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Once again the Law College is going through some important transitions. This issue of the Transcript highlights some of them.

First, we have been successful, after almost a two-year period of searching, in finding a new dean of the College of Law. Susan Poser, a professor of law at the College of Law and chief of staff and associate to the chancellor from 2007-2010, has accepted appointment as the Law College’s 16th dean and assumed the role in May 2010. There is a more complete description of Susan elsewhere in this issue. Susan’s appointment means that I ended my term as interim dean in May. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this position. Much of my enjoyment has come from meeting and having contact with so many of you. The generosity in spirit, time and resources of the alumni and friends of the Law College makes even the task of dealing with the budget tolerable. This opportunity has also provided me with the chance to get to know my colleagues in different ways and be in a position to help them accomplish some of their goals and communicate some of their achievements to you. I thank all of you for helping me during this year to learn lessons and enjoy my experience.

The second transition that I want to mention is the end of our decade long project to improve our facilities. Our celebration in March 2010 of the opening of the Deryl F. Hamann Auditorium celebrated the last stage of that project and gave me a chance to take much credit for the little that I did. The “pie rooms” are gone. The orange chairs are gone. You can actually hear in the back of the room what is going on in the front and vice versa. You can actually see in the room and when parts of the room are dim it is intentional and possible because of the wonderful lighting system. No longer do we have to move walls around to accommodate various class sizes and presentations. Many of the classes that once had to be accommodated in the pie rooms can now occupy the new classrooms in the Duane W. Acklie Classroom Wing of the building. These brand new rooms have been further enhanced by the opportunities presented by our Space Law Program. Resources from this program have allowed us to equip some of our classrooms with technology that will not only enhance our instruction but will also allow us to communicate across the campus and around the world. These transitions are steps along the path for many great things that are ahead for the Law College.

Best Wishes,

Anna W. Shavers
Interim Dean (2009-2010) and Cline Williams Professor of Citizenship Law

It is my great honor to become the 16th Dean of the College of Law. I am very excited about the year, and the years, ahead. We have a wonderful law school with a long tradition of excellence in educating students for careers in the law. It is my great fortune to come into this position after the strong and steady leadership of Steve Willborn, followed by Anna Shavers, who did a marvelous job of being interim dean and assuring a smooth transition. We have a beautiful new facility, an accomplished faculty with two new faculty members coming in this Fall, a strong and engaged student body, a great staff and administration and the most loyal and dedicated alumni of any law school in the country. My goal is to keep our traditions strong while we build on our strengths and explore ways to create new strengths and areas of excellence. I am humbled by the welcome I have received and the words and acts of support from all over. My door is always open, my phone is plugged in and my e-mail works, so please always feel free to contact me about your own hopes and dreams for the Law College.

Thank you,

Susan Poser
Dean and Richard C. & Catherine Schmoker Professor of Law
Professor Susan Poser Named Dean

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Poser has been a professor at the College of Law since joining the faculty full-time in 1999, being promoted to associate professor in 2004 and full professor in 2008. In 2005, Poser became director of the University’s Robert J. Kutak Center for the Teaching and Study of Applied Ethics. The center’s mission is to serve as a resource for faculty who want to integrate ethics into their teaching and research. She has been on the Women’s and Gender Studies faculty, the Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Women and served as chair of the University of Nebraska System-wide Gender Equity Committee. In 2005, she received the Law College’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

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Poser is a member of the Pennsylvania and Nebraska bars and serves on the Ethics Committee of the Nebraska State Bar Association. In 2006, she was awarded the Shining Light Award from the Nebraska State Bar Foundation for her work on the Nebraska Rules of Professional Conduct. She was a law clerk to Chief Judge Dolores K. Sloviter of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, and she practiced law in Philadelphia and was the Zicklin Fellow in Ethics in the Legal Studies Department of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. In spring 2004, she was a visiting professor at the Boalt Hall School of Law at University of California, Berkeley.

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Dean Steve Willborn

Stepping down after 10 years, former dean is proud of renovated building, revised curriculum, Law College traditions.
For over 30 years, Steve Willborn, who stepped down as dean last summer, has been a teacher, scholar, administrator, author, leader, trend-setter, bocce ball competitor, colleague and friend at the College of Law.

Willborn joined the law faculty in 1979. He recalled that he was attracted to the position at the Law College for a number of reasons. “First, I was very impressed with the dean at the time, John Strong,” Willborn said. “He was well-known across the country and a very nice person. Second, the faculty at that time was very attractive to me. It was a very young faculty; most had been hired in the last few years, and I was eager to join this group of bright, ambitious scholars and teachers. Most of them are still here, and now they’re old (that is, long time) friends and colleagues. Finally, the building was new and sparkling then. There were a few odd colors here and there, but everything was bright and new. It’s odd to think that I’ve been at Nebraska long enough to have a building wear out during my time here.”

Willborn has seen some dramatic changes at the Law College over the years. “The change in technology has been astounding,” Willborn said. “It must be hard for today’s students to imagine how we operated without the technology we have today to do research and teach. I wrote my first articles on yellow pads, literally cutting and pasting paragraphs when I wanted to move them around. Communication with students occurred in person or on real paper pinned to bulletin boards. International research was very difficult to do without going somewhere far away to get access to the right books (which I did, of course!).”

The change in technology required a number of expensive changes in the building. “Because of our generous alumni, we now have a wonderful, modern facility,” Willborn said. “We never could have imagined when I arrived that we would have a building where faculty could include in their classes people in Washington, or New York, or China for that matter; where students could sit in any spot in the building and access all reported cases and most of the world’s legal literature; where teachers would pull up documents and images from the internet and display them in their classes; and on and on. And, I must mention, we also have the very best, coolest restrooms in all of state government and lots of other neat amenities (a beautiful courtyard, great auditorium, attractive student lounge, to name a few).”

The College’s physical plant was not the only thing to change over the years. Willborn noted there have been significant enhancements made to the curriculum, as well. Looking to his own field as an example, Willborn noted that when he first came to the Law College, the curriculum did not include Employment Law, which today, “is the core course in the field.” Back then, “Labor Law occupied the field.” While the curriculum included a course on discrimination law, that course has expanded greatly to cover disability, genetic and age discrimination, among others.

Moreover, he added, “this kind of expansion and deepening has occurred across virtually the whole curriculum.” For instance, when he arrived, “We offered no separate courses on alternative dispute resolution, or pensions, or civil rights litigation.”

Despite all of the changes, “the most important parts of the College have remained about the same,” Willborn said. “The core courses are still about the same; the students are still very talented, ambitious and hard-working; the faculty is composed of good teachers and productive scholars. We had a very good culture when I came, and that has stayed the same.”

In 2000, Willborn succeeded former Dean Nancy B. Rapoport and began his 10 year tenure as dean. During his time as dean,
Willborn had several important projects to lead.

“Obviously, one thing we needed to do was to bring our building into the modern era,” Willborn said. “Our very generous alumni made it possible for us to do that and, today, we have a sparkling new building. This is important not only because it permits us to use modern technology to teach and do research, but also because it has helped us attract very good students and faculty. It is now pleasant to think about working and living in our building for three years (for students) or 40 years (for faculty).”

As dean, Willborn also worked hard to recruit excellent faculty.

“When I became dean, it was obvious that we were going to go through a period of change in the faculty,” Willborn said. “At that time, we had no untenured faculty and about 80% of our faculty were over 50 years of age. So change was coming, and it was important to manage and direct that change. I’m very proud of the faculty we’ve attracted during my time as dean. They will pay dividends to our students and the state for years and decades to come.”

Willborn also led the faculty during some very important curricular changes.

“Students can now get credit for externships,” Willborn said. “Many have learned a great deal in that way, and brought that learning back to the College to share with faculty and other students. We also make it possible for students to specialize in certain areas. For example, students have focused their course work on litigation, or business transactions, or labor or environmental law. Finally, we have taken steps to encourage and reward pro bono service.”

Willborn said he is looking forward to returning to the faculty and having the chance to focus his work on teaching and scholarship. He has a backlog of scholarly projects that he is planning on working on.

“I hope everyone out there is really interested in buying a book on the development of labor law in the global environment. I expect it to be a blockbuster and people should know that the movie rights are still available. I also have a project or two in mind that might be of more interest to a general audience, but I’m not ready to talk about those projects yet.”

He is also looking forward to spending more time with students and getting to know them better. “One of the disappointments of being dean (and one that I hadn’t fully appreciated),” Willborn said, “was how hard it would be to develop the kinds of relationships with students I had been accustomed to as a faculty member. I was just out of the building too much and in the classroom too little.”

On the other hand, Willborn said he will miss interacting as much with the alumni as he did while he was dean.

“When one becomes dean, people lament how hard it’s going to be to deal with alumni. But it’s been a delight. Our alumni are among the most interesting people in the world. Getting to know them and hear their stories (and, often, to thank them sincerely for their help and generosity) has been fun and rewarding. One doesn’t have to be dean to enjoy this, and I will do my best to keep in touch with many of them, but the plain fact is that I will do less of that in future.”

Over the years, Willborn has enjoyed and even started a few Law College traditions.

“I think these kinds of traditions are really important to the camaraderie and spirit of a school,” Willborn said. “Roscoe’s nose is important to us, of course, and all the offerings he receives throughout the school year. And I think the Bocce tournament and haiku competition are also beginning to contribute.”

Last spring, at a party held to honor Willborn for his time as dean, his colleagues, knowing how fond he was of the Law College traditions, honored him with one of them – one he started – the haiku contest.

Every spring, Willborn would hold a haiku contest for the law school community, challenging students, faculty and staff to write haiku on the law school or the law. He thought this exercise would be a good opportunity for some “necessary procrastination.” Competitors would submit their entries for Willborn’s review knowing that he would be the one and only judge. And it was quite the achievement to be selected as one of the winners.

To honor him last spring, guests were encouraged to write a haiku “about Steve,” and, if they dared, a roasting haiku. There were quite a number of takers. Some selected entries are included with this article. And in the true spirit of his annual contest, Willborn was allowed to select the winner.
A Roast by Haiku

A few of Dean Willborn’s colleagues took the opportunity to “roast” him on his way out via the Law College tradition he introduced — haiku

Humid is the day
Judges of Steve’s hair be damned
Show him some mercy

With wave upon wave
Steve walks with more height
Humid...is the day

Angie Hohensee

Cleveland Indians
Tale of baseball misery
Better taste in cheese

Susan Poser

Academic years,
Deanships, run their term and end.
Steve is forever.
The best breads go stale;
Our best leather shoes wear thin.
Steve is forever.
The best things endure;
True friends, good sense, sound judgment.
And so may Steve, forever.

Craig Lawson

Man, professor, dean.
Cheese aficionado,
Many-haiku’d man.

Eric Berger
On September 25, 2010, more than 80,000 people will crowd into Memorial Stadium to see the Husker football team take on South Dakota State. Somewhere in the crowd will be a number of College of Law students and alums. One will make a grand entrance. Andy Kruse, ’10, will fly over the stadium in an F-16 with its afterburner blazing.

Flying has always been an important part of Kruse’s life. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1986 and spent the next ten years on active duty in the Navy. “I was on the USS Saratoga,” he recalled. “We flew airplanes all around the Mediterranean. We would launch off the ship and a lot of times just fly over the water. But often we would go ‘feet dry’ into Turkish or Italian airspace and practice doing weapon deliveries over their military targets.” He also did combat patrols up and down the Adriatic as the fighting heated up in the former Yugoslavia.

When he left active duty, Kruse transferred to the South Dakota Air National Guard where he is now a lieutenant colonel. One of his jobs is to “sit alert” at a duty station near Washington, D.C., “ready to launch at a moment’s notice and take care of any business that is necessary.”

His civilian job was as a commercial pilot for Northwest Airlines flying domestic flights based out of Minneapolis. After ten years he left his position with Northwest to go to law school. “I always wanted to go to law school,” he said, “but I loved to fly airplanes and I thought I could always go to law school later.” With his youngest daughter starting kindergarten, it was time to make the move. Having been raised in Walthill, and with family nearby, the Law College was a logical place to resume his academic pursuits.

Coming back to school after 20 years was a challenge. “The volume of reading surprised me,” Kruse said. But he had the support of his family and of his fellow students who he says taught him a lot “as far as study habits and just how to survive,” even though “I think I had more in common with most of their folks than I did with them.”

The presence of the Space and Telecom Law LL.M. program at the Law College allowed him to combine his interest in the law and aviation by pursuing a certificate of concentrated study in the area. He hopes to weave what he has learned through the Space and Telecom
Law program into his practice as a patent attorney.

Kruse’s 2010 Memorial Stadium flyover will not be his first. He participated in a flyover prior to the 2008 Baylor game. After time consuming paperwork to get the flyover approved and a 7 a.m. briefing session on the morning of the flyover, they launched at 10:30 a.m. from Sioux Falls and then flew in circles at 3,000 to 4,000 feet over Wahoo. Their timing was perfect as they arrived over the stadium as the National Anthem was being sung.

“I had always, since I was ten, wanted to fly over a Husker football game,” Kruse said. “One of my goals was to fly over the student section and we pulled that off. My other goals were to be on time, be fast and be loud. We did all four of those things. I was in the lead and I had one of my wingmen on my left side and two on my right. We call it the ‘fingertip formation.’”

