pregnant with her second child, a daughter, who was born on February 17. Her practice focuses on helping clients with personal injury, property damage, insurance disputes, small business and estate planning matters all over Washington State. Her son is now 3, and she has returned to practice full-time.

#### 2004



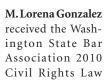
Jennifer Cave Artiss, an associate with Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC in Lexington, Ky., is chair-

elect of the Environment, Energy and Resources Law Section of the Kentucky Bar Association.

Amy Franklin-Bihary joined Wechsler Becker, LLP in Seattle as an associate. She concentrates her practice on family law cases including marital dissolutions, legal separations, child custody cases, child support cases, third party custody cases, cases involving unmarried partners, and parentage cases. She serves as the vice chair of the King County Bar Association Family Law Section, is a volunteer Family Law Court Appointed Special Advocate, and is on the King County Guardian ad Litem registry.

**Brock Gavery** is general counsel for Caffé Vita Coffee Roasting Co. in Seattle. In his free time, he enjoys spending time outdoors, biking, hiking, and running.

#### 2005





Section's Distinguished Service Award for her dedication and leadership in the area of civil rights law. She has served on the Law Alumni Board and is a past president of the Latino/a Bar Association of Washington.



Eric Gutierrez is a staff attorney with Columbia Legal Services in its Moses Lake office. Prior to his

litigation career at CLS, Eric was the main lobbyist on comprehensive immigration reform for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) in Washington, DC. In 2006, the Hispanic Bar of the District of Columbia named Eric a "Rising Star" and leader of the Hispanic legal community.

Alex Larkin, who was granted a license to practice law as a foreign lawyer by the Vietnam Ministry of Justice,



joined Leadco Legal Counsel in Hanoi, Vietnam. He advises clients on direct foreign investment in Vietnam, mergers and acquisitions, and other matters related to entering the Vietnam market. He also advises Vietnamese clients in international litigation and arbitration cases. Alex has authored several articles on topics related to recent developments in Vietnamese law. His latest article, "Reining in Lenders," discussing Vietnam's new law on credit institutions, appears in the November edition of the Vietnam Economic Times. He lives in the historic Ba Dinh district of Hanoi.

Jarrett Payne re-launched NW Venture Law with a renewed focus on sustainability as the cornerstone of its legal services and counsel. Located in downtown Seattle, NW Venture Law is committed to Sustainable Law Practice (TM), a paradigm that examines the law within the broader

context of social, environmental and economic sustainability.

#### 2006

Pamela Casey was elected district attorney for Blount County in Alabama.

Kimberly Kasin joined the Youth Eastside Services Board of Trustees, where she works with other commu-



nity members in guiding the non-profit organization's operations.

Sarah Leyrer is a 2010 graduating fellow of the WSBA Leadership Institute and an attorney with the Moses Lake office of Columbia Legal Services. She was presented with the 2010 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award in acknowledgement of her work in building the Moses Lake office and for her commitment to bar activities and the legal services community. She primarily represents Spanish-speaking clients in central Washington and provides community education to inform people about their legal rights.

Angela Macey-Cushman received the 2010 Washington State Association for Justice New Member of the Year Award at the annual WSAJ convention. She is an attorney at Schroeter, Goldmark and Bender.

Kristen Wilson joined the Seattle office of Williams Kastner as an associate and is a member of the Products Liability & Mass Torts and Business Litigation Practice Groups. Prior to joining Williams Kastner, she served as deputy prosecuting attorney for the Criminal Division of the King County Prosecutor's Office for four years.

#### 2007

**Rita Amer** published her first novel, "The Cat with the Golden Fang," which tells the story of a young

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#### Class notes

rhinoceros and a cat who save the world from the Voldemort of the animal world known as The Cat with the Golden Fang. The novel is intended for young readers ages 9 to 15.



Evan Catron is currently serving as a senior adjudicator at the Seattle Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, awarding

entitlement to compensation and other benefits to our nation's veterans. He also completed his first half-marathon at the Bellingham Bay event in September and hopes to return next year for the full marathon.

