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# Dean's Message



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Within a two-week period last fall, the College of Law lost two of its most significant members: Norm Thorson and Henry Grether. Others have written about them elsewhere in this issue and, since I have already published most of this in another forum, some of you may already have seen what I have to say here. But I wanted to say it again in *THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT*, so that all of us can remember these lives again, and celebrate them.

In a small community like the Law College, it is easy to delineate the ways in which influential men like Norm and Henry have made significant contributions to the College and the legal profession. In a column like this, that is what I can write about, and I will. But both men were also influential in much deeper and more subtle ways – on students, on their fellow faculty members, on the culture and tone of the College. While these are as important as their more visible contributions, if not more so, they are also much more difficult to discuss. I am too little the poet to attempt the task. But I feel them, the rest of the faculty feels them, as do the generations of alumni and students who knew Norm and Henry. So, although I can only talk about a small part of the contributions Norm and

Henry made to our community and our lives, please understand that beyond these are much deeper reservoirs of respect and affection.

Norman W. Thorson came to the University of Nebraska in 1967 from his parents' farm in Mead, Neb. He earned all his degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln: B.S. in 1971 (agricultural honors), M.S. in 1974 (agricultural economics), J.D. in 1977 (with high distinction) and Ph.D. in 1979 (agricultural economics). It says a great deal about what kind of a student Norm was that he joined the law faculty in 1977, immediately after graduating from the College.

Norm was influential in many different spheres. Within Nebraska, Norm, with Professor Richard Harnsberger, wrote the seminal book on Nebraska water law, he was chair and member of the Central Interstate Low Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission, and he wrote many reports for the Unicameral and state agencies on water and environmental issues. Within the national legal and academic communities, he co-authored the seminal textbook on Agricultural Law, he was a member of the prestigious American Law Institute, he served as president of the American Agricultural Law Association, and he was a long-time trustee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. At the University and Law College, Norm was president of the Academic Senate, the Harry A. Spencer Professor of Law, chair of the most recent major curricular review committee, and teacher of most of the practicing water and environmental law practitioners in the State. Norm will be missed in all these arenas and, even more, as a friend, colleague, deeply loyal and yet scathingly critical Husker fan, source of tips on great restaurants and good travel, and in many other ways.

Henry M. Grether, Jr., joined the faculty in 1948, served as dean from 1966 to 1977 and retired in 1990. Henry's influence on the College was tremendous and is still visible today, more than a quarter-century after he stepped down as dean. The class Henry inherited in 1966 contained no women – zero. By the time he stepped down as dean in 1977, the class contained about 35 percent women, with the number climbing. Henry is the person most responsible for the existence of the Law College's main building, Ross McCollum Hall. He raised the money; convinced the Board of Regents, governor and legislature that it was necessary; and supervised its construction. The largest funds in our endowment are due to Henry's work. He founded the Fall Institute and the Great Plains Federal Tax Institute, central features of the College's strong continuing legal education efforts. But, as with Norm, despite all this, Henry's influence continues to be strong in more personal ways as well. About one-third of the current faculty were hired when Henry was dean, and more than two-thirds of the faculty knew him as dean, fellow faculty member or both. To this day, I have no doubt that our strong and positive faculty culture is due in no small part to his influence and leadership.

Thank you, Norm. Thank you, Henry. Farewell and Godspeed.

Steven L. Willborn

Dean and Richard C. and Catherine Stuart Schmoker Professor of Law



# Law College Celebrates Newly Remodeled Building Memories Flow as Facility Is Dedicated; Dust, Noise, Outages Give Way to Praise

**T**his marks the end," said College of Law Dean Steven L. Willborn, "of a couple of years of living with dust, noise, electrical outages, fires, and interesting interchanges between law students and construction workers." Those words of April 11, 2003, not only signaled the end of major construction on the College's expansion and remodeling project but also the beginning of the dedication ceremony that celebrated the completion of the newly renovated Law College building.

Willborn thanked the many alumni and friends of the Law College whose support made possible exciting additions to the Law College like the Judge Harry A. Spencer Study Room; the Presidents Room, honoring past presidents of the Nebraska State Bar Association, and bar associations from other states, who were College of Law graduates; the Herbert D. Curtiss Family Room; the Dick Ricketts Study Room; the Letton Family Room; the Kutak Rock Computer Room; the Union Bank Computer Room; the Governors Room, honoring the five Law College graduates who served as governors of their states; the Berger/Harnsberger Faculty Wing; the Oscar and Ruby Wittmann Student Lounge; the Harold W. Kauffman Legal Writing Suite; and the Richard S. and Catherine Stuart Schmoker Courtyard.

## **Norman Redlich on J. Lee Rankin**

Norman Redlich, former dean of New York University Law School, spoke next about J. Lee Rankin, a 1930 graduate of the Law College who served as solicitor general during the Eisenhower Administration and was chief counsel to the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The renovated law building includes the J. Lee Rankin Seminar Room and an archive room that contains many valuable items from Rankin's years of service.

Redlich was a long time friend of Rankin's and served under him as assistant counsel to the Warren Commission and also in the administration of John Lindsay, mayor of New York. Redlich commented on Rankin's "complete lack of ego," which "enabled Lee to reach out for, and utilize the full talents of the very best people he could find to work for him, regardless of political affiliation, race, gender, or any other characteristic that had nothing to do with ability or integrity." This characteristic, Redlich said, "provided Lee

with the kind of freedom that is denied to people who are encumbered by their own egos."

Redlich said that Rankin's "quiet demeanor concealed an inner toughness." While he was willing to compromise on many issues, he was "immovable on matters of principle."

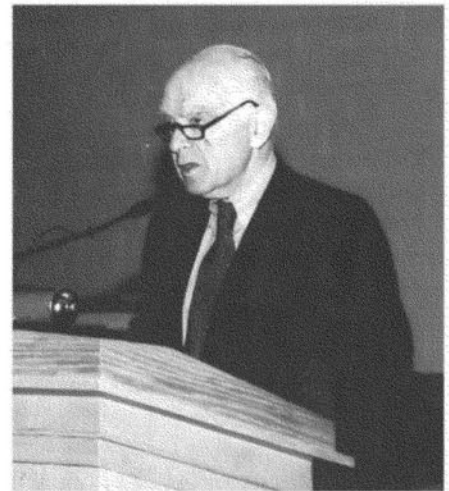
Redlich concluded his remarks by remembering that during his 13 years as dean

he would describe at commencement the qualities that are required of a great lawyer. "There was never any doubt in my mind," he said, "that I was describing J. Lee Rankin. He embodied the qualities of intellect, humanity, concern for others and dedication both to the interests of the client and the public good that should be the aspirational goal of every lawyer."

## **Harvey Perlman on the Schmid**

Perhaps the most dramatic addition to the Law College building is the M. Brian Schmid Reading Room, with its floor-to-ceiling glass window. University Chancellor Harvey S. Perlman spoke of Brian Schmid and his parents, Marvin and Virginia Schmid, at the dedication ceremony. Brian died in 1984 at the age of 43, cutting short a successful career as a lawyer and businessman. Brian's mother, Virginia, and son, Eric, were at the ceremony.

The family's endowment of the reading room in Brian's memory is one of many of the contributions it has made to the Law College. The fact that the law library is named the Marvin and Virginia Schmid Law Library is a



*Norman Redlich speaks about J. Lee Rankin at the Law College Grand Opening.*





# Governors Room Dedication Honors 5 Remarkable Alums

## Bronze Busts of Weaver, Hathaway, Nelson, Thone, Morrison To Be Displayed

BY ALIZA ANVARI

**S**oon there will be some new bodies at the College of Law. They will not really be new to the College, nor will they be actual bodies – not warm ones anyway. These new bodies will be sculpted bronze busts by Nebraska artist Fred Hoppe of five remarkable people who were once familiar faces around the Law College. Now these faces are more familiar to the public. These busts will be of five College of Law alumni who were once

state governors. On Saturday, February 22, 2003, the Law College hosted a Governors Room dedication and unveiled clay mock-ups of what will soon be sculptures for the College's new Governors Room. The Governors Room is located in the northeast corner of the second floor of the library.

Dean Steven L. Willborn welcomed everyone to the dedication ceremony and emphasized that the event was to celebrate the achievements of five men and the completion of the Governors Room. Then remarks were made on behalf of or by each of the five former governors.

### Arthur J. Weaver, Class of 1896 Nebraska Governor 1929-1931

Melinda Morgan spoke on behalf of her grandfather, the late Arthur J. Weaver, who was affectionately referred to as "A.J." He was a native born Nebraskan and loved farming. In fact, Weaver and his brother, Phillip, were



*Pictured left to right: Governor Frank Morrison, Governor Charles Thone, Fred Hoppe (artist) and Senator E. Benjamin Nelson.*

responsible for developing the "Weaver Apple." Weaver also contributed to turning the Missouri River into a major waterway that would revitalize the Midwest. Weaver, a survivor of the Great Depression, deplored the idea of government deficits and would probably be shocked at the amount of credit card and consumer debt Americans have today. This six foot man was a loving father to his kids and, according to Morgan,

"wore many hats and wore them well."

### Stanley Knapp Hathaway, Class of 1950 Wyoming Governor 1967-1975

L. Stanley Lowe, '49, spoke on behalf of Stanley Knapp Hathaway. Unfortunately, Governor Hathaway's health prevented him from attending the ceremony. Lowe began by noting the impossibility of reviewing in such a short time the life of such a man. Hathaway was born in Nebraska, grew up on a dusty homestead, received the Congressional Medal of Honor as a hero during World War II, attended the University and the College of Law on the G.I. Bill, became governor of Wyoming and chairman of the Republican Party, and served as secretary of the interior in the Ford Cabinet. Lowe summarized, "Stan was a man of character, a man held in great respect by both political parties and a person who dedicated himself to public service."





*Virginia Schmid and Chancellor Harvey Perlman.*

testament to those contributions. For Perlman, the pleasure of dedicating the reading room was “tinged with a bittersweet edge,” as Marvin Schmid had passed away the previous May. Perlman recalled the remarks Marvin Schmid made at the Schmid Library’s 1992 dedication. They were equally fitting at this dedication. Said Schmid, “Knowing, remembering, that while castles built of stone and marble will ultimately crack and crumble and disappear, that which is taken into the hearts and minds of men and women through their learning and passed on through generations to come will last forever.”

### **Theodore C. Sorensen**

The last speaker of the afternoon was the most well-known – College of Law alum, Theodore C. Sorensen, ’51, of counsel to Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison of New York and former legal counsel to President John F. Kennedy. Sorensen said he knew he wanted to attend law school when he graduated from Lincoln High School. Even though he entered a program that allowed him to take only two years of undergraduate courses followed by four years of law school, Sorensen was anxious to take law-related courses right away. He remembers an undergraduate advisor discouraging his plan. “They’ll make a plumber out of you soon enough,” the advisor said, pointing to the law school.

Sorensen became much more than

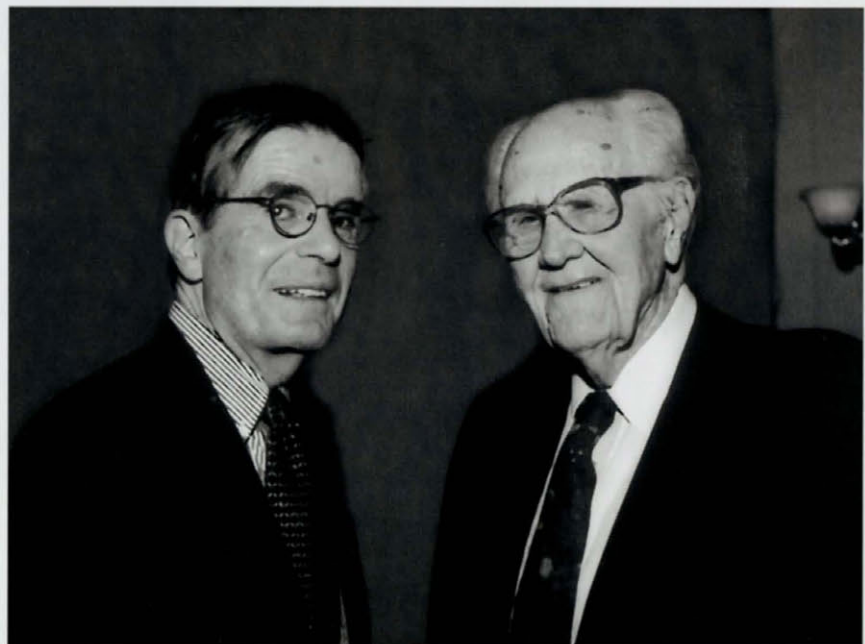
a plumber, and he credits the training he received at the Law College as “putting me in good stead for the rest of my life.” Years later when he was working in the White House, he took two of his former law professors, Fred Buetel and Henry Foster to visit President Kennedy in the oval office. He introduced them as the two men who taught him all the law he knew. “I hope they taught you well,” Kennedy remarked.

While this occasion dedicates a facility, Sorensen said, it more importantly also celebrates the dedication of its alumni – their “dedication to the law and to the service of their fellow citizens,” lawyers “who cherish and uphold the laws of this country including its remarkable Constitution.”

A lawyer’s duty to uphold the law is even more important in times of crisis, said Sorensen, obviously thinking about the war in Iraq that had begun only weeks before. He recalled the words of Justice Brandeis, dissenting in *Olmstead v. United States*:

“Experience should teach us to be most on guard to protect liberty when the Government’s purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding.”

The program ended with a film that began with the Tunnel Walk’s flight across Nebraska, but ended up at the new Law College building. It invited those assembled to tour the Law College and see its new look. ■



*Theodore Sorensen, ’51 and Gov. Frank Morrison, ’31.*



## E. Benjamin Nelson, Class of 1970 Nebraska Governor 1991-1999

U. S. Senator Ben Nelson began by thanking the Law College for the honor bestowed on the governors and said, "I was thinking that if five of us were able to graduate from the old facility, how many more of us will graduate from this wonderful new facility?" Nelson also joked that being a bronze statute could cause an acting politician some concern. People could say, "Now you are dense, or worse, there is nothing between the ears." He also joked that he had asked Robert Redford to be available to model for his bust.

Nelson commented on the many connections between the governors. He mentioned that his kindergarten teacher, more than a few years ago, was Maxine Morrison, wife of Governor Frank Morrison.

Finally, Nelson commented on some of life's lessons. "Learning is a lifetime experience, and I learned something at law school that was far more important than facts. I learned that there were many different ways to consider something." Nelson added that until you learn that there are many different ways to see the same thing, ways different from your own vantage point, then you really are not able to interface with the world. "When you can't recognize other people's perspectives and other people's ideas and give value to those ideas, even if they differ from yours, then it is very difficult to be successful in life in anything you do—particularly the law." Nelson added that he hopes to be around to celebrate the day when additional busts are added to the Governors' Room.

## Charles Thone, Class of 1950 Nebraska Governor 1979-1983

Governor Charles Thone began by emphasizing that "I've said it many, many times, that this is a very, very special law school – one of the very best in the Midwest." During his speech, Thone spoke of the feats of General Douglas McArthur and repeated an old barracks refrain, "Old

soldiers never die, they just fade away." But then Thone, looking around at the audience, added, "Well, I think its pretty obvious that old governors don't fade away even after they die! Even after the Grim Reaper makes his final call, we'll have this great Law College here with these magnificent busts for our remembrance."

Thone spent 12 years in private law practice, worked for the Attorney General's Office in Nebraska, spent eight years in Congress and became Nebraska's 34th governor. "In all these years and all these jobs, to the best of my limited abilities, I have honored the law which has so honored me."

## Frank Brenner Morrison, Class of 1931 Nebraska Governor 1961-1967

Governor Frank Brenner Morrison began by joking, "I have achieved my lifetime achievement, I've attended my own Memorial Service." Morrison reflected on how he met many remarkable people in his lifetime and agreed with the words of Dean Roscoe Pound, that "the law is a jealous mistress," but Morrison added, "I shall never be able to repay the debts of my mistress."

Morrison's parting words were, "No matter how brilliant you are, you still make mistakes and need to pursue truth in relationships."

To conclude the ceremony, Dean Willborn read a letter of congratulations written by Vice President Dick Cheney, a good friend of former Wyoming Governor Stanley Hathaway. Wrote Cheney, "Some of the most important lessons we learn in life come, not from our studies, but from the example of others around us. My highest hope with this room is that every person who enters it will know something of the men for whom it is named, about their lives, great accomplishments, purpose and service.... This room, like the men it honors, will be a source of inspiration for many years." ■



Weaver



Morrison



Hathaway



Thone



Nelson





# New Library Seminar Room Honors Alum Bar Presidents 45 Law College Graduates Have Led Bar Associations in Four States

Forty-five graduates of the College of Law have gone on to become presidents of statewide bar associations. Most of these have been in Nebraska, but three have served in other states: California, Iowa and Oregon. On October 21, 2003, these graduates were honored at the dedication of the Presidents Room, a seminar room located in the Schmid Law Library.

Each president was honored with a plaque bearing his name and years of service as president, as well as two pictures – one taken while the honoree was a student at the Law College, the other taken during his service as bar president. Dean Steve Willborn pointed out that the College had ordered many more blank plaques, and left room to add new names and pictures, when more of the College's graduates follow in the footsteps of these men.

The bar presidents who are recognized in the Presidents Room are listed in the box below.

## Nebraska State Bar Association

- 2005 John O. Sennett, '72
- 2003 James E. Rembolt, '72
- 2001 Robert W. Mullin, '68
- 1999 John M. Guthery, '72
- 1995 Fredric H. Kauffman, '64
- 1994 Lawrence H. Yost, '55
- 1992 Edwin C. Perry, '55
- 1991 Bevin B. Bump, '52
- 1989 Robert T. Gritmit, '63
- 1987 David B. Downing, '53
- 1986 James W. Hewitt, '56
- 1984 William P. Mueller, '53
- 1983 Theodore L. Kessner, '59
- 1981 Richard M. Van Steenberg, '41
- 1980 Robert A. Barlow, '48
- 1978 Daniel D. Jewell, '49
- 1977 Richard A. Knudsen, '50
- 1975 Bernard B. Smith, '40
- 1974 Bert L. Overcash, '30
- 1971 Thomas M. Davies, '37
- 1969 Charles F. Adams, '27
- 1968 C. Russell Mattson, '30
- 1967 M. M. Maupin, '23
- 1966 Herman Ginsburg, '25
- 1965 Harry B. Cohen, '28
- 1964 Floyd E. Wright, '22
- 1963 George A. Healey, '29
- 1960 Flavel A. Wright, '36
- 1958 Paul L. Martin, '15
- 1956 Wilber S. Aten, '24
- 1955 John J. Wilson, '26



*In attendance at the dedication of the Presidents Room were: (front row, left to right) Bevin Bump, Thomas Davies, Daniel Jewell, John Guthery, Richard Knudsen, (back row, left to right) Robert Mullin, Edwin Perry, Theodore Kessner, Lawrence Yost, James Rembolt and John Sennett.*

- 1950 Earl J. Moyer, '16
- 1948 Robert H. Beatty, '12
- 1947 Joseph T. Votava, '11
- 1944 George L. DeLacy, '07
- 1942 Paul E. Boslaugh, '03
- 1940 E. B. Chappell, '16
- 1936 J. G. Mothersead, '08
- 1934 John J. Ledwith, '03
- 1930 J. L. Cleary, '02
- 1929 Anan Raymond, '13
- 1928 Robert W. Devoe, '09
- 1914 H. H. Wilson, '29

## California State Bar Association

- 1981 William F. Wenke, '52

## Iowa State Bar Association

- 2001 Bruce B. Graves, '64

## Oregon State Bar Association

- 1996 Dennis C. Karnopp, '67

## Graduation Honors

### Highest Distinction

Kendra Jane Mattoon  
Anthony Brian Schutz

### High Distinction

Kristin Ann Rauscher Crone  
Eric Christopher Johnson  
Thomas Owen Kelley  
Matthew Marlin Munderloh  
David Allen Prange  
Angela Leigh Williams

### Distinction

Douglas R. Aberle  
Janette Lynn Adair  
Brian Joseph Adams  
Karin Elizabeth Iossi Anderson  
Kelly J. Boswell  
Molly Marie Egley Brummond  
Jennifer Noel Conner  
Judd Matthew Davis  
Kory Douglas George  
Glynda O. Gullickson Rahn  
Nathaniel James Gurnsey  
Kristy Rae Mundt  
Jeremy Philip Lavene  
Cheri Shawntae Olinger  
Amy Anne Osberg  
Zachary William Peterson  
Joseph James Rupp





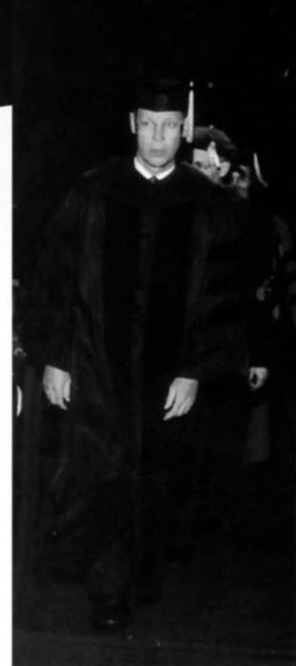
Andrea Dawn Schaneman  
Jennifer Marie Swartz  
Andrew Philip Thengvall  
Julie Therese Unger  
Rachel Elizabeth Yamamoto

**Order of the Coif**

Brian Joseph Adams  
Kristin Ann Rauscher Crone  
Kory Douglas George  
Eric Christopher Johnson  
Thomas Owen Kelley  
Kendra Jane Mattoon  
Matthew Marlin Munderloh  
Amy Anne Osberg  
David Allen Prange  
Anthony Brian Schutz  
Jennifer Marie Swartz  
Angela Leigh Williams

**Order of the Barristers**

Wayne Jeffrey Bena  
Matthew Gerard Graff  
Thomas Owen Kelley  
Kyle J. Long  
Matthew Marlin Munderloh  
Danielle Miriam Nantkes  
Shawn Michael Petri  
Monica Lynn Smith





# Class of 2003

## Images of 9/11, *Gore v. Bush*, Gulf War Will Forever Impact College's Recent Graduates

BY ALIZA ANVARI

**F**or three years members of the Class of 2003 not only went through the rite of passage of law school together, but also experienced events of monumental importance to this nation – the terror of the attacks of September 11, 2001, the disputed presidential election of 2000 and the Gulf War of 2003. Join the Class of 2003 as they reflect on the historical events that made headlines during the years of their legal education.

### Reflections on 9/11...

It is undeniable. Just like past generations will never be able to erase the memory of where they were and what they were doing when they found out John F.

Kennedy was assassinated, members of the Class of 2003 will forever be haunted by the images of September 11, 2001. It is a little bit easier to reflect on what has happened after some time has passed. But, for the whole nation, trying to understand what was happening, contemporaneously, was next to impossible. This was not supposed to happen on American soil. This was not supposed to happen period. Human beings being used as bombs are bitter pills to swallow. What took less than a few hours to occur will take lifetimes to accept. That day marked a change in the lives of all Americans. For the first time in a long time, we were forced to take a good, long hard look at ourselves as Americans and as a nation grappling with the fact that others hated us. We realized that we, too, were vulnerable.



We tried to make sense of it. World leaders are still trying to make sense of it. Who is to blame? Is the war against terrorism or something else? Religious leaders are trying to make sense of it. How do we prevent hatred of other religions? Legal scholars are trying to make sense of it. How do we balance homeland security with the rights of our citizens? Can justice be found in our court system?