After landing and parking at Duncan Aviation, the airmen got a limousine ride to the stadium where they were treated to a tour including a visit to the Heisman Room and the press box. At the end of the third quarter, they were introduced to the crowd while they stood at the 20 yard line. Of course, they unzipped their uniforms to show off their Nebraska shirts. “Showing up in your red Husker T-shirt was a requirement; if you didn’t you weren’t going to fly that day,” he said. Look for Kruse wearing his Husker gear on September 25. He promises to be on time, fast and loud.

Andy Kruse is introduced to the crowd at Memorial Stadium after his flyover at the 2008 Baylor game.
Spotlight on the Career Services Office: Finding Alternatives

By Tasha Everman
Assistant Dean and Director of Career Services

One of the biggest surprises for me when I took over the Career Services Office in the fall of 2005 was the number of students pursuing non-traditional law firm careers. I, like many others, assumed that the vast majority of law graduates would leave to join private firms. In fact, the most recent statistics available at that time indicated that only 47% of our students went into the private practice of law. An overview of the last ten years showed that the range fluctuates from 41% all the way up to 60% but traditionally falls somewhere around half of the graduating class.

As I started counseling students one-on-one, I discovered that many had chosen law school based on their belief in the common saying, “You can do anything with a law degree.” These students were coming to me for specifics on exactly what the word “anything” was referring to and looking for guidance on how to break into these elusive alternative fields. In an effort to help broaden students’ employment horizons and at the same time educate myself, I started the “Alternative Legal Career Week” in spring of 2006. The stated goal of the program was to expand students’ knowledge of post-graduate employment options and to create opportunities for our students to interact with our alumni who had successfully pursued “alternative” paths. Alternative Legal Career Week consists of five days of lunch-hour panel discussions. The format has been essentially the same each year with panelists sharing a bit about their career paths since law school, what it is they do now and why they chose their career over a private law career.

The mood is conversational and the students are encouraged to follow-up with direct questions of the panelists. Many students have reported that the panel discussions have spurred them to research and pursue options for employment that they would have otherwise overlooked. At the very least, the panelists clearly help to raise student awareness of issues regarding work-life balance and lifestyle choices that many students neglect to take into consideration when choosing their career paths.

In February 2010, we held our fifth annual Alternative Legal Career Week and brought a record 23 successful Law College alumni back to share their stories. In the last five years, we have had panels focused on opportunities in the insurance industry, banking and financial services, academia, corporate governance, legal publishing, health care management, politics, federal and state government and state agencies, just to name a few. The focus of the panels has varied from year to year based on student interest and on trends in post-graduate opportunities. This year, for example, we made a point of including individuals who engage in regulatory compliance across a variety of industries.

This program would not be possible if it were not for our alumni volunteer panelists. Each year I reach out to alumni, and they consistently and graciously agree to give back to the Law College by sharing their time and expertise with the students. This year our panelists represented class years from 1977 to 2009. One panelist even had her daughter, a member of the Class of 2010, in the audience! Thanks to the overwhelming support of alumni, the Alternative Legal Career Week has become one of the best received programs by our student body. I can’t thank all those who have participated enough for their generosity and their willingness to share their own stories of success.

In addition to sharing a bit about the history of this program with you, I wanted to leave you with two items to consider:

The next Alternative Legal Career Week will be held February 21-25, 2011.

I am always looking for interesting career paths to highlight and general topics for the panel discussions. Remember that “alternative” in this context refers to any position outside a traditional private law firm and includes both JD required and JD preferred positions. If you think you would like to be a part of this or other CSO programs, please contact me directly at teverman2@unl.edu.

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Please never hesitate to contact me if you have ideas on how we can better serve our students or alumni.
For years people have been predicting the death of books and the general demise of libraries. The people who have been most passionate about them are those who stand to gain financially by their own predictions. And that’s not to say that we haven’t all benefitted from digital developments in the world of legal bibliography. But this past decade has seen some extraordinary technological developments. It looks like world of law libraries may finally be at the cusp of a fundamental change in how we collect, organize and distribute legal materials.

Primary Legal Materials
For the entire history of our Western legal system, the publication of primary legal materials (cases, statutes and regulations) was intimately tied up with tools that help lawyers understand the law. The 19th century saw the rise of the industrialization of case reporting when John B. West created the National Reporter System, a reporting service that systematically and promptly reported every published case that came from the United States judicial system. The process for collecting and publishing them was strictly objective and so efficient that the volume of reported cases made research virtually impossible without an elaborate indexing system, or some sort of key to finding needed cases. West’s Key Number System, that purported to index every legal issue decided by the courts and was accessible through the encyclopedic digest system, served two purposes: reporting cases quickly and authoritatively and providing subject access to the courts’ rulings on specific issues.

Over time, West Publishing was so successful at its business that it became the reporter of record for many jurisdictions. Even when a state published its own cases, the West reporter versions were preferred because of their widespread distribution, reliability and speed with which they were published, none of which the official reporters could compete.

West also eventually tackled publication of state and federal codes with the same zeal. Although they were considered “unofficial” versions, their annotated codes became well regarded and authoritative, and, in some cases were adopted as official versions.

Since for most practicing lawyers West was the best possible source for case law, the company assumed a business model that relied heavily on sales of primary legal materials. This left us in the peculiar situation in which most primary legal materials, that are, in fact, free to everyone, were only available from a single (very expensive) commercial source. West Publishing found itself in the awkward position of being a virtual monopolist of a great deal of free, public legal materials, through no fault of its own. Since ours is a nation of laws, it is difficult to understand how states and federal courts and legislatures could not have made it a priority to publish their laws and cases, but it is a fact that the federal government’s official US Code is so slow to be published as to be virtually unusable; the same is true with the publication of the official reports of the United States Supreme Court. It is equally difficult to understand how or why the federal courts have never even attempted to publish cases from any of the other federal courts.

The “Open Access” Movement
Regardless of the nature of their intentions, by the 1980s there was a significant amount of activism against West’s de facto monopoly on the publication of primary legal materials. Activists in the “open access” or “free law” movement have, in the last two decades, been working to make all primary legal materials freely accessible and free to everyone. They reason that since case law,
statutes and regulatory materials are the primary sources of the law that governs them, all citizens should have free, easy access to the materials. The fact is, much of the best sources of this material is published by the West Publishing company, which, as described above, was the source of substantial corporate profit. As calls came for governments and courts to freely release their cases and codes, many were unable to do so because they weren't the publishers of their own materials!

In the early 1990’s the situation heated up intensely, and open access advocates eventually brought the matter to the attention of the Justice Department, alleging that West Publishing was in violation of a number of anti-trust laws and moral principles for refusing to freely turn over its editions of federal case law to the courts or to emerging publishers who wished to scan the contents of the National Reporter System and distribute it on CD-ROMs, microfilm or their own databases.

The issue settled before it was fully heard in the courts, and resulted in West being able to sell its collections of primary materials for licensing fees. Little is known about the specific terms of the settlement, but it is known that publishers pay West to use the volume and page numbers for cases. But the most significant result of the controversy was the sale of West Publishing to Thomson, a Canadian newspaper publisher. The 60 shareholders of West were fed up with the controversy surrounding the publishing of primary legal materials; they simply wanted to get out while the going was good. The company sold for more than 3.5 billion dollars. Now a division of Thomson Reuters, West still publishes primary legal materials.

But the world is changing and West, as well as the other main publisher of primary legal materials, Lexis, are struggling to keep up. As the government and courts make increased use of the internet and various other online digital technologies to publish and distribute primary legal materials, it is becoming less necessary for researchers to buy them from West or Lexis. As legal researchers, we are not yet in a position to abandon altogether the outstanding primary law products from Lexis and West, which are enhanced with elaborate indexing, digesting and case-verification tools, but it is clear that individuals and organizations are working to develop new programming tools to make web-based legal materials affordable and useful. Two examples are Govtrack.us, and Google Scholar’s Legal Opinions and Journals. Govtrack.us is an example of an outstanding free service that gives researchers superior access to pending federal legislation. It has substantially outdone West and Lexis’ offerings for tracking federal law-making. Google’s SLOJ, is brand new and, though it is for now clearly an inferior means of researching US case law, Google is committed to continuing to improve its content and usefulness. With the resources that Google can throw into the process, its potential is nearly limitless.

This move to free access to primary legal materials appears to be inevitable. The major problems with digital access to primary legal materials are reliability and permanence. At present, there are no standards that can guarantee that
any particular document retrieved from the internet at any point in time is the authoritative version of the underlying law or case. Neither is there a standard for collecting, compiling and preserving electronic versions of this kind of material. These are huge obstacles, but many groups are presently working on developing such standards, including, among many others, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and the American Association of Law Libraries, and there is every reason to think that some meaningful standards will be forthcoming. In the end, everyone with an internet connection and a web browser will be able to have instant access to all primary legal materials from every jurisdiction, court and legislative body in the land.

"Not Free" Law
That means that law libraries and law books will simply disappear in a digital mist, right? Not quite. Every lawyer knows that having access to all needed primary materials doesn’t always help you solve a research question. What’s more helpful is a work that interprets the cases and describes the procedures and rules that come from them, or a system that provides you access to only the most important, instructive cases. Books that not only describe, discuss and criticize laws, but provide practical information about how they are applied, plus forms and examples of practical documents, are the most valuable resources that publishers publish and that libraries collect.

In the old analog world, libraries could purchase a copy of a book, maintain it and make it available to all patrons for an unlimited amount of time. In this environment, secondary materials, the most valuable materials to legal researchers, were distributed extremely broadly. A public library could purchase the materials it could afford and make them available to anyone. A law firm library could purchase a single copy of a treatise and not only make it available to all attorneys in the firm, but could also loan it to other firms.

The great revolution in legal research and publishing came not simply because online gave quick access to materials, it allowed publishers the ability to sell access to the materials based on a new paradigm: the volume of time the materials were used. This changed the landscape in fundamental ways by making publishers see the sale of online access to legal materials as the real way to increase profits. Essentially, the sale of online legal materials represents a second sale where libraries purchase online subscriptions to materials they already own in print. And the sale of secondary materials is really a lease. Westlaw and Lexis sell two things: primary and secondary legal materials. Under this new paradigm in the present economic climate with shrinking budgets for legal materials, there is increased incentive for discontinuing paying for access to primary materials.

What all this means for today’s lawyers and libraries is that at some point we will be able to gradually discontinue our reliance on commercial publishers as sources for primary legal materials. Logically, this means that we’ll have to purchase fewer materials from Lexis and West. Sadly, while it may be the case that we won’t have to subscribe to as many titles as before, we will continue to pay them more for less content.

This is how it will work. Even if we cancel the entire National Reporter System and all the annotated codes published by West, we will still need the indexes, digests and Key Numbers that they publish. Without West’s indexing system and catalog of secondary materials, legal researchers are lost. (Imagine sitting down at your computer and launching a service that has access to all cases ever published and inputting a query designed to retrieve all relevant cases on the subject of when a minor can commit to a binding contract. Would you really want every single case ever decided on the subject, or just the ones that are most influential?) As West and Lexis see their revenue decline from sales of primary materials, they will (and are) increasing their prices for access to their secondary materials to make up the difference.

The Revolution
Will increased access to free primary materials make libraries disappear, or become cheaper? It is unlikely that as demand for premiere versions of primary law, such as those available from Westlaw and Lexis declines, the cost for the enhanced, secondary materials will increase in order to account for the anticipated loss of revenue. Of course, part of the irony is that West has had decades to develop and enhance its primary offerings with annotations and cross references to encyclopedias, form books and treatises, such that it’s nearly unthinkable that someone can practice law with only access to free law resources.

For the last 15 years, prices of materials have increased at rates steadily ahead of inflation or reason. The digital revolution, which once upon a time promised free access to legal materials, will deliver on that promise; it’s just that the free materials it will deliver, even if it comprises the sum total of all primary law in the country at every level and jurisdiction, will amount to only a minor portion of the materials that lawyers need in order to practice law, and the public needs in order to understand it.
Members of the College of Law’s Class of 2009 received their J.D. degrees on May 9, 2009, at a ceremony held at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts. The commencement address was delivered by Law College alum Ted Sorensen, ’51. Sorensen served as special counsel and primary speechwriter for President John F. Kennedy. Sorensen later joined the prominent U.S. law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, while still staying involved in politics. His most recent book is Counselor: A Life at the Edge of History.

This is what he had to say to the Class of 2009:

I am grateful for your invitation. I am like the retiree in Eastern Poland who not long ago applied to his hometown for a pension. The authorities, upon calling him in, said: “We find that you were born here, but educated in Belorussia, next employed in Lithuania, then in the Soviet Union and now you expect us to pay your pension!” “But,” the pension applicant replied, “I never left this town!” For the last 58 years, I have worked in Washington, D.C., and New York, supped in London and Paris, dispensed advice in Cairo and Singapore; but, in my heart, I never left this town.

A wise lawyer knows who his real client is. Is it the corporation, its chief executive officer, the board, the shareholders? That question is particularly important for government lawyers. Forty-eight years ago, in my White House office steps away from the Oval Office, my client was not John F. Kennedy. My client was the American people. My obligation was not to his party or its platform. My obligation was to the law.

In a country based on the rule of law, in which no man is above the law, whatever his rank or title, no man can undertake, authorize or immunize unlawful conduct. Our current wonderful president cannot promise the CIA practitioners of torture that they will not be prosecuted, having been secretly and wrongfully advised by intellectually and morally dishonest lawyers in the Department of Justice that waterboarding and other forms of torture were legal.