#### 2008

**Joseph Gordon** accepted a position as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Adam Jussel, an attorney specializing in litigation and agricultural cooperative law at Miller Nash LLP, was appointed to the Board of the North Seattle Boys and Girls Club. He became involved with the organization long ago, first as a member, and then in college working as a counselor running the teen program. His commitment to the organization is rooted in the fact that it provides an opportunity for youth to be active socially, mentally, and physically in their communities, allowing them to positively direct their lives at an early age.

Tina Mares, a deputy prosecuting attorney for the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, was accepted as a member of Leadership Tomorrow's Class of 2011. Leadership Tomorrow's mission is to develop effective community leaders who work to strengthen the Pacific Northwest region.

**Crystal McDonald**, president-elect for the Pierce County Washington Women Lawyers, joined the Law Office of J. Michael Koch & Associates, P.S., Inc.

**Holly Smith** married Sachin Pai on June 26. Holly is an immigration lawyer in New York at the Law Office of Cheryl R. Davis.

Jonathan Vaknin opened his own law firm, the Law Offices of Jonathan Vaknin, in Escondido, Calif. His practice will be



primarily focused on debt relief.

#### 2009

Mike Allen joined the Seattle office of Dorsey & Whitney LLP as a corporate and transactional associate working with both public and private growth companies with an emphasis on the clean technology and sustainable industries sectors. He also practices in the area of business immigration.

Jaspreet Chowdhary was selected as one of six lawyers to participate in the inaugural year of the Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program. She is conducting her fellowship through the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum in Washington, D.C.

Kim Evans joined the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid in Washington D.C. as a health insurance specialist.

John Knettles received his appointment as a diplomat in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State.



Keith Seo was appointed to positions on the Washington State Bar Association Committee for Diversity and the

American Health Lawyers Association Young Professionals Council.

#### 2010

Justin Chaput and Morgan O'Neal '10 were married on August 7, just nine days after they both finished the



Washington State bar exam. They honeymooned in Greece for two weeks.

**Justin Gourley** passed the Nevada State Bar Exam.

Terresa Davis was named an hon-

oree in the Puget Sound Business

Journal's prestigious "40 Under 40"

program. Terresa is co-owner of

the Steelhead Diner and Blueacre

#### In Memoriam

Seafood.

Patrick James Murphy, age 56, of Las Vegas, died Sept. 9, 2010, in Costa Rica during a golf and fishing trip. He was born Sept. 20, 1953, in Monroe, Mich., to Ralph B. and Jayleane M. (Mercier) Murphy. Patrick attended University of Michigan and Northern Michigan University where he earned his B.S., summa cum laude, in 1978. He then went on to law school. He moved to Las Vegas, where he practiced law for the next 30 years. Patrick was a skilled and respected trial attorney, with a love of golf, fishing, and riding motorcycles. He is survived by his parents, Ralph B. and Jayleane M. Murphy of Monroe, his brother, Michael J. (Janine), and nephew, Sean Patrick Murphy of Adrian.

Terrance Wayne Oostenbrug, of Bremerton, Washington, died Oct. 6, 2010, of ALS. He grew up in Sanborn, Iowa, and moved to Des Moines to attend Drake University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 1972. After law school, he practiced his entire law career in the Seattle area. His other passion was fishing and he taught it to underprivileged youth. He is survived by his three children, Ted, Ben and Olyvia, all of Seattle. Also surviving him is his mother, Mary Oostenbrug, of Sheldon, and sisters, Mary Beth Oostenbrug (Larry Cormicle), of Ames, and Pam Raymond, of Adel.

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Send an e-mail with any updates for Class Notes to lawalumni@seattleu.edu. Feel free to include a large format jpeg photo (no web photos please), and please understand we may need to edit your submission in order to include all the great news about our alumni.