American citizens are trying to make sense of it. Should we go on as before or continue to mourn? Before 9/11, it seemed that all American pop culture cared about was what Britney Spears was wearing. But after a barrage of horrific images, American society re-evaluated what was important and what was not. We wore the ribbons. We

displayed bumper stickers. We gathered aid. We waved the flags. We called our loved ones. We sent messages to others not to misplace their hate on the innocent. Our new heroes were fire fighters, police officers and the mayor of New York. Our new motto was "United We Stand." But everyone's experience on that fateful day and reaction to its ramifications is unique,

including those of the members of the Class of 2003.

Michael Fedorenko was driving to class when a friend called him and told him a plane crashed into the World Trade Center. At first, he was not overly concerned because he knew a plane crashed into the Empire State building many years ago without causing much damage. When Fedorenko arrived at the Law College, however, he saw students and professors alike with eyes glued to television sets in the lobby. "It came on the bottom of the screen that the Towers had fallen and I



was like, well, no, that can't be! The towers couldn't have fallen. This is the World Trade Center. I've seen it from my house for the last 30 years. How could the World Trade Center be brought down?" He went home and made phone calls to people he knew there, but none would go through. Later he found out that several people he knew, including two firemen and a police officer, died there or were never found. "I think people back East are certainly much more sensitive to the issue than people here in the Midwest, although the people here were really big with the flag-waving and things like that. They were very nice with the collections; they became very patriotic, but I don't think you can really feel it unless you were there to see those statues, which was really what those buildings were, those tributes to American ingenuity, to American financial power, to see them destroyed like that. I think you really have to know them and live with them in order to realize what exactly was lost."

Sharon Joseph was at the Law College when she found out about the events of 9/11. "I was sitting in my car studying, and I called a friend of mine and asked her 'What's happening?' and she replied, 'Oh, my God, don't you know?' When I went in the school, it was just like a ghost town. I didn't see anyone. Everyone was downstairs, and I could hear the reports on the television. I have never seen it so silent in that building."

The event struck a chord with Dan Van Gorp. "Even though time has passed, it is still hard to believe that it actually happened. It was a day we should never forget; nor will we. It showed that we can never be too prepared."

Surmised Angela Williams, "It affected each of us so deeply and in so many ways. In fact, I think as time passes we'll keep realizing other ways that that day has truly affected our lives and the world around us." You need only board an airplane to see just how true those words are.

### ...Gore v. Bush...

The tragedy of September 11, was not the only event members of the Class of 2003 survived. You may remember that little election that ended up in the United States Supreme Court and divided the nation into two political

factions. You may also remember Florida in the center of the controversy and those little things called "chads," which apparently had committed the sin of getting pregnant. It was the *Gore v. Bush* election and more than a few Democrats are still bitter. For a while, it seemed Floridians were the butt of

every talk show host's jokes and the two candidates were the focus of every forwarded e-mail.

Patrick Dalen commented, "The *Gore v. Bush* decision dispelled any illusions that the Supreme Court is above partisan politics and made clear the justices do have strong



allegiances to the political parties that placed them on the court."

Mike Fedorenko felt that it was an amazing event in American history and is something that will have ramifications on future elections. "We will have hundreds of attorneys standing by expecting close elections, and from now on we will have elections decided by lawsuits rather than the people's vote. I think it was a joke, and it makes America look bad and proves we need more than two parties in this country." His solution? "I think they should stop doing exit polls. I think that would eliminate some of the problem. If they had standardized electronic voting throughout the country these problems wouldn't exist, and we could get rid of the lawsuits and go back to the people's will ruling rather than letting the Supreme Court decide the winner of the election."



### ...and the War in Iraq

The Class of 2003's last year of law school was also marred with calamity and uncertainty. The nation had to grapple with both a bad economy and a war. As if the soon to be graduated students did not have enough trouble on their hands with preparing for the bar exam, they had to face one of the worst job markets in years and the possibility of being called into service. Tim McCarty felt that the war was necessary. "I'm all for the liberation of the Iraqi people and for our national security. Saddam Hussein should have been taken out years ago, but it has to happen sometime. No one likes to lose our nation's troops, especially when we see it on TV every night. But, they are giving the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and security of their own nation, and for another people they probably never knew."

While the students' individual viewpoints differ greatly, the Class of 2003 is held together by many bonds. Not only do this year's graduates share the common bond of the law school experience, they share the bond of the events that occurred while they were in school. They lived and studied together in a time of great legal and political change. Whatever may be in store for the members of the Class of 2003, they will always be affected by those climactic events they experienced together. ■





# Honor Class Reunion

## *Alums Share Law College Memories, Pride in Their School, Accomplishments*

BY BRETT DAE

The Honor Class Reunion, which included a dinner and a luncheon on May 9-10, respectively, was more than just an opportunity for former classmates to reminisce with others who shared similar experiences. It was also an opportunity for the Law College to say thanks to those whose accomplishments in the years since their graduation have made the legal profession and the Law College proud.

Among the attendees were attorneys who have taken drastically different paths in their lives. Many of those present took the traditional approach and practiced law in a firm or as a sole practitioner. Others served their government, some becoming judges on the state or federal level. Another attendee continues to serve the Law College—class of 1953 graduate John Gradwohl. A strikingly common theme among several of the attendees was their service to their country. Several of the attorneys present served in the armed forces before and after law school, and many of them worked in the Judge Advocate General department of the armed forces. It is safe to say, as Dean Steven L. Willborn noted in his speech, that the Law College was proud to welcome back the classes of 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948 and 1953.

The dinner on May 9 was held in the M. Brian Schmid Reading Room in the new addition on the east side of the Law College library. The evening afforded the attendees an opportunity to have cocktails and mingle with each other and share stories before the festivities started. The attendees soon were treated to an impressive spread for dinner. Upon finishing dinner, Willborn introduced all of the returning alums, presenting each of them with an award.



*Members of the Class of 1953 celebrate their 50-year reunion.*

As an ice-breaker, Willborn tested the attendees' memories of Law College history and 1953 events, as well as their knowledge of current facts about the law school. For example, Willborn reminded the honor class about the sports conference the University was

in a half century ago—Nebraska played in the Big Seven. Also, many in attendance were surprised to remember that it was in 1953 that Queen Elizabeth II of England was crowned, the same year as (or after) some of the honor classes graduated law school!

The gathering provided those in attendance an opportunity to expound upon their experiences—in essence that has become the prevailing feature of the event. They took the opportunity to do so when introduced, and they also took the opportunity to compare their stories with those of other classes. Despite their many accomplishments, many of their fondest memories pertaining to the law stem back to their experiences at the Law College.

One example is Robert Steinger, '53, of Milwaukee, Wis. Steinger confessed that he did not share the awful memories of the law school curriculum that seem to make up the current law school lore—he actually enjoyed law school!

At the honor luncheon, Steinger also shared the wise decision he made between hanging out in the student lounge and passing his law school courses. He explained that while at the Law College he was accustomed to playing the card game Pitch for money in the student lounge. Professor Grether also would join in occasionally. When it came time for Steinger to take one of Grether's classes, he introspectively weighed the pros and cons of playing Pitch or passing





*Dean Steve Willborn presents William Hastings, '48, with an Honor Reunion Certificate.*

Another graduate from the class of 1953, Gordon Fillman, continues to reside in his hometown of York, Neb., which, he pointed out, is also the hometown of Chancellor Harvey Perlman. Fillman is one of many in his honor class who proudly served their country after graduating from law school. He went to Officer Candidate School in November 1953. He also mentioned that he met his wife on a bus in New York City!

Fillman also shared a humorous story about the trials and tribulations in Dean Frederick Beutel's class. At the honor luncheon, Fillman told how one day when Beutel called on him to brief a case, Fillman elected to "take a pass." Incredulously, Dean Beutel replied, "What makes you think you will?"

Another member of the class of 1953, Joel Babcock, who resides in Illinois, has done many things since his graduation. Among his accomplishments, he has served as a second vice president of General Reinsurance Corporation and as president of a food pantry benefitting the poor.

In the biographical sheet he filled out for the event, Babcock stated that he "really enjoyed the study of law at Nebraska." But even those with fond memories were subject to the age-old law school pressures. At the honor luncheon, Babcock shared that Dean Beutel gave him and his classmates the notorious speech all law student have heard: Beutel said, "Look to your left, look to your right, some of those students will probably not be there [at graduation]." Dean Beutel added, "Some of you will be working at a filling station." Coincidentally, Babcock

Grether's class—much to his delight he chose to "pass Grether's class" and "didn't join in the pitch game all semester."

did work at a filling station in his youth!

Warren Wise, '53, who resides in Florida, said at the reunion dinner that he is expecting a grandchild and has honed his golf game to a +4 handicap. Of course, he, too, had a story about Dean Beutel. Wise said that Beutel was in the habit of going through the class roster and asking students if they "had the case." After several students replied in the negative, Beutel became exasperated and eerily started whistling. Beutel pulled out a knife and cut out a student's name out of the roster sheet and threw it away! Wise added that no one ever found out whose name Beutel had cut out.

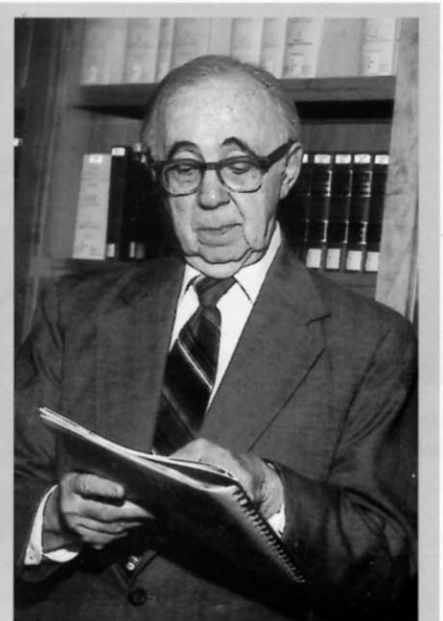
Thomas Brogan, '43, is another Law College graduate who served in the Army after graduation. Brogan, whose two brothers also attended the University, mentioned some of the extracurricular activities in which he and his classmates participated. He said that students at the Law College and engineering school frequently had confrontations. He added that the scuffles generally resulted in destruction of property and several fights!

The Honorable William Colwell, '38, mentioned some stark differences between law school now and when he attended. He said that in his class there were only four women. Further, he stated that tuition was \$50 per semester and books were rented for \$5 per semester.

As can be expected, all the returning graduates who attended the honor class reunion had fond memories of their experiences at the Law College. Although "the old law school building" in which the honor reunion classes attended class no longer houses the Law College and the new law school building recently underwent a \$9 million renovation, some aspects of the law community do not change. ■



*Thomas Brogan, Class of '43.*



*The Hon. Ben Novicoff, Class of '48.*



# Family Tradition Ceremony

## *Fourteen Graduates, Family Members Honored*

At its 2003 graduation, the College of Law continued its recent tradition of recognizing the significant contributions that family loyalty makes to the Law College. At the Family Tradition Ceremony prior to the graduation, 14 graduates were joined by family members who had also graduated from the Law College. The alumni were each presented with a plaque in the shape of the state of Nebraska with their names inscribed alongside the name of their current graduating relative.



*Brian J. Adams and his father, Kirk J. Adams, '77.*



*Joshua D. Barber and his father, Terry K. Barber, '75.*



*Gregory A. Brigham and his brother, Robert S. Brigham, '96.*



*Molly Egley Brummond and her father, James G. Egley, '75.*



*Andee G. Cummins and her sister, Kelly A. Cummins-Brown, '01.*



*Nathaniel J. Gurnsey and his father, Avery L. Gurnsey, '78.*

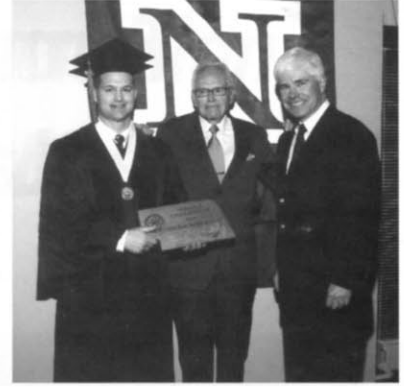
## GRADUATION 2003



*Kyle J. Long and his wife, Jisella A. Veath, '01.*



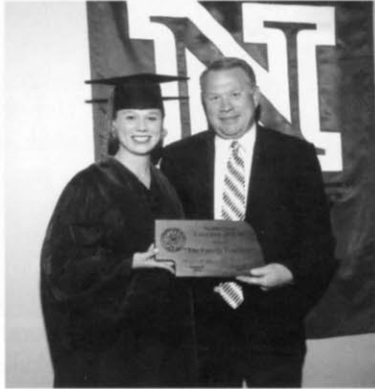
*Kendra J. Mattoon with her father, Steven F. Mattoon, '76 and Dean Steven Willborn.*



*David A. Prange with his grandfather-in-law, Paul W. Deck, '41 and his father-in-law, Paul W. Deck, '71.*



*Andrea D. Schaneman with her cousin, Jacqueline M. Tessendorf, '98.*



*Tracy L. Stoehr and her father, Jeffrey L. Stoehr, '73.*



*Jennifer M. Swartz and her father, Fredrick L. Swartz, '65.*



*James A. Warren and his father, Gerald D. Warren, '74.*



*Angela L. Williams and her brother, Steven J. Schmidt, '98.*



# Former President of CBS Leaves Law College \$3.4 Million



*While serving as head of the CBS Television station in St. Louis, Merle Jones talked President Harry Truman into helping promote the "Smokie the Bear" drive to wipe out forest fires. The two became longtime friends.*  
-Photo by George Faber

**T**he estate of Merle, '29, and Frances Jones contained charitable provisions that will have a tremendous impact on the College of Law for generations to come.

The College was recently notified by the Jones family attorney in Los Angeles that it will be the beneficiary of a \$3.4 million dollar bequest from the Jones estate.

The Jones gift is dedicated to student scholarships and facilities improvements. "These are two of our highest current priorities," said College of Law Dean Steve Willborn. "Because of the recent increases in tuition and fees, the funding of scholarships is especially important. It will help us keep the doors wide open for all Nebraskans. The portion of the bequest intended for facilities improvements will permit us to improve classrooms and bring them up to the same

standards of beauty and functionality as the rest of the building.

"When the College receives such generous gifts, it always causes us to rededicate ourselves to the vision of our benefactors," Willborn continued. "We will strive to continue to provide an education that will permit our bright and ambitious students to lead highly productive and rewarding lives, following in the footsteps of alums like Merle Jones."

A native of Omaha, Merle Jones attended the University as an undergraduate and later as a law student. Jones earned his law degree in 1929 and began practicing law in Omaha. It was not long after this that he developed an interest in the radio business while doing some legal work for an advertising agency in Omaha.

Throughout the 1930s, Jones worked in several jobs related to the broadcasting industry, including program announcer, ad salesman and management. He joined CBS Television in 1951, after several years at CBS Radio, and became the president of CBS Television in 1957. Upon his retirement in 1968, CBS announced, "Merle Jones' decision to retire brings to a close a distinguished career at CBS spanning 32 years. During that time he has made a magnificent contribution to the growth and development of CBS, domestically and internationally. A gifted administrator and a born leader, he has truly been a prime mover in the ascendancy of our broadcast operations."

A devoted couple who counted U.S. presidents and movie stars among their personal friends, Merle and Frances Jones enjoyed 44 years of marriage prior to Merle's death in 1976. Frances Jones maintained some contact with the Law College until her death in March 2002, but the estate gift came as a surprise to both College and University officials.

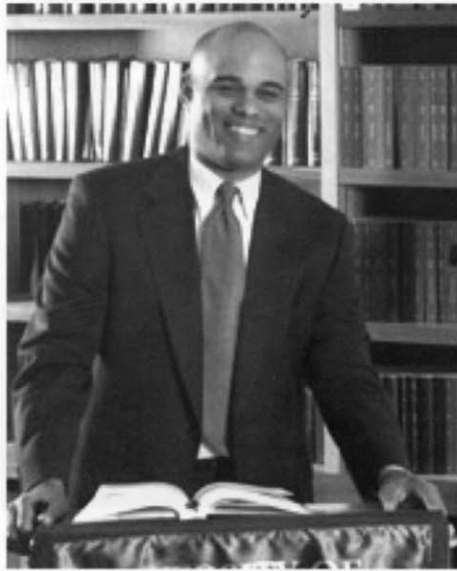
"Frances Jones was devoted to her husband and became reconnected with the law school in 1989 when she attended what would have been Merle's 60th class reunion," said Chancellor Harvey Perlman. "I'm delighted that both she and Merle understood how important the law school was to Merle's career and decided in their wills to contribute to its future success." ■



# Eye-Opening Panel Discussion Honors Black History Month

BY ALIZA ANVARI

On February 20, 2003, the Black Law Students Association and the College of Law celebrated Black History Month by hosting an intriguing panel discussion that raised many interesting questions. The theme was “Contemporary Repercussions of Slavery and Institutionalized Racism.” The panel, moderated by College of Law Professor Anna Shavers, featured Professor Thomas Mitchell of the University of Wisconsin and Professor Ronald Stephens, assistant professor of anthropology, geology and ethnic studies at UNL.



Professor Thomas Mitchell

## Addressing the Wealth Gap

Professor Thomas Mitchell spoke on the topic “Addressing the Black Wealth/White Wealth Gap: A Civil Rights Issue of Our Time.” Mitchell has won national recognition for his work on black land loss in the rural South and has been awarded a \$230,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to pursue this research. Mitchell is also associated with the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture at the University of Chicago.

Mitchell discussed how African Americans acquired approximately 15 million acres of land in the South in the 50 years following emancipation. The distribution of “40 acres and a mule” ended when President Andrew Johnson aborted the Reconstruction initiative to provide land to African Americans.

While in 1920 there were 925,708 black farmers, today, only 18,451 farmers remain and, of those, only 745 are under the age 35. Mitchell admitted that farming is a tough business and that there have been a lot of farm consolidations, but he demonstrated that the land loss among white farmers was nowhere as precipitous as among black farmers.

Mitchell provided many reasons for the extinction of the black landowner. One of the primary factors was the partition sales of black-owned land held under tenancies in common. “Like many other poor Americans, rural African American landowners have tended not to make wills; at the owner’s death state, intestacy laws enable a broad class of heirs to acquire an interest in the real property of the decedent. Interests in property transferred by intestacy from one generation to another become highly fragmented, splintering the fee into hundreds and even thousands of interests.” Mitchell explained that opportunistic lawyers and land speculators were able to purchase an interest in these lands and then force a

sale of the land ending the tenancy in common. The property that went to the public auction was sold at under value prices.

Other factors contributing to the decline include discrimination by the United States Department of Agriculture; foreclosures; tax sales in which the property owner was not given notice; adverse possession after, for instance, fence lines were moved; and eminent domain actions in which white land owners were compensated as much as five times more than black landowners.

Getting the USDA to stop its discriminatory practices was a daunting task. The agency would throw away many of the complaints it received and it did not follow any clear guidelines. However, in *Pigford v. Glickman*, a class action lawsuit was brought on the grounds that for decades the USDA partook in the systematic discrimination against black landowners. This involved, among other things, the denial of operating loans to credit-worthy black farmers, the denial of loans late in the season and the electing of all-white farmers to determine who would get approved for a loan in a particular county.



The result was a consent decree that provided class members with little or no documentary evidence a payment of \$50,000 and the forgiveness of any debt owed to the USDA and allowed other class members to prove their claims in a one day mini-trial before an arbitrator in which the amount of monetary damages was not capped. The settlement cost the U.S. government \$2.25 billion, which made it the largest civil rights case ever settled by the federal government. But it was made over the objections of many class members who made clear they wanted the government to restore the land that they lost as a direct result of USDA discrimination.

In 1990, 135 years after the abolition of slavery, black Americans owned only 1% of the total wealth in America. The average white family's net worth registers at \$72,000 as compared to the net worth of the average black family in America of \$9,800. This discrepancy is what led Mitchell to segue into what he appropriately labeled the "wealth perspective" and the effects of poverty after the "hardscrabble tale of property past."

According to Mitchell, assets are more important than income because assets can be leveraged in a way income cannot. For instance, white Americans are 38 percent more likely to have undergraduate degrees than blacks. But if these results are adjusted for wealth, blacks are more likely to have bachelor degrees than whites. Black Americans, Mitchell told his audience, are still suffering today as a result of the past injustices they faced concerning their property.

Mitchell ended his discussion by emphasizing how important it was for lawyers and students to do pro bono

work and educate themselves on how the civil rights of the poor can be taken advantage of. "We need ongoing efforts, but we are planting the seeds."

## Reparations for Slavery

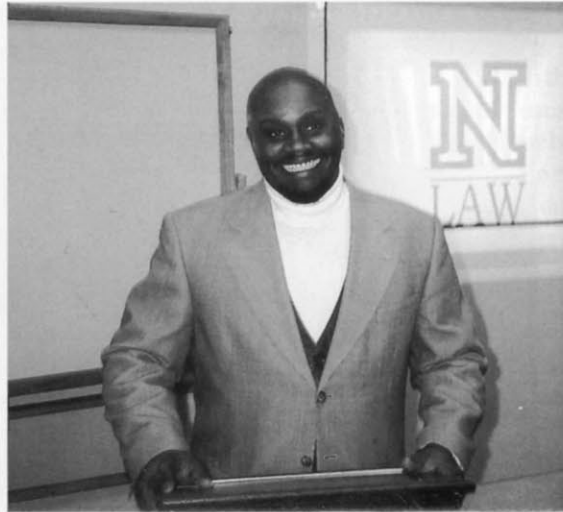
Professor Ronald Stephens spoke on "Historical Efforts to Obtain Reparations for Slavery." He discussed how the Black Manifesto, or the call for black reparations, takes many forms. The notion behind "reparations" is

essentially redressing a wrong, but can range in complexity from how reparations are to be paid to whom exactly to pay. Reparations can range from a mere apology to financial compensation. They can be paid to descendants of victims or paid collectively to a particular community or charitable organization. The essence of reparations, however, is primarily symbolic.

Stephens discussed the history of reparations and mentioned some successful cases. In 1994, Florida agreed to pay \$2.1 million to the

survivors of the 1923 Rosewood Massacre. A few Native American tribes, like the Lakota of South Dakota, have also been successful at litigation involving reparations.

In 2000, Rep. Tony Hall proposed H.R. 356, a formal resolution to make reparations for slavery. But, the proposal to have Congress pay for laws it enacted over 150 years ago is far from resolved. It is a poignant and difficult question, but Stephens gave his audience a powerful glimpse into history and the thought process needed to address these issues today. ■



*Professor Ronald Stephens*

# Pre-Law Summer Institute Introduces Students to the Law

BY KELLY BARTLING  
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Some of the 29 students in College of Law Dean Steve Willborn's mini-course on discrimination may never take another law class, may never sit for the Law School Admission Test or ever apply to law school.

But for the month last summer that the diverse group of undergraduates spent studying, reading, writing and taking practice tests, and talking to Nebraska lawyers and judges, the students had a personal experience with the scholarship and craft of law.

With the ability to experience a real class, meet lawyers, hear about the profession and learn more about law careers, many of the 29 Nebraska Pre-law Institute students now are convinced that law is for them.

Some, like Daniel Dawes, a spring graduate of Nova Southeastern University in Miami, already knew that law school was in their future. Dawes had selected the College of Law last spring after becoming interested in law late in his undergraduate career.

"I had no pre-law background and I never went to school to pursue a law degree," Dawes said. "But my senior year I had an internship in a hospital and I started thinking that maybe law would be good for me. I've always had a passion for health care administration, but during my internship I thought the law degree would make me more marketable in that field."

So, Dawes attended the Pre-law Institute with the goal of getting as much experience as possible in classes like Willborn's one-week mini-course, Employment Discrimination Law.

"I've really gained an insight into what to expect," he said, "and I think I've learned some great skills, studying and writing, that will be important in the fall."