Virtually every lawyer worth his diploma knows that the United States is a signatory to the Geneva Conventions on War Crimes and the 1984 Convention Against Torture; that waterboarding is torture and that torture is illegal, regardless of pieces of paper from Justice Department lawyers who disgraced not only their country but their profession, a fact of which their respective bar associations should take note. Those lawyers apparently thought in 2003-04 that their client was the president and later his attorney general. Wrong. Their client was the American people who had a right to expect that their lawyers would know the law and uphold it, not attempt to redefine it or interpret it away.

Justice Brandeis said it best long ago. “For good or ill, government teaches the whole people by its example. If government becomes a law-breaker, it invites every man to become a law unto himself... anarchy.”

Tom Paine wrote it first in Common Sense. “You may ask, where is our king? In monarchies, the king is law. In our democracy, the law is king.”

Yes, here the law is king – long live the king! Does that mean that terrorists, by definition defy all law, should enjoy the benefit of law? That the devil himself would get the benefit of law, as Sir Thomas More’s son-in-law Roper asked him in the play I most recommend to young lawyers, “A Man for All Seasons.”

Sir Thomas replied: “Yes, I would give the devil the benefit of law. What would you do, Roper, cut a great road through the law to go after the devil?”

Roper: “Yes, I’d cut down every law in England to do that.”

Sir Thomas: “Oh and when the last law was down and the devil turned round on you, where would you hide, the law all being flat? This country is planted thick with laws from coast to coast.... Do you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then? Yes, I’d give the devil the benefit of law, for my own safety’s sake!”

The brave Russian dissident Alexander Solzhenitsyn said, in the darkest days of Soviet tyranny, that every citizen has an obligation to stand up against injustice in his own country, but artists and intellectuals have a special obligation. If that is true, what about the lawyers?

Not long ago, I heard a distinguished German historian lecture on the lack of...
resistance to Hitler’s swift rise in a country previously known for its civilized culture. “What about the lawyers and judges?” I asked. “Ah,” he said, “that is a sad story.”

For generations, the literature of injustice has defined or illustrated arbitrary procedures by reference or comparison to a single infamous episode – the Salem Witch Trials, the Spanish Inquisition or one name like Kafka or Orwell; and every reader knew what was meant. Hereafter, writers will need only to mention another one-word memory of horror – “Guantanamo,” where prisoners indefinitely detained without unfettered access to either court or counsel, nearly 800 years after the Magna Carta, were subjected to brutal abhorrent torture, treated worse than animals. Animals! No American could get away with seizing a dog by the collar and smashing it against a wall. But surely, you say, the Bill of Rights did not design due process to protect terrorists. True, it was not designed to protect terrorists or murderers or rapists; it was designed to protect our country and everyone in it. It was designed to provide the best and fairest method of determining who was a terrorist, murderer or rapist – we call that “liberty and justice for all.”

Senator John McCain of Arizona once summed up the reason we give due process to terrorists. “It’s not about their values; it’s about ours.” As the great defense attorney Clarence Darrow told a jury in 1920, “You can only protect your liberties by protecting the other man’s freedom – you can only be free if I am free.” Martin Luther King in his 1963 letter from Birmingham Jail wrote, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere – we are all tied in a single garment of destiny.”

After a few low-level American guards were hypocritically accused by the very same president who authorized torture of “dishonoring our nation and disregarding our values” by torturing detainees at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, a tearful relative of the other American cited the horrendous acts of the enemy, and cried out: “Must Americans always be held to a higher standard?” To that question, my answer is “YES!”

With all those now exposed of complicity in torture pointing fingers of blame at each other, it is clear that the guilty include political ideologues, cowardly bureaucrats and inexperienced psychologists, all of whom plead ignorance of the law – but what about the lawyers?

Some claim that torture gets results. Yes, torture gets results. It has resulted in easier, swifter, more successful recruitment for terrorist organizations among the millions of young Islamic fanatics who are willing to use the one weapon against which an open society such as ours has no sure defense – suicide bombing. It also resulted in a sharp decline in America’s standing among allies who might otherwise have provided intelligence and other forms of help. It has cost us the respect from other countries that we once enjoyed, which protected us against attacks from abroad. In short, torture in recent years resulted in a deepening of our national security. That is why America’s best military leaders do not support torture. They know it will lead in time to its use against captured American military personnel. They know that the moral authority of the United States, its traditional ability to occupy the moral high ground in an international conflict, is an important part of our security, more important than the worthless statements extracted from torture’s victims who will cry out anything to halt it.

A few years ago the American Bar Association established a Commission on the Renaissance of Idealism in the Legal Profession. I had the privilege to be named honorary co-chairman. The commission reminded all members of the Bar of their obligations to do justice, to obey the law, to defend the Constitution and to insist that our country observe international law in concert with other law-abiding nations. That’s what lawyers do.

That’s what many brave members of the Army’s Judge Advocate General Corps did when they had the courage and integrity to stand up for the law and protest those fraudulent legal justifications for torture emanating from a Justice Department that they realized was spouting injustice.

Too many other American lawyers remained silent while our Constitution was being violated, while the rule of law was being flouted. Silent. But as Martin Luther King said, “There comes a time when silence means betrayal.” Those military lawyers deserve medals.

Their integrity reminds me of Attorney General Robert Kennedy’s statement to the University of San Francisco Law School years ago.

“Courage is the most important attribute of a lawyer, more important than competence or vision. It can never be dated or outworn. It should pervade the heart, the halls of justice and the chambers of the mind. Courage.”

Think about it. Most of you as new lawyers will soon find it easy to make a buck; but find it hard to make a difference. Remember what Winston Churchill said. “We make a living by what we get – we make a life by what we give.”

One apologist for those mindless Justice Department opinions authorizing and justifying torture said by way of excuse, “Remember it was a time of high danger.”

High danger? Almost 47 years ago, the president of the United States learned that the Soviet Union had suddenly, secretly rushed nuclear intermediate-range missiles onto the island of Cuba, 90 miles from our shores, with the apparent intent of using them for either nuclear obliteration or nuclear blackmail; and we entered a period that historians have subsequently called the most dangerous 13 days in the history of mankind. President Kennedy did not seek or claim extraordinary emergency legal authority. He did not order the imprisonment, much less the torture, of all Communists or Cubans in our country, nor have their telephones tapped without a warrant. Mindful of international law, he took America’s case to the United Nations and the Organization of American States, and he redesigned a proposed blockade of Cuba into quarantine against offensive weapons, carefully balancing deterrence and defense with dialogue and diplomacy, thereby avoiding both nuclear war and a diminution of our security or our adherence to international law.

Eight months later, at American University, he called for “a new effort to achieve world law . . . resolving disputes on the basis of law.”

Thanks to Hollywood, the term “Bucket List” has joined the American vernacular, referring to those priorities that an aging person wants to achieve before he or she “kicks the bucket” and dies. My Bucket List at age 81 (yesterday) does not include climbing Machu Picchu, running the marathon, visiting the Eiffel Tower, seeing the Pyramids or the Great Wall of China. I’ve been lucky enough to have “been there and done all that.” My Bucket List is to see both my country and my profession once more globally respected and effective in the pursuit of what President Kennedy called, “A world of law in which the strong are just and the weak secure and the peace preserved forever.”
At its 2009 graduation, the College of Law continued its tradition of recognizing the significant contribution that family loyalty makes to the Law College. At the Family Tradition Ceremony prior to graduation, 10 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.

From left: Hon. Laurie Smith Camp, ’77, Jonathan Smith Camp, ’09, and Jon A. Camp, ’77

Kristi J. Griess, ’09, and Kelly J. Boswell, ’03

Gregory D. Kratz, ’09, and Paul D. Kratz, ’74

John C. Ehrich, ’09, and Sandra K. Ehrich, ’73
Lindsay R. Snyder, '09, and Paul W. Snyder, '75
Matthew C. Boyle, '09, and Lynette Z. Boyle, '85
Sean D. White, '09, and David A. White, '79
Carissa Shipley, '09, and Joseph F. Chilen, '68
Natalie A. Navis, '09, and William L. Navis, '75
Thomas P. McCarty, '09, and Timothy J. McCarty, '03
College of Law Named “Best Value”

The College of Law came in third on the National Jurist magazine’s list of “2009 Best Value Law Schools.” Rankings were based upon tuition costs, bar passage rates and employment statistics.

Agricultural Law Field Trip

Two members of the Environmental and Agricultural Law Society, Tim Hruza, ’12, and Jeff Murman, ’12, met Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack at the annual conference of the American Ag Law Association in Williamsburg, Va. Professor Anthony Schutz accompanied the students with travel provided through the Neal and Leone Harlan Agricultural Excellence Fund. The students attended presentations focusing on protecting the family farm, promoting local purchases of food and understanding the implications of federal antitrust law and the Farm Bill. “The conference was a great chance to network with other students with similar interests, as well as professionals and professors from across the country. It is clear that agricultural law will be of utmost importance as the earth’s population swells and available farmlands shrink. I look forward to attending next year’s conference in Omaha,” Murman said.

Judge Michael Kirby

The Hon. Michael Kirby, former chief justice of Australia, addressed a packed courtroom of students, faculty, attorneys.

Speakers, field trips enrich Law College

Students Tim Hruza (far right) and Jeff Murman (second from far right) met with Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack at the American Ag Law Association conference in Williamsburg, Va. in September.
and judges on Sept. 22, 2009, at the Law College. Kirby’s speech, entitled, “Citations of Foreign and International Law in Constitutional Decision-Making,” was hosted as part of the Roman L. Hruska Institute for the Administration of Justice.

“This is a dean’s dream, that you have so many people coming in and filling up a room that you have to find places to put them,” Interim Dean Anna Shavers said of the large audience.

However, the high attendance wasn’t the remarkable point of the lecture; Judge Kirby’s perspective on international law gave the audience a look at issues that many in the Midwest rarely encounter in practice or research.

In 1975, Kirby became a deputy president of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and eventually was appointed to the federal judiciary. He is the youngest man ever appointed to judge in Australia, and in 1996, was appointed to the highest court in Australia, where he served for 13 years. Kirby retired from High Court of Australia on Feb. 2, 2009. At the time of his retirement, he was Australia’s longest serving judge.

During Kirby’s time on the High Court of Australia, he ran into one case that he was definitely unprepared for, and he utilized the law of other lands for guidance.

“It started as an exquisitely boring case about landlord and tenant law. Any relief in the middle of that case was a blessing,” he said. But, one of the parties was deaf and mute, and therefore needed an interpreter in court. While this seems like a normal request in the United States, it wasn’t always so easy. Kirby had to find places to put them. 

Kirby also got into a discussion of newly appointed United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. He lauded her ALCU speech in Puerto Rico, where she noted that international and foreign law will be very important in the discussion of how we think about the unsettled issues in our own legal system.

“It seemed that people feared that her experience as a Latina, as a woman and a person who grew up in public housing without great economic advantages might influence the way she looks at legal problems,” Kirby said. “[But] anyone who thinks that a judge deciding a case is completely impervious to their life’s experience and background . . . has really forgotten the principles that Roscoe Pound taught 100 years ago.”

Judge William Fletcher

On October 26 and 27, 2009, Judge William Fletcher of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit visited the College of Law as the Cline Williams Jurist-in-Residence. During his visit, Fletcher participated in several discussion groups, attended small luncheons and delivered a lecture to a packed courtroom filled with law students, law faculty and members of the Lincoln bar.

Susan Poser, at the time associate to the chancellor and professor of law, who studied under Fletcher at Boalt Hall, introduced him at his lecture. The lecture focused on the United States Supreme Court’s most recent death penalty jurisprudence and the fatal flaws in the current application of the death penalty in the United States.

Fletcher illustrated his argument through the example of Kevin Cooper – a man currently on death row in California for murdering a family and their young houseguest in Chino Hills, Calif., in 1983. In his dissent from the Ninth Circuit’s denial of Cooper’s Petition for Rehearing and Petition for Rehearing En Banc, Fletcher declared that “the State of California may be about to execute an innocent man.” Cooper v. Brown, 565 F.3d 581, 581 (9th Cir. 2009) (Fletcher, J., dissenting).

In his lecture, Fletcher detailed the facts surrounding the sloppy investigation of the murders and discussed the San Bernardino sheriff’s narrow focus on Cooper as the sole suspect despite the existence of exculpatory evidence. Fletcher clearly asserted that “a guilty man can be framed,” and stated his belief that although he was unsure as to whether Cooper committed the murders, he was nevertheless certain that Cooper was framed. He concluded his lecture by arguing that the fatal flaws in the application of the death penalty could not be adequately remedied, and thus the death penalty should not be imposed.

— Reporting by Coady Pruett

**Thomas Mitchell: Winthrop and Frances Lane Lecturer**

Thomas W. Mitchell, associate professor of law at the University of Wisconsin Law School, presented the 2009 Winthrop and Frances Lane Lecture. At Wisconsin, Mitchell directs the Community Development Summer Externship Program that places students with public interest law firms and community-based organizations located in low-income urban and rural communities in the United States. He is vice president of the Board of Directors of Farmers Legal Action Group, the leading public interest law firm that represents the interests of family farmers. Mitchell provided the Nebraska Transcript with this summary of his remarks.