## Report of Giving

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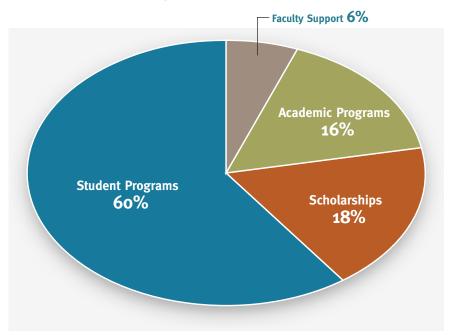
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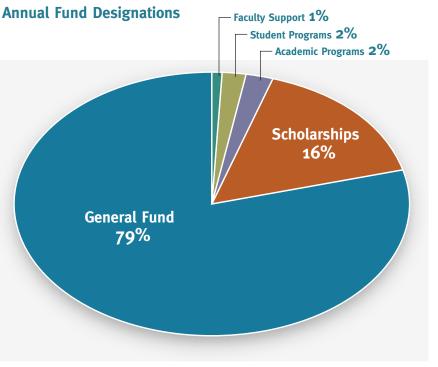
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## TWO PERFECT MARRIAGES

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im Degel '80 and Jeanne Berwick met on a blind date more than 25 years ago and knew they were meant for each other. During their marriage, they have raised three children, pursued successful legal careers and become fervent champions of equal justice and human rights for all.

Degel has devoted his legal career to serving injured and incapacitated children and adults in his role as guardian and trustee of Special Needs Trusts. Berwick's passion has been advancing the rights of immigrants and refugees, including serving on the board of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project for 18 years.

This perfect marriage of shared values and commitment to social justice has fortuitously led to another beautiful partnership between the couple and Seattle University School of Law. They found another ideal match for their values in the law school's commitment to social justice and academic excellence.

Having spent decades in the trenches of social justice law, Degel and Berwick have a deep understanding of infrastructure needs of a chronically under-resourced advocacy community. Their generous gifts to the law school are strategically designed to:

- Develop the next generation of social justice lawyers to take on leadership roles in serving disadvantaged communities, which they will promote by funding a two-year post-graduate Justice in Action law fellowship;
- Strengthen the law school's capacity to engage in social justice law-related research, advocacy and education through a gift supporting the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality's Civil Rights Amicus Clinic.

"I am proud to be an alumnus of a law school that walks its talk on social justice," Degel said. "I want to strengthen my alma mater's capacity to do more to develop the next generation of social justice-minded lawyers."

Echoed Berwick: "I feel fortunate that Jim and I are in a position to support the law school's commitment to equal access to justice for the poorest and most disadvantaged people in our society."

Seattle University School of Law is the only law school in the state to offer a post-graduate fellowship. The Leadership for Justice Fellowship was established two years ago to bolster the law school's mission of educating outstanding lawyers who are leaders for a just and humane world. Thanks to Degel and Berwick, this year's graduates will have the opportunity to apply for an additional fellowship that will fund a two-year social justice project working with a partner organization.

"Especially during these times of budget cuts and unemployment, their gift propels the law school forward with ensuring that the needs of the most vulnerable are being met," said Diana Singleton '98, director of the Access to Justice Institute, which will oversee the fellowship application process. "This fellowship provides a leadership development opportunity for graduates as they begin their public interest legal careers and helps equal justice organizations advance their work."

The Degel/Berwick gift also will allow the Korematsu Center to develop its new Civil Rights Amicus Clinic, including training students to work on "friend of the court" briefs and hiring a clinical teaching fellow who will go on to teach at other institutions.

"In addition to training our students and empowering communities, we envision planting, one by one, clinical law professors around the country who will take with them the vision of the law school's Korematsu Center" said Professor Robert Chang, Director of the Center. "Jim and Jeanne are supporting our efforts to extend the reach of our social justice law schol-



Jim Degel '80 and Jeanne Berwick

arship, research advocacy and education well beyond the four walls of Sullivan Hall".

For their commitment, they were honored in November with the law school's first *Socius Pro Iusticia* Award (Partners for Justice) presented to a member of the Dean's Club who has brought about transformative change in the study of law.

"Jim and Jeanne exemplify our mission," Dean Mark Niles said. "They have stood for justice throughout their careers, and are inspiring students, faculty and alumni to do the same. We are grateful for their generosity and honored by the trust they have placed in us."

Degel and Berwick are reaching out to other social justice-minded alumni and members of the community, urging them to become involved by investing in the scholarship and fellowship needed to ensure the next generation of social justice lawyers.