But others, like Xuan-Trang Ho, a sophomore at Nebraska Wesleyan University, hadn't intended to make law school part of their career plan – until the institute.

"Now, I'm very interested, and I'm probably 90 percent sure I'll go to law school," Ho said. "The summer institute really influenced my decision. The best part was getting to know more

about the profession, see what a class is like and practice the LSAT. I was intimidated at first, but now I see how two years from now my performance (on the LSAT) will probably be good enough to get in. I really, really enjoyed every moment of the institute."

That's good news to the profession, the Law School Admission Council, the Nebraska State Bar Association, Union Pacific Railroad and the University, who invited the 29 as part of an effort to expose more minorities and under-represented populations to the promises and challenges of a career in law. Together, the sponsors of the summer institute hoped to encourage diverse candidates to enter the field.

"Part of our goal is to help the bar become more diverse and to encourage more visibility and interest in the profession among diverse students," Willborn said. "Having these students know more about law school helps everyone involved: the students, the bar and the Law College."







The minority institute was the first at the Law College and one of only several in the nation, and the winner of a \$100,000 grant awarded by the Law School Admission Council. The funds helped provide the classes, materials, on-campus room and board, and stipends to the 29 participants. [The Law College has received a grant to run the institute again in 2004.]

The students represented the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Wayne State, Chadron State and Nebraska Wesleyan, as well as specially targeted historically black institutions who partner often with the University: Alcorn State, Florida A&M and Dillard, and others like Nevada-Las Vegas, Houston and Northern Colorado. Five UNL students attended, including recent grad Brent Stanfield, who was accepted to the Law College for the fall of 2003.

"It's been great," Stanfield said on the second-to-last day of class. "The confidence we've gotten coming into our first class is going to be invaluable. Now we really know what to expect."

In addition to the classroom instruction and brief seminars, tours, practice tests, advice from professionals and interaction with their peers, the students also had input from mentors from the bar association who volunteered to help.

"Some of these mentors are judges, law school faculty, partners in firms and others who can be there to lend some advice or encouragement along the way," Willborn said. "Ideally they can stay in touch by e-mail and in a couple of years when the students are applying to law school or looking for advice, the mentors can be there. I didn't have that when I was an undergraduate. I didn't know who to call. This will be a valuable resource."

Coursework and seminars included legal writing and LSAT prep, study skills, professionalism, application process, and one-week mini-courses on civil rights, discrimination, retirement security, and American Indian Religious Freedom and the First Amendment. The students also had social events, receptions hosted by groups like the Midlands Bar Association, and outings to the Henry Doorly Zoo and Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, where they chatted with University Chancellor and former law Dean Harvey Perlman. Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hendry hosted them at a tour of the state Supreme Court.

"It was invigorating for all involved," Willborn said. "The students are eager and happy to have this opportunity, and very motivated. We've enjoyed meeting and working with the students. It's been a great summer." ■

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# In Brief

## ■ Generous Bequest Funds New M.S. Hevelone Professorship

The College of Law has announced the establishment of a new professorship at the College, the M.S. Hevelone Professor of Law. This professorship will be awarded annually to a



faculty member engaged in active research. The new professorship was made possible by a generous bequest from the estate of Maurice S. Hevelone, a 1928 graduate of the College. Mr. Hevelone passed away in 1987. The College received his generous bequest last year, after his wife Dorothy G. Hevelone passed away.

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Beatrice and was active in civic affairs, generous and public-spirited. He was a member of the University of Nebraska Foundation, served as president of the University of Nebraska Alumni Association and made generous contributions over the years, not only to the Law College, but also to the Wick Alumni Center and to local projects in Beatrice.

## ■ Client Counseling Team Wins Regional Competition

In 2003, for the sixth time in the last eight years, the College of Law Client Counseling team won the regional competition and qualified to compete in the national competition at Stetson University School of Law in St. Petersburg, Fla. The team of Aleta Allen and Todd Hepler first had to win the local College of Law competition before going on to beat six other teams from five law schools at the regional

competition held at the College of Law. While they did not qualify for the final round in the national competition, Allen and Hepler, who competed as second year students, will try again this year.

Both found the experience rewarding. Said Hepler, "We had no idea how much work would be involved. We spent many hours in the new library study rooms discussing, debating and revising our interview model. Once we won the school competition, it was a big honor and a big responsibility to represent the Law College in the regional and national competitions, especially since the College has consistently sent so many teams to nationals."

Hepler added, "Of all the skills and theories I have been taught in law school, client counseling is one of the most practical because I know that regardless of what substantive area of

## ■ Students Receive Awards For Excellence in Legal Writing

Tara Scholz, '05, has been named the 2003 recipient of the Silver Quill Award. The award recognizes the importance of legal writing in a lawyer's career. Each year the Nebraska State Bar Foundation presents this award to the first year law student with the best overall performance in Legal Writing. The award carries a \$500 honorarium, which is presented at the State Bar Foundation's annual banquet.

Bren Chambers, '05, and David Drew, '05, won the 2003 Gross and Welch Award for Excellence in Written Advocacy. The award is presented each year to the first year students who write the best briefs in the College's first-year Legal Writing Program. The Gross and Welch Award carries a stipend of \$1,000.

The 2003 winners of the Richard D. Simmons Nebraska Practice Writing Competition were Stephanie Frost, '04, and Karin Iossi Anderson, '03. The award is given to the writers of the best student papers of significance to the general practice of law in Nebraska. Frost won the \$500 first prize for her paper, "Larsen v. DB Feedyards: The Abrogation of the Agricultural Exemption in Nebraska Workers' Compensation." Anderson won the \$250 second prize for her paper, "Proposed Uniform Identity Theft Act - A Possible Improvement to a Rapidly Growing Problem." They received their prizes at the Law College alumni lunch on October 22, 2003.



Scholz



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*Aleta Allen and Todd Hepler won the 2003 regional Client Counseling Competition.*

the law I finally decide to practice in, I will be interviewing and counseling clients.”

Allen also thought that the competition was a great experience. “It taught me practical skills I wouldn’t have learned in the normal course of study at the Law College. The opportunity to hear comments and recommendations from attorneys and judges was the most valuable part of the competition for me.” Both Allen and Hepler expressed their appreciation for the many people who helped with the competition including Professor Craig Lawson who served as the team’s coach, the lawyers and judges who volunteered to help judge the competition, and their fellow law students who agreed to serve as clients in their practice sessions.

For Hepler, the competition had an added benefit. “I entered law school not having any interest at all in criminal law,” he said. “That changed significantly after participating in last year’s competition, which focused on criminal law. It opened my mind to an area of law I had previously excluded.”

■ **Indian Legal Education Forum Focuses on Gaming Activities**

“The Work of the National Indian Gaming Commission” was the subject

of a panel discussion held at the College of Law on February 21, 2003. The panel was a featured event of the College’s American Indian Legal Education Forum, which promotes the importance of a legal education for Native Americans.

Philip N. Hogen, chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, opened the panel with a brief overview of Indian gaming. Indian gaming, he explained, was “off and running” after a 1987 U.S. Supreme Court case that held that Indian tribes have the exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands if the gaming activity is not specifically prohibited by federal law and is conducted within a state which does not, as a matter of criminal law and public policy, prohibit such gaming activity. Thus, if a state allowed Bingo in church basements on Saturday nights for limited prizes, a tribe could offer much larger and more frequent Bingo gaming.

In 1988, Congress passed The Indian

Gaming Regulatory Act, which created three categories of Indian gaming. Class I consists of traditional forms of Indian gaming, social games solely for prizes of minimal value. Its regulation is strictly left up to the tribe. Class II is for Bingo and pull tabs and similar games where if someone wins, others lose, but the house does not win. Tribes may sponsor such activities if the state permits similar activity by any person or entity for any purpose. Class III consists of all other gaming activity, basically casino-type games, which are only permitted if authorized by a compact between the state and the tribe.

Hogen went on to describe the various regulatory activities undertaken by the commission including background investigations, annual audits, the review of management contracts and assuring that the games are conducted fairly.

Next Harold A. Monteau, a partner in the law firm of Monteau & Peebles, LLP and a former chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission, spoke about the progress Indian tribes have made in regulating their gaming operations and how important gaming is for the tribe’s economic development.

The final speaker was Thelma Thomas, manager of the Ohiya Casino for the Santee Sioux tribe. She told about the tribe’s attempt to enter into a



*Philip Hogen, Thelma Thomas and Harold Monteau try on blankets presented to them by Professor John Snowden at the Indian Legal Education Forum.*



gaming compact with the State of Nebraska. When the state refused to negotiate, the tribe opened a casino anyway “for purely economic survival” and to “reduce the 75% reservation unemployment rate.” The NGIC issued a closing order, and the U.S. attorney tried to enforce the order by putting an economic squeeze on the tribe by freezing and seizing tribal accounts and issuing fines.

The tribe tried to modify its casino into a class II operation and succeeded in litigation at the district court level.

(A month after the panel discussion, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed, holding that the Lucky Tab II gaming devices installed by the casino were a high tech version of paper pull tabs and thus were Class II gaming devices.)

Thomas said that she hopes that pressure by other groups “with financial and political clout” for increased gambling in Nebraska would enure to the tribes benefit.

### ■ Schmid Training Program Assists Public Librarians With Their Legal Research Needs

“What is the statute of limitations on a claim against a landlord?” Attorneys may or may not know the answer to this question off the top of their heads, but they would know how to find the answer and would also know that the answer to the question may not be as simple as the questioner believes. But what if the question were asked not to an attorney, but to a librarian at one of the state’s public libraries? Would the

librarian know how to handle an inquiry such as this?

It was with these questions in mind that Schmid Law Library Director Richard Leiter and Sandra Placzek, the library’s head of public services, developed a training program for public librarians on basic legal research and law collection development. According to Leiter, “The program was conceived by us to address the need that public librarians have to be able to handle legal reference questions from their lay patrons. Many public librarians are not trained in legal bibliography or legal research and consequently are ill-equipped to either handle reference questions or make educated decisions about what materials they should be purchasing for their collections.”



### ■ Redlich Reflects on Warren Commission

“For ten intensive months,” recalled Dean Norman Redlich during his talk, “Reflections of a Warren Commission Lawyer,” J. Lee Rankin, general counsel to the commission and Redlich, assistant counsel, “shared the experience of conducting with others, what was probably the most exhaustive investigation of any crime in American history,” the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The commission investigated two principal issues – what actually happened in Dallas on November 22, 1963, and whether there was a conspiracy. It was possible to answer the first question – the commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald fired the shots that killed President Kennedy and wounded Governor Connolly of Texas. As to the second, the commission could only report that it found no evidence of a conspiracy.

It was clear from fingerprint and other evidence that Oswald fired the shots from the Texas Book Depository. A major question was whether there were only the two shots from the building or whether a third shot had also been fired. The commission’s findings rested on the “single bullet theory” – the idea that the second bullet both hit the president in the neck and then lodged in Governor Connolly. After endless hours viewing the Zapruder film and staging a reenactment, the commission members were convinced that this is what indeed had happened.

Redlich said that he believed that “there was no credible evidence of a conspiracy.” Many people, he said, have a hard time accepting this because they find it hard to believe that “a complete zero like Lee Harvey Oswald could have killed President Kennedy.”

In his subsequent tribute to J. Lee Rankin, Redlich said that Rankin “imbued the entire staff with his high sense of integrity, dedication to the truth, complete accuracy and thoroughness.” He said, “No investigation until that time had ever published the full documentation of the facts on which it relied. It was clear to all of us that Lee Rankin would never tolerate an assertion that could not be fully documented.” He added that Rankin “bitterly resented the phony theories and blatantly false assertions of those who in subsequent years used this tragedy of a presidential assassination to enrich themselves.”

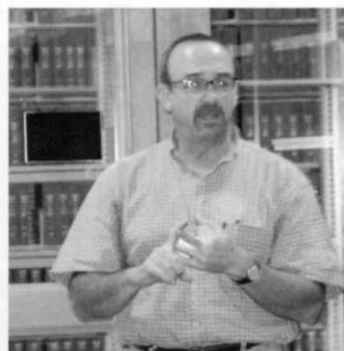


The half day programs were advertised and marketed through the Nebraska Library Commission. Three sessions have been held in Lincoln and one in Scottsbluff with another Lincoln session planned for March. According to Placzek, "The programs have been very well received, and we've been getting positive feedback from the exit surveys."

Among the topics covered in the program are how not to be put into the position of giving legal advice, when to



Sandra Placzek



Richard Leiter

make referrals to the law library or other sources, the Nebraska and federal court system, the legislative process, and the kinds of materials that are available online and in print.

Placzek said that the print materials that are provided with the program have helped public and university librarians make educated decisions about what legal materials they should add to their collections. She added that the library plans to put those materials in a book format and make them available to librarians unable to attend the program.



## ■ The Many Faces of Roscoe Pound

*Roscoe Pound, the College of Law's illustrious former dean, has seen many things in the years that his bust has guarded the entrance to the Schmid Law Library. Roscoe has seen students, faculty and staff come and go; has seen the dress of both students and faculty grow more informal; and has witnessed the advent of new technologies. At times, old Roscoe likes to change, too, and sport attire appropriate to events going on around the Law College and the world. Roscoe also notices the increased anxiety of students as the time for final examinations approaches. He has let it be known that not only does rubbing his nose bring good luck, but that bringing him offerings is guaranteed to lead to exam success.*



# Remembering Henry Grether

BY JOHN GRADWOHL  
 JUDGE HARRY A. SPENCER PROFESSOR OF LAW  
 CLASS OF 1953

*Former College of Law Dean and Professor Henry M. Grether, Jr. died September 8, 2003, at the age of 83. The following eulogy was delivered by Law College Professor John Gradwohl at Grether's funeral in Salt Lake City, Utah.*

Henry Grether was a superb law professor and lawyer. His primary focus as a law teacher was always on the students to be trained and the lawyers to be informed. His primary focus as a lawyer was always on the persons and communities to be affected by the issues at hand.

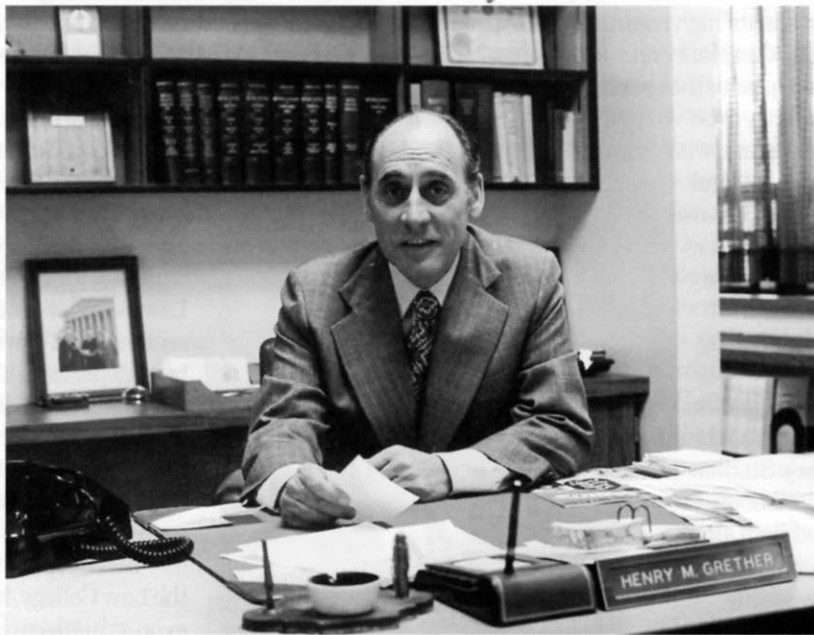
I am told that some in Salt Lake City may think that Henry left home. I

can assure you that Henry never really left what he always considered his "home base" – the place where he was born, well educated, well trained philosophically, worked during his time at the University of Utah (among other things, as a reporter for the *Salt Lake Tribune* and as a law clerk) and, most importantly, married Jane.

Henry's law professors at the University of Utah School of Law were glowing in their recommendations of Henry's abilities and personal characteristics. They predicted an outstanding career for Henry in legal education. One from whom Henry had taken classes before and after World War II wrote:

"He has been a student of mine in each of the courses which I teach. I have thus been afforded a good opportunity to appraise his work and his study habits and also to form an opinion of his character and his personality traits. Mr. Grether is a solid and industrious student. His mind is clear, logical and orderly.

"He has impressed me as a moral, clean-living young man with a well-integrated and pleasing personality. He is manly in his bearing and was well liked by both his fellow students and the faculty."



Another of his law professors said: "He is a worker. He has an abundance of reserve energy.... Mr. Grether has unusual patience and reserved affability in his personal relations. He mixes well and gets on well with all persons with whom he is privileged to work."

Lawyers, and especially law professors, are sometimes accused of exaggeration. In Henry's case, these predictions fell far

short of predicting what Henry would actually achieve throughout his professional career.

Henry was a professor at the College of law from 1948 until 1990. I knew him first as a law professor when I was a student, later we were faculty colleagues, and between 1966 and 1976, as dean of the College, he was my boss.

Henry was dearly loved by students as one who was actively interested both in their formal legal education and in their "other lives." He was always personally involved with many students outside of the classroom, even during his tremendously busy time as dean, when he led a difficult mission in securing funding and building a new law school facility. One prominent supporter of the College asked Henry why he wanted to spend so much time in the student lounge rather than more comfortable places in the building. Henry's response was that ordinarily he could tell more about a student as a potential lawyer from socialization than from a final examination paper. He was also keenly interested in student "feedback" and in providing some additional individual professorial assistance on a personal basis.



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In the classroom, Henry always looked for entertaining methods of teaching important rules and principles. He played the record of the outlandish song, "I'm my own Grandpa," in discussing the statutes on the descent of property. He wanted to see whether the students could understand the potential legal issues of the scenario based upon their study materials. Once, a poorly prepared student who commented on the luxury of Henry's teaching from voluminous class notes was given all of Henry's books and materials, and then was questioned extensively for the rest of the hour on the issues under discussion.

It was typical of the students' high regard for Henry, and his high regard for students, that Henry and Jane were with a group of students and their spouses the evening that the Board of Regents named Henry to be dean of the College. A law student, who was also a National Guard pilot, had arranged a flight training mission so as to be able to bring live Maine lobsters back to Nebraska. The news of Henry's appointment as dean turned an anticipated friendly social gathering into a royal celebration.

Henry's ten and one-half years as dean of the College of Law was a vibrant period in the school's history. Student enrollment tripled. The number of women students increased from almost none to more than forty percent of the student body. The new law school building was funded, designed and completed on schedule and within budget. New faculty positions were filled with outstanding young professors. Graduates competed nationally for exciting professional positions. Major alumni and outside support for the Law College was developed for the first time and then greatly increased. Henry's personal touch was everywhere and he enjoyed it – especially the initiation of a school news magazine, which must have brought back memories of his old days as a neophyte journalist.

Beyond the formal education of the law school, Henry retained a strong personal interest in his former students and a strong commitment to continuing legal education. He was one of the founders of the Great Plains Federal Tax Institute and Nebraska Continuing Legal Education, Inc., prestigious continuing legal education entities. He participated in a variety of continuing education programs, including Nebraska community programs directed toward educating non-lawyers on legal issues.

Beyond legal education and continuing legal education, throughout his career, Henry accepted many challenges to improve the law and legal system: early, as an assistant city attorney to revamp the comprehensive City Zoning Code; as a

special attorney for the Nebraska Department of Roads to revise some 600 sections of state laws then filling nearly one hundred pages of the statute books; as a special attorney for the Nebraska Public Service Commission to prepare an even more extensive set of administrative rules (reportedly more than 200 printed pages); and as Republican counsel to the United States Senate Judiciary Committee, at the behest of Nebraska Senator Roman Hruska, for a study of congestion in the federal court system. Henry was a longtime member of the American Law Institute, a major national organization effecting law reform, and was a longtime Nebraska Commissioner of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, which designs statutory codes for enactment by state legislatures.

Among many other activities, Henry served as an elected member of the Executive Council of the Nebraska State Bar Association, a position normally filled by practicing lawyers; a trustee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation; a consultant to a bank seeking trust powers and establishing a trust department; director of an Agricultural Credit Corporation; and a popular arbitrator of labor and commercial disputes of private businesses and federal and state agencies throughout the midwest.

Steve Willborn, the current dean of the Law College, has asked me to express his deep condolences, personally and on behalf of the College of Law and the University of Nebraska, to Jane, Debbie, Trace and Sharon, and to their

families. My fellow law faculty members remember Henry's last visit to the College with special warmth. He delighted his audience in the faculty lounge with personal anecdotes of the Law College over a half century period.

I also bring thoughts of condolence from a multitude of Henry's former students. It was his students who on their own initiated the chaired professorship which bears his name. They recall with affection Henry's abiding interest in his students, his professional dedication and ability and his outstanding contributions to the Nebraska and national legal systems.

Henry left the faculty of the College of Law in 1990. There remains, however, in Nebraska and throughout the world, an appreciation in generations of former law students for his personal loving care as a teacher and as a person. ■





# Remembering Norm Thorson

BY HARVEY PERLMAN  
CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
CLASS OF 1966

*College of Law Professor Norman W. Thorson died September 13, 2003, at the age of 53 after a lengthy battle with cancer. The following eulogy was delivered by University of Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlman at Thorson's funeral.*

We all expect at some point to be called upon to eulogize a friend or colleague. But for those of us at the Law College who knew Norm as a contemporary, Jo Potuto, Rob Denicola, Bob Works, Steve Willborn and me, as well as others, it is far too soon for us to be engaged in such an occasion. It is probably more difficult for Larry Berger, Dick Harnsberger and John Gradwohl, who knew Norm both as a colleague and a student. But life deals us cards we do not expect and cannot control. What remains for all of us are the memories – memories of a good man who worked hard to make the Law College and the greater University better and who added to the richness of our lives.

There was Norm Thorson, the professional. He spent both the preparation for and practice of his profession at the University of Nebraska, where he received four separate degrees. As an undergraduate he was a member of the Innocents Society and a Regents Scholar. As a law student he was Order of the Coif and an editor of the Law Review. He married his wife Toni, a law school classmate. On joining the law faculty, he became a widely recognized expert in the laws governing agriculture, the environment, water and other natural resources. He was a good teacher, a published scholar and an active participant in the intellectual conversations at the Law College and within the national academic community.

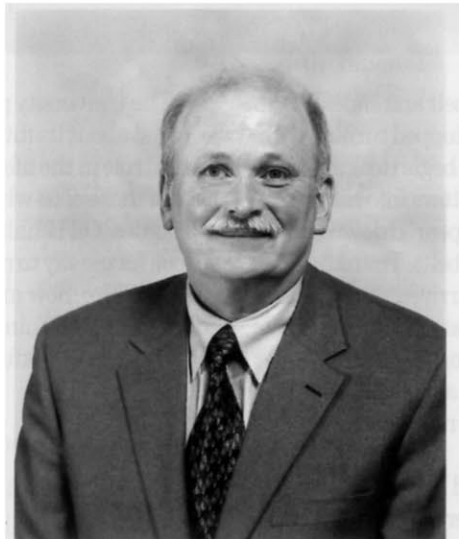
When legal scholarship turned to law and economics, he had the distinct advantage, about which he was fond of reminding us from time to time, of being a professionally trained economist in contrast to those of us who were clearly amateurs. He was active nationally in his discipline but was willing to put his skills and expertise to work on contemporary issues that faced Nebraska. Thus, he accepted

the position as the first Nebraska representative to the Low Level Nuclear Waste Disposal Commission as well as leading a major project on water policy established at the direction of the Legislature. In the friendly competition for students within the law school, he held the unfair advantage of teaching the Water Seminar, which involved a field trip to western Nebraska. As one former student recently described it, it was the only law school course that required its students to visit Ole's Big Game Bar in Paxton. He also served the greater University where he was president of the Academic Senate, setting a standard for judgment and savvy that I now appreciate more than ever.