Given the long and tortured history of race relations in the history of the United States, this past year represented a watershed moment in our country’s history as the first African-American was elected president of the United States last November. In many ways, the very fact that it was even possible for Barack Obama to be elected president of the United States is attributable to the barriers that had been
knocked down in previous eras, including racial barriers that fell during the Civil Rights Movement. With passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, for example, legal mechanisms that had been utilized to suppress the African-American vote in different parts of the country such as literacy tests were deemed unlawful. Not surprisingly, African-Americans have been much more able to participate in elective politics over the past four decades. For example, between 1970 and 2000, the number of black elected officials in the country increased from 1,469 to 9,040. In addition, African-Americans have been elected as mayors in a number of majority white cities with populations over 50,000.

Nevertheless, there remains much unfinished business from the Civil Rights Movement. Over the course of the 1960s, civil rights leaders learned that white Americans and elected officials were somewhat willing in the end to remove certain barriers that had limited the ability of African-Americans to utilize certain public accommodations in a nondiscriminatory way, to vote, and to exercise their freedom of speech among other civil and political rights. However, the demands that many civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Charles Sherrod in Albany, Ga., made for greater economic justice, were left unaddressed. In fact, those who called for greater economic justice were considered to be radicals at the time.

Over time, this part of the agenda of the Civil Rights Movement has tended to be marginalized in popular culture and in history classes that are taught in primary schools, secondary schools and within colleges and universities. For far too many Americans, the Civil Rights Movement can be boiled down to selected parts of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream Speech” that called for Americans to judge people by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin and other parts of the speech addressing King’s dream that children of different races and backgrounds would come to see themselves as part of one human family.

Martin Luther King, however, did not simply come to Washington, D.C., on August 23, 1963, to deliver a speech at the Lincoln Memorial in which he simply would describe some of his dreams. He also came to “cash a check” that would enable African-Americans as a group to enjoy for the first time their unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Once free to enjoy such rights, African-Americans would be able to move from their “lonely island of poverty” into the economic mainstream of American life.

Nevertheless, even though more than 40 years has passed since the end of the Civil Rights Movement, too little progress has been made on closing the economic gap that separates whites and blacks (and other people of color) in the United States. Today, the typical black family makes just 58 percent of the income of the typical white family. The racial wealth gap – an important measure of racial differences in net worth with intergenerational consequences – is much worse. Today, the average black family has between just seven and ten percent of the net worth of the average white family. Sadly, these income and wealth gaps have been growing wider in recent years.

Addressing such large issues as the racial wealth gap will require a comprehensive strategy. It becomes apparent that transactional lawyers can play an important role in closing the racial wealth gap when one considers disadvantaged communities through an asset-based community development perspective that highlights the assets, however modest, that many communities of color do in fact possess that hold the potential to serve as the foundation for social and economic advancement. For example, those knowledgeable in business organizations can provide community-based organizations and certain low-income property owners with much needed assistance in different choice of entity matters that could impact the ability of these organizations and property owners to maintain their organizations and property in a stable way over time. Real estate attorneys can assist community organizations in their efforts to build affordable housing projects, day care centers or other real estate projects that are designed to benefit certain communities.

Many community development corporations and other community-based organizations are able to obtain funding to hire the transactional lawyers they need to develop particular projects. However, other communities are often unable to develop any of the community development projects they’d like to undertake because they cannot afford to pay for those who possess the technical and professional skills that are needed to develop these projects. Many more of these projects could get off the ground if more law firms and transactional lawyers would be willing to offer their services on a pro bono or reduced-fee basis. Though such a development may seem unlikely given the current economic environment, more transactional attorneys are engaged in pro bono matters today than was the case 10 or 20 years ago.

It would be quite an improvement if more transactional attorneys in general would seek out at least some opportunities to use their transactional skills to promote social justice. At the same time, there is a particular need to address the shortage of minority transactional attorneys who are well positioned to help poor and minority communities and families develop and manage their assets. Just a few years ago, there were only three African-American transactional attorneys who worked in any of the large law firms in New Orleans. Today, one of these African-American attorneys has informed me that there may be no African-American attorneys doing any transactional work in any large law firm in New Orleans. Such a state of affairs is troubling in a city such as New Orleans that desperately needs skilled professionals – including highly trained transactional attorneys – to assist the large numbers of African-American in New Orleans who have experienced both systemic poverty and the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina. Though white transactional attorneys committed to social justice obviously have made and can make significant contributions to assisting the minority community in their community development work, the ranks of
Transactional attorneys should be diversified. Within law schools, more minority law students with a commitment to helping their communities should be made aware of the fact that they would be able to make substantial contributions in helping their communities develop and thrive if they were to develop transactional legal skills.

Law schools can play a helpful role in developing a new generation of lawyers who are both trained in transactional courses but who also have a commitment to working in the public interest in some way. Law schools and law professors could help change the perception that transactional law classes are merely part of a narrowly defined business curriculum and that transactional attorneys have no meaningful role to play in promoting social justice or the public interest. More law professors who teach core transactional courses could integrate materials into their courses that would make their transactional courses appear more relevant to those who might have an interest in community development work. More law schools could develop clinics such as community development clinics, pro bono projects such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance programs, and externships programs in which law students would have the opportunity to engage in service learning on behalf of poor and minority communities while also developing their transactional legal skills. If law schools and the legal profession were to increase their commitment to developing transactional attorneys who are also committed to social justice, 40 years from now it could be the case that transactional attorneys would have played some part in the effort to realize some of the dreams of the Civil Rights Movement that have been deferred too long.

**Connie Collingsworth**

Connie Collingsworth, ’82, general counsel and secretary of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the world’s largest private charity, spoke to a gathering of students and professors at the College of Law on Nov. 5, 2009. During her hour presentation, Collingsworth talked about her career experiences with the Gates Foundation, her career beforehand, and took questions from the students in attendance. The presentation came as a part of Master’s Week, a University-wide program that invites outstanding UNL alumni back to campus to share their professional experiences with students.

Collingsworth offered advice on how to be a successful lawyer, encouraging students to go beyond what the law says cannot be done by working creatively within the legal system to be solution-oriented.

“Our training is to find the law,” said Collingsworth. “But you have to go beyond that. That’s the challenge.”

Drawing an analogy to baking, she explained that simply giving your client the relevant law is like giving them the flour. It is important, but it is only one ingredient. Also necessary are ingredients like integrity, which makes the cake rise, creativity, which is the icing on the cake, and sugar, which is the answer to the client’s problem, making the cake sweet.

Collingsworth also encouraged people who are interested in working in public interest law to spend some time in private practice first. She explained that if it were not for the work she did in private practice, she would not have been able to be nearly as effective with the Gates Foundation. In fact, Collingsworth explained that a significant reason she was hired was because she was willing to do whatever types of legal work were required. And they needed a lot of help.

“They had no contract data base. They didn’t have a contract form; didn’t have any policies. They didn’t have any conflicts policy. They needed everything a general business needs,” said Collingsworth. “I started from the beginning trying to put in systems that were efficient. I created a slogan or motto for the legal team, which is ‘Guidance, solutions and integrity’; which we live by.”

Collingsworth’s fondest career memory involved Nebraska’s own Warren Buffet, and his $30 billion dollar gift to the foundation.

“ Probably the highlight of my career, of my whole career, was working on the gift from Warren Buffett,” she said. “His pledge letter was about a page and a half long—very simple; but implementing that gift in compliance with tax laws and securities laws took about nine months including a complete reorganization of the Foundation into two different entities; two different trusts.

As far as recommending classes to current law students, Collingsworth said courses like Corporations, Unfair Competition, and Creditor’s Rights apply to the work she does today.

— Reporting by Justin Swanson
2008-2009 Student Award Winners

Graduation with Highest Distinction
B. Garth Glissman
Nicole Hanson
Joshua Howard
Thomas McCarty
Benjamin Moore
Sean White

Graduation with High Distinction
Ryan Johnson
Dawn Kurz
Mark Mills
Kylee Pohl
Anne Swanda
James Goddard

Graduation with Distinction
Laura Antonuccio
Jordan Boler
Matthew Boyle
Dyana Brym
Blake Carlile
Ryan Cooper
Elizabeth Elwell
Brianna Evert
Richard Grabow
Kristi Griess
Mark Hautzinger
Troy Hawk
Rebecca Holtje
Timothy Johnson
Eric Jones
Christopher Kelly
Darin Knepper
Casey Larsen
Nestor Marante
Kelsey McCChane
Diane Merwin
Todd Molvar
Natalie Nasis
William Norton
Elizabeth Osterman
Laura Pederson
Heather Quitmeyer
Matthew Reilly
Valerie Retelsdorf
Jacob Schaffer
Susan Schneider
Michelle Sitori
Brent Stephenson
Robert Stone
Brian Tubbs
Christopher Turner
Patricia Vannoy
Jennifer Veal
James Webster, Jr.
Todd West

Order of the Coif
B. Garth Glissman
James Goddard
Nicole Hanson
Joshua Howard
Ryan Johnson
Dawn Kurz
Thomas McCarty
Gregory McLawson
Mark Mills
Benjamin Moore
Kylee Pohl
Anne Swanda
Sean White

Order of the Barrister
Kathryn Cheadle
Nicole Hanson
Juliana Hofsommer
Dana Howell
Ryan Johnson
Natalie Nasis
Matthew Reilly
Brian Sabata
Todd West

Guy Cleveland Chambers Awards for Academic Excellence
Top graduating students
Benjamin Moore
Nicole Hanson

Outstanding Academic Excellence Award
Ranked first in their class
Nicole Hanson, ’09
Edward Fox, ’10
Andrew Conroy, ’11

Theodore C. Sorensen Fellowship
Matthew Schaefer, ’10

George L. DeLacy Memorial Award
Exceles in Constitutional Law and exemplifies compassion and understanding for human rights under the law
Edward Fox, ’10

Credit Advisors Foundation Award
Civil Clinic students of the year
Laura Antonuccio, ’09
James Goddard, ’09
Nathaniel Jaggers, ’09

Pat Gies Memorial Award
Outstanding Civil Clinic students
James Goddard, ’09
Greg McLawson, ’09

Academy of Trial Attorneys Award
Outstanding Criminal Clinic student
Christopher Turner, ’09
Silver Quill Award  
Excellence in Legal Research & Writing  
Andrew Conroy, ’11

Gross & Welch Best Brief Award  
Best brief in Legal Research & Writing  
Rachael Becker, ’11  
James Ramey, ’11

McGrath North Mullin & Kratz Legal Writing Award  
Laura Arp, ’11  
Rachael Becker, ’11  
Gregory Butcher, ’11  
Jessica Clark, ’11  
Andrew Conroy, ’11  
Jonathan Gardner, ’11  
Abby Henes, ’11  
Dustin Ludens, ’11  
Joseph Passamani, ’11  
Nicole Rute, ’11

National Moot Court Team  
Jonathan Camp, ’09  
Nicole Hanson, ’09  
Ryan Johnson, ’09  
Kelsey McChane, ’09  
Matthew Reilly, ’09  
Brian Sabata, ’09

Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court Competition – First place  
Edward Fox, ’10  
Abigail Littrell, ’10

Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court Competition – best brief  
Edward Fox, ’10  
Abigail Littrell, ’10

Roscoe Pound Award  
Best oral advocate in Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court Competition  
Edward Fox, ’10

Grether Moot Court Competition – First place  
Amanda Baskin, ’10  
Yohance Christie, ’09

Grether Moot Court Competition Best Oral Advocate  
Amanda Baskin, ’10

Robert A. Cannon and Susan Jacobs Client Counseling Award  
First-place team in Client Counseling Competition  
Carrie Christensen, ’10  
Anna Doss, ’10

National Client Counseling Competition Regional, National & International Champions  
Amy Bartels, ’10  
Adam Bates, ’10

First-Year Client Counseling Competition – First place  
Rachael Becker, ’11

National Trial Team  
Kathryn Cheatle, ’09  
Nicholas Freeman, ’09  
Juliana Hofsommer, ’09  
Dana Howell, ’09  
Jennifer Wellan, ’09  
Todd West, ’09

ALI-ABA Scholarship & Leadership Award  
Todd West, ’09

American Bankruptcy Institute Award Medal of Excellence  
Nicole Hanson, ’09

American Board of Trial Advocates Award  
For excellence in trial practice  
Nicholas Freeman, ’09
2008-2009 Student Award Winners

Graduation with Highest Distinction
B. Garth Glissman
Nicole Hanson
Joshua Howard
Thomas McCarty
Benjamin Moore
Sean White

Graduation with High Distinction
Ryan Johnson
Dawn Kurz
Mark Mills
Kylee Pohl
Anne Swanda
James Goddard

Graduation with Distinction
Laura Antonuccio
Jordan Boler
Matthew Boyle
Dyana Brym
Blake Carlile
Ryan Cooper
Elizabeth Elwell
Brianna Evert
Richard Grabow
Kristi Griess
Mark Hautzinger
Troy Hawk
Rebecca Holtje
Timothy Johnson
Eric Jones
Christopher Kelly
Darin Knepper
Casey Larsen
Nestor Marante
Kelsey McChane
Diane Merwin
Todd Molvar
Natalie Navis

Order of the Coif
B. Garth Glissman
James Goddard
Nicole Hanson
Joshua Howard
Ryan Johnson
Dawn Kurz
Thomas McCarty
Gregory McLawsen
Mark Mills
Benjamin Moore
Kylee Pohl
Anne Swanda
Sean White

Order of the Barrister
Kathryn Cheatle
Nicole Hanson
Juliana Hofsommer
Dana Howell
Ryan Johnson
Natalie Navis
Matthew Reilly

Brian Sabata
Todd West

Guy Cleveland Chambers Awards for Academic Excellence
Top graduating students
Benjamin Moore
Nicole Hanson