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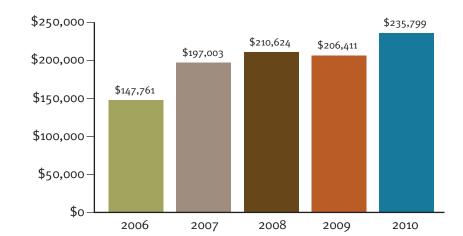
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## MAKING CONNECTIONS

atherine Walker has always appreciated the education she received at Seattle University School of Law and has been a longtime member of the Dean's Club.

As senior vice president and general counsel for REI, based in Kent, Wash., she found it wasn't as convenient to come to the law school as it had been during the six years she was vice president for administration and university counsel for Seattle University.

"When I was working here, it was very easy to stay connected to the law school," said Walker, '80.

She knows many alumni share her love of the law school and want to make it more of a priority in their busy lives. As the new Chair of the Dean's Club, she is committed to encouraging others to become more involved, both financially and otherwise.

"I see my role as Dean's Club Chair as being a connector," Walker said. "I will be a liaison with individuals who have already expressed a commitment to the law school. I want to find ways for Dean's Club members to become more involved with the law school and to invite others to participate."

Dean's Club members, who contribute at least \$1,000 annually, provide stability and strength to the Annual Fund for Excellence, supporting the daily work of the law school.

"As we all know, getting support for current operations is crucial," Walker said. "The Annual Fund gives the law school flexibility to try innovative programs."

Walker, who was in the last class to graduate from the law school's humble first home in a South Tacoma Way office park, appreciates the law school's diversity, its commitment to ethics and its obligation to society's underserved populations.

"Through participation in the Dean's Club, we support the integration of those values into the curriculum and the academic experience," she said. "Participation also gives me a chance to connect with other alumni, members of the legal community, classmates and friends who share an affinity for the law school."



Catherine Walker '80

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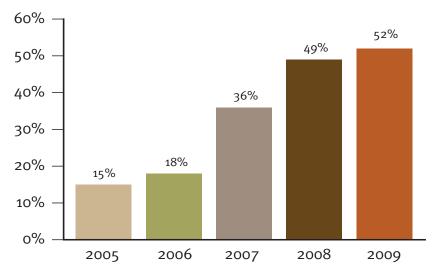
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## A RETURN ON HER INVESTMENT

s Assistant Dean for Admission, Carol Cochran has talked to thousands of prospective students about the benefit of a legal education at Seattle University School of Law. She stays in touch with many of them after they graduate.

"It's a full circle," she said. "There are alums I clearly remember meeting during the admission process and talking to them about what they wanted to do with their education. There are times I get a lump in my throat when I see them now and what they've achieved."

Cochran, who joined the law school as assistant director for admission in 1994, was a founding member of the Dean's Club. She is one of many staff members who donate to the Annual Fund for Excellence.

She and other representatives from the admission office travel the country to find the best and brightest students. Many alumni



#### **Carol Cochran**

serve as ambassadors, answering questions for prospective students. Cochran loves her job, seeing how a conversation at a recruitment fair, a phone call or an email results in a student enrolling, then graduating and making a difference.

"I can't think of a better return on my investment than to see the amazing work our graduates are doing," she said. "It took me a while to learn the benefits of giving. It makes me proud to know I'm helping contribute to our students."

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## LAW REVIEW: PAYING IT FORWARD

Bryan Terry is proud of his tenure as Editor in Chief of the Seattle University Law Review, and he knows it's an exhausting job.

"It is such a demanding role. It's as if you're working a second full-time job," said Terry'07. "I thought I could make it a little easier."

Though heading Law Review is a prestigious position, editors are not paid. Terry '07 has committed a five-year gift to ensure an annual scholarship for the Editor in Chief. He benefited from a similar scholarship thanks to the gift of another previous Editor in Chief, Pete Meyers '05.

"When I saw how much work the Editor in Chief does, I thought that person should get some compensation," said Meyers, a solo practitioner in Portland, Ore. "It's not an entirely thankless job – someone who has been EIC has a real leg up in the job market – but during law school it can be thankless and lonely. I wanted future EICs to know that a former EIC was recognizing their hard work like only a former EIC can."

That resonates with the recipients.