There was also Norm Thorson, the person. As Jo Potuto observed, the Law College will most likely find someone who will do a good job filling his teaching and research responsibilities. But ultimately we cannot replace Norm, not because of

what he accomplished but because of who he was. I'm not sure I know anyone who could be so analytical and at the same time so impulsive. He was so analytical that he could not understand why anyone could be against the low level nuclear waste disposal facility. It was scientifically sound, presented an infinitesimal risk to human health and would provide economic benefit to the county in which it was located. He would never understand how pure emotions could drive public policy in the face of indisputable analysis.

He also turned his analytical skills to the fortunes of the Husker football team. Each year he selected a player on the team that, in his view, should not be playing. The player would ultimately earn a nickname consistent with his perceived lack of skill, and each week those in the faculty lounge would be treated to each flaw in that player's performance. I am told there was often heavy betting by other faculty members on which player Norm would select.



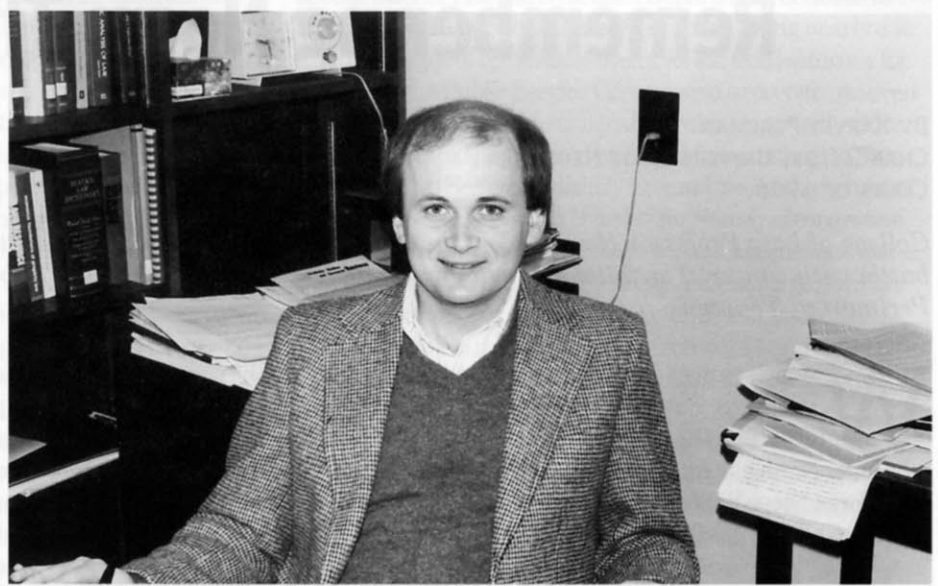


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When traveling, the subject that required his most careful attention was the selection of the evening's restaurant. He enjoyed a good meal and the selection was not to be taken lightly. He would survey others' experiences and consult numerous guide books. The results were usually wonderful and almost invariably expensive.

Yet at the same time he was impulsive. Susan and I remember a trip to San Francisco with Toni and Norm to attend a law school convention. We waited together at the luggage carousel at San Francisco airport – one of those pyramid shaped machines where the luggage is disgorged from a conveyor belt and slides down to the waiting passengers. The carousel stopped turning with none of our luggage in sight. All but Norm began looking for the customer service desk. Norm took matters into his own hands, climbed up the carousel and disappeared down the conveyor belt, setting off a flurry of alarm bells. Thankfully this was pre-9/11, and while our luggage arrived the next day, they returned Norm to us almost immediately. This memory of that trip is almost as vivid as our memory of the smell of the burning clutch as Norm took us for an afternoon drive up and down the hills of San Francisco in his rental car of choice – one with a stick shift transmission.

Norm had a passion that smoldered below the surface but could be ignited instantly. He was a person who could care deeply about ideas and issues. His first passion was, of course, his family and he made that apparent to everyone. One sensed that his second passion was the University of Nebraska, and particularly the law school.



The University played a very central role in his life, and he cared about its future. And in so many ways he played a central role in the life of the University and certainly in the lives of those of us who had the opportunity to be his colleagues. On behalf of all of us at the University and the law school, let me say to members of Norm's family, how much we will miss him, how much we want to embrace Toni and his children as continuing members of our community and how much we are thankful that we were able to share him with you. ■

### **In Memoriam: Larry L. Kahle**

Larry L. Kahle, who served as law librarian at the College of Law from 1971 to 1975, died on December 28, 2003, at the age of 64. He was retired associate dean of libraries at the University when he died.

# Faculty Notes



**John M. Gradwohl**  
**Judge Harry A. Spencer**  
**Professor of Law**  
 ■ Professor John Gradwohl has been named Judge Harry A. Spencer Professor of Law in recognition of his long

and distinguished service to the Law College. Gradwohl formerly held the Ross McCollum chair. He received the Award of Appreciation from the Nebraska State Bar Association for outstanding public service in creating a better public understanding of the legal profession and the administration of justice. He also received 50 year recognitions from the bar association and the College of Law.

Gradwohl participated in the Nebraska Legislative Study Group on the Uniform Probate Code; co-authored with Professor Bill Lyons, "Constitutional and Other Issues in the Application of the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code to Existing Trusts" to be published in the NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; and co-edited with Lyons, *Sourcebook on the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code*. He also assisted Senator Dave Landis, '72, in the enactment of the Uniform Mediation Act by the Nebraska legislature.



**Richard S. Harnsberger**  
**Cline-Williams-Flavel A.**  
**Wright Professor of Law**  
**Emeritus**  
 ■ Professor Richard Harnsberger has been selected to appear in the 58th edition of *Who's Who*

*Who in America*. The book is published by Marquis, the leading biographical reference publisher on the highest achievers and contributors from across the country and around the world.



**Alicia B. Henderson**  
**Associate Clinical**  
**Professor of Law**  
 ■ Professor Alicia Henderson was promoted to associate clinical professor of law and granted tenure. She

published *Nebraska's Domestic Violence Protection Order Bench Guide*, which was distributed to all of Nebraska's state court judges and to domestic violence advocacy programs throughout the state.



**Richard A. Leiter**  
**Director of the Schmid**  
**Law Library and**  
**Professor of Law**  
 ■ The fourth edition of *National Survey of State Laws*, written by Professor Richard Leiter,

won the Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographic Award by the American Association of Law Libraries for its significant contribution to legal bibliographical literature. The award is the AALL's oldest and most prestigious award. The second edition of another book edited by Leiter, *The Spirit of Law Librarianship: A Reader*, was published by Alert Publications, Inc. Leiter also published an article, "Reflections on Ranganathan's Five Laws of Library Science," 51 *Law Library Journal* 411.



**John P. Lenich**  
**Ross McCollum**  
**Professor of Law**  
 ■ Professor John Lenich has been named Ross McCollum Professor of Law in recognition of his long

and distinguished service to the Law College.



**William H. Lyons**  
**Richard H. Larson**  
**Professor of Tax Law**  
 ■ Professor Bill Lyons has been awarded the Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Service to Students. During 2003,

he served as president of the Great Plains Federal Tax Institute. He also served as advisor for the Law College's National Moot Court Team. Lyons has written:

- with Professor John Gradwohl, "Constitutional and Other Issues in the Application of the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code to Existing Trusts" to be published in the NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW;
- with Gradwohl, *Sourcebook on the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code*;
- "2002 Annual Report of the Subcommittee on Section 108 and Other Exclusions from Income, Individual Income Tax Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation," 56 *The Tax Lawyer* 1101; and
- with University of Miami School of Law Professor Frances R. Hill, a casebook on bankruptcy taxation to be published by Anderson Publishing Company.

Lyons also made presentations on the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code and on its retroactive application at continuing legal education programs sponsored by the Nebraska State Bar Associations.



**Harvey S. Perlman**  
**Chancellor, University of**  
**Nebraska-Lincoln**  
 ■ Chancellor Harvey Perlman represents the Big 12 Conference on the Presidential Oversight Committee for the Bowl

Championship Series.





**Kevin L. Ruser**  
**Clinical Professor of Law**

- The Nebraska State Bar Association presented the George H. Turner Award to Professor Kevin Ruser for his dedication to the

clinical education of law students at the Law College's Civil Clinical Program. The award recognizes a member of the bar who demonstrates unusual effort in furthering public understanding of the legal system, the administration of justice and confidence in the legal profession. Ruser has also served as:

- a presenter on immigration law to advocates at the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Training Institute in Norfolk;
- a trainer on immigration law and procedures to advocates at the Equity in Nebraska Immigration Project in Lexington;
- a trainer on legal issues in assisted living at the Assisted Living Management Course presented by the Nebraska Assisted Living Association in Hastings;
- a trainer on legal issues in long-term care at the 36 Hour Social Service Course sponsored by the Nebraska Health Care Association in Lincoln;
- a continuing education trainer on landlord and tenant law for the Larabee School of Real Estate in Lincoln;
- a presenter and trainer at the Annual Conference of the Balkan Law School Linkage Initiative in Rijeka, Croatia; and
- a guest lecturer for the Podgorica Law Faculty in Podgorica, Montenegro.



**Matthew P. Schaefer**  
**Associate Professor of Law**

- Professor Matt Schaefer gave the following presentations:
- on federalism issues related to trade agreements to the Arizona State University

College of Law faculty, the Washington University in St. Louis College of Law faculty and the Midwest-Canada Relations Committee of the Midwest Legislative Conference in Milwaukee, Wis.;

- on treaty issues to the U.S. Air Force Legal Office, RAF Mildenhall in England;
- on U.S. and E.U. approaches to WTO negotiations at Masaryk University Law School in Brno, Czech Republic.; and
- on regional trade agreements to U.S. government officials in Washington, D.C. Schaefer also served as a commentator for a roundtable discussion of experts on public international law needs after September 11 at the University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law. He also contributed a chapter in *Transatlantic Economic Disputes*, published by Oxford University Press.



**Robert F. Schopp**  
**Robert J. Kutak Professor of Law and Psychology**

- Professor Bob Schopp has been awarded the Cline Williams Research Chair for the 2003-04 academic year. Schopp

has published:

- "The Guilty Mind and Criminal Sentencing: Integrating Legal and Empirical Inquiry as Illustrated by Capital Sentencing," 21 *Behavioral Science & the Law* 631;
- "Sexual Aggression: Mad, Bad and Mad" in *Sexually Coercive Behavior*; 989 *Annals of the New York Academy of Science* 324;
- "Outpatient Civil Commitment: A Dangerous Charade or a Component of a Comprehensive Institution of Civil Commitment?" 9 *Psychology, Public Policy and the Law* 33; and
- "Even a Dog..." in *Sexually Violent Offenders* 183.

Schopp has also served as:

- a participant on the Death Penalty Panel at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo.;

- a presenter and panel chair on "Anger, Retribution and Revenge in Criminal Punishment" at the Psychology and Law International Interdisciplinary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland; and
- a presenter on "Diminished or Partial Responsibility and the Relationship between Retribution and Incapacitation" at the Psychology and Law International Interdisciplinary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.



**John R. Snowden**  
**Professor of Law**

- Along with Harlan Abrahams, '74, and Natash Léyer, Professor John Snowden presented a "Great Issues Forum: Globalism and Sovereignty" at the Denver University Institute for Public Policy Studies.



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

- Dean Steve Willborn presented one of the reports for the United

States at the XVII World Congress of the International Society for Labour Law and Social Security in Montevideo, Uruguay. His report was on "Social Protection for the Unemployed." He also presented a paper on "Worker Protections During Corporate Reorganizations in the United States, With Special Attention to Reorganizations During Bankruptcy Proceedings" at a meeting of the Club [of Labor Law Journal Editors] in Madrid, Spain. Willborn was also appointed to the NCAA's Data Analysis Research Network (DARN) Committee, which reviews research done by and for the NCAA.



## The Impact of Estate Planning



As your director of development, I have the honor and pleasure of working with the finest alumni in the entire University system, those of the College of Law. Most often, I find myself working with individual alums of our College who are contemplating a major charitable gift to their alma mater. I can tell you that it's very gratifying to help these people decide upon how they can best help strengthen the College of Law for years to come.

Not only do I get to work closely with such outstanding folks who have distinguished themselves in varieties of ways, but I also get to enjoy the simple pleasure of saying "thanks" to these thoughtful and generous benefactors.

There is one category of donor, however, that we never get to thank in person. And historically, this type of donor has had by far the most dramatic impact on our institution in terms of dollars given, endowed funds established and lives impacted. I am talking about those visionary alums who remember the College of Law in their estate plans. It would not be an overstatement to say that the Law College would be a mere shell of its current self without the foresight, generosity and planning of these thoughtful individuals.

While preparing the charitable-giving portions of their estates, these people remembered how much of their success in life was attributable to the education they received here. And now, thanks to their gifts, countless others will be able to follow in their footsteps.

In my short five years here, I have seen great things done for this College and the students we serve through estate gifts. To share just two recent examples that come to mind: In 1999, Rupert Warren, '31, left over \$1 million to our Dean Henry Foster Scholarship Fund, which will help make an outstanding legal education affordable for deserving students in perpetuity. In 2002, the estate of Ivan Van Steenberg, '34, included a \$100,000 provision to establish the Hester Mary Van Steenberg Memorial Scholarship Fund. Other planned gifts to the Law College over the years have helped build facilities, endow professorships and fund various academic activities.

The Warren and Van Steenberg gifts stand out in my mind for one reason: In neither case was the Law College aware of the intentions of these gentlemen until after they were gone. When this happens, we are left with two strong feelings: overwhelming gratitude for the fact that we were remembered in such a way, but also a sense of frustration at not being able to simply say to these folks, "Thanks."

Now, with the announcement of the largest estate gift to this College since the 1970s, (see Merle Jones story on page 16), we have yet another example of this frustration at not being able to say "thanks."

So it is in the spirit of gratitude to benefactors like these, and to all benefactors of all dollar amounts, that we are unveiling a new planned giving program for alumni and friends of the College of Law – The Roscoe Pound Society. By establishing the Roscoe Pound Society, we will be able to recognize and thank those who are remembering the College within the charitable-giving portion of their estate plans. Joining the Roscoe Pound Society is something we would like each and every one of you to consider thoughtfully, regardless of your age.

In acknowledgment of your commitment to the College of Law, you will be presented a hand-painted miniature portrait of Dean Roscoe Pound. The portrait will become a tradition – a way of thanking those friends and alumni whose thoughtful, philanthropic planning will benefit untold future generations.

When you join the Roscoe Pound Society, you will be recognized as a member in the Law College's annual giving report. You will also automatically become a member of the Burnett Society – an honor society recognizing all those who have recognized the University in their estate plans.

Joining the Roscoe Pound Society is very simple. Just give us a call and let us know if you have included, or are considering including, the College of Law in your estate plans. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Law College's planned giving officer, Gwen Nemeck, at 402-472-2151. And please remember that the appropriate designation for estate plans, trusts, life insurance policies and life income arrangements is "the University of Nebraska Foundation, a nonprofit corporation, for the benefit of the College of Law."



Tony Dworak  
Director of Development



# Alumni Council Awards Honor Distinguished Achievements

The College of Law Alumni Council presented four Distinguished Achievement Awards at a dinner at the Lincoln Country Club in April 2003. The awards recognized the many outstanding contributions made to the College by its alumni, faculty, students and friends. The awards are:

■ **Distinguished Alumni Award** was awarded to Theodore C. Sorensen, '51. The award recognizes an outstanding alumnus or alumna of the College who brings credit to the College by his or her recognized professional success.

■ **Distinguished Faculty Award** was presented to Josephine R. Potuto. This award recognizes a current faculty member whose professional achievements in research,



2003 University of Nebraska College of Law Alumni Council Award winners (left to right): Anthony B. Schutz, '03 (Woods & Aitken Outstanding Student Award); Virginia Schmid (Outstanding Service Award); Theodore C. Sorensen, '51 (Distinguished Alumni Award); Josephine R. Potuto (Distinguished Faculty Award).

writing and/or teaching bring credit to the College. A faculty member can win this award only once every five years.

■ **Woods & Aitken/ Alumni Council Outstanding Student Award** was presented to Anthony B. Schutz, '03. This award recognizes a third-year student who exemplifies the qualities of loyalty, service and achievement and who benefits the College community through his or her actions and commitment.

■ **Outstanding Service Award** was awarded to Virginia

Schmid. The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding loyalty, leadership and service to the College.

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## ALUMNI COUNCIL DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS Nominating Form

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

Outstanding Service Award       Distinguished Alumni Award       Outstanding Student Award

\*Please note award criteria to ensure that your candidate qualifies for the award you indicate.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please provide a statement describing your reasons for nominating this individual for the above-indicated award. Please attach any supporting documents.

Mail to: Alumni Development Office ■ University of Nebraska College of Law ■ P.O. Box 830902 ■ Lincoln, NE 68583-0902

# AlumNotes

1930

■ **Harry A. Spencer, '30**, Lincoln, recently celebrated his 100th birthday with an open house held in his honor on September 14, 2003.

■ **Frank B. Morrison, '31**, McCook, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

■ **Thomas M. Davies, '37**, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. The award recognizes a lawyer who has made significant contributions to the legal profession, the Bar Foundation and his or her community. He is with Mattson, Ricketts, Davies, Stewart & Calkins in Lincoln.

■ **Carlos Schaper, '39**, was inducted into the Broken Bow High School

Alumni Hall of Fame for his dedicated service to his profession and his community. Schaper is a partner with Schaper & White in Broken Bow.

1940

■ **Charles Thone, '49**, was presented with the Foundation Award by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation, honoring exemplary service to the foundation.

## Acklie: Crete Carrier's Trucks to Serve As 'Rolling Billboards' to Promote University



*University of Nebraska Foundation President Terry L. Fairfield; Duane Acklie, '55, chairman of Crete Carrier Corp.; and University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith unveil one of the billboards promoting the University that have been placed on the sides of five semi trailers by Crete Carrier.*

**Duane Acklie, '55**, chairman of Crete Carrier Corp. announced that gigantic billboards promoting the University of Nebraska will be rolling across North America on both sides of five semi trailers. Three different ads will be used, which will be seen from Canada to Mexico. "I think it's a very good thing for the University," said Acklie. "It will help identify across the country that the University of Nebraska is alive and well." The creation of the designs and production of the decals for the sides of the trailers cost \$36,000 and was paid for by the

University and the University of Nebraska Foundation. An Indiana manufacturer put the decals on the trailers for free. They would normally cost \$1,000 per trailer. Crete Carrier is not charging the University to have the ads on the trailers.

President Bush appointed Acklie board chairman of the Student Loan Marketing Association, commonly called Sallie Mae. SLMA is a government-backed enterprise that buys and resells a large portfolio of federally guaranteed and private student loans. The primary role of the board is to oversee the financial safety and soundness of the association.



1950

■ **Harris Snyder, '52**, retired from his job as city attorney for Crawford. He will continue his private practice.

■ **Joseph Polack, '53**, was inducted into the charter class of the Real Estate Hall of Fame at the annual Commercial Real Estate Workshop in Omaha. He was noted for his work representing the incorporator of the Westroads and the original tenant, Younkers Kilpatrick, as well as the tenants association. He was also involved in the legal work for a large percentage of shopping centers, apartment complexes, subdivisions and other real estate developed in the greater Omaha area.

■ **Ronald Hunter, '55**, Omaha, is helping establish the National Indian Wars Library at Fort Omaha.

■ **Norman M. Krivosha, '58**, Lincoln, gave the commencement address to the College of Law Spring 2003 graduates.

■ **Ronald D. Raitt, '59**, retired after 36 years on the faculty of the University of Toledo College of Law, although he will continue to teach part time. Among the courses Raitt taught were Evidence, Civil Procedure, Federal Jurisdiction, Products Liability and Trial Practice. In his honor, Toledo has established a Ron Raitt Advocacy Prize to be given at graduation to the student who has displayed the most outstanding advocacy skills in an advocacy class such as Trial Practice or the Legal Clinic.

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■ **Bill Peters, '64**, Gering, competed with Tom Holyoke in the Sandhills Open Road Challenge held in Custer County.

■ **William Wieland, '64**, Heeney, Colo., has been selected for inclusion in the 2003-2004 edition of *The Best Lawyers In America*.

■ **Jerome Allen Hoffman, '65**, Elton A. Stephens Professor of Law at the University of Alabama School of Law in Tuscaloosa, Ala., wrote "The Alabama Rules of Evidence: Their First Half Dozen Years," 55 *Alabama Law Review* 241.

■ **Hal Daub, '66**, Omaha, is on the national board of directors of the Community Health Charities.

■ **Earl H. Scudder, '66**, Lincoln, has been appointed to the Nebraska Investment Council by Gov. Mike Johanns.

■ **Art Toogood, '66**, Hastings, was recognized for 20 years of service as the public defender for Adams County.

■ **Nancy J. Stara, '67**, director of the School of Accountancy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, received the 2003 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award.

■ **Jarret C. Oeltjen, '68**, retired after 33 years on the faculty of Florida State University College of Law. An expert in consumer and commercial law, Oeltjen has taught Commercial Law, Contracts, Consumer Protection, Agricultural Law, Entertainment Law, Commercial Transactions and Commercial Contract Drafting. He is regarded as the nation's foremost legal expert on pawn shops and the pawn industry. He served as associate dean at Florida State from 1981-84.

■ **Michael Gottschalk, '69**, is vice president of claims for National Indemnity in Omaha. Gottschalk had been chief legal officer, general counsel and secretary for Acceptance Insurance Cos. Inc.

■ **Michael L. Jeffrey, '69**, is now a Certified Senior Advisor. Jeffrey is a partner with Jeffrey, Hahn, Hemmerling & Zimmerman in Lincoln.

■ **Russell E. Lovell II, '69**, professor at Drake University School of Law in Des Moines, Iowa, received the Trailblazer Award from the ten state NAACP Region IV. Lovell has engaged in 25 years of civil rights work for the NAACP, including service as lead counsel in both the 13-year litigation that desegregated the Des Moines Fire Department and the court-awarded fees portion of the Kansas City school desegregation litigation. Lovell is director of Drake's First-Year Trial Practicum, in which every student observes an actual jury trial in the spring semester of the first year. The program includes small group discussions led by clinical faculty, seasoned judges and veteran attorneys. Debriefing sessions with the lawyers who tried the case and the jurors are held after the conclusion of the trial. Lovell is also interim director of Drake's Constitutional Law Center.

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■ **Tom Holyoke, '70**, Scottsbluff, competed in the Sandhills Open Road Challenge held in Custer County in his BMW.

■ **William Biggs, '71**, Omaha, is director of the Gross & Welch law firm. Biggs' practice areas include creditors' rights, banking, bankruptcy, real estate, commercial transactions and arbitration.

■ **Patrick Quinn, '71**, gave the commencement address at the Grand Island Central Catholic 2003 graduation ceremony. Quinn is president of US Xpress Enterprises, Inc. in Chattanooga, Tenn.