Outstanding Academic Excellence Award
Ranked first in their class
Nicole Hanson, '09
Edward Fox, '10
Andrew Conroy, '11

Theodore C. Sorensen Fellowship
Matthew Schaefer, '10

George L. DeLacy Memorial Award
Excels in Constitutional Law and exemplifies compassion and understanding for human rights under the law
Edward Fox, '10

Credit Advisors Foundation Award
Civil Clinic students of the year
Laura Antonuccio, '09
James Goddard, '09
Nathaniel Jaggers, '09

Pat Gies Memorial Award
Outstanding Civil Clinic students
James Goddard, '09
Greg McLawsen, '09

Academy of Trial Attorneys Award
Outstanding Criminal Clinic student
Christopher Turner, '09
Silver Quill Award
Excellence in Legal Research & Writing
Andrew Conroy, ’11

Gross & Welch Best Brief Award
Best brief in Legal Research & Writing
Rachael Becker, ’11
James Ramey, ’11

McGrath North Mullin & Kratz Legal Writing Award
Laura Arp, ’11
Rachael Becker, ’11
Gregory Butcher, ’11
Jessica Clark, ’11
Andrew Conroy, ’11
Jonathan Gardner, ’11
Abby Henes, ’11
Dustin Ludens, ’11
Joseph Passamani, ’11
Nicole Rute, ’11

National Moot Court Team
Jonathan Camp, ’09
Nicole Hanson, ’09
Ryan Johnson, ’09
Kelsey McChane, ’09
Matthew Reilly, ’09
Brian Sabata, ’09

Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court Competition – First place
Edward Fox, ’10
Abigail Littrell, ’10

Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court Competition – best brief
Edward Fox, ’10
Abigail Littrell, ’10

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All-ABA Scholarship & Leadership Award
Todd West, ’09

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After graduating from the College of Law in 1970 and a career as a labor law attorney, law professor and law school dean, Steve Mazurak returned to his alma mater in the fall 2009 semester as a visiting professor. “I’ve known former Dean Steve Willborn for a number of years, as we both taught labor and employment law courses,” Mazurak explained. “When I came back one fall for an alumni gathering, I said to him that if he ever needed someone to teach for a semester that I would be interested. I’m glad he called. I’ve really enjoyed it.”

There was a time that Mazurak wasn’t so sure that his association with the Law College would be a pleasant one. He was admitted to the law school for the Fall 1967 semester. He was married with a young child born earlier that year. “During the first six weeks or so, I was about ready to give up,” he recalled. “I thought this was beyond me; I can’t handle this; I’m studying too hard; there’s too many terms to learn. I just didn’t know how I could possibly make it through.” Prior to coming to the Law College, he had worked at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He remembered going home after classes one day and thinking about returning to Goodyear. But after resting awhile he thought that he had better get prepared for the next day. “I didn’t look back after that time. Finally about Easter time things started coming together for me, and I felt pretty comfortable about it.”

Mazurak’s law school memories are mostly positive. “We had many good times,” he recalled. One of his favorite stories is when he tripped up Professor Richard Harnsberger in his first-year Constitutional Law course. In discussing a case, Harnsberger had said that the police did not have probable cause to pick up the Chinese defendant in Chinatown in San Francisco. Mazurak had been born in Berkeley, Calif., and knew San Francisco
well. “I didn’t think the address was in Chinatown. So I went down to the public library and pulled out the San Francisco phone book, and sure enough, the address was in a commercial area, not in Chinatown,” Mazurak recalled that he didn’t have the courage to bring that up to Harnsberger, but his seat mate did. When he was given the information, Harnsberger, who always stood during class said, “Well, I better sit down for this one,” Mazurak said fondly.

Mazurak also recalled the Bankruptcy course he took from Professor Richard Brody. When he practiced in San Francisco, he was able to use some of the concepts Brody taught him in bankruptcy court including one instance in which he got a case dismissed because the bankruptcy court did not have jurisdiction.

Mazurak also enjoyed the activities he participated in while at the Law College including the law review and representing the Law College in the regional Moot Court competition in Milwaukee.

His connection with Goodyear led him to be interested in labor law. A family friend, who was a labor lawyer in New Orleans and a graduate of the Law College, advised that he should practice in a major metropolitan area if he wanted to do labor work. He got a job with a San Francisco firm, but spent his first two years there doing collection work for one of the major banks on the west coast. Even when he was able to transfer to the labor department, he was not assigned to the kind of work he had expected; “I wound up dealing with a new statute that had gone into effect a few years before – the Equal Employment Opportunities Act,” he said.

He left San Francisco in 1976 to join a mid-size law firm in Los Angeles and then he and one of the firm’s partners started their own Los Angeles firm where he was finally able to do traditional labor law work.

Mazurak, however, was now ready to take his career in another direction. Ever since he was in law school the idea of teaching law appealed to him. He admired his Law College professors and was well aware that university teaching afforded one a satisfying life as his father had been a soil physics professor at the University. He wanted to get practice experience first, but now that he had that, he was able to land a position at the University of Detroit (now the University of Detroit Mercy) teaching Labor and Employment Law in the city that was the home to the United Auto Workers and the Big Three automobile manufacturers.

Thirty years later, he is still there, but not without his career taking some unusual twists. After only two years of teaching, Mazurak became acting dean when the faculty was split between two candidates for the job. “I wound up being the compromise candidate that neither side hated,” he said. It was not an easy year. There was a dean search to conduct and an ABA inspection to get through. “My learning curve was very steep,” Mazurak remembered. “The university was having financial problems at the time and we had budget reductions to make. So it was busy year, but I found by the end of the year I actually enjoyed it.” Thirteen years later, when the dean that had been hired left, Mazurak was named dean after a nationwide search. He held that position for seven years. In a time of declining enrollment, he had to preside over a reduction in the size of the faculty in which both untenured and tenured faculty members were laid off. “It was a difficult time,” Mazurak admitted, “but it meant the survival of the institution. It wound up making the institution stronger.”

Mazurak was pleased to receive Willborn’s offer to be a visiting professor at the Law College for a semester. But he was surprised that he was not being asked to teach courses in labor or employment law. What the Law College needed taught were courses in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation. Mazurak had been teaching ADR for the past ten years, so that was no problem. He knew a lot about mediation, of course, but had not taught the kind of skill-based course that the Law College wanted. To prepare he took an intensive two-week, 40-hour course at Detroit Mercy and consulted with people with the Institute of Continuing Education in Michigan. Those experiences were a good preparation for the kind of course the Law College offered. He was also helped by the support of Professor Alan Frank, who taught another section of the Mediation course, and David Hubbard of The Mediation Center in Lincoln who co-taught the course with him. They assisted him not only with mediation skills but in putting together PowerPoint presentations and putting course materials online, which were new experiences for him.

He was also helped by the coaches from The Mediation Center whose skills and dedication impressed him greatly. He was also impressed by the students. “The students worked very hard,” Mazurak said. “We did 11 role plays throughout the semester and they were very dedicated.” A big difference between his experience at the Law College and teaching at Detroit Mercy is that Detroit Mercy has an evening division. “I’m used to doing one class in the daytime and one in the evening,” he said.

In addition to reconnecting with his alma mater, Mazurak enjoyed living in Lincoln once again. Clearly the city has grown a lot since he grew up here, but he was surprised by a number of things that had not changed. Some of his favorite hangouts – the Taste Inn on 48th Street and the University Dairy Store – were still around, although the Dairy Store in those days “was a much smaller enterprise.” The street where he lived had not changed at all and his old house still looked the same. Mazurak enjoyed being able to visit with some of his Law College friends – like Supreme Court justices Kenneth Stephen and John Wright and Senator Ben Nelson.

He appreciated the opportunity to return and remains a supporter of the Law College and the University. He plans on coming back frequently for alumni events and, of course, football games. “The University of Detroit Mercy doesn’t have a football team,” he lamented, “but I remain a big Husker fan.”
In her nearly 36 years of teaching at the College of Law, Professor Jo Potuto is more than a familiar name to students and alumni – she’s an institution.

Potuto came to the Law College in the summer of 1974, just months after she received her J.D. from Rutgers University Law School in Newark, N.J. Inexperienced yet confident, Potuto didn’t hesitate to accept a teaching position in law.

“I thought my notes were extraordinarily good from law school. I figured I would use these and the casebooks that my professors used [to teach]. I went in to prepare for my first day, and my notes were so incredibly inadequate to cover from the teaching side of the room. That was a major revelation to me,” she said. “But the law classes here were very good; the faculty, as always, perceptive. The faculty is the reason I chose Nebraska.”

A memorable professor from her first year of law school at Rutgers piqued Potuto’s interest in teaching.

“I was in my first day of law school in Torts class, and my professor, a very typical Southern gentleman, asked, ‘What is a tort?’ Nobody volunteered. He asked again, and again no one answered,” she recalled. “‘Doesn’t anybody out there get a good liberal arts education anymore?’ he asked, and I knew this is what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. I was just so taken with the comment.”

However, teaching law wasn’t always in the cards. In fact, Potuto questioned whether she should pursue a career in law at all. At age 16, Potuto was the first person to go to college in her family. After receiving a degree in journalism from Douglass College, she went on to obtain a Master’s in English literature from Seton Hall. Her mother wanted her to become a grade school teacher, but Potuto had other plans.

“I was always intrigued by law and lawyering, but when I graduated from college, I didn’t think that law was a career for women,” she said. “And my mother was sure that law was not a career for women. The day I told her I’d been admitted to law school she cried — and not of joy.”

Thankfully, Potuto’s accomplishments since starting at the Law College likely made her mother proud. Not only is she the Law College’s resident instructor of Federal Jurisdiction, Sports Law and Criminal Procedure, Potuto has also parlayed her interest into the opportunity to serve college athletics – both at UNL and on a national level. Since moving to Lincoln, Potuto became increasingly captivated by the vibrant athletic culture in Nebraska, which she calls an “integral part of the campus experience” at UNL. Over the years, Potuto became an avid supporter of men’s gymnastics and volleyball, and started going to football games.

“I’ve always been interested in sports as a spectator, but I couldn’t play. I couldn’t bowl. I’m just dangerous to be around when I’m bowling,” she said. “My family were always Yankees fans, and we consider it a mixed marriage if someone marries a Mets fan.”

In 1997, Potuto became the UNL faculty athletic representative. In this role, Potuto represents UNL on NCAA committees and is a member of the governance groups of the Big 12 Conference. She served three terms on the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions, was the chair of that committee from 2006 to 2008 and represented the Big 12 Conference on the Division I Management Council. She also served on the NCAA Men’s Gymnastics Championship Committee, the Region 5

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Postgraduate Scholarship Committee and as president of the Division 1A Faculty Athletics Representatives Association. In 2002 she was named Outstanding Faculty Athletics Representative by the All-American Football Foundation.

Needless to say, this work has kept Potuto incredibly busy, but it has also made her appreciate coming “home” to the law school.

“If you were thinking of running a war, you could hire the UNL Athletic department to handle the logistics. They don’t wait for someone to take the initiative. They want to get in there and figure out what to do about it. That’s different from faculty. People tend to become faculty members because they want to reflect and spend the time to think through problems,” she said. “Everyone in athletics is very upbeat all the time. That I find a little less attractive. The law professor model is closer to my heart; where people are grumpy and more critical about things and more questioning, rather than always smiling. It’s a nice contrast, and it’s always nice to know things that nobody else knows. It’s a good feeling.”

Most recently, Potuto has expanded her extracurricular interests to the Human Trafficking Conference at UNL. After leaving the NCAA Committee on Infractions, which was very time-consuming work, Potuto was looking for a new challenge. The UNL vice chancellor for research approached her, looking for a legal prospective for a research group that had been working for about six months on the conference. Potuto readily accepted the position, and was been instrumental in launching the organization’s first conference in the spring of 2010. Moving forward, the group will be generating research proposals and research funding to look more deeply at human trafficking.

“Our goal is to try to bring together in one place those who research on the subject with those who are in the field practicing so that the legislative solutions and what’s done by the non-governmental organizations are driven by what the research says,” she said.

But, Potuto is thinking about more than progression of human trafficking research and athletics at UNL – she’s also looking toward brightening the future of the Law College, and possibly combining her passions for even more benefit to students.

“I think we’re going to build on what we have. We have a very, very strong faculty base, a good student population and a wonderful network of alums,” she said. “One focus will be looking for more sources of funding, because with money you are able to do more things. I would like to see us focus more on sports and entertainment law, where you can get at least a certificate in the area. It would be helpful both to the athletics side and to the progress of the university and the law school.”

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Acclaimed Dutch Space Law Expert Brings International Perspective

According to Wikipedia, Nebraska is a “triply landlocked state, as it does not border the ocean, nor do any of the states it borders, nor any that they border on.” It is little wonder then that Professor Frans von der Dunk, an internationally acclaimed space law expert from the Netherlands who teaches space law in the College of Law’s Space and Telecommunications Law LL.M. program, is often asked what he and the Space and Telecom program are doing in Nebraska.

According to von der Dunk, one reason is the presence in Omaha of US STRATCOM, which has the responsibility to monitor commercial activity in space. Over the years, STRATCOM has sent a number of their Judge Advocate General officers to the space and air law program at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and hoped to have a program closer to Omaha. While this might have been the impetus, von der Dunk believes Lincoln to be a logical place for such a program because of the University’s interest in expanding its international connections and the Law College’s interest in establishing a niche to help it stand out among the plethora of law schools.