"I'm very grateful to receive a scholarship from a donor who stood in my shoes while he was at Seattle University School of Law," said current EIC Kurt Kruckeberg '11. "It gives me confidence to know that there is a community beyond the SU campus rooting for my academic and professional success. I can't wait to join that community of support when I graduate."

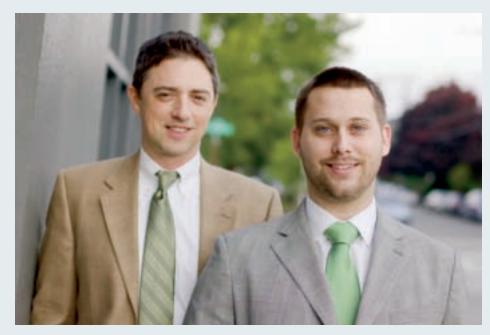
Terry, an associate at Patterson Buchanan in Seattle, enjoys staying involved with the law school. He would like to see more former editors collaborate on a larger, enduring scholarship.

"I donate because I love the law school," he said. "I had such a great time in law school, and I appreciate the social justice mission. Through our clinics and other means, the law school is training lawyers to better our country."

He chose to direct his giving because of

his personal experience with the Law Review. Among his accomplishments, he oversaw the creation of a symposium issue, "Corporations and the First Amendment: Examining the Health of Democracy," which included articles by nationally recognized legal scholars.

"In terms of the academic experience, Law Review was the most memorable part of law school," Terry said. "Every graduate probably has something about their law school experience they would like to support. It feels good to be able to direct giving."



Bryan Terry '07 and Kurt Kruckeberg '11

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Last spring, members of the Recent Alumni Committee (RAC) started talking about ways to educate alumni about the importance of supporting the law school. Their brainstorming led to the innovative and appealing 300 in 30 challenge to increase alumni participation in the Annual Fund for Excellence.

The challenge was simple: Bring in 300 gifts in support of the annual fund in the 30 days of June, the final month of the fiscal year. By the end of the month, the committee had exceeded its expectations as the law school received more than 400 gifts. That's more than four times the number of gifts typically made in the month of June. Daily, records were broken for the number of gifts received, setting new standards for online giving.

Led by the Recent Alumni Committee, it was a true community effort, with RAC members, members of the Law Alumni Board and other alumni reaching out to friends and fellow grads, and faculty and staff lending their support. Marlys Palumbo '82 stepped forward to inspire giving by naming a \$10,000 gift for the committee and all those who gave to the challenge.

The positive buzz has spurred talk of more challenges, so stay tuned for more ways to get involved.

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he late Justice Fred H. Dore loved a good contest.

So it's perfectly fitting that the foundation run by his family supports the top finishers of the law school's Moot Court competitions. The Fred H. and Mary S. Dore Charitable Foundation provides scholarships to the winners and runners-up of the Fredric C. Tausend and James Bond Moot Court Competitions.

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"He would have loved to have won a competition like that," said his daughter Jane Kuper, president of the foundation. "He wanted to be able to help students who worked hard."

Gretchen Hoog '10, winner of the 2009 Bond competition, said that's exactly how she feels.

"It was exciting to know we could be rewarded for working so hard and for using the skills we were taught though the Legal Writing Program," she said. "It was exciting to win, and it was really special to have the Dore family there."

Greta Jibbensmith '09, the first recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship after her win in the Tausend competition, is grateful to the foundation.

"It was very gratifying for me to win that competition. It was the highlight of my academic career," she said. "And the money definitely helped – that was amazing."

The scholarships were created in late 2007 after the death of Mary Dore, in memory of her and her husband, the late Justice Fred Dore of the Washington State Supreme Court. The competitions are held annually in the law school's courtroom named for Justice Dore.



Justice Dore, who died in 1996, was a 1945 graduate of Seattle University and graduated from Georgetown Law School. He was named Seattle University's Alumnus of the Year in 1989.

"Seattle University was very important to my dad because of the great education he got there. It was a launching point into Georgetown," Kuper said.



Fred and Mary Dore leave their wedding reception in 1956. Photo courtesy of Jane Kuper.

The foundation also is a major contributor to efforts to fight sudden infant death and support families who have suffered such a loss. The Dores lost their fourth child, Christine, to SIDS in 1961. Mary Dore was instrumental in raising money for SIDS research and starting one of the nation's first foundations dedicated to searching for the cause.