- **Stanley M. Talcott, '71**, stepped down from his position as dean of Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando, Fla., on July 1, 2003. Talcott had been dean of the law school during the entire time that it has been a part of Barry University, and led the school to ABA provisional accreditation. After a one year sabbatical leave, he will return to the school as a professor, teaching evidence and employment discrimination law.
- **Thom K. Cope, '72**, Tuscon, Ariz., passed the national certification exam for human resource professionals. Cope is now a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources or SPHR.
- **Michael Hroch, '72**, is a partner in the new firm of Hanson, Hroch & Kuntz in Crete.
- **John Moseman, '72**, is chief of staff to the director of the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C.
- **John Sennett, '72**, Broken Bow, is president-elect of the Nebraska State Bar Association.
- **Edward Tricker, '72**, has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Tricker is a partner with Woods & Aitken in Lincoln.
- **David Domina, '73**, Omaha, was keynote speaker for the 2003 Farm Bureau's membership meeting.
- **Richard Wegener, '73**, has joined the Minneapolis, Minn., firm of Fredrickson & Byron. Wegener practices in the areas of trade regulation, competition law, acquisitions and joint venture, licensing, trade secret, intellectual property and related transactional issues.
- **Graten Beavers, '74**, has been transferred from the United States Army Judiciary to the Individual Ready Reserve after nine years as a military judge. He served 32 years in the Army Reserve. He is a county judge in Kearney.
- **William G. Dittrick, '74**, was elected to the office of president-elect designate of the Nebraska State Bar Association. Dittrick is a partner with Baird Holm in Omaha.
- **Bill Hoppner, '74**, of Lincoln is on the board of directors for a new company, Mosiac, that provides support for people with disabilities.
- **Jerry A. Retherford, '74**, Colorado Springs, Colo., has been elected to serve as vice president from the 5th District of the Colorado Bar Association.
- **Timothy Thietje, '74**, has joined the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce as a provisional assistant to the president. His responsibilities involve a variety of special projects.
- **Stanley F. Wilson, '74**, Scottsdale, Ariz., has been appointed to the board of directors of AutoCorp Equities, Inc. as chairman. Wilson is an automotive executive whose background has included all aspects of the retailing and finance of new and used vehicles. He is the former CEO and general counsel of both the Arizona Automobile Dealers Association and the Nebraska New Car and Truck Dealers Association.
- **Robert Bligh, '75**, has become of counsel to the Lincoln law firm of Harding, Shultz & Downs. He will continue to practice in the area of education law, with emphasis in public elementary and secondary schools and in administrative law.
- **Michael Bragg, '75**, Bloomington, Ill., associate general counsel for State Farm Insurance Cos., was presented with the Distinguished Legal Service Award by the *Corporate Legal Times*.
- **Loy Todd, '75**, has been elected to the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Board of Directors. Todd is the executive vice president and general counsel for the Nebraska New Car and Truck Dealers Association.
- **Brian J. Waid, '75**, is associated with the Law Offices of Robert B. Gould in Seattle, Wash. Waid's practice emphasizes representing plaintiffs in professional negligence cases, primarily involving legal malpractice.
- **Carl Circo, '76**, has joined the faculty of the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, Ark. Before joining the faculty, he was with the Stinson, Morrison, Hecker law firm in Kansas City, Mo. Circo taught previously at the College of Law, where he also served as assistant dean, and at Benjamin Cardozo School of Law and the University of Missouri-Kansas City College of Law.
- **Thomas Hagel, '76**, a professor at the University of Dayton School of Law, revised portions of "Ohio Norms of Pleading and Practice" and spent several weeks in the summer of 2003 as an acting judge of the Dayton Municipal Court.
- **Margaret Hornbeck Greene, '76**, was featured in "Paths to Power: Women Today," a feature in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* examining how far women have come to professional and personal success. Greene is president of BellSouth's lobbying operation and the highest-ranking female officer at the Atlanta, Ga., telecommunications company.
- **Keith Prettyman, '76**, is vice president at Assurity at Work in Lincoln.
- **James Quinlan, '76**, has been named to the board of directors for the Uta Halee Girls Village in Omaha.
- **Dan Bahensky, '77**, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Nebraska Alumni Association. He is a partner with Parker, Grossbart, Bahensky & Beucke in Kearney.
- **Loel Brooks, '77**, has been elected to the 2003 board of directors of the Lincoln Community Foundation.



■ **Deborah K. Gilg, '77**, Omaha, retired from her position as the Keith County attorney after 16 years and is now deputy county attorney for Saunders County, as well as continuing to serve as Arthur County attorney. Gilg received the Bar Foundation's Public Service Award, given to a lawyer who is or has been employed with local, state, or federal government in Nebraska or to a Nebraska lawyer in governmental employment outside the state, for outstanding service in the performance of duty. She also maintains a private practice with offices in Omaha and Ogallala.

■ **James M. Mathis, '77**, has become partner in the law firm of Kovarik, Ellison, Mathis & Weimer of Gering.

■ **John B. Milligan, '77**, an attorney with Nebraska Legal Services in Lincoln, has received the Award of Special Merit from the Nebraska State Bar Association. He has dedicated his career to helping those in need in the areas of housing and disability law.

■ **Clarence Mock, III, '77**, was named a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Mock is a partner with Johnson & Mock in Oakland, Neb.

■ **Jill Beckoff Nagy, '77**, is an attorney at Barth, McGrane, Duffy & Jones in Troy, N.Y.

■ **Steve Guenzel, '78**, Lincoln, was elected executive vice president of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation.

■ **Dana Hanna, '78**, was elected the Sioux Tribe's second attorney general.



■ **Robert A. Henderson, '78**, has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Henderson is with Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy in Kansas City, Mo.

## Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellows

The following alumni of the College of Law have been named Fellows by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation for 2003. Fellows are selected based upon their dedication to improving the administration of justice in Nebraska, their leadership in the legal profession, their civic service, their integrity and their support for the Foundation.

Kirk S. Blecha, '74, Omaha  
 Charles D. Brewster, '79, Kearney  
 Michael R. Dunn, '82, Falls City  
 Stephen S. Gealy, '83, Lincoln  
 Cheryl C. Guggenmos, '92, Broken Bow  
 Michael G. Heavican, '75, Lincoln  
 Ronald F. Krause, '79, Omaha  
 Susan Kubert Sapp, '89, Lincoln  
 Gary E. Lacey, '72, Lincoln  
 Todd R. McWha, '89, North Platte  
 Robert R. Moodie, '83, Lincoln  
 Kathryn A. Olson, '81, Lincoln  
 The Hon. Randall L. Rehmeier, '72, Nebraska City  
 Susan J. Spahn, '87, Omaha  
 Steve Windrum, '73, Gothenburg

■ **Nancy A. Roberts, '78**, joined the Omaha law firm of McGill, Gotsdiner, Workman & Lepp. Roberts specializes in environmental law. She advises on environmental risks and responsibilities associated with facility operations and acquisition, development and sale of real estate and other assets. Other areas of expertise include federal and state permits, compliance issues and contamination assessment and remediation, asbestos management and regulation, as well as environmental assessments and audits.

■ **William B. Cassel, '79**, was appointed judge for the Nebraska Court of Appeals by Gov. Mike Johanns.

■ **Matt Hanson, '79**, is a partner in the new firm of Hanson, Hroch & Kuntz in Crete.

■ **Thomas W. Lipps, '79**, of the Algona, Iowa, law firm Peterson & Lipps, has successfully achieved board certification as a civil trial advocate through The National Board of Trial Advocacy.

■ **Don Taute, '79**, Lincoln, was selected personnel director for the city and county governments.

■ **Thomas Von Riesen, '79**, was named to the board of directors and corporate secretary of Silverstone Holdings Inc. in Omaha.

■ **Fred T. Witt, '79**, has been elected to the 12-person Council of the ABA Tax Section. He is the second College of Law grad elected to the committee, the first being Terrill Hyde, also of the class of 1979.

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■ **David Dempsey, '80**, Atlanta, Ga., authored a book, *Legally Speaking: 40 Powerful Presentation Principles Lawyers Need to Know* published by Miranda Publishing.

■ **Paul Elofson, '80**, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Centris Federal Credit Union in Omaha.

■ **Robert Copple, '81**, has joined Lewis & Roca in Phoenix, Ariz. He is part of the firm's complex commercial litigation, intellectual property and environmental groups. He is also starting an alternative dispute resolution practice as a neutral.

■ **E. Burke Hinds, III, '81**, was elected a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). Hinds has also been named to the Cornerstone Council, an advisory group for the St. Paul Foundation and Minnesota Community Foundation. Hinds is with Messerli & Kramer in Minneapolis, Minn.

■ **John Samson, '81**, Blair, former Washington County attorney, has been appointed judge of the Sixth Judicial District Court by Gov. Mike Johanns. The Sixth Judicial District covers Dodge, Washington, Burt, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon and Thurston counties.

■ **Susan Ugai, '81**, Lincoln, was elected to the board of directors of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

■ **William L. Tannehill, '82**, has become a partner with Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl in Lincoln.

■ **Douglas Walker, '82**, has become Grand Island's city attorney.

■ **David Watermeier, '82**, is an attorney with the law firm of Morrow, Poppe, Otte, Watermeier & Phillip in Lincoln.

■ **Patricia J. Falk, '83**, a professor at Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University, published "Rape by Drugs: A Statutory Overview and Proposals for Reform" in the *Arizona Law Review*. Falk is the 2003 recipient of the university's Distinguished Service Award for her service in chairing the university committee that

designed Cleveland State University's new honors program for undergraduates.

■ **Thomas Geu, '83**, professor of law at University of South Dakota School of Law in Vermillion, S.D., co-authored "The Proposed Model Inter-Entity Transactions Act: A Proposal to Rationalize Changes in Forms of Business Organizations," 37 *Probate and Property Journal* 385, and wrote "Are Employee Appraisals Making the Grade? A Basic Primer and Illustrative Application of Federal Private Employment Discrimination Law," 47 *South Dakota Law Review* 430.

■ **Robert R. Moodie, '83**, has been elected president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys for 2003-2004. Moodie is with the Friedman Law Offices of Lincoln.

■ **Matthew H. Williams, '83**, Gothenburg, is chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association.

■ **Robert Lannin, '84**, has become associated with Shively Law Offices of Lincoln. He specializes in commercial litigation and insurance defense and coverage matters.

■ **Jose Soto, '84**, vice president for affirmative action, equity and diversity at Southeast Community College-Lincoln was one of two recipients of the UNL's 2004 Chancellor's "Fulfilling the Dream" Award.

■ **Mona Bearskin, '85**, was named executive director of the Indian Center in Lincoln. Bearskin, who is Winnebago and Sioux, was formerly dean of institutional research for the tribal college on the Winnebago reservation.

■ **Barry S. Grossman, '85**, has been named regional program chairman of Paralegal Studies for Hamilton College, a division of Kaplan Higher Learning. He heads the legal assistance programs for four business colleges in Iowa and Nebraska. Grossman was department head of Paralegal Studies

for The Nebraska College of Business for 17 years.

■ **Kim Robak, '85**, received an Alumni Achievement Award from the Nebraska Alumni Association for her service to community, state and nation. Robak has been named to the board of directors of Fiserv. She was also honored as the Arthritis Foundation 2003 Woman of the Year.

■ **Mark Galvin, '86**, Dakota Dunes, S.D., has received his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation sponsored by American Institute for CPCU. Galvin is a forms attorney in the Great Western Casualty's actuarial department.

■ **Donald G. Blankenau, '87**, was named to the 2003-2004 list of honorees in *The Best Lawyers in America* publication. Blankenau has been elected a director of the Fennemore Craig law firm in Phoenix, Ariz.

■ **Dallas Jones, '87**, served as president of the Lincoln Bar Association for 2003.

■ **Mark Killenbeck, '87**, Wylie H. Davis Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, Ark., received the designation "distinguished professor," the highest academic rank bestowed by the university. He also received the Arkansas Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, which is given only to members of the faculty who have made distinguished contributions both to the university and to their disciplines. The citation read at the dinner at which the award was presented noted both his status as a "nationally renowned expert" in Constitutional Law and his ability to bring "brilliance and humor to the classroom." Among Killenbeck's recent articles are "The Hand Maid of Liberty?" 55 *Arkansas Law Review* 711 and "Madison, McCulloch, and Matters of Judicial Cognizance: Some Thoughts On



the Nature and Scope of Judicial Review," 55 *Arkansas Law Review* 901, both part of a symposium on "The Commerce Clause: Past, Present and Future," and "The Physics of Federalism," 51 *University of Kansas Law Review* 1.

■ **James Overcash, '87**, has rejoined Woods & Aitken in Lincoln. Overcash specializes in bankruptcy, creditors' rights, construction law, telecommunications law and administrative and commercial matters.

■ **Samita Mehta, '88**, was featured in "Profiles of In-House Women-of-Color: 15 Leaders to Watch" in *Diversity and the Bar*, a publication of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. The article noted that Mehta is based in Moscow and is serving as the general counsel and vice president of legal, human resources and administration for the Conoco International Petroleum Company, the Russian representative company for ConocoPhillips.

■ **Thomas E. Morrow, '88**, was elected director at Gross & Welch in Omaha.

■ **Curt Oltmans, '88**, is an associate general counsel for the corporate litigation group of Eli Lilly & Company. Oltmans is responsible for strategy development and planning for product liability and other litigation. He is also responsible for leading Lilly's U.S. tort reform activities and works with the litigation support group on systems and process improvements.

■ **Melanie Whittamore-Mantzios, '88**, has become associated with the Lincoln law firm of Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl. Whittamore-Mantzios' practice concentrates on the areas of employment, commercial and general insurance defense litigation and railroad defense litigation.

■ **Wayne Blankenbiller, '89**, is principal of McPhee Elementary School in Lincoln.

■ **Steve Grasz, '89**, joined Blackwell Sanders Peper in Omaha after serving as Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg's chief deputy attorney.

■ **David A. Hecker, '89**, has become partner at the Lincoln office of Kutak Rock. Hecker focuses his practice on general and complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts, as well as arbitration before the National Association of Securities Dealers and the American Arbitration Association.

■ **Steve Henning, '89**, was the chairman of the Mealey's Mold Litigation Conference held June 12 and 13, 2002, in Amelia Island, Fla. Henning is a founding partner in the Los Angeles based firm of Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman.

■ **Andy Jacobsen, '89**, deputy Lancaster County attorney, received the first Prosecutor of the Year Award issued by the Nebraska Conservation Officers Association.

■ **Sam S. Kepfield, '89**, has opened the Sam Kepfield Law Offices in Hutchinson, Kan., specializing in criminal defense. He is also preparing to finish his Ph.D. program at the University of Oklahoma in environmental history.

■ **Rachel K. Pirner, '89**, Wichita, Kan., was elected to the Kansas Bar Association's Board of Governors. She also received a Pro Bono Certificate of Appreciation from the Kansas Bar Association, which recognized her long participation in the Lawyer's Care Project through Kansas Legal Services. Pirner is a member of the Triplett, Woolf & Garretson law firm. Her areas of practice include general litigation, oil and gas and probate.

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■ **Linda R. Crump, '90**, was a featured speaker for the 8th Annual Conference on "People of Color in Predominantly

White Institutions: Affirmative Approaches to Ensuring Diversity." Crump was also elected to the West Gate Bank board of directors.

■ **Julie Shipman-Burns, '90**, has been elected to serve as an officer for the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys for a term of four years. She will serve as president in 2007. Shipman-Burns is the second woman in Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys' history elected to serve as an officer.

■ **Jared Olson, '91**, is corporate counsel for Vente Inc. of Omaha.

■ **Michael Pallesen, '91**, has become shareholder and principal in the Omaha firm of Lieben, Whitted, Houghton, Slowiaczek & Cavanagh. His practice includes corporate law, securities, intellectual property and health law.

■ **Bryan P. Robertson, '91**, has joined McCarthy Group Inc. of Omaha as the managing director for business valuations. His responsibilities include managing a valuations practice for wealth transfer, charitable contributions, transactional support, litigation support, divorce, retirement plans and financial presentations.

■ **Linda Sanchez-Masi, '91**, Lincoln, was appointed chief deputy to the clerk of the district court.

■ **SaraBeth Donovan, '92**, was a member of a panel discussion group at Peru State College that focused on the opportunities and challenges of law school and the legal profession.

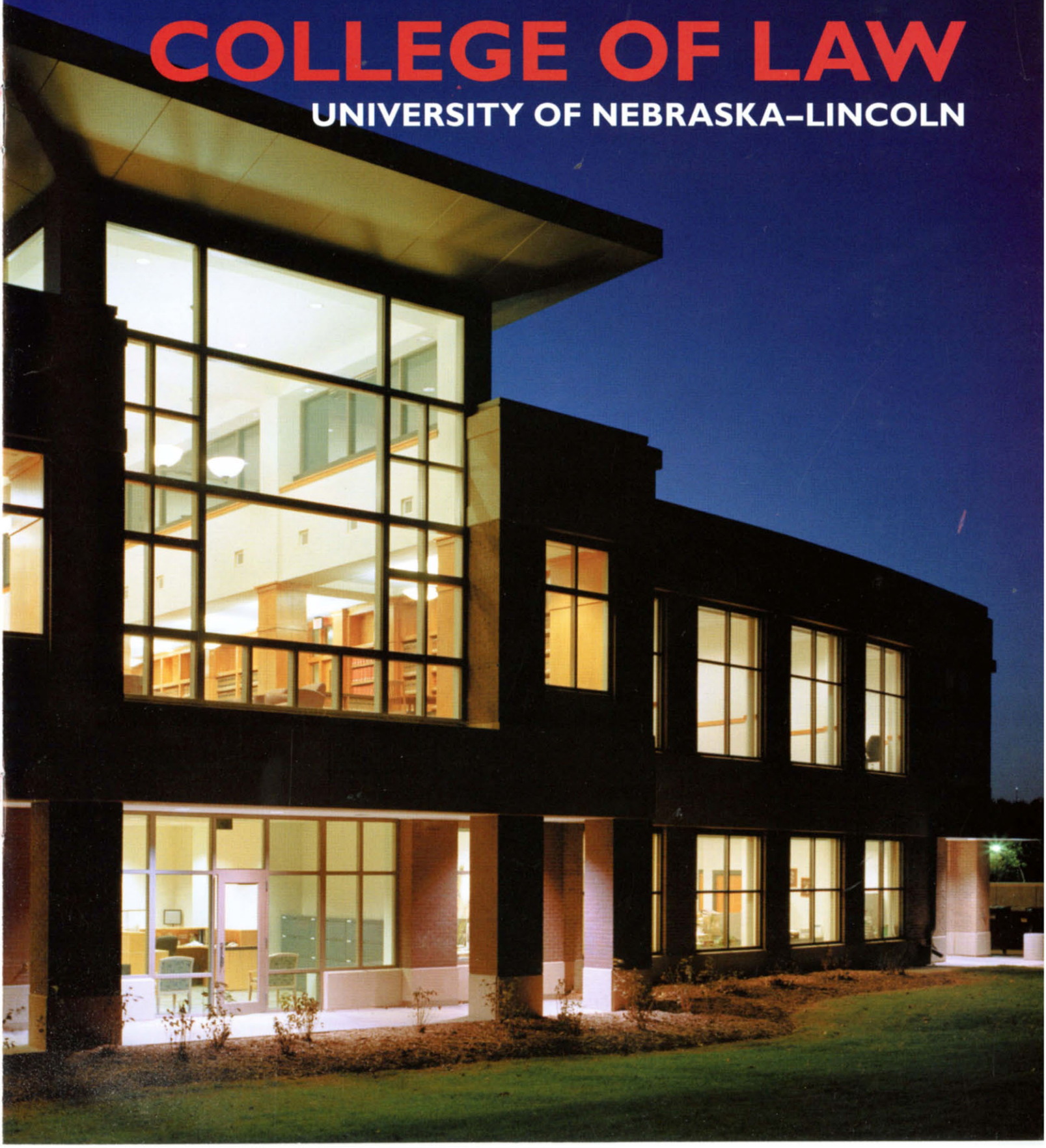
■ **Amy Jacobsen, '92**, served as vice president of the Lincoln Bar Association for 2003.

■ **Chip Maxwell, '92**, Omaha, has a weekly radio talk show on KKAR in Omaha. Maxwell is a member of the Nebraska Legislature.

■ **Brian J. McGrath, '92**, has joined the Omaha law firm of Lamson, Dugan & Murray. Labor and employment are the emphases of his practice in the firm's

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“This new facility gives us occasion to renew our commitment to justice and excellence both to those who have come before us and to the next generations of leaders in this State who will walk these halls.”

—Dean Steven L. Willborn, April 11, 2003

As I give tours of the Law College to prospective students, they comment on both the functionality and beauty of the law library. They are impressed with the number of study tables and carrels as well as the numerous small rooms for study group use. They also appreciate the library's computer labs and wireless network. The M. Brian Schmid Reading Room leaves many students inspired. Prospective students understand that law school is a challenge; yet, it is easier to meet the challenge in the gorgeous, supportive atmosphere of the Schmid Law Library and the University of Nebraska College of Law.

—Denice Archer, Admissions Coordinator

The building changes are fantastic! The Reading Room windows and light wood provide an uplifting environment for studying.

—Marisol Lopez, Class of '05





In this building, a sovereign people is to be taught to administer justice so far as reason and principle may insure, not arbitrarily or in the conscious interest of any man or any class.

—Dean Roscoe Pound, December 9, 1913  
Dedication, College of Law Building at 10th and R Streets

We accept the stewardship of the new building with a strong will and desire to continue the great traditions of the College of Law and to further its excellence.

—Dean Henry M. Grether, Jr., May 1, 1975  
Dedication, McCollum Hall

I saw the 'before and after' at the library, and it is 100 times better now. The natural lighting makes it an inviting place to be—you want to study at the Law College! Now with all of the study rooms, it is no longer a challenge to find a place for group study.

—Russell Metcalf, Class of '04







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corporate department. He received a Midlands Business Journal "40 Under 40" award in 2003.

■ **Kathleen G. Person, '92**, Omaha, has been promoted by Mutual of Omaha to first vice president and counsel of group and managed care law.

■ **Thomas W. Pittman, '92**, of the United States Air Force Trial Judiciary, was awarded the 2003 American Bar Association Judicial Division National Conference of Specialized Court Judges William R. McMahon Award. The award recognizes leading contributions to the implementation and development of modern technology in a court of limited or special jurisdiction. In addition, an article Pittman co-wrote, "The Courtrooms of Operation Enduring Freedom," appeared in the Winter 2004 issue of *The Judges' Journal*.

■ **Hobert Rupe, '92**, Lincoln, has been named the executive director of the Liquor Control Commission.

■ **Ken Vampola, '92**, Arlington, has been appointed chair of the Nebraska Board of Parole.

■ **Karen Ditsch, '93**, has been appointed to head a federally funded regional drug task force in North Texas. She will be based in Paris, Texas, and oversee all felony drug prosecution in a three county area.



■ **Kyle Doviken, '93**, Paris, Texas, has become general counsel and legal technology consultant to Milwaukee-based MicroLaw, Inc.

■ **Jamie Mues Jankovitz, '93**, is regional development director for the Tri-Cities (Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney) Region of the Salvation Army.

■ **Sarah J. Macatee, '93**, has joined the Moser, Patterson & Sheridan law firm in Palo Alto, Calif.

■ **Bert E. Moll, '93**, has become associated with Yarbrough, Moll & Dunn of Chandler, Ariz.



■ **Douglas D. Murray, '93**, Omaha, has joined Baird Holm as a member of the corporate, banking and securities section of the firm.

He serves on the board of directors of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands.

■ **Frank Novak, '93**, has been appointed director of the Ela Area Public Library District based in Lake Zurich, Ill. Novak's library career started in 1994 as director of the Oregon, Ill., Public Library District. During his time as the director of the Freeport Public Library, Novak helped build a new 42,000 square foot library.

■ **Thomas E. Winner, '93**, has formed Atkin, Winner, Sherrod & Vames in Las Vegas, Nev. He continues to practice in the areas of insurance defense litigation, insurance coverage and personal injury defense.

■ **Jon Bruning, '94**, became the Nebraska attorney general in January 2003. Bruning received a Young Alumni Award from the Nebraska Alumni Association for his service to community, state and nation.

■ **Andrew G. Davis, '94**, has joined the litigation department of Kutak Rock in Omaha.