“There is no discipline more international than space law,” said von der Dunk, “and my hiring as a Dutch professor for a U.S. program testifies to the University’s commitment to international programming.” He sees that among his
tasks is the building and enhancing of the University’s and Law College’s international networks and attracting international professors and students.

As to the niche aspect, the College of Law now offers the first and only LL.M. program in Space and Telecommunications Law in the United States. In fact, the only comparable program in the world is in France, but it is not taught in English. There are space and air law programs, but the Law College’s pairing of space and telecommunications is unique. Telecommunications adds a practical factor to the program, von der Dunk said. “Space activities are not possible without the use of radio waves to control your satellites, to stay in touch with your astronauts and to make sure you follow everything that’s up there. And, the other way around, a lot of our communication now-a-days uses satellites.”

Von der Dunk describes his involvement in space law as a happy accident. While majoring in history at Leiden University, he took a course in International Law with the view of getting into the diplomatic corps. That blossomed into a full-blown additional certificate due to the influence of Professor Pieter Kooijmans, who would later would become minister of foreign affairs of the Netherlands and a judge in the World Court in The Hague. The charismatic professor hired von der Dunk as his assistant, and he found that he liked the law. “I had this preconception of the law as boring,” von de Dunk remembered, “but it turned out it was not boring at all. So what started out as a temporary job rapidly became a permanent engagement.” Leiden University had an Institute of Air and Space Law, which had a vacancy. Because of his international law background that was an easy step for von der Dunk to make. He graduated with a Doctorate in International Space Law.

Dr. von der Dunk continued to teach at Leiden, but financial problems at the university created pressure on the faculty members to finance themselves by doing consulting work. Eventually he left the university to start his own consultancy company, which he still has. Noticing that he was no longer associated with Leiden full time, other universities approached him. The most aggressive of these and the one that offered the greatest challenge and opportunity came from the Law College.

Von der Dunk had never taught in the United States, and the chance to move from a third-level space nation to the predominant one was alluring. He first came to Lincoln, a city he admitted he had never heard of, for the Law College’s first conference on Space and Telecommunications Law. It was a positive experience. He was impressed by the people, by the conference and by General James E. Cartwright, the commander of STRATCOM, who gave the keynote address. Shortly thereafter, while he was on a train to Paris, Professor Matt Schaefer, the director of the LL.M. program, called von der Dunk on his mobile phone and offered him the position of professor of space law. “I was surprised, to say the least, because I hadn’t seen that coming,” von der Dunk recalled. “But I was immediately interested.” Because of his commitment to his company and the needs of his family, he did not feel that he would be able to accept a full-time appointment, but after interviewing with the faculty, he was thrilled to accept a 50 percent engagement. He teaches Space Law, National Security Space Law, Introduction to European Regulation of Space and Telecommunications and National Space Law. When he is not at the Law College, he keeps in touch with students and colleagues over Skype or by e-mail.

As he began his teaching career at the Law College, von der Dunk was somewhat concerned about the shift he would have to make from a civil law system to a common law one. But the challenge proved to be greater for the students than for him because space law, being international in perspective, is taught largely from a civil law viewpoint. “In space law, all we have is handful of treaties and some customary international law. There are just a handful of cases where diplomatic negotiations and tribunals have been involved. So just discussing cases will not do,” he said. “So I start my Space Law class by telling the students that the way to think about space law is quite different from the way you are used to.” That difference makes some students insecure in interacting in class so, von der Dunk said, “I have to do a bit more to trigger their discussions.”

Another difference is that the study of law in the Netherlands is part of the undergraduate curriculum. As von der Dunk sees law as less a matter of substance and more “a method of approaching things or thinking about things,” he appreciates that American students approach their studies with a greater understanding of social, economic and philosophical issues than do Dutch students. Moreover, space law, in particular, is a branch of the law that “is very closely intertwined with policy and real-life concerns, be they political, military, commercial, economic or social, because as a system it’s still very much in development; it’s very embryonic.”

He is pleased with the progress of the LL.M. program so far. The program is striving to bring in the best students in the world so that it can be up there “with Montreal and Leiden and Cologne – to be one of the best programs in the world.” These programs offer Ph.D. degrees, and von der Dunk would like to see the Law College do so as well in the future. He would also like the program to be a household name in research, perhaps partnering with NASA. Currently, the program has a small research grant from the Secure World Foundation on several legal aspects of how to defend the planet against possible incoming asteroids.

For now, von der Dunk is settling into his part-time life in Nebraska. He has purchased a house, and his family comes with him when it is possible. As part of his acculturation, he has been introduced to Husker football. “I wasn’t much into American football until I got here,” he said. “But I soon learned the error of my ways. It is a fantastic spectacle.”

All in all, “it has been a wonderful journey. Too many Europeans only know about New York and California. To see the real America, they should come to Nebraska.”
Marcia L. Dority Baker  
Assistant Professor of Law  
Library and Access Services Librarian

Professor Marcia Dority Baker, formerly circulation supervisor of the Schmid Law Library, has been promoted to access services librarian. Her responsibilities include circulation, access services, outreach, classroom technology and reference.

Eric Berger  
Assistant Professor of Law


Robert C. Denicola  
Margaret R. Larson Professor of Intellectual Property Law

Professor Rob Denicola recently published the Tenth Edition of his casebook on Copyright Law. He also served as the interim associate dean of the College of Law during 2009-2010.

Martin R. Gardner  
Steinhart Foundation Professor of Law

Professor Marty Gardner taught a summer session at the University of Iowa College of Law. He also completed an article, "Decision Rules and Kids: Clarifying the Vagueness Problems with Status Offense Statutes and School Disciplinary Rules," to be published in volume 89 of the Nebraska Law Review.

John M. Gradwohl  
Judge Henry A. Spencer Professor of Law

Professor John Gradwohl received recognition for having served 50 years on the Law College faculty. He published an article in the December 2009 Creighton Law Review, "Arbitration: Interface of the Federal Arbitration Act and Nebraska State Law." The primary segment of the article discusses how the Federal Arbitration Act and Nebraska Uniform Arbitration Act operate in tandem. Other segments consider the preemptive aspects of federal law, the roles of Nebraska general contract law, limitations on arbitrable subjects and choice of law issues. The article criticizes the methodology by which the Nebraska Supreme Court recently established a "public policy" basis for setting aside an arbitrator’s award.

Roger W. Kirst  
Henry M. Grether Professor of Law

Professor Roger Kirst continued his research on the Sixth Amendment, presenting a Faculty Colloquium on "The Right of Confrontation in the United States and the European Court of Human Rights" at University College, Dublin, Ireland, in September. He also served during 2009 as chair of the Federal Practice Committee for the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska.

John P. Lenich  
Ross McCollum Professor of Law

Professor John Lenich published two short articles, “Service of Process by Commercial Courier Services: It Exists But It Doesn’t,” 13 Nebraska Lawyer 13 (Jan. 2010) and “There’s No Escape: The Plaintiff’s Right to Dismiss after the Submission of a Motion for Summary Judgment or a Motion to Dismiss in Nebraska,” 1 Neb. L. Rev. Bull. 3, http://lawreview.unl.edu/?p=537. He also prepared a supplement to his treatise, Nebraska Civil Procedure, coached the Law College’s National Moot Court Team and
along with Professor Eric Berger, served as auctioneer at the Women’s Law Caucus’s Annual Susan B. Anthony Charity Auction.

**Brian D. Lepard**  
**Law Alumni Professor of Law**

Professor Brian Lepard’s book, *Customary International Law: A New Theory with Practical Applications*, was published by Cambridge University Press in January 2010. The book is multidisciplinary and draws insights from fields such as legal theory, philosophy, political science and game theory. In addition, it explores at length the interconnections between customary international law and ethics. It includes case studies involving international tax law and international human rights law.

Lepard also wrote an article for the multi-volume *Encyclopedia of Human Rights*, published by Oxford University Press, on the Baha’i Faith and the persecution of Baha’is in Iran and Egypt. Three of Lepard’s articles were published in the multi-volume book series *The World’s Religions After September 11* and a fourth was published in the book *Windows to the World’s Religions*.

Lepard participated, in his capacity as chair of the International Legal Theory Interest Group of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), in a symposium on ethics and international law held at ASIL headquarters in Washington, DC. He also attended the Parliament of the World’s Religions held in Melbourne, Australia, at which he gave presentations on the right to development, human rights generally, humanitarian intervention and post-war reconciliation.

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

Professor Bill Lyons taught United States Corporate Taxation at the University of Leiden’s International Tax Center in April and May. Along with Professor Jo Potuto, he published an article entitled “The Federal Income Tax and Reform of College Athletics: A Response to Professor Columbo and an Independent Critique” in the *Journal of Intercollegiate Sports*.

**Richard E. Moberly**  
**Associate Professor of Law**

Professor Richard Moberly presented his paper, “Crawford and the Supreme Court’s Anti-Retaliation Principle” at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools. Moberly was also elected to membership in the American Law Institute, which is the “leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law.” The newest editions of his co-authored Evidence and Trial Advocacy textbooks *Evidence in Context and Problems and Materials in Evidence and Trial Advocacy* will be published by the National Institute of Trial Practice.

**Stefanie S. Pearlman**  
**Associate Professor of Law Library and Reference Librarian**

Professor Stefanie Pearlman has been promoted to associate professor of law library and reference librarian.

**Anthony B. Schutz**  
**Assistant Professor of Law**

Professor Anthony Schutz continues to be active in the American Agricultural Law Association. He attended its annual meeting in Williamsburg, Va., along with two students, and made presentations concerning recent developments in environmental law as it relates to production agriculture, as well as a joint presentation on the Uniform Commercial Code. He also organized a CLE in Kearney, Neb., on wind energy development in Nebraska and made a presentation there on the land use aspects of wind projects with Tom Huston, ’86, of Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather. Schutz published “Corporate Farming Laws in a Post-Jones World,” 14 *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law* 97; “Nebraska’s Corporate-Farming Law and Discriminatory Effects under the Dormant Commerce Clause,” 88 *Nebraska Law Review* 50; and “Uniform Commercial Code: 2008 Developments, Documents of Title,” 64 *Business Lawyer* 1229. With Peter Longo, ’83, he wrote the second edition of the book, *The Nebraska State Constitution: A Reference Guide*, published by Bison Books. In December 2009, Professor Schutz traveled to Namibia to research private association approaches to nature-based entrepreneurialship and land ownership on privately owned ranchland.

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FACULTY NOTES

Frans von der Dunk
Harvey and Susan Perlman
Alumni/Othmer Professor of Law

Dr. Frans von der Dunk, along with Professor Matt Schaefer, organized the 3rd Annual Omaha Space Law Seminar in conjunction with the Strategic Space Symposium on Transatlantic Issues of Space Security, and the UNL 2nd Annual Space and Telecom Law Washington, D.C., Conference. He also initiated a research project in cooperation with the Secure World Foundation on “Legal Aspects of NEO Threat Response and Related Institutional Issues,” analyzing key legal and institutional issues of potential future threats posed by Near-Earth Objects (NEOs) and international efforts to mitigate them. Cooperating with the project are top space law experts from around the world through the International Institute of Space Law.

On behalf of the Netherlands, von der Dunk acted as member of a European Commission expert group on liability issues regarding the operations of Galileo, the future satellite navigation system being developed by the European Union and the European Space Agency. Von der Dunk has been nominated a member of an Advisory Group of legal experts on optional rules for arbitration of disputes relating to Outer Space, which is going to advise the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague, the Netherlands, on the establishment of a specialized set of rules for arbitration of disputes involving not only states, but also intergovernmental organizations and private companies involved in space activities. He was re-elected a member of the board of the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL) for a term of three years.

Von der Dunk chaired sessions or spoke at the following conferences:

- European Centre for Space Law (ECSL) summer course on European space law and policy at the Universidad Nova de Lisbo (Lisbon, Portugal), on “Private Commercial Spaceflight – Legal Issues.”
- European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) Yearbook author’s conference, Vienna, Austria, on “Integrated Applications – A New Way Forward in Europe.”
- International Institute of Space Law (IISL) Colloquium, Daejeon, South Korea, on “Too-Close Encounters of the Third-Party Kind – Will the Liability Convention Stand the Test of the Cosmos 2251-Iridium 33 Collision?”
- International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)/International Institute of Space Law (IISL) Scientific-Legal Round Table, Daejeon, South Korea, on “Space Tourism and Other Private Spaceflight: Key Legal Aspects”
- International Conference on Air and Space Law organized by the Korean Association of Air and Space Law (KASL), Seoul, South Korea, on “New National Space Law and Licensing Developments”
- International Seminar on Air and Space Law, Korea Aerospace University, on “The Use of GNSS in Aviation: The Legal Framework Parameters”
- 3rd Annual Omaha Space Law Seminar, on “Some European Legal Aspects of the Security discussion”
- CRETEALC/SWF/SRE Workshop on Space Policy in Latin-America and the Caribbean: Looking to the Future, Mexico City, Mexico, on “The International Law of Outer Space and Consequences at the National Level”
- UNL 2nd Annual Space and Telecom Law DC Conference on “Space Tourism: The European Perspective”

Steven L. Willborn
Judge Harry A. Spencer Professor of Law

Professor Steve Willborn published with Ramona Paetzold, ’90, “Statistics is a Plural Word,” 122 Harvard Law Review Forum 48. He made two presentations at the Fourth Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law: “Laval, Viking and American Labor Law” (on two important labor law decisions in the European Community) and “Privacy in Employment Law” (commenting on the latest draft of the privacy section of the Restatement of Employment Law). Willborn was appointed chair of the Finance and Legal Committee of the Law School Admission Council, which gave him a seat on the LSAC’s Board of Trustees.
The College of Law extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of former Professor Thomas Franck.