The family foundation allows Kuper and her siblings, as well as their children, to carry on the values taught by their parents. Fred Dore had a difficult childhood. He contracted polio as a young child and had lifelong complications from that. He and his three siblings grew up with a single mother after their father died of heart attack when Fred was just 7.

"My dad appreciated all the help his family received," Kuper said. "We were raised to give back to the community."

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## SU Law at Work supports Annual Fund

lumni at firms and organizations throughout the Puget Sound area once again teamed up for SU Law at Work, the annual friendly competition to encourage coworkers to support the law school's Annual Fund for Excellence.

The firm of Spencer Anderson Buhr won the 2009-2010 small organization competition with an impressive 100 percent participation. K & L Gates won for large organizations (15 or more alumni employed) with 54 percent participation.

The SU Law at Work challenge is a great way for graduates to support the law school.

Ted Collins, founding chair of SU Law at Work and a distinguished practitioner in

residence at the law school, pledged to match \$20 for every SU Law at Work gift made in the month of June, resulting in his personal contribution of \$2,500 to the annual fund.

Other participating firms were Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Eisenhower & Carlson PLLC; Foster Pepper PLLC; Gordon Thomas Honeywell LLP; Ogden Murphy Wallace, P.L.L.C.; Perkins Coie LLP; and the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office.

This year's challenge will kick off in January with hopefully more firms and companies participating. Anyone interested in joining SU Law at Work can contact Michael Sclafani at sclafanm@seattleu.edu.



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Endowed funds provide for the long-term financial stability of Seattle University School of Law. The School of Law's endowment provides critical revenue for both operating expenses and special purposes. As of June 30, 2010, the market value of the school's endowment was \$15.2 million. During Fiscal Year 2010, the School of Law's endowment generated approximately \$831,000 in expendable income to support the general operation of the law school, as well as specific scholarships and programs. Current-use, expendable funds are designed to address specific, current-use law school needs and programs.

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Established by Professor David Boerner in support of the Academic Resource Center.

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Established by George and Mary Sundborg to provide scholarships for students from Alaska and to ensure that the School of Law continues to serve as an important resource for the State of Alaska.

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Established by an anonymous donor for the purpose of providing scholarship support for students admitted through the Access Admission

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Established by LeRoy Brettin for the purchase of library materials.

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Established for the purpose of awarding one legal writing scholarship to the student who writes the best opinion letter in an annual writing

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Established to honor Seattle University Provost John Eshelman, an early and enthusiastic proponent of the law school.

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Established by Thomas C. Galligan and his son, Thomas C. Galligan, Jr. '81, to enhance the quality of the school's educational progra

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Established by Don and Lynda Horowitz to support the development of an evolving interdisciplinary approach to advance understanding of the challenges and opportunities of ensuring equal and meaningful access to high-quality justice for all.

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Established by the King County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section in honor and in memory of Mary Ellen Krug, a distinguished labor law practitioner and past Chair of the Labor Law Section of the American Bar Association

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Established by the faculty in 1976 to provide an award to the student (or students) who demonstrates the skill, dedication, scholastic achievement, and leadership, both inside and outside of the classroom, that best exemplify the ideals of the law school.

#### FREDERIC & CATHERINE METZGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established to recognize the students who write the second and third best opinion letters in an annual writing competition.

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Established through a bequest from Tacoma attorney Louis J. Muscek for the "benefit of worthy students in the law school."

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Established to honor Professor Bill Oltman, to recognize that the strength of the faculty depends on both scholarship and teaching.

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#### SCHOOL OF LAW DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

Established by a gift from an anonymous foundation for the purpose of funding an exchange and lecture series between two universities.

#### FREDRIC C. TAUSEND PROFESSORSHIP

(held by Professor David Skover)

Established to honor former Dean and Professor Fred Tausend, a leader in the Seattle and national legal communities. Well known as one of the finest trial attorneys ever, former Dean and Professor Tausend was an early advocate of diversity in the legal profession.

#### Current-Use Funds

#### ACCESS TO JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Established to inspire law students toward a lifelong commitment to social justice, public interest and public service, wherever their career paths may take them.