■ **Shawn J. Farritor, '94**, Hastings, has accepted a position with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services — Legal Division. Farritor will work with Child Support Enforcement.

■ **Kurt D. Maahs, '94**, opened the Lincoln office of Morrow, Millnauer & Klosterman, a Kansas City, Kan., based law firm.

■ **Scott A. Meyerson, '94**, has joined the Omaha law firm of Stinson Morrison Hecker. He practices in the general business division focusing on corporate, real estate, closely-held businesses, mergers and acquisitions, leasing and commercial lending law.

■ **Thomas E. Powell, '94**, has been admitted as member of the firm of Greenbaum, Doll & McDonald in Louisville, Ky. His practice concentrates on administrative and insurance litigation and occupational safety and health law. He is a member of the health care and insurance practice group.

■ **Andrea Belgau-Hocking, '95**, Columbus, participated in the annual Bike Ride Across Nebraska. Belgau, Platte County attorney, rode her bike through 32 towns in 17 counties.

■ **Elisabeth Doyle, '95**, has accepted a position as contracts manager with Europrop International in Madrid, Spain. Europrop International is a consortium comprised of Rolls-Royce of Great Britain, Motoren and Turbinen Union of Germany, Industria de Turbo Propulsores of Spain and Snecma Moteurs of France.

■ **Tom Fridrich, '95**, has been named assistant vice president of the audit department of American National Bank in Omaha. He is responsible for overseeing compliance in banking regulations and internal politics.

■ **Julie Hogg, '95**, Lincoln, has been awarded the certified trust and financial advisor certification designation from the Institute of Certified Bankers, a nonprofit organization sponsored by the American Bankers Association, Washington, D.C. Hogg also completed the Cannon Financial Institute's Trust Administration School.

■ **Heidi Hornung-Scherr, '95**, Lincoln, has been appointed chief administrative officer of Scudder Law Firm.



■ **Matthew W. McNair, '95**, Lincoln, became the chief deputy for Attorney General Jon Bruning in January 2003.

■ **Stacie Neussendorfer, '95**, was promoted to assistant vice president and trust officer at the Great Western Bank in Omaha.

■ **John F. Nownes III, '95**, has become a partner at Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim in Omaha.

■ **Michael J. Scarpello, '95**, is an associate at the Rehm Bennet Law Firm in Lincoln. He will continue to work as the chief deputy election commissioner for Douglas County.

■ **Andy Snyder, '95**, Scottsbluff, raced his Corvette in the Sandhills Open Road Challenge in Custer County.

■ **Jeff Keller, '96**, Lincoln, has been named vice president for INSPRO Insurance Agency.

■ **Michael P. Manly, '96**, has been elected partner in the Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg law firm in Chicago, Ill., which specializes in complex business and wealth management issues. Manly practices in the firm's securities and commodities litigation group. He primarily represents broker/dealers in customer disputes brought in federal and state courts as well as various arbitration forums.

■ **Chad M. Meisgeier, '96**, is director of labor relations at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha. He plans, directs and administers labor relations including contract negotiations and administration, in addition to advising the president and other administrators on interpretation and administration of policies, procedures, legal requirements and contracts. Meisgeier also serves as liaison between administrators and outside legal counsel.

■ **Julia Plucker, '96**, has joined Stinson Morrison Hecker in Omaha. Plucker handles litigation and general

corporate matters including real estate, government relations, and nonprofit and telecommunications work. Plucker also has been named to the board of directors for Uta Halee Girls Village in Omaha.

■ **Kent Rauert, '96**, has been named the 2003 Nebraska National Businessperson of the Year for his work as a successful business person by the Future Business Leaders of America. Rauert is a shareholder with Svehla, Barrows, Thomas & Rauert in York.

■ **Marcia Rezac, '96**, has become a partner at Kutak Rock in Omaha. The focus of her practice is the defense of employers in a wide range of employment law matters. Rezac also has experience defending corporate clients in employee benefits and ERISA litigation.

■ **Jennifer Robbennolt, '96**, associate professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, co-authored "Symbolism and Incommensurability in Civil Sanctioning: Decision Makers as Goal Managers," 68 *Brooklyn Law Review* 1121, which was part of a symposium on "Responsibility and Blame: Psychological and Legal Perspectives." Robbennolt also received a National Science Foundation grant to support her research on the impact of apologies in civil litigation. She reported on some of the results of her research at the Psychology and Law International Interdisciplinary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.

■ **Daniel Torrens, '96**, has become partner with the Phoenix, Ariz., law firm of Turley, Swan & Childers.

■ **Kim M. Argo, '97**, has become a partner in the law firm of Abrahams, Kaslow & Cassman in Omaha. Argo continues to focus her practice on real estate, corporate and business law, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property law and securities law.

■ **Jone M. Bosworth, '97**, was appointed by Gov. Kenny Guinn as the new administrator of the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services. She administrates a 950-employee agency with a budget of \$158 million and 4,300 youths in child welfare programs. Bosworth had been working as a human services consultant for Nebraska's child welfare and juvenile services system. She formerly was deputy director of Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services. The Nevada Division of Child and Family Services is responsible for youth correctional services, child protective services, adoptions, children's mental health care and oversight of county-administered Child Protective Services.

■ **Victoria H. Finley, '97**, has become a partner at Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim in Omaha.

■ **Jeff Kirkpatrick, '97**, has become partner in the Lincoln law firm of McHenry, Haszard, Hansen, Roth & Hupp. His practice focuses on trial work with an emphasis on family law, personal injury, civil litigation, school law and criminal defense.

■ **Stephanie Schaben, '97**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Giles Tingley were married February 22, 2003, at the Guard's Chapel in London, England.

■ **Corey L. Stull, '97**, has joined the Lincoln law firm of Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford as an associate attorney. His primary areas of work are railroad litigation, employment law and general civil litigation.

■ **Jeanette Erickson Stull, '97**, became partner in the Lincoln law firm Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford.

■ **Bryan S. McQuay, '98**, Holdrege, was elected Harlan County attorney.

■ **Stephen Palm, '98**, and Tammi Rist were married April 12, 2003, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bellevue.

■ **Matthew M. Catlett, '99**, has joined Genaissance Pharmaceuticals, Inc. of New Haven, Conn., as an intellectual property attorney.

■ **Kerry Hagemeier, '99**, took ownership of Wilber's video store, renaming it "Yellow Brick Road Video Store."

■ **Richard Hitz, '99**, is an associate attorney at Domina Law in Omaha.

■ **Ryan C. Holsten, '99**, was married to Janel Marie Loontjer on October 4, 2003. He is with Atwood Associates in Lincoln.

■ **RoseMarie R. Horvath, '99**, Omaha, joined Baird Holm as an associate in the firm's financial transactions and creditors' rights section. Her practice areas include commercial financing law and real estate.

■ **George Martin, '99**, has joined the Omaha location of the Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne law firm as an associate.

■ **David Partsch, '99**, has established a law firm in Nebraska City. He previously worked for a Norfolk law firm and as legal counsel for the state's Commission on Industrial Relations.

■ **Kelly N. Tollefsen, '99**, has been named shareholder in the Lincoln law firm of Morrow, Pope, Otte, Watermier & Phillips. Tollefsen's practice focuses on estate planning, probate, real estate, adoptions and corporate and business transactions.

## 2000

■ **Pamela J. Bourne, '00**, has joined the Omaha location of the Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne law firm as an associate.

■ **Laura Davenport Demman, '00**, Lincoln, is the director for the Nebraska Public Service Commission's Natural Gas Department.

■ **Marne Koerber, '00**, opened Koerber Law Office in Elkhorn.

■ **Justin Kuntz, '00**, is a partner in the new firm of Hanson, Hroch & Kuntz in Crete.

■ **Tiffany A. Wasserburger, '00**, Gering, is a deputy county attorney for Scotts Bluff County.

■ **Jill Becker, '01**, Lincoln is legal counsel to the Legislature's Transportation and Communications Committee.

■ **Michael Flood, '01**, was married to Mandi Lynn Guernsey on December 6, 2003. Flood spoke at the Unlimited Potential breakfast sponsored by the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce.

■ **Aaron Funk, '01**, has been appointed corporate secretary for Telesis Inc. in Lincoln. He manages various legal facets of the company, including real estate, employee orientation and development and corporate legal matters.

■ **Thomas E. Jeffers, '01**, is associate with Crosby Guenzel of Lincoln. Jeffers' practice includes civil litigation, employment law, business advising and planning, and probate and estate planning.

■ **Susan Kemp, '01**, has joined McCord & Burns in Lincoln as an associate attorney. Kemp practices in the area of personal injury litigation, which also encompasses motor vehicle accidents and plaintiff's workers' compensation injuries.

■ **Michaela Kubat, '01**, is the project attorney for the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition in Lincoln.



■ **Amy L. Kuzila, '01**, has joined the Dykema Gosset law firm in Washington, D.C., as a government relations professional.

■ **Glen Th. Parks, '01**, has joined the Lincoln firm of Rembolt, Ludtke & Berger. His practice areas include employment law, intellectual property and commercial litigation.

■ **Charles A. Smith, '01**, is associated with the Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim law firm in Omaha as a member of the estate planning, probate and tax section, as well as the labor, employment and employee benefits section. He primarily represents clients with respect to ERISA, deferred compensation and general tax law.

■ **Angela Splittgerber, '01**, co-authored "Making the Case Against Medical Monitoring: Has the Shine Faded on This Trend?" 70 *Defense Counsel Journal* 315. Splittgerber is an associate in the products liability litigation group of the Kansas City, Mo., office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

■ **Amy J. Vyhlidal, '01**, Lincoln, is a law clerk for C. Arlen Beam, '65, senior circuit judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

■ **Nathan S. Winesett, '01**, has joined the Salt Lake City-based intellectual property law firm of Thorpe, North & Weston as an associate. Winesett worked as a real property attorney before joining the Utah firm. His practice includes patent, trademark and copyright matters, with technical expertise in the biological and chemical sciences.

■ **Nichole Bogen, '02**, has become associated with Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl in Lincoln. Bogen's practice concentrates on the areas of corporate law, employment law, commercial litigation and railroad defense litigation.

■ **Kellie R. Clifton, '02**, is an associate with Engles, Ketcham, Olson & Keith in Omaha.



■ **Karie Farenholz, '02**, was married to Dr. Brent Parsons on July 4, 2003, in Las Vegas, Nev.

■ **Robb Gage, '02**, has been named an associate at Berens & Tate in Omaha. His practice includes all aspects of labor and employment law including Title VII employment discrimination litigation, unfair labor practices and human resource management.

■ **Jeffrey P. Galyen, '02**, has joined the Lincoln law firm of Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford as an associate attorney.

■ **Troy S. Kirk, '02**, has joined the Lincoln firm of Rembolt, Ludtke & Berger. His practice areas include entities formation and governance, employment law and commercial transactions.

■ **Kari Mangan, '02**, Lincoln, is coordinating director for the Nebraska franchise of California Closets.

■ **Joshua J. Schauer, '02**, has joined the Lincoln law firm of Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford as an associate attorney.

■ **Angie J. Schneiderman, '02**, has joined Berenstein, Moore, Berenstein, Hefernam & Moeller of Sioux City, Iowa, as an associate attorney.

■ **Lori Stout, '02**, Bloomfield, has joined the Nebraska franchise of California Closets.

■ **Shawn Sweley, '02**, Hastings, was sworn in as deputy county attorney for Adams County.

■ **Brent Wolzen, '02**, has become associated with the Lincoln law firm Kinsey, Ridenour, Becker & Kistler. Wolzen's practice consists primarily of general litigation and business law

matters with a special emphasis on immigration and personal injury litigation.

■ **Douglas R. Aberle, '03**, has joined the Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather law firm. He will practice in the Lincoln office in the areas of tax and transactional law.

■ **Brian J. Adams, '03**, has joined the Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather law firm. He will practice in the Lincoln office in the areas of creditors rights and litigation.

■ **Kristin Crone, '03**, has become associate at Fraser, Stryker, Muesey, Olson, Boyer & Bloch in Omaha. Crone's area of practice includes general practice and corporate law.

■ **Andee G. Cummins, '03**, Omaha, was married May 24, 2003, to David Morgan Penn at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Waco.

■ **Jonathan E. Friesen, '03**, has joined Ward & Smith and will work from the firm's New Bern, N.C., office.

■ **Kory D. George, '03**, is with the Lincoln law firm of Woods & Aitken where he deals with construction and general litigation and utilities law.

■ **Nathan J. Gurnsey, '03**, is with the Lincoln law firm of Woods & Aitken. His practice focuses on corporate and business transactions and real estate law.

■ **Christopher C. Halbert, '03**, has joined the Falls City law firm of Halbert & Dunn.

■ **Donald J. Kleine, '03**, has become an associate with Gaines, Pansing & Hogan in Omaha. His practice emphasis includes civil litigation, insurance law, personal injury and business law.

■ **Cary C. Kline, '03**, is an associate with the Lincoln law firm of Harding, Shultz & Downs. She practices in the areas of business law and general practice.

■ **Cheri Olinger, '03**, was married to Joshua Raymond, September 27, 2003, in Sioux Falls, S.D.



■ **Amy Osberg, '03**, is an associate in the litigation section of Jackson Walker in Dallas, Texas. She works in civil litigation, specifically copy-

right, trademarks, trade secrets and general unfair competition.

■ **Glynda O. Rahn, '03**, has been assigned to the finance department of Kutak Rock in Omaha.

■ **Andrea Schaneman, '03**, Lincoln, was married to Scott Stritzke on August 9, 2003.

■ **John Snow, '03**, Omaha, and Christine Shonsey were married March 15, 2003, at St. John's Church at Creighton University in Omaha.

■ **Chris Waddle, '03**, was a member of a panel discussion group at Peru State College that focused on the opportunities and challenges of law school and the legal profession.

■ **Andrew Weeks, '03**, has joined the law firm Stratton, Ptak & Kube in Norfolk.



# In Memoriam

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

1920

■**Fred J. "Casey" Cassidy, '25**, was 80 when he died February 16, 2003. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 1942 and was promoted to Infantry Captain, G company, 70th Division, in April 1945. Cassidy was a recipient of the Purple Heart and Silver Star. After his military service, he served for 26 years as special agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

1930

■**Anne Carstens, '38**, passed away January 3, 2004, at the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, at 88 years of age. Following law school, she and her husband, Fred W. Carstens, established the law firm Carstens & Carstens in Beatrice. She served as the city attorney for Beatrice from 1956 to 1966. She was past chairman of the Municipal Law Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association. She received the Women's Division of the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce Service Award in 1973.

■**Kenneth C. Fritzler, '39**, died May 25, 2003, at the age of 87 at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wis.,. Kenneth practiced law in Kimball until 1974 when the governor of Nebraska appointed him county judge. He served on the bench until retiring on February 1, 1988.

1940

■**Cecil F. Parker, '40**, of Lincoln, died January 30, 2003 at age 96. Parker was a member of the Nebraska Bar Association, Executive Club; Chapter 314 A.F. & A. M., Lincoln University Club, Foot-printers, and Society of Former Special Agents - FBI.

■**Richard Stanley Torpin, '40**, died Sunday January 19, 2003, at Central City Care Center. Torpin was born October 5, 1916, on the Torpin Ranch west of Elgin. In September 1940, he began law practice with attorney P.S. Heaton in Central City. While practicing law, he also operated the *Nonpareil Newspaper* and served as the secretary of Central City's Chamber of Commerce. He was named Merrick County attorney in 1942 and held this office until 1975. Torpin served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946, retiring as a 1st lieutenant with the information and education department. In 1941, he began serving on the Merrick County Fair Board, and during the next 25 years he held all the offices on that board. As Merrick County attorney, Torpin was president of the state association in 1952 and held all other offices throughout his 60 years of membership. He served on the board of Nebraska Central College until it closed and joined with William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He then served on that board for 28 years. He was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and also a Distinguished Service Award from William Penn College. Torpin retired from law practice in 1982.

■**Clarence Charles Kunc, '41**, died March 20, 2003, at the age of 91 in Crete. Kunc was a World War II veteran and a retired attorney. Kunc served as county court judge until his retirement in July 1983.

■**Joseph Benson Brooks, '49**, died on March 20, 2003, at the age of 81 in Boise, Idaho. Brooks served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theatre during World War II and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He worked as attorney in the solicitor's office of the Department of the Interior for 34 years in Boise and in Portland, Ore.

1950

■**William Line Gunderson, '50**, died February 20, 2003, at the age of 75. He served as Dodge County attorney from 1955-1959, handling all criminal cases in addition to his private civil practice. From 1950 on, his practice focused on general law with an emphasis on criminal law, family law and civil litigation. In October 1969, he argued the constitutional right of juveniles to a jury trial before the United States Supreme Court. Line spent all of his 52 years of practice in Dodge County, and he worked as a trial lawyer until his death.

■**Robert R. Moran, '51**, died Friday, July 11, 2003, at Good Samaritan Health Care Center in Alliance at the age of 76. He served as Box Butte county attorney from 1952-1957 and served on the Hemingford School Board from 1954-1960, including serving as president from 1955-1958. Moran was a partner in the law firm of Gantz, Hein & Moran from 1957 to



1966. He moved to Alliance in 1961 and served as district judge for the Sixteenth Judicial District of Nebraska from 1966 until his retirement on July 31, 1992. In 1982, he served as chief justice, Special Nebraska Supreme Court in the *State ex rel. NSBA v. Green*, and as a member of the Impeachment Court, *State v. Douglas*, in 1984.

■ **William H. Norton, '51**, former district judge died December 4, 2003, at the age of 77. After law school, he returned to Osceola where he began his 25 years as a practicing attorney. He served as Polk County attorney, Osceola city attorney, and attorney for the Nebraska Rural Electric Association. Norton retired in 1991, but continued to serve as judge until 1999.

■ **Robert Bosley, '52**, died Friday, June 20, 2003, at Community Hospital in McCook at the age of 78. He served in the Army during World War II. After law school, he began practicing law with his father in Palisade, Neb., in 1953. Then he served as Hayes County attorney. In 1969, he became Hitchcock County attorney. He opened a law practice at Windsor, Colo., in 1971.

■ **Joseph Martin III, '52**, of Grand Island died Friday, December 27, 2002, at home. Martin volunteered for the United States Navy during World War II. He served aboard the destroyer Killen as fire control man 2nd class during the battle of Surigeo Straits, during which the Killen was credited with sinking the battleship Jameshiro. During his third year of law school, he was elected to the Nebraska Legislature, representing Hall and Merrick counties for two terms. He then opened his law practice in Grand Island. He acquired Herman F. Buckow Abstract Company, operating this business along with his law practice. He was appointed Hall County judge by Gov. Exon in 1976, serving for two years, and was appointed district court judge for

the 11th Judicial District, serving for 16 years until his retirement.

■ **Harold C. Prichard, '52**, a former senator, retired Falls City attorney and historian died July 3, 2003, at the age of 88. Prichard served a term in the Legislature from 1947-1949 following his discharge from the Army's field artillery after World War II service in Europe. His awards include the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. For the Falls City Centennial celebration in 1956, Prichard authored "100 Year History of Falls City," which appeared in the *Falls City Journal*. He practiced law in Falls City from 1953 until his retirement in 1990.

■ **Dick Spangler, '54**, died November 8, 2003, at the age of 73. Spangler was an attorney with the Woods & Aitken law firm in Lincoln. Spangler was a three-time Nebraska amateur golf champion and a two-time Lincoln city champion. He is a member of the Nebraska Golf Hall of Fame and served as the Hall's president from 1993-1996. He also won the Mississippi Amateur title in 1955, while stationed there with the U.S. Air Force.

■ **Clayton Burkett VanKirk, '54**, was 73 when he died July 13, 2003. He practiced law in the Lincoln area before settling in the Washington, D.C., area in the late 1950s as Washington counsel for General Outdoor Advertising Company. He was former counsel on Capitol Hill and for about a decade was partner at the Washington law firm Webster, Chamberlain & Bean. VanKirk was counsel to the Senate Rules Committee from 1962 to 1973, during which time he participated in the investigation into Bobby Baker, the Senate secretary and close Lyndon B. Johnson associate who was later convicted of influence-peddling. He worked for the Senate Appropriations Committee from 1973 until the early 1980s, when he left as majority

counsel. At Webster, Chamberlain & Bean his clients included the National Rifle Association, Miller Brewing, Anheuser-Busch and International Armaments.

■ **Eugene L. Wohlner, '57**, died November 18, 2003. He was a past president of the Burbank, Calif., Bar Association and Californians for Nebraska. Wohlner practiced law in the Los Angeles area for 37 years.

## 1960

■ **Herbert Mayer, '60**, of Grand Island died Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at the age of 68, at the Hamilton Manor in Aurora. Mayer practiced law in Grand Island for 15 years with Mayer & Mayer Law. As a real estate broker, he established Associated Realty and developed two subdivisions, the Normandy Estates and Brentwood. He also began the Normandy Apartments, Piccadilly Apartments and Brentwood Town Homes.

■ **Larry L. Greenwald, '68**, died February 19, 2003, in Los Angeles, Calif. After law school, Greenwald worked with Legal Aid in Lincoln. He later joined the Ecumenical Institute and for the next 13 years he and his wife lived in Kansas City, Mo.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Denver, Colo.; Manchester, England; and Seoul, Korea. Greenwald worked as a court liaison officer in Manchester and practiced international corporate law in Seoul. In 1991, they moved to Hong Kong where he took a job as corporate counsel for Aetna International. His work took him to China, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Taiwan, Korea and the Philippines.



## 1970

■ **David Challed, '72**, died, April 13, 2003, at the age of 57 at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah, of ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He worked 25 years as a staff and managing attorney for legal services programs in Nebraska, Iowa and Utah. While living in Iowa he was a member and vice-president of the Cedar Rapids School Board. Challed supported the rights of Utah students, as one of the only special education attorneys in the state, and in 1994 succeeded in a class action lawsuit to require all Utah school districts to waive fees for low-income students, enabling all children to have access to academic classes and extra-curricular activities. He was the recipient of numerous awards including the "Friend of the Community Award" from the University of Utah Chicano Scholarship Fund Committee and the "Hell Raiser Award" from Utah Issues, Inc. Challed had a great love for the outdoors. His interests were long distance running, which included 18 marathons, hiking, mountain biking, backpacking and golf.

■ **Randall Owens, '75**, died June 14, 2003, at the age of 56, of cancer. He was an *Omaha World-Herald* reporter for three years before entering law school. After three years in private practice, he spent the rest of his career with the Metropolitan Utilities District.

■ **Bruce Peterson, '75**, died November 7, 2003, in Holdrege. He was 60 years old.

## 1980

■ **Kenneth Sharp, '81**, a partner with the Fraser Stryker law firm in Omaha, died as a result of a brain tumor on November 4, 2003, at the age of 50. Sharp devised creative wealth transfer strategies for a number of clients. Sharp's expertise in estate planning was the catalyst to significant charitable giving in the Omaha area. He joined Fraser Stryker in 1981. He also was a certified public accountant.

■ **Glen P. Fealy, '82**, a lawyer and former head of the Massachusetts Bureau of Special Investigations, died November 3, 2003, at the age of 47 in his

South Weymouth, Mass., home after a two-year battle with bladder cancer. After law school, he was a law clerk to Chief Justice Harold Lavien of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Boston and later worked for the Massachusetts Department of Welfare. He later served as senior tax counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. In 1992, he was appointed head of the Bureau of Special Investigations, an antifraud agency. He resigned and started a law practice in Quincy and Weymouth in 1996.

■ **Tom Kepler, '82**, died on July 14, 2003, at the age of 48 in Syracuse. He had a private practice and worked for the state as a social security disability examiner.

## 1990

■ **Mark A. Wright, '98**, died June 9, 2003, at the age of 51. He served as vice president of the Oregon State University Foundation.