Thomas M. Franck, who taught Legal Writing, International Law and Legislation at the College of Law as an assistant professor from 1954-1956, died on May 27, 2009. He was 77. Franck received his law degree from the University of British Columbia and LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees from Harvard. He left the Law College to join the faculty at New York University, where he remained for the rest of his academic career. At NYU, he created the Center for International Studies. He was the author or co-author of 31 books on a wide range of international issues. Franck won two Guggenheim Fellowships, was president of the American Society of International Law and was editor-in-chief of the society’s journal.

An advocate of decolonization in the 1950s and '60s, Franck worked on constitutions for several African nations as they emerged from British rule: Tanganyika and Zanzibar, which became Tanzania; Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe; and Sierra Leone. He later served as legal adviser to the governments of Kenya, Mauritius, the Solomon Islands, El Salvador and Chad. From 1995 to 2007, he was counsel to Bosnia before the International Court of Justice in the case against Serbia concerning the July 1995 massacre of about 8,000 Bosnians in Srebrenica.
Law College Alum Sather’s Journeys To China and Back Built Career, Family

Larry Sather, ’75, has come full circle. Born and raised in Loup City, Sather was educated at University of Nebraska Business College and the College of Law, practiced law in Denver and lived and worked in Shanghai, China. He is now back in Nebraska where he and his Chinese wife, Cher Xu, have established China Element, LLC., a company that helps American and Chinese companies do business in each other’s countries.

Growing up, Sather’s career path appeared simpler. “When I was a sophomore in high school,” he recalled, “something inside me said, ‘You’re going to be a lawyer and you’re going to be a trial lawyer.’” That vision led him to the Law College where he was part of the first graduating class to study in the new building. There were not many skills courses offered in those days, but Sather was fascinated by Torts Professor Roger Henderson who spoke a lot about his trial experiences. He found him to be “quite inspiring and, at the same time, rather intimidating.”

He was now ready to “learn on the go” and pursue his dream of being a litigator. His first job was as a deputy district attorney in Brighton, Colo. He was able to move quickly up the ranks, going from county court misdemeanor cases to district court felony cases within six months. After three years of trial experience on the prosecuting side, Sather was hired by a Denver insurance defense firm where he managed a very high volume caseload. Five years later, he formed his own law firm where he engaged in criminal defense and civil plaintiffs’ work. After representing parties in hundreds of civil arbitrations, he also became a certified arbitrator.

After 17 years as managing partner of his firm, it was time for a change. “I started evaluating my practice and my professional goals and ambitions and realized I had tried about every kind of case under the sun, criminal and civil, and I decided I wanted to take a different direction,” he said. “My mantra at the time was that I wanted to get out of the court room and into the board room. So I wound my practice down and entered an MBA program at the University of Denver’s Daniel’s College of Business.”

As part of the program’s international studies segment, Sather’s MBA class spent a month in Vietnam, Singapore and Malaysia. While in Vietnam, he met some business people from Shanghai who invited him to visit. He arrived in 2002 during Spring Festival, China’s biggest holiday. He was able to meet with local business people and lawyers, as well as Americans who lived there. Among those he met were administrators at Shanghai University who offered him a job teaching MBA courses focusing on business communications. After returning to Denver to finish up his MBA, “I put my things in storage and decided to take a leap and move to China.”

One of the many people Sather met while in China was an American who had a corporate training company. Sather worked with his clients as a legal and business consultant, executive coach and corporate trainer and then started to develop his own clientele. Among the firms he worked with were Coca-Cola, General Electric, Shanghai Volkswagen and China Telecom.

As an executive coach, Sather would work with corporate executives whom the company had identified as “stars” who were in line to move up in the organization. Sather would evaluate and assess them looking at English proficiency and communication, leadership, mentorship and team-building issues. Then he would work with the executives for 40 hours over 10 to 12 weeks frequently developing close relationships so that their conversations would encompass not only company issues but personal and family issues as well.

Among Sather’s clients were Chinese lawyers who were interested in improving their practices and increase their ability to represent international clients. But, he said, “I was surprised to learn that the legal profession in China is not that well developed. The legal profession and the court system don’t have the level of respect and authority that we enjoy in the West.” In fact, while Shanghai is a city of almost 20 million people, there are only 5,000 licensed Chinese lawyers. This is so even though anyone can take the Bar Exam; no law degree is required. But the bar passage rate is only three to five percent.

Foreign lawyers cannot “practice law” in China in that they cannot sign pleadings or appear in court. They can only do consulting work. “So the vast majority of foreign lawyers and law firms in China engage in transactional work, a field I didn’t specialize in the U.S.”

After eight years in China, Sather returned to the U.S., which enabled his wife and business partner, who is a certified expert interpreter and translator, to obtain her green card. Their business combines Sather’s China business expertise and American legal knowledge and his wife’s China expertise to work with Chinese and American companies, as well as state and city governments and their trade missions and departments of economic development, to promote and facilitate cross-cultural business ventures between the two countries. The business has offices in Omaha, Shanghai and Austin, Texas. Its e-mail address is sather@triallaw.net.

That might seem a far cry from what Sather learned in Professor Henderson’s Torts class, but maybe not. Like Henderson, Sather is engaged in work that is inspiring, fascinating and rather intimidating and that requires the creativity that is at the heart of what a legal education is all about.
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2009 Alumni Council Awards
Honor Distinguished Achievements

The College of Law Alumni Council presented four Distinguished Achievement Awards at a luncheon at the West Stadium Club Skyboxes in April 2009. The awards recognized the many outstanding contributions made to the College by its alumni, faculty, students and friends.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was awarded to the Honorable C. Arlen Beam, ’65, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He is pictured with Alumni Council President Robert W. Korba, ’68, and his presenter Charles Thone, ’49. The award recognized an outstanding alumnus or alumna of the College who brings credit to the College by his or her recognized professional success.

The Distinguished Faculty Award was presented to Professor Martin R. Gardner. He is pictured with Korba and his presenter Professor Rob Denicola. The award recognizes a current faculty member whose professional achievements in research, writing and/or teaching brings credit to the College. A faculty member can win this award only once every five years.

The Woods & Aitken/Alumni Council Outstanding Student Award was presented to Laura E. Antonuccio, ’09. She is pictured with her presenter Professor Richard E. Moberly. 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.

The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Earl, ’66, and Patricia Scudder. They are pictured with Korba and their presenter Duane W. Acklie, ’55. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding loyalty, leadership and service to the College.
• Hyman Polsky, '40, Lincoln, has retired after more than 60 years in the practice of law.

1950s

• Theodore C. Sorensen, '51, was among eight distinguished Americans to receive the 2009 National Humanities Medal on February 25, 2010, from President Barack Obama. The National Humanities Medal honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the humanities, broadened our citizens' engagement with the humanities or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important resources in the humanities.

• William H. Grant, '54, was recognized by the city of Columbus for his long service to the community. He is with the Grant & Grant Law Firm.

• Donald W. Pederson, '54, was elected chairman of the board of the Community Bank of Lincoln. Pederson, a former state senator, is of counsel to the North Platte law firm McCarthy, Pederson & Moore.

• Robert H. Berkshire, '55, was awarded the President's Professionalism Award by the Nebraska State Bar Association. The award was in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the profession, the legal community, the organized bar and the public.

• Richard Fellman, '59, a longtime Omaha attorney who now teaches political science at UNO, spent a semester on a Fulbright Fellowship teaching “politics” at Uzhhorod State University in the Ukraine.

1960s

• Robert K. McCalla, '61, a partner in the New Orleans office of Fisher & Phillips, has been listed in Who’s Who Legal 2009 for his practice in labor and employment law.

• Chuck Pallesen, '62, was honored in October 2009 by the Nebraska Democratic Party for his outstanding career of public service. Pallesen is with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln.

• Herbert M. Brugh, '63, has been appointed to the board of directors of Pebble Creek Mining Ltd. He is also a director of Inspiration Mining Corp. Brugh is engaged in corporate and securities work, participating in numerous early stage companies, in North America and Western Europe from his Lake Forest, Calif., office.

• Robert T. Grimit, '63, is chair of the Senior Law Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association. He practices with Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt in Lincoln.

• Richard J. Hove, '63, of Johnson Lake, was appointed to the board of directors of the Central Nebraska Public Power District.

• Richard C. Schmoker, '64, and his wife, Kit, made a gift to the University of Nebraska Foundation that establishes a permanent endowment to what is now called the Kit and Dick Schmoker Reading Center. The reading center is a nonprofit organization started in 2004 as a training, service and research center affiliated with UNL's Great Plains Institute of Reading and Writing. The center serves students who are reading one to three years below their grade level. It is located on UNL's East Campus in the Home Economics Building.

• William A. Wilson, '65, received the Buist M. Anderson Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Counsel in San Diego, Calif. The award is bestowed by the Board of Governors on members of long-standing who have provided outstanding service to the association and to the life insurance bar, the life insurance industry or colleagues in the life insurance bar. Wilson is with Wilson Advocacy & Consulting in Kingwood, Texas.

• Con M. Keating, '66, has been appointed to the board of directors of Cornhusker Bank in Lincoln. He is a member of Keating, O'Gara, Nedved & Peter.

• Harvey S. Perlman, '66, chancellor of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, was awarded the Roger T. Larson Community Builder Award by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

• William D. Sutter, Jr., '67, has been appointed York County attorney.

• William A. Harding, '69, has been appointed to the Nebraska Advisory Commission to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He is with Harding and Schultz in Lincoln.

• Neil B. Danberg, '70, has been named general counsel for the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, which oversees and enforces the state's campaign finance laws, lobbying laws and conflict of interest laws.

• Rodney M. Confer, '71, has been appointed Lincoln city attorney. He had been a partner with Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson & Endacott.

• Patrick E. Quinn, '71, co-chairman

- **Donald L. Hansen, ’72**, assistant United States attorney for the Middle District of Florida (Tampa Division), has been awarded the FATIU Prosecutor of the Year Award by the Florida Auto Theft Intelligence Unit for "outstanding assistance in the prosecution of automobile theft related crimes.” The award stemmed from Hansen’s indicting 17 defendants located in Tampa, Miami, Chicago and Mexico for the interstate transportation of stolen and cloned automobiles valued at 3 1/2 million dollars.

- **Thomas J. Monaghan, ’72**, has joined the Omaha law firm of Dornan, Lustgarten & Troia as "of counsel." He practices in the areas of criminal law, personal injury and federal litigation. Monaghan is a former United States attorney.

- **David L. Piester, ’72**, has retired as United States magistrate after nearly three decades of service.

- **William Jay Riley, ’72**, was invested as chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit at an April 7, 2010, ceremony.

- **Rod Rehm, ’73**, a senior member of Rehm, Bennett & Moore with offices in Lincoln and Omaha, was inducted a fellow of the College of Workers’ Compensation Lawyers.

- **Dennis G. Carlson, ’74**, was awarded the 2009 CoLAP Meritorious Service Award by the American Bar Association’s Commission of Lawyer Assistance Programs for his significant contributions to the LAP program in Nebraska.

- **John V. Hendry, ’74**, has retired as Lincoln’s city attorney. He was formerly chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

- **Walter E. Zink, ’74**, of Lincoln, has been named chairman of the Nebraska Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

- **Jan E. Dutton, ’75**, was featured on NET Television’s "The Recipe Box" for her pulled pork barbeque recipe. Dutton is with the Social Security Administration Office of Hearings & Appeals in Omaha.

- **Thomas A. Emerton, ’75**, is CEO/president of Pathway Bank in Cairo.

- **Deborah R. Gilg, ’77**, was nominated United States attorney for the District of Nebraska by President Barack Obama and her appointment was confirmed by the United States Senate. She is the state’s first female U.S. attorney. Gilg was president of the Omaha law firm of Gilg, Kruger & Troia and has served as county attorney in Keith and Arthur counties.

- **Dan H. Smith, ’77**, has been named managing partner of the Omaha law firm Smith Gardner Slusky.

- **Victoria G. Horton, ’78**, president of the California Beer & Beverage Distributors, has received the National Beer Wholesaler Association’s 2009 Industry Service Award.

- **Blair L. Lockwood, ’78**, has joined the Denver, Colo., office of Husch Blackwell Sanders as a partner in the firm’s business services department, where his practice focuses on securities, mergers & acquisitions and general corporate law.

- **Adams County District Court Judge Michael L. Offner, ’78**, was presented the Distinguished Judge for Service to the Judiciary Award by Chief Justice Mike Heavican, ’75. He was honored for his commitment to Nebraska’s smaller communities, insuring that their citizens receive the same quality service as those in larger metro areas through the use of technology, including the use of Skype video and audio and the WIKI calendar. In addition, Offner was the first county court judge to establish National Adoption Day in his courthouse.

- **Gary L. Rex, ’78**, a member of the U.S. Foreign Service, has been posted in Haiti where he experienced the massive earthquake that struck Haiti in January 2010.

1980s

- **Steven A. Brewster, ’80**, has joined Krotter Hoffman, a law firm with offices in Atkinson, Norfolk and O’Neill. Prior to joining Krotter Hoffman, Brewster practiced law in Massachusetts.