#### ADORNO YOSS CALEY DEHKHODA QADRI SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a strong student from an ethnic or diverse background with significant participation in extracurricular activities and demonstrated financial need.

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A scholarship awarded annually to a student intent on pursuing a career in family law.

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A scholarship awarded annually to the recipient of the law school's Dean's Medal.

#### ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP (WASHINGTON CHAPTER)

A scholarship established to honor a student with a diverse or ethnic

#### THE ADOLF A. BERLE, JR. CENTER ON CORPORATIONS, LAW & SOCIETY

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Established to provide an emphasis on Indian law in the law school curriculum and practical educational experiences for students; create new programs to assist tribes and their members with the unique laws of tribal sovereignty; develop CLEs and an electronic clearinghouse of recent developments; and to make information about current legal issues available to Indian tribes and people.

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Established to provide summer grants for students to pursue opportunities in public interest law.

#### FRED H. AND MARY S. DORE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to the finalists of the annual James E. Bond/ABA Moot Court Competition and the Fredric C. Tausend Appellate Law Competition.

#### EDITOR IN CHIEF SU LAW REVIEW SCHOLARSHIP

Established to provide a scholarship for the Editor in Chief of Law

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Established to support the development of films for justice.

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Established by Bryant Reber '74 to honor the law school's founding faculty.

#### THE GROVE FOUNDATION BOOK GRANTS

Established to provide grants for books to students with financial need.

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Established to provide a summer fellowship in environmental law.

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Established to provide scholarships for minority law students.

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Established to provide annual support for a student who is interested in law librarianship.

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#### PROFESSOR HENRY W. MCGEE FELLOWSHIP

Awarded to an active member of the Black Law Students Association who plans to pursue work with a civil rights organization dedicated to eradicating racial injustice.

#### GEORGE NOCK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established to recognize a student who reminds us of the late Professor Nock and the importance of laughter while pursuing consistent excellence.

#### THE OUTLAWS CIVIL RIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP

Established by Professor Julie Shapiro to provide support for a student actively committed to and engaged in public interest law that benefits the lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender community.

#### PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS

Established to provide summer grants for students to pursue opportunities in public interest law.

#### THE MARK REUTLINGER SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL WRITING

Established in honor of Professor Emeritus Mark Reutlinger in recognition of outstanding writing in upper-division, non-legal writing

#### SEATTLE JOURNAL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP Established to provide a scholarship for a member of the Seattle Journal for Social Justice.

#### SEED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW GROUP FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a top student with a strong interest in the field of intellectual property law.

#### SPEAKERS FUND

Established to provide funds for annual speakers who will address ethics, civility and professionalism in the law.

#### THE KELLYE TESTY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Established in recognition of Seattle University School of Law's first female dean, this award recognizes the unique potential represented by women in the law, and fosters leadership abilities and excellence.

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#### January 5

Regional Alumni Program San Francisco

#### January 24

"Out of the Ashes" screening and discussion

#### January 27

New Year's Alumni Reception

#### February 1

Fred Tausend Moot Court Competition Final Round and Reception

#### February 4

Pacific Northwest Public Interest Job Fair Campion Ballroom

#### February 4

CLE: Igniting a Culture of Civility: Defining and understanding civility in the legal profession

#### February 17

Black Law Student Association Alumni Awards Reception

#### February 24

Washington State Bar Exam Conclusion Celebration

#### March 4

CLE: Civility Matters: The benefits to the parties, the practitioner, and the profession

#### March 5

PILF Auction Campion Ballroom

#### March 8

Influential Voices: "Diversity on the Bench: Does Race Make a Difference?" Professors Pat Chew and Robert Kelley

#### March 24

Latina/o Law Student Association Alumni Awards Reception

#### March 31

WLC Women of the Year Luncheon Rainier Club

#### April 1

CLE: Civility Speaks: The behaviors that embody care and respect

#### April 5

Influential Voices: "Teaching and the Three Gifts" Installation of Professor John Mitchell as the William C. Oltman Professor

#### April 15-16

Alumni Weekend

#### May 15

Spring Commencement Key Arena

#### May 20

6th Annual Statewide Diversity Conference