# Long Arm Jurisdiction

I hope these photographs of alums I have been able to “track down” during my travels throughout the country remind you that even though you have left the Law College and may have left Nebraska, the College will continue to reach out to you to assure that substantial contacts between you and the College are maintained. If you see an old friend on these pages whom you’d like to contact, give me a call!

*Tony Swank*



*Pictured clockwise starting at upper left: Lee (Spencer) Harlan, Stephanie (Harlan) Skrupa and Frank Skrupa ('91) attending Nebraska vs. Utah State game where Judge Harry Spencer ('30) was honored for a lifetime of public service; Richard ('38) and Fern Decker meeting Dean Willborn at a Chicago area reception; John Sennett ('72) at Sennett Duncan & Borders in Broken Bow; Supreme Court Judge John F. Wright ('70) and Scott Tollefsen ('99) at a Downtown Lincoln Lions meeting; Chancellor Harvey Perlman ('66), Roger Miller ('73) and Dan Pape with Dean Willborn during a recent visit to the College of Law.*



Pictured clockwise starting at top: Damon Barry ('00), Liza Miller ('02) and Kenneth Clifton ('94) at the University Club in Denver; Donald ('50) and Lynn Robertson ('78) Shaneyfelt in Long Pine; Dean Willborn in Portola, Calif., with Lyman C. Wear, who established the Jean Simmons Wear Memorial fund in honor of his late wife; George Moyer ('62) in his Madison law office of Moyer, Moyer, Egley, Fullner & Warnemunde; Robert Pahlke ('75) in his Scottsbluff law firm of Pahlke, Smith, Snyder, Pettitt & Eubanks; Bevin Bump ('52) in his Chadron law office of Bump & Bump; Mrs. Jean Galloway (BSED UNL '63), friend of the Law College and daughter of Governor Frank B. Morrison ('31), at a breakfast meeting in Denver's Brown Palace .





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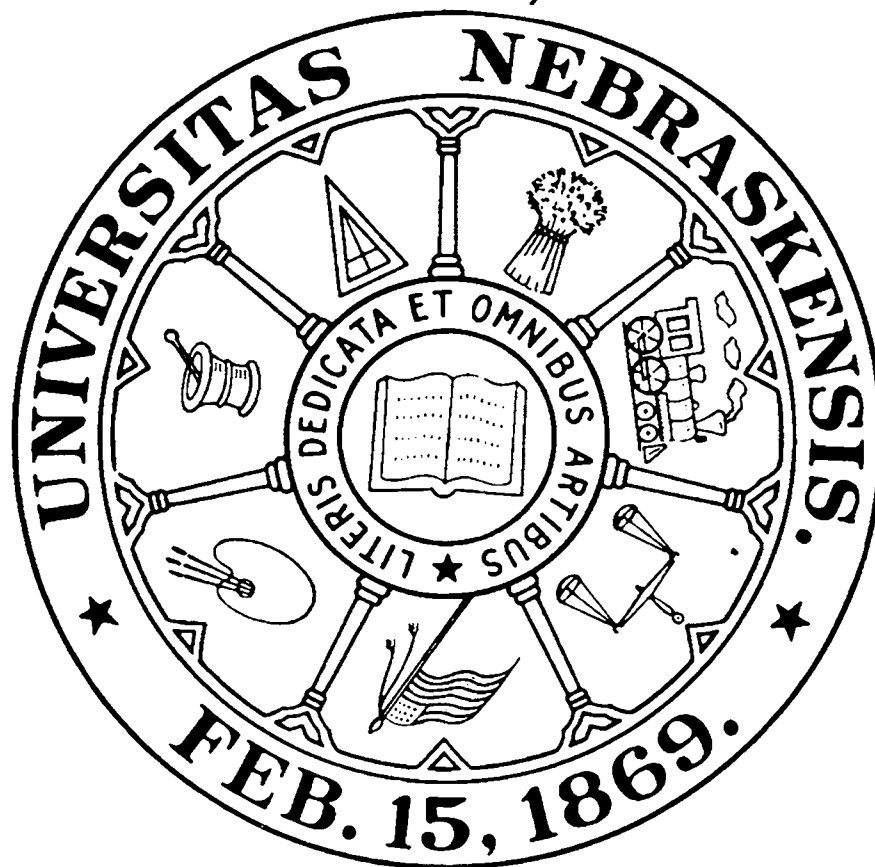
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**Aleta S.  
Allen**

**HOMETOWN:** Clearwater, Kan.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Wichita State University, Wichita, Kan. – French/Italian (magna cum laude); Troy State University (Overseas Program–Ramstein, Germany), Troy, Ala. – Masters Degree in International Relations; Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society (vice president); Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; University Honors Program.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Gross & Welsh Award (best first-year brief); Client Counseling Competition (first place); National Client Counseling Team (regional champion); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Graduate Assistant Instructor–University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.; Taxpayer Service Representative–Internal Revenue Service, Wichita, Kan.; Lieutenant Colonel–United States Air Force.



**Thomas C.  
Anschutz**

**HOMETOWN:** Staunton, Ill.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nevada–Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nev. — Hotel Administration/Gaming Operations (summa cum laude); Aegis Gaming Scholarship; University Regents Scholarship; Howard Hughes Memorial Scholarship; Nevada Medallion.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Legal Process, Individual Income Tax and Pretrial Litigation; Robert D. Baumfalk Memorial Scholar.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Summer Associate–Berens & Tate, Omaha, Neb.



**Anne M.  
Arens**

**HOMETOWN:** Gibson City, Ill.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Ill. – Political Science (with college honors); Political Science Honors Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA; SBA; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Insurance Law.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk–Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder, Bloomington, Ill.; Law Clerk–Mangan, Langhenry, Gillen & Lundquist, Chicago, Ill.



**David J. A.  
Barga**

**HOMETOWN:** Nora, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska at Omaha – Masters of Public Administration; Pi Alpha Alpha Honorary for Public Administration. University of Nebraska at Kearney – Political Science/Public Administration (cum laude); Student Body President/Student Regent; Student Senator; William Nester Leadership Award; Outstanding Senior Award; University of Nebraska Board of Regents Distinguished Service Award.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor, published casenote); Ted Sorensen Fellow; George L. DeLacy Memorial Award; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Constitutional Law II, Legislation Seminar and Civil Clinic; Class President (3 years); Student Bar Association; Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar; Robert R. Veach Scholar; Donald Walters Miller Scholar; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; Outstanding Civil Clinic Student; J. Reginald Miller Achievement Scholarship.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Summer Associate–Rembolt Ludtke & Berger, Lincoln, Neb.; Summer Associate–Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.



**Lema  
Bashir**

HOMETOWN: Haifa, Palestine  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – International Studies (with high distinction); Regents' Scholarship; Arab Student Cultural Organization (president); Sigma Iota Rho International Studies Honor Society (vice president); Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Golden Key National Honor Society; National Merit Scholar.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Black Law Students Association; CLEP; Equal Justice Society; LSD/ABA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society (president); Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest; SBA; Women's Law Caucus; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.; Summer Legal Associate-American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Washington, D.C.



**Michelle M.  
Baumert**

HOMETOWN: Scribner, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. – Psychology (cum laude); Linn Scholarship; Psi Chi Psychology National Honor Society.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; SBA; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Public Defender's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Stanton N.  
Beeder**

HOMETOWN: Aurora, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – News-Editorial; Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Nebraska Moot Court Board; Client Counseling Competition; LSD/ABA; SBA.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.



**Abigail M.  
Beethe**

HOMETOWN: Tecumseh, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Accounting/Business Administration; Phi Beta Lambda; Future Business Leaders of America (state winner and national competitor); Honors Program-UNK; Chancellor's Scholarship-UNK; Dean's Scholarship-UNK; Honor's Program Scholarship-UNK.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: SBA; VITA; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Accounting Instructor-Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Professor Bill Lyons, University of Nebraska College of Law; Accountant-Trade Confirmation and Clearing-Schwendiman Partners, Lincoln, Neb.; Legislative Intern-Senator J. Robert Kerrey, Washington, D.C.



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**Christopher A.  
Beltzer**

**HOMETOWN:** Grand Island, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** December 2003  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Master of Community and Regional Planning. Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; University of Nebraska, Lincoln – History.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Enforcement Intern-California Coastal Commission, San Francisco, Calif.; Legal Extern-Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Lincoln, Neb.; Historic Preservation Intern-City of Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Planning Department, Lincoln, Neb.



**Carly J.  
Beusch**

**HOMETOWN:** Yankton, S.D.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. – Business Administration (university scholar with honors); Mickelson Scholarship; Svendsen Scholarship; B.D. Perkins Management Scholarship; Miner A. Gleason Business School Scholarship; Alpha Lambda Delta; Phi Eta Sigma; Golden Key National Honor Society; Beta Gamma Sigma; University Honors Program.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First Year Orientation Leader; SBA; Winthrop & Frances Lane Scholar.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Lamson, Dugan & Murray, Omaha, Neb.



**Christopher F.  
Blumenberg**

**HOMETOWN:** Seward, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Finance; Canfield Scholarship.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-McHenry, Haszard, Hansen, Roth & Hupp, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jennifer K.  
Boring**

**HOMETOWN:** Grand Island, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May, 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Criminal Justice (with high distinction); Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society (treasurer); Golden Key National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Assistant-Vincent M. Powers & Associates, Lincoln, Neb.



**Tracey L.  
Buettner**

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**HOMETOWN:** Columbus, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska at Kearney – Business Administration (summa cum laude); University of Nebraska at Kearney Cooperative Scholarship; Sue Stoetzel Withycombe National Business Women's Scholarship; Phi Beta Lambda (president); Sigma Beta Delta National Business Honor Society; Outstanding Senior in Business Program.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (articles editor); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA; VITA; Women's Law Caucus; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling Competition; Fraser-Stryker Scholar; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Robert R. Veach Scholar.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Woods & Aitken, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, Lincoln, Neb.



**Natalie Stone  
Burns**

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**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, – Elementary Education/Fitness/Wellness. University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Masters of Arts in Education.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA; SBA; Women's Law Caucus (vice president); Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Recknor, Williams & Wertz, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Friedman Law Offices, Lincoln, Neb.; Assistant Editor-Nebraska School Law Reporter.



**Jarrod P.  
Crouse**

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**HOMETOWN:** Springview, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Secondary Education in Natural Science; Golden Key National Honor Society; Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society; Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; William N. Wasson Student Leadership Award; Chancellor's Leadership Class; Nebraska Sport Officials Association (vice president); Pi Kappa Alpha; Rodeo Team.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); Client Counseling Competition; First Year Client Counseling Competition; Client Counseling Competition Board; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; College of Law Ambassador; SBA; Phi Alpha Delta International; LSD/ABA; First-Year Orientation Leader; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; National Moot Court Team (regional champion).  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Summer Associate-Koley Jessen, Omaha, Neb.



**Stephanie J.  
Cude**

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**HOMETOWN:** Harvard, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska at Kearney – Political Science/English (honorable mention); Regents Scholar; Norris Scholarship; Honors Program; Outstanding Political Science Major; Mortar Board; Alpha Phi Sorority (vice president); Panhellenic (vice president); the Antelope Newspaper (copy editor); Student Senate (committee chair); Locke and Key Society; Student Alumni Foundation.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Academic Scholarship; Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (president); SBA (executive treasurer); Phi Alpha Delta International (recruitment chair); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Equal Justice Society; First-Year Orientation Leader; Women's Law Caucus.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-ACLU Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.



## Senior Transcript

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**Brett T.  
Daee**

**HOMETOWN:** Kansas City, Mo.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo. – History.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT (student editor); Student Bar Association; VITA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Berens & Tate, Omaha, Neb.



**Brian B.  
Davis**

**HOMETOWN:** Cozad, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Hastings College, Hastings, Neb. – Mathematics; Academic All-American; All-Conference Basketball Selection; Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Fraternity; Alpha Chi Leadership Society; Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Donald T. Meier Scholar; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Berreckman & Berreckman, Cozad, Neb.



**Shane R.  
Deaver**

**HOMETOWN:** Holdrege, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Accounting.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.



**Jennifer R.  
Eklofe**

**HOMETOWN:** Oskaloosa, Iowa  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa – English; Dean's Scholar; University of Iowa Honors Program; Pella Corporation Sons and Daughters Scholarship; Iowa Governor's Scholarship.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Second Year Class Vice-President; Third Year Class Vice-President; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Sports Law; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA; Women's Law Caucus (first year representative & secretary); Project Wishlist; Student-Faculty Grade Appeal Committee; College of Law Ambassador; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Mattson, Ricketts, Davies, Stewart & Calkins, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl, Lincoln, Neb.



**John Paul T.  
Espiritu**

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**HOMETOWN:** Nederland, Texas  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Baylor University, Waco, Texas – Biochemistry; Baylor Achievement Scholarship; Filipino Student Association.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Multi-Cultural Legal Society (vice president); Black Law Students Association; LSD/ABA; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont, Texas.



**Stephanie D.  
Fintel**

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**HOMETOWN:** Byron, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Doane College, Lincoln, Neb – Public Administration; Pinnacle International National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest; Equal Justice Society; Women's Law Caucus (auction co-chair); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Vincent Law Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Westlaw Student Representative; Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.



**Marla J.  
Fischer-Lempke**

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**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Columbia College, Columbia, Mo. – Elementary Education (magna cum laude); GTE Scholarship; Cornerstone Scholarship; Capstone Scholarship; Alpha Chi Honor Society (fund raising chair); Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society; National Association for the Education of Young Children; Missouri State Teachers Association; Student National Education Association; Student Leaders Advocating for Teaching Excellence.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Black Law Students Association; LSD/ABA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society (secretary); SBA; Women's Law Caucus; Client Counseling Competition.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Advocacy Services, Lincoln, Neb.; Office Manager-Missouri Accreditation, Columbia, Mo.; Elementary Teacher-Columbia Public Schools, Columbia, Mo.



**Nicholas M.  
Froeschl**

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**HOMETOWN:** Falls City, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan. – Sports Management; Sports Management Club; Special Olympics Committee.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Second Year Class SBA Representative; Grade Appeals Committee; College of Law Ambassador; LSD/ABA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; Project Wishlist.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Morrow, Poppe, Otte, Watermeier & Phillips, Lincoln, Neb.



## Senior Transcript

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**Stephanie E.  
Frost**

**HOMETOWN:** Grand Island, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Political Science/International Affairs; Mockett Memorial Scholarship; Kauffman-Cummings Scholarship; Golden Key National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (managing editor); CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Property and Evidence; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar; Florence Wilcox Roberts Scholar; Eastman Memorial Scholar; SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Summer Associate-Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, Lincoln, Neb.; Summer Associate-Atwood & Associates, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jeffrey A.  
Gaertig**

**HOMETOWN:** Hemingford, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Psychology; Golden Key National Honor Society; ASUN Student Senator; Delta Upsilon Fraternity.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Delta Theta Phi; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Summer Associate-Crosby Guenzel, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, Lincoln, Neb.



**Brian O.  
Gaskill**

**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. — Political Science; University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Master of Community & Regional Planning; College of Architecture Outstanding Student Award; President's Scholarship; University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (visiting student); Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** American Planning Association; Legal Career Alternatives; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Department of Health & Human Services, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Department of Community & Regional Planning; Parking Intern-Department of Public Works & Utilities, Lincoln, Neb.; Staff Assistant-Department of Health & Human Services, Lincoln, Neb.



**Dawn M.  
Gerhart**

**HOMETOWN:** Nashville, Tenn.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** December 2003  
**EDUCATION:** Grace University, Omaha, Neb. — Humanities (with honors); Valedictorian Scholarship; Campus Planning Committee; Resident Assistant; Student Body Association.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA; Women's Law Caucus; Client Counseling Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; Cambridge Study Abroad Program.



**Nichole L.  
Gessford**

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**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Exercise Science.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Runner-Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson & Endacott, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Forshey & Prostok, Fort Worth, Texas.



**Garner  
Girthoffer**

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**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Political Science/History.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** International Law Society; Phi Alpha Delta International; LSD/ABA; SBA; Republican Law Student Association; Allen Moot Court Competition.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleeed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.



**Brenda J.  
Goerks**

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**HOMETOWN:** Independence, Iowa  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa – Sociology/Criminology/Anthropology (magna cum laude); Purple & Old Gold Award for Meritorious Scholarship in the Study of Criminology; Criminology Club (vice president); Golden Key National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA; Scholarship for New Nebraskans.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Intern-Black Hawk County Attorney's Office, Waterloo, Iowa; Student Worker-University of Nebraska Law College Career Services Office.



**Rick W.  
Grady**

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**HOMETOWN:** North Platte, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Economics/English (with distinction); Phi Beta Kappa; Innocents Society; FarmHouse Fraternity (president); Golden Key National Honor Society; Omicron Delta Kappa; New Student Enrollment Orientation Leader; Nebraska at Oxford; ASUN Senator.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA; First Year Client Counseling Competition (first place); Client Counseling Board; William M. Holt Scholarship Recipient.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Hoppe & Harner, Lincoln, Neb.; Summer Associate-Peckar & Abramson, San Francisco, Calif.



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**Joel F.  
Green**

**HOMETOWN:** Elkhorn, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. – Business/Economics (with distinction); NWU Presidential Scholarship; Delta Mu Delta (business honorary); Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics honorary) (president); Academic Standards Committee; Theta Chi Fraternity (scholastics chairman, advisory board, judicial chair); Campus Faith Committee; Investment Club.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** VITA; SBA; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-City of Omaha Attorney's Office (civil division), Omaha, Neb.; Work Study Assistant-State of Nebraska Executive Budget Division, Lincoln, Neb.



**Katherine E.  
Gregg**

**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Criminal Justice (summa cum laude); University Honors Program; Alpha Phi Sigma; Golden Key National Honor Society; Alpha Xi Delta; Chancellor's Scholarship; George & Mary Haskell Scholarship.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Regents' Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Remedies; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Matthew J.  
Growcock**

**HOMETOWN:** Kimberling City, Mo.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph, Mo. – Accounting/Economics; Insignis Scholar; Presidents Scholar; Scholastic Key Award; Sigma Eta Omnicron Honor Society; Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity (vice-president, treasurer).  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA; Phi Alpha Delta International; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Project Wishlist; Scholarship for New Nebraskans.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Atwood & Associates, Lincoln, Neb.



**Lloyd Chato  
Guintivano**

**HOMETOWN:** Long Beach, Calif.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of California, Berkeley, Calif. – English/Philosophy; I. Hellman Scholarship; U.C. Berkeley Undergraduate Scholarship; Walter Haas Scholarship; Cal Bears Scholarship; Filipino-American Student Services; Filipino-American Alliance; Filipino Cultural Night.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Black Law Students Association; LSD/ABA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; SBA; Scholarship for New Nebraskans; William Holt Scholarship; Bernard & Elaine Gradwohl Scholarship.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Legal Research Assistant-Superior Court of California-Santa Clara County, San Jose, Calif.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Legal Services, Lincoln, Neb.; Legislative Intern-Office of Governor Gray Davis, Sacramento Calif.; Legal Document Analyst-FastTrack Litigation Support, Oakland, Calif.; Financial Aid Student Advisor-U.C. Berkeley Financial Aid Office, Berkeley, Calif.



**Clinton J.  
Guthrie**

**HOMETOWN:** Marion, Iowa  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa – History (honors)/Art History (with highest distinction); May Brodbeck Honors Award (top history honors thesis); Kay Hammod Honors Scholarship; Transfer Scholarship; U of I Animal Rights Coalition.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Equal Justice Society (vice-president/president); Women’s Law Caucus; Allies and Advocates for GLBT Issues (vice-president); Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest; Client Counseling Competition; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Constitutional Law I; Elmer L. Jackson Scholar; Winthrop & Frances Lane Scholar; John S. Wishart Scholar.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, St. Paul, Minn.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.



**Gustavo  
Gutierrez**

**HOMETOWN:** Aurora, Ill.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, Ill. — Criminal Justice. Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind. — Sociology/Political Science (cum laude); Outstanding Leadership and Excellence Award from the Office of Multi-Cultural Programs.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Black Law Student Association (executive member); CLEP; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; High School Diversity Law Day; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; LSD/ABA; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Public Defender’s Office for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC.; Law Clerk & Civil Rights Education Project Coordinator–Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.



**Marty C.  
Gutowsky**

**HOMETOWN:** Fort Collins, Colo.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska at Kearney – Political Science; Duane R. Munter Scholarship; George W. Norris Scholarship for Political Science; Outstanding Senior Award for Political Science.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; LSD/ABA; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Federal Bureau of Investigation Honors Intern for Nebraska, Washington D.C.; Intern-State of Colorado Office of the Public Defender, Fort Collins, Colo.; Intern-United States Senator J. Robert Kerrey of Nebraska, Washington, D.C.



**Darla J.  
Harms**

**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Family and Consumer Science Education (with distinction); American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Phi Upsilon Omicron (president); College of Human Resources and Family Sciences Student Advisory Board; Kappa Omicron Nu (editor); Willa Cather Mentoring Circle; Top Ten Sophomore-College of Human Resources and Family Sciences; EXSEL Award for Junior in College of Human Resources and Family Sciences; Outstanding Senior Award; Family and Consumer Science Education Certificate of Superior Scholarship; Jeanne Vierk Yeutter Scholarship; Leoba Ickman Scholarship; Sue Wilson Scholarship.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Women’s Law Caucus; SBA; College of Law Ambassador; John M. Gradwohl-Nebraska Council of School Attorneys Scholarship.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Wright Law Office, Lincoln, Neb.



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**Laura R.  
Hegge**

**HOMETOWN:** Ponca, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska at Kearney — Political Science (summa cum laude); Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); SBA; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Torts and Criminal Law.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.



**Todd J.  
Hepler**

**HOMETOWN:** Pardeeville, Wis.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** National American University, Rapid City, S.D. — Business Management (summa cum laude).  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Client Counseling Competition (first place); National Client Counseling Team (regional champion); Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA, ATLA; LSD/ABA; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Pierson, Fitchett, Hunzeker, Blake & Katt, Lincoln, Neb.; Newspaper Editor-Sterling, Colo.; Newspaper Editor-Dumas, Texas; Reporter-Beaver Dam, Wis.; Radio Announcer-Portage, Wis.



**David C.  
Hepperlen**

**HOMETOWN:** Sioux City, Iowa  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln — History; Golden Key National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Phi Alpha Delta; SBA; Legal Options Club; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist).  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-United States Attorney's Office, Sioux City, Iowa.



**Sara S.  
Hertz**

**HOMETOWN:** Menno, S.D.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D. — Government/International Affairs/Spanish (cum laude); Augustana Presidential Scholarship; Alfred & Peggy Hotz Pre-Law Scholarship; Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship; Augustana College Dance Express.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Client Counseling Competition Board; Equal Justice Society (vice president of fundraising); Phi Alpha Delta International (clerk); SBA; Women's Law Caucus (treasurer); ASUN Representative (chief court justice); College of Law Ambassador; Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Kenneth L. Noah Memorial Award (best brief, Allen Moot Court Competition); Allen Moot Court Competition; Scholarship for New Nebraskans.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne, Kansas City, Mo.



**Heather M.  
Holland**

**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan. – Occupational Therapy (magna cum laude); Sigma Kappa Sorority.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; ATLA; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; SBA; Phi Alpha Delta International; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Program of Concentrated Study in Healthcare Law; First Year Class SBA Representative; Second Year Class SBA Representative; Client Counseling Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); National Moot Court Team (regional best oral advocate, regional champion).  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.



**Jerrod P.  
Jaeger**

**HOMETOWN:** Pierce, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Finance; Chi Phi Fraternity (secretary).  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Equal Justice Society; LSD/ABA; Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (treasurer); SBA (executive president); First Year Class Vice-President.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Computer Specialist-University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



**Kelly K.  
Johnson**

**HOMETOWN:** Thorp, Wis.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa – Criminology/Spanish (summa cum laude); Golden Key National Honor Society; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; UNI Department of Foreign Languages scholarship recipient; National Security Education Program (NSEP) scholarship recipient to study abroad in Nicaragua.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Baylor Evnen Curtiss Gritmit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Judge Michael K. High, Nebraska State Workers' Compensation Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Summer Associate-Scudder Law Firm, Lincoln, Neb.



**Amanda J.  
Karr**

**HOMETOWN:** Crete, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska at Kearney – Sociology/Criminal Justice (cum laude); Regents' Scholarship; Silas Preston & Catherine Gist Scholarship; University Honor's Program; Rho Lambda Honor Society; Alpha Phi International Fraternity.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA; SBA; Allen Moot Court Competition; Silver Quill Award (outstanding student in Legal Research & Writing); Richard A. Huebner Memorial Scholar.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Johnson, Thompson & Williams, Omaha, Neb.; Evidence Clerk and Intern-Buffalo County Attorney's Office, Kearney, Neb.



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**Mike M.  
Kerr**

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HOMETOWN: Gainesville, Fla.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. – Master’s Degree in Agribusiness Management; American Agricultural Economics Association. Rider University, Lawrenceville, N.J. – Accounting; Beta Gamma Sigma, the Honor Society for Collegiate Schools of Business; National Dean’s List Student Award; Accountants Honor Society.  
LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Multicultural Legal Society; ABA/LSD; SBA.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Senior Sales Accountant-Berlitz International, Princeton, N.J.; Audit Staff Assistant-Arthur Andersen & Co., Roseland, N.J.



**Jeongho  
Kim**

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HOMETOWN: Seoul, Korea  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea – Psychology.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Multi-Cultural Legal Society (Asian liaison); Black Law Students Association; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Assistant Manager-Samsung Motors, Seoul, Korea; Platoon Leader (Lieutenant)-Republic of Korea Army, Pochun, Korea.



**Martin R.  
Klein**

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HOMETOWN: Winslow, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Political Science.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: SBA (executive secretary); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA (lt. governor of communication for the 8th Circuit); Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Program of Concentrated Study in Healthcare Law.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Polsky, Shiffermiller & Coe, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Reagan Law Office, Plattsmouth, Neb.



**Jessie G.  
Klumper**

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HOMETOWN: Elk Point, S.D.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. – Business Management (with highest honors); Valedictorian Scholarship; South Dakota Freshman Music Major Scholarship; USD Foundation Scholarship; USD School of Business Scholarship; Sophomore Saxophone Recital; Marching Band; Symphonic Band; Jazz Band; Saxophone Quartet; Financial Management Association; Beta Gamma Sigma.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Allies & Advocates for GLBT Issues; SBA; Equal Justice Society; Women’s Law Caucus (charity auction co-chairperson, auction advertising committee); Library Book Moving Project Volunteer; Orientation Leader; SBA Barrister’s Ball Committee; Client Counseling Competition  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Boyce, Murphy, McDowell, Greenfield, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Law Clerk-Maschka, Riedy & Ries, Mankato, Minn.



**Laura J.  
Kohout**

**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa – Business Administration; Upperclass Tuition Scholarship; Creighton University Dean’s Leadership Award; Bowling Scholarships; International Business Students Association; Omaha Legal Professionals Association.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Multi-Cultural Legal Society (vice president); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Administrative Assistant-Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.



**Danielle M.  
Koonce**

**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Criminal Justice; Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Phi Alpha Delta International (social co-chair); SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Administrative Assistant-Mesa Corporation, Lincoln, Neb.



**Danielle L.  
Kuhlman**

**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – Political Science/Spanish; Mortar Board; Golden Key National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** First Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International; College of Law Ambassador; Cambridge Study Abroad Program.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Rawlings Olson Cannon Gormley & Desruisseaux, Las Vegas, Nev.; Research Assistant-Professor Craig M. Lawson, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Wa’el A.  
Kutayli**

**HOMETOWN:** Sioux Falls, S.D.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. – History; Lynn Scholarship; Phi Alpha Theta (history honorary); Middle Eastern Cultural Society; Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA; Black Law Students Association; Multi-Cultural Legal Society.





**Cynthia 'Cyndi'  
Lamm**

**HOMETOWN:** Garden Grove, Calif.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Communication Studies (with distinction); Chancellor's Scholar; American Business Women's Association Scholarship; Golden Key National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); ATLA (student chapter president); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (best forensic performance); CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Contracts; Regents' Scholar; Student-Faculty Continuing Legal Education Committee.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Classroom Assistant-Summer Pre-Law Institute, University of Nebraska College of Law; Law Clerk-Law Office of Paul Conley, Lincoln, Neb.; Legislative Aide-Nebraska Unicameral, Lincoln, Neb.



**Colleen C.  
Lang**

**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. – English (magna cum laude); Vision Scholar; Pre-Law Scholar; Panhellenic Council; Kappa Delta Sorority.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Third Year Class SBA Representative; Women's Law Caucus; College of Law Ambassador; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Douglas County Attorney, Omaha, Neb.



**Jason J.  
Lessmeier**

**HOMETOWN:** Alta, Iowa  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa – Religion/Psychology; Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society; Golden Key National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Client Counseling Competition Board; Federalist Society; LSD/ABA; SBA; Client Counseling Competition; First Year Client Counseling Competition (first place); Allen Moot Court Competition; Scholarship for New Nebraskans.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Office of the Attorney General, Legal Services Division, Lincoln, Neb.



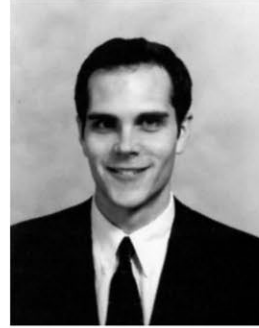
**Erin E.  
Leuenberger**

**HOMETOWN:** North Platte, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Central College, Pella, Iowa – Accounting.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Women's Law Caucus; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Montag & Williams, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Professor Craig Lawson, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Jonathan C.  
Lewis**

**HOMETOWN:** Des Moines, Iowa  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo. – Marketing; Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo. – Masters Degree in Business Administration; Regents Scholarship; Student Instructor of Philosophy; Student Representative; Advertising Director of Student Publications; Delta Mu Delta Business Honor Society; Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society; Delta Chi Fraternity; Graduate Teaching Assistant.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Consultant-Wachovia Securities, Des Moines, Iowa; Marketing Consultant-Universal Realty, Des Moines, Iowa.



**Nathan D.  
Lyon**

**HOMETOWN:** Ogden, Utah  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – English.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; LSD/ABA; SBA; Equal Justice Society; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Civil Rights Litigation Division, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Weber County Attorney, Ogden, Utah.



**Jin  
Ma**

**HOMETOWN:** Jiaxing, Zhejiang, China  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Nanjing ShiFan University, Nanjing, China – International Relations; Zhangpenxi Scholarship.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; International Law Society; SBA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Black Law Students Association; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Criminal Law and Contracts.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Third Secretary-Chinese Embassy, The Hague, Netherlands.



**Norman A.  
MacLean**

**HOMETOWN:** New York, N.Y.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Okla.; Varsity Baseball; Academic Peer Advisor. Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Ark.– History; Varsity Baseball; Academic All-Conference; Athletic Director's Honor Roll; President's List.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** First Year Client Counseling Competition; Client Counseling Competition Board; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-United States Finance Committee, Washington, D.C.; Congressional Intern-U.S. Congressman Dan Miller (Fla.-13th), Washington D.C.; Court Translator-Craighead County, Ark., Chancery Court, Jonesboro, Ark.; Legal Advocate-AmeriCorps VISTA, Jonesboro, Ark.; Statistician/Assistant Producer-ESPN Spanish Radio, New York, N.Y.; Stringer-Sports Press Service, New York, N.Y.; Editorial Assistant-*Who's Who in Baseball*, New York, N.Y.; Research Assistant-New York Sports Hall of Fame.



## Senior Transcript

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**Roger A.  
McIllece**

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**HOMETOWN:** Sandy, Utah  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – Portuguese/International Relations; Trustees Scholar; United States Air Force (USAF) ROTC Scholarship.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Roscoe Pound Scholarship; SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Project Wishlist.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Judge Advocate General Department, U.S. Air Force; Intelligence Officer-U.S. Air Force.



**Jake E.  
McKee**

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**HOMETOWN:** Goodland, Kan.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Accounting/Finance; Frank Solich Post Graduate Endowment Scholarship; Nebraska Football Hall of Fame Scholarship; Arthur Henn Memorial Post Graduate Scholarship; Adidas Post Graduate Scholarship; Men's Varsity Football; Academic All-Big XII Conference; Student-Athlete Advisory Board; PREVENT.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Phi Alpha Delta International; LSD/ABA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Summer Associate-Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.



**Katherine M.  
Merz**

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**HOMETOWN:** Falls City, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – News/Editorial Journalism; Phi Theta Kappa.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Christian Legal Society (president); Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; LSD/ABA; SBA; Women's Law Caucus; Project Wishlist.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Harding Shultz & Downs, Lincoln, Neb.; Intern-Nebraska Secretary of State's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Assistant Campaign Manager-Gale for Secretary of State; Reporter-Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk, Neb.



**Russell G.  
Metcalf**

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**HOMETOWN:** Layton, Utah  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Weber State University, Ogden, Utah – Political Science.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; SBA; Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; National Moot Court Team.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jessica L.  
Meyer**

**HOMETOWN:** Scribner, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Psychology/History.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska State Patrol, Lincoln, Neb.



**Danielle C.  
Miller**

**HOMETOWN:** Colorado Springs, Colo.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colo. – Psychology (cum laude with high distinction); H.A. Arnold Scholar.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Black Law Students Association (vice president); LSD/ABA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; SBA; Women's Law Caucus; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Stacey L.  
Miller**

**HOMETOWN:** Aurora, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Hastings College, Hastings, Neb. – Business Administration (cum laude); Trustees Scholarship; Virginia Holyoke-McKeag Scholarship; Alpha Chi Honor Society; Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA; LSD/ABA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-U.S. Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Melissa C.  
Mockelman**

**HOMETOWN:** Elkhorn, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska at Omaha – International Studies; Golden Key National Honors Society; Sigma Phi Epsilon; University Honors Program.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA; Women's Law Caucus; College of Law Ambassador; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Berry, Kelley & Reiman, Lincoln, Neb.



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**Robert L.  
Morris**

**HOMETOWN:** Boulder City, Nev.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – International Relations.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Danielle J.  
Morrison**

**HOMETOWN:** South Sioux City, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb. – Political Science (cum laude); JGW Lewis Memorial Scholarship; Scholar in the Major; Pi Gamma Mu (secretary); Wayne Political Union (secretary); Campus American Civil Liberties Union.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Women's Law Caucus; SBA; Kelso Morgan Scholarship.



**Ann M.  
Mulligan**

**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Communication Studies.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Douglas County Attorney, Omaha, Neb.



**Stacy R.  
Nonhof**

**HOMETOWN:** Glenvil, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Hastings College, Hastings, Neb. – Political Science; Walter Scott Trustees Scholarship; Holyoke McKeogg Scholarship; Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA; Women's Law Caucus; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; BarBri Representative; Student-Faculty Classroom Committee.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Undergraduate Assistant-Whelan & Scherr, Hastings, Neb.



**Erin M.  
O'Gara**

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**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. – History (with distinction); President's Scholar; Phi Alpha Theta.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); West Publishing Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Procedure, Torts, Constitutional Law I, Evidence and Individual Income Tax; Gross & Welsh Award (best first-year brief); Regents' Scholar; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Summer Associate-Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.



**Shilo R.  
Olson**

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**HOMETOWN:** Holdrege, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Communication Studies.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** LSD/ABA; CLEP; Phi Alpha Delta International.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson & Endacott, Lincoln, Neb.; Graduate Assistant-Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



**Kelly O.  
Orlando**

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**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Psychology; Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Morrow, Poppe Law, Lincoln, Neb.; Assistant to Athletics Compliance Director-University of Nebraska Athletics Compliance Office.



**Shane E.  
Perkins**

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**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – International Affairs/Economics (with distinction) and International Business; Residence Hall Association (president); Vice-Chancellor's Student Affairs Advisory Council (executive committee); College of Arts & Sciences Student Advisory Board.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Black Law Students Association; Student-Faculty Continuing Legal Education Committee; First Year Orientation Leader; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Property.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Taxation Administrator-Executive Connections, London, U.K.





**Ellen A.  
Pillar**

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**HOMETOWN:** Webster, S.D.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – English; Scholarship for New Nebraskans; Chi Omega Sorority; P.E.O. Women’s Organization; City Council Campaign Assistant.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Jefferson H. Broady Scholarship; Jack Devoe Scholarship; Special Law College Scholarship; Client Counseling Competition Board; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus; Client Counseling Competition; First Year Client Counseling Competition.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Atwood & Associates, Lincoln, Neb.



**Brendon  
Polt**

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**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Master of Business Administration (MBA)-Information Systems Emphasis (high distinction); Qualsett Fellowship. University of Nebraska- Lincoln – Communications; Golden Key National Honor Society; University Honors List; Interfraternity Council 4.0 Club; All-University Certificate of Superior Scholarship; Charles/Emma Novotny Scholarship; Phi Gamma Delta Endowment Fund Scholarship.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** SBA; Faculty-Student Building Committee.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Budget Advisor-State Budget Division; Director of Development-Latin American Language Network, Santiago, Chile.



**Aaron M.  
Popelka**

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**HOMETOWN:** Munden, Kan.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. – Agricultural Economics (summa cum laude); Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity; Mortar Board Senior Honorary; Golden Key National Honorary; Phi Kappa Phi Honorary.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); SBA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Scholarship for New Nebraskans.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Summer Associate-Foulston Siefkin, Wichita, Kan.



**David J.  
Proksel**

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**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.– American Studies/Political Science (with distinction); Mount Oread Scholar; Golden Key National Honor Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (first place); Roscoe Pound Memorial Award (Outstanding Oral Advocate-Allen Moot Court Competition); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist & Outstanding Oral Advocate); First Year Client Counseling Competition (first place); First Year Orientation Leader; Big Brother Program; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Bartle & Geier, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Professor Catherine Wilson, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**David W.  
Rasmussen**

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**HOMETOWN:** Plainview, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Finance.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First Year Client Counseling Competition; Phi Alpha Delta International; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; SBA; LSD/ABA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Jeffrey, Hahn, Hemmerling & Zimmerman, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jess B.  
Roberts**

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**HOMETOWN:** Crawford, Neb  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb. – Business Administration/Marketing; Outstanding Pre-Law Student; London Business Study Tour; London Legal Study Tour; Student Senator; Non-Commissioned Officer Club (president); 1057th Trans. Co.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; First Year Client Counseling Competition; SBA; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Project Wishlist; First Year Orientation Leader; Republican Law Student Association; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; ATLA (treasurer); LSD/ABA; National Trial Team.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Koenig Law Firm, Beatrice, Neb.; Research Assistant-Professor Rick Duncan, University of Nebraska College of Law; Second Lieutenant, Armor Platoon Leader-Nebraska Army National Guard.



**Andrew D.  
Romatzke**

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**HOMETOWN:** Kearney, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska at Kearney, – Business Administration.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International (vice president); SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Ross, Schroeder & Romatzke, Kearney, Neb.



**Jill R.  
Schoenike**

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**HOMETOWN:** McFarland, Wis.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wis. – Accounting (cum laude); Student Athletic Advisory Committee; Student Accounting Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; SBA; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Patent Law; Student-Faculty Curriculum Committee.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-University of Nebraska Foundation, Lincoln, Neb.; Legislative Auditor-Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau, Madison, Wis.



## Senior Transcript

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**Timothy S.  
Sieh**

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**HOMETOWN:** West Point, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Political Science; Golden Key National Honor Society; Regents Scholarship.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; First-Year Orientation Leader; Allen Moot Court Competition; Regents' Scholar.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Kerrie J.  
Snowden**

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**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Communication Studies; Golden Key National Honor Society; Communication Studies Honorary; Certificate of High Scholarship; Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; International Law Society (first year liaison); SBA; Client Counseling Competition.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Intern-Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, Scotland.



**Julianne  
McHale Spatz**

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**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Psychology.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar; College of Law Ambassador; SBA.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Woods & Aitken, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Bartle & Geier, Lincoln, Neb.



**Katherine J.  
Spohn**

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**HOMETOWN:** Wilber, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln–Agribusiness (with highest distinction); Regents Scholar; University Honors Program; College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Student Ambassador and Advisory Board (vice president).  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board (secretary); Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Property; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First Year Orientation Leader; Women's Law Caucus; Phi Alpha Delta International.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Rembolt, Ludtke & Berger, Lincoln Neb.; Law Clerk-Harding Shultz & Downs, Lincoln Neb.



**Lorra  
Taitague**

**HOMETOWN:** Tamuning, Guam  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** College of Saint Mary, Omaha, Neb. – Paralegal Studies (cum laude); Paralegal Club (education chairperson).  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** LSD/ABA; SBA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Black Law Students Association; Women's Law Caucus; First Year Orientation Leader; First Year Orientation Student Panelist; Client Counseling Competition; High School Diversity Law Day (coordinator).  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Diversity Student Admissions Assistant-Dean's Office, University of Nebraska College of Law; Office Manager/Paralegal-Polk Waldman Wickman & Council, Omaha, Neb.; Paralegal-McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz, Omaha, Neb.; Paralegal Intern-United States Attorney's Office, Omaha, Neb.



**Tobias J.  
Tempelmeyer**

**HOMETOWN:** Syracuse, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** December 2003  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Masters of Business Administration (MBA). University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Business Administration; Pre-Law Club (president); College Republicans; Phi Alpha Delta; Track & Field; Golden Key National Honors Society; MBA Fellowship.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA; VITA; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-John W. Carlson, Beatrice, Neb.; Business Office Manager-ScreenCo, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Pollack & Ball, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Atwood & Associates, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jennifer D.  
Tricker**

**HOMETOWN:** Fremont, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. – Psychology; Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society; Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** NATA/ATLA (vice president); Robert Van Pelt Inns of Court; Women's Law Caucus; SBA; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; International Moot Court Team; International Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Creditors' Rights.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Summer Associate-Baird, Holm, McEachen, Hamann & Strasheim, Omaha, Neb.; Manager Sales Compensation-Yipes Communications, Denver, Colo.



**Kimberly J.  
Van Deventer**

**HOMETOWN:** Sioux Falls, S.D.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. – Criminal Justice/Spanish (with high distinction); Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society; Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society (vice president); Order of Omega Greek National Honor Society (vice-president); Alpha Phi National Sorority (president, director of scholarship, most outstanding new member, officer of the year); Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol (president); Homecoming Queen-Miss Dakota 2000; Student Ambassador.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Nebraska Moot Court Board; Equal Justice Society (treasurer); First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Phi Alpha Delta International (recruitment chair); SBA; Women's Law Caucus; College of Law Ambassador; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First Year Client Counseling Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition (best brief).  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Legal Intern-Johnson, Heidepriem, Miner, Marlow & Janklow, Sioux Falls, S.D.



## Senior Transcript

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**Elsie C.  
Vasquez**

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HOMETOWN: Yonkers, N.Y.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May, 2004  
EDUCATION: Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y. - Political Science.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Black Law Students Association (treasurer); LSD/ABA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Martin C. Liu & Associates, New York, N.Y.



**Dustin G.  
Vaughan**

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HOMETOWN: Omaha  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Business Administration; Theta Xi Fraternity; Outstanding Member of Theta Xi; University Program Council; Intramural Staff Assistant.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: SBA; CLEP; First Year Orientation Leader; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Gaines, Pansing & Hogan Law Firm, Omaha, Neb; Assistant Campaign Manager-John Gale for Secretary of State, Lincoln, Neb.



**Anastasia  
Wagner**

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HOMETOWN: Grand Island, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Criminal Justice (magna cum laude); Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society; Golden Key National Honor Society.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (research editor); VITA; College of Law Ambassador; First-Year Orientation Leader; ATLA; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International; Martha W. Lefferdink Scholar; William M. Marshall, Jr. Memorial Scholar; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lamson, Dugan & Murray, Omaha, Neb.



**Karen K.  
Weinhold**

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HOMETOWN: Lexington, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney – Business Administration (with emphasis in Marketing and Human Resources) (magna cum laude).  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: CLEP; First Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA; VITA.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Knudsen, Berkheimer, Endacott & Richardson, Lincoln, Neb; Law Clerk-Fraser, Stryker, Meusey, Olson, Boyer & Bloch, Omaha, Neb; Claims Specialist-State Farm Insurance, Lincoln, Neb.



**Candle M.  
Wester**

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HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University,  
Lincoln, Neb. – Business.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big  
Sister Program; Legal Options Club; SBA;  
Women’s Law Caucus; Program of Concentrated  
Study in Alternative Dispute Resolution; Student-  
Faculty Library Committee.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant-  
Professor John Gradwohl, Professor Bill Lyons,  
Professor Richard Leiter, University of Nebraska  
College of Law.



**Melissa L.  
Willis**

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HOMETOWN: Shelton, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney  
– Political Science (honorable mention); UNK  
Outstanding Senior Award.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big  
Sister Program; First Year Orientation Leader;  
SBA; Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M.  
Grether Moot Court Competition.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Keating, O’Gara,  
Davis & Nedved, Lincoln, Neb.



**Cheryl C.  
Wolff**

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HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln –  
International Affairs.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Nebraska Moot  
Court Board; CALI Excellence for the Future  
Award in Legal Process and Wills and Trusts;  
SBA; First-Year Client Counseling Competition;  
Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Harding, Shultz  
& Downs, Lincoln, Neb.



**Travis  
Wright**

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HOMETOWN: Lexington, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2004  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln –  
Business Administration; Oxford University,  
England, Study Abroad Program.  
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Phi Alpha Delta  
International (president); SBA.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Corporate Law Clerkship-  
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.





**Stephanie A.  
Zeeb**

**HOMETOWN:** Papillion, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2004  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Political Science; Sarpy County Teen Court Scholarship; Police & Fire Association Scholarship; Papillion Fire Department Scholarship; UNL Flagline (captain); UNL Law School Academic Scholarship Recipient.  
**LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** CLEP (president); Phi Alpha Delta International (treasurer); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Women’s Law Caucus; Third Year Class SBA Representative.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Civil/Criminal Division, Lincoln, Neb.

## Graduates Not Pictured:

Brent Bottoms	Ryan Mousel
Nate Cockerham	Todd Mulliner
Brian Dales	Karen O’Hara
Andrew Faltin	Sara Ochsner
Jeff Gedbaw	Lance Olson
Mary Gound	Tony Ortiz
Johnna Graff	Jon Rehm
Michelle Herrell	Chris Richardson
Molly Honke	Aaron Schneir
Adam Hornung	Melanie Schultz
Linda Johnson	Rachel Spicer
Caleb Kirwan	Brent Swim
Jovan Lausterer	Dao Tran
Carrie Lloyd	Duc Tran
Sean McCabe	Matthew Works

## The Graduates

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The general policies of THE SENIOR TRANSCRIPT are as follows:

1. No dates are included, except for expected graduation date.
2. Undergraduate Dean’s List information is not included.
3. All resumes are in standard format consisting of hometown, expected graduation date, education, Law College activities and work experience.
4. Information was current as of January 1, 2004.
5. Abbreviations include:

- ATLA - American Trial Lawyers’ Association
- CLEP - Community Legal Education Project
- LSD/ABA - Law Student Division/American Bar Association
- NATA - Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys
- NCLU - Nebraska Civil Liberties Union
- NRLS - Natural Resources Law Society
- SBA - Student Bar Association
- VITA - Voluntary Income Tax Assistance

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