- **James R. Harris, ’80**, of Harris Law Offices in Lincoln was elected president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys.

- **Gerald L. Soucie, ’80**, along with Douglas J. Stratton, ’84, was awarded the George H. Turner Award by the Nebraska State Bar Association. The award recognizes individuals for service to the Bench and Bar through unusual efforts dedicated to furthering public understanding of the legal system, the administration of justice and confidence in the legal system. The two attorneys played critical roles in the eventual exoneration of six criminal defendants in Gage County, in the case generally known as “The Beatrice Six.”

- **Donald L. Kahl, ’82**, is the executive director of the Equal Rights Center in Washington, D.C.

- **Verlyn Luebbe, ’82**, Pierce County attorney, received an award from U.S. Attorney Joe Stecher recognizing his outstanding work as county attorney and his commitment and dedication to the County Attorneys Association.
• Norman L. Moore, ’82, retired on January 1, 2010, as chief clerk of the Arizona House of Representatives. He began his association with the Arizona House when he was hired as a page in 1976 and served as chief clerk for 17 years interrupted only by his attendance at the College of Law. Upon his retirement as chief clerk, Moore joined the Phoenix law and lobbying firm Isaacson & Moore.

• Linda Rohman, ’82, is a community columnist for the Lincoln Journal Star.

• Peter J. Longo, ’83, has been appointed to the Nebraska Advisory Commission to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He is a professor of political science at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

• Leigh Ann Retelsdorf, ’84, was appointed by Gov. Dave Heineman to serve as district court judge for the Fourth Judicial District located in Douglas County. She had served as deputy Douglas County attorney since 1987.

• Jose Soto, ’84, has been appointed to the Nebraska Advisory Commission to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He is with Southeast Community College in Lincoln.

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• Barbara E. Person, ’85, has been elected chair of the Conference for Mercy Higher Education. The conference sponsors 16 colleges and universities in 11 states. Person is a partner with Baird Holm in Omaha and is a member of the firm’s health care practice group.

• Kim Robak, ’85, has been elected to the board of directors of the Cooper Foundation. Robak is a member of the government relations firm Ruth Mueller Robak.

• Gregory B. Lemon, ’86, has been named executive director of the Nebraska Real Estate Commission. He previously was president of The Nebraska Tax Research Council.

• Donald G. Blankenau, ’87, has established the law firm of Blankenau Wilmoth in Lincoln. The firm is devoted to water, natural resources and environmental law.

• Alaina Burtenshaw, ’87, has been appointed to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada by Gov. Jim Gibbons. Previously she was counsel for the Regulatory Operations Staff at the commission.

• Walter D. James III, ’87, is building his own office building in Colleyville, Texas. He remains active in the American Bar Association serving on the ABA SEER council.

• Ann Mallat Killenbeck, ’87, assistant professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law, published “Bakke, with Teeth? The Implications of Grutter v. Bollinger in an Outcome-Based World, 36 Journal of College and University Law 1.”

• Amy Lohrberg Peck, ’87, has been appointed to the board of directors of Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska. Peck practices immigration law at the Peck Law Firm in Omaha.

• Mark C. Quandahl, ’87, has been appointed by Gov. Dave Heineman to the Nebraska Board of Education. He has also joined the board of directors of the United Republic Bank. Quandahl is with the Omaha law firm Brumbaugh & Quandahl.

• Peter F. Sauer, ’87, athletic director at the University of the Virgin Islands, has been named Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. Sauer was assistant athletic director at the University of Maryland before moving to the Virgin Islands in 2000.

• Russell W. Harford, ’88, was appointed by Gov. Dave Heineman to serve as county court judge for the 12th Judicial District. Since 1989, he has been a partner in the Chadron law firm Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, Watson & Harford. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Harford served with the Nebraska State Patrol.

• Thomas E. Morrow, Jr., ’88, has become associated with the Lincoln law firm Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl. His practice focuses on civil litigation, insurance defense and insurance coverage matters.

• Red Willow County Court Judge Anne M. Paine, ’88, of McCook was presented the Judge Child Champion Award during the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative recognition luncheon. The award recognizes individuals with particular dedication and service in improving the court system for children.

• Bradley J. White, ’88, of Hastings has been elected chair of the Nebraska State Bar Association House of Delegates. He is a member of the financial and estate planning, investment and insurance advisory firm Mundy & Associates.

• Cheryl R. Zwart, ’88, has been named United States magistrate for the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. She previously was law clerk to Magistrate Judge David L. Piester.

• John C. Gessert, ’89, has been promoted to vice president and private client advisor in the Wealth Management Group of First National Bank in Lincoln.
1990s

- **Linda R. Crump, ’90**, has been elected to the board of directors of the Cooper Foundation. She also spoke on “What Are HeLa Cells and Why Should We Care?” at Hastings College Black History Month. Crump is assistant to the chancellor for equity, access and diversity programs at UNL.


- **Clete Blakeman, ’91**, has been promoted by the National Football League to referee and crew chief. Blakeman, a former Nebraska quarterback, previously served as a field judge for the NFL, an official for NFL Europe and a referee for the Big 12 Conference. He practices law at his firm in Omaha.

- **Traci Post Whelan, ’91**, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Idaho, received the Attorney General’s Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder for her work solving the crime and successfully prosecuting Edward Duncan III, the perpetrator of a killing spree that took the lives of four people.

- **Samuel J. Bethune, ’92**, has been appointed York County public defender. He served as Platte County public defender for more than 11 years.

- **Scott S. Moore, ’92**, has been elected to the executive council of the Omaha law firm Baird Holm. Moore is a member of the firm’s labor and employment law group.

- **Kenneth J. Vampola ’92**, has been appointed to the Nebraska Advisory Commission to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He is a Nebraska District Court judge in Fremont.

- **Jamie L. Mues Jankovitz, ’93**, has been named a partner in the Grand Island law firm Bradley, Elsbernd, Andersen, Kneale & Mues Jankovitz. She practices primarily in estate planning, elder law, probate, real estate, banking and finance and corporate implementation.

- **Mark L. Brasee, ’94**, partner with the Omaha law firm Fraser Stryker, was selected by the Child Saving Institute (CSI) board as a recipient of its Ambassador Award. The award recognizes Brasee’s critical role in advocating for the community’s children and the mission of CSI. Brasee is a member of CSI’s business practices and planned giving committees.

- **Paul H. Ladehoff, ’94**, of the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution at the University of Missouri School of Law in Columbia, Mo., was a project leader for the MU Difficult Dialogues program. He presented at the American Bar Association’s ADR conference on his work as an ombudsman for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and received the President’s Award at the Association of Missouri Mediators conference.

- **Jon P. Worthman, ’94**, former public defender in Box Butte County, has been named project manager in building an energy plant in Nigeria that will produce bio-diesel and ethanol.

- **Scott T. Hazelrigg, ’95**, has been appointed president of the Omaha Home for Boys. Hazelrigg will continue as president of the board of directors of the NorthStar Foundation, an organization he founded, which is partnering with Outward Bound and is located on the OHB campus.

- **Michaelle L. Baumert, ’96**, has been named a partner in Husch Blackwell Sanders. She concentrates her practice in the firm’s Omaha office in the areas of labor and employment, class actions and franchise law. Baumert has also been appointed to the Nebraska Advisory Commission to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

- **Matthew W. Laughlin, ’96**, has been named secretary of the Davis Brown Law Firm board of directors. He practices in the areas real estate and finance in the firm’s Des Moines, Iowa, office.

- **Nancy E. Piszurk, ’96**, has joined Polsinelli Shughart in Phoenix, Ariz., as counsel in general corporate practice.

- **Steven L. Meints, ’97**, has been promoted to major in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps after his second deployment to Iraq. Meints is an attorney with Wicker, Smith, O’Hara, McCoy & Ford in Orlando, Fla.

- **Patrick D. Timmer, ’97**, has been elected a partner in the Lincoln law firm of Woods & Aitken. He has also been elected a fellow to the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

- **Roman K. Windrum, ’97**, has been promoted by Union Bank & Trust in Lincoln to assistant vice president, portfolio management.


- **Josh Gardner, ’99**, has been appointed center director at LearningRX. For the past three years, he has served as master trainer for the company.

- **Joshua P. Nauman, ’99**, is an active duty Navy attorney serving as chief of Operational Law for Multi-National Force West in Al Anbar province of Iraq.

- **Gretchen Hall Oltman, ’99**, earned a Ph.D. in educational studies from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Her dissertation was titled “Dealing with Student Writing: A Framework for Public School Administrators.” Oltman is executive director of the Space and...
Telecommunications Law LL.M. Program at the College Law.

- Nicole Theophilus, ’99, was profiled in the Midlands Business Journal as one of their “40 Under 40” award winners. She helped establish the in-house department for ConAgra Foods, where she is vice president and chief employment counsel.

2000s

- Jodi Fenner, ’00, has been named director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

- Stephanie Hansen, ’00, was a recipient of one of the Ten Outstanding Young Omahans awards presented by the Omaha Jaycees. A senior attorney at the Sarpy County Attorney’s Office, Hansen was also honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) with the Outstanding Law Enforcement Award for successfully prosecuting a double fatality caused by an intoxicated boater.

- Heather M. Tiltman, ’00, has been selected for inclusion in Wisconsin Super Lawyers - Rising Stars Edition 2009. She practices employment and labor law with the Milwaukee, Wis., office of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek.

- Tiffany A. Wasserburger, ’00, is Scotts Bluff County attorney.

- Abigail A. Wenninghoff, ’00, is a partner in the Omaha law firm Larson, Kuper & Wenninghoff. She practices in the area of workers’ compensation defense.

- Kara Fairbairn, ’01, has been elected a shareholder in the Minneapolis, Minn., law firm Fredrikson & Byron. She practices with the firm’s intellectual property group.

- Adam J. Prochaska, ’01, has become a shareholder in the Lincoln law firm Harding & Shultz. He primarily practices in the area of civil litigation.

- Joel A. Bacon, ’02, has become a shareholder in the Lincoln law firm Keating, O’Gara, Nedved & Peter. His practice emphasizes business and estate planning, employment law and commercial litigation.

- Victoria L. Collier, ’02, has been appointed to the Georgia Council on Aging by Gov. Sonny Perdue. She is the owner of The Elder and Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier in Decatur, Ga. She serves as chair of the Georgia chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

- Aaron B. Johnson, ’02, has been named a partner in Husch Blackwell Sanders. He concentrates his practice in the firm’s Omaha office in the areas of commercial lending, structured finance, regulatory compliance and general corporate transactions.

- Jeremiah J. Leubbe, ’02, has joined Steffens Law Office of Broken Bow as an associate.

- Jeffrey E. Mark, ’02, has been promoted to shareholder at the Milwaukee, Wis., law firm von Briesen & Roper. He is with the firm’s healthcare and business practice groups.

- Monica K. Miller, ’02, associate professor at the University of Nevada-Reno with a joint appointment in criminal justice and social psychology, published, along with Professor Brian Bornstein and Law/Psychology student Sarah Thimsen, “The Dynamite Charge: Too Explosive for Its Own Good?” 44 Valparaiso University Law Review 93.

- Travis O’Gorman, ’02, has been named a partner at Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather. His practice, at the firm’s Lincoln office, includes the defense of medical and legal malpractice, automobile insurance and casualty insurance. O’Gorman is a Legal Writing instructor at the College of Law.

- Caroline M. Westerhold, ’02, is chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association. She is a partner with Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt in Lincoln.

- Russell A. Westerhold, ’02, has become a shareholder and director of the Omaha law firm Fraser Stryker. His areas of practice include construction, insurance defense, labor and employment, energy and natural resources, appellate practice and eminent domain.

- Wayne J. Bena, ’03, has been appointed Sarpy County election commissioner by Gov. Dave Heineman.

- Danielle Nantkes Conrad, ’03, and Thomas Conrad, ’03, were married August 15, 2009, in Lincoln. Danielle Conrad is a Nebraska state senator; Thomas Conrad owns Heartland Optical in Lincoln.

- Kory D. George, ’03, has been named manager of Woods & Aitken’s Denver, Colo., office.

- Donald J. Kleine, ’03, has been named a partner in the Omaha law firm Pansing, Hogan, Ernst & Bachman. His practice areas are civil litigation, personal injury and commercial litigation.


- Ingolf S. Maurstad, ’03, has joined
Dalke, Smith & Dalke of Beatrice as an associate. His practice is in the areas of estate planning, real estate, family law, civil litigation and business transaction and entity law.

- Kendra J. Ringenberg, '03, has been named a shareholder in the Koley Jessen law firm of Omaha. She practices with the firm’s M&A/securities practice group and the real estate, environmental and natural resources practice group.

- Thomas C. Anschutz, '04, has joined Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne as a member of the firm’s Omaha labor and employment group.

- Nathan M. Cockerham, '04, has joined the Superior, Wis., law firm Makl, Ledin, Bick & Olson. Cockerham is engaged in the general practice of law including civil litigation and criminal, family and corporate law.

- Brian J. Davis, '04, was awarded the 2009 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award by the Nebraska State Bar Association. The award is presented to a young lawyer who demonstrates exemplary contributions to the community and public, who actively participates in state and local bar activities and who stands out in the areas of professional knowledge, skill, integrity and courtesy. Davis is a member of the Cozad law firm Berreckman & Davis.

- Michelle M. Schlect, '04, is a shareholder in Copple, Rockey, McKeever & Schlect, focusing on general civil law. The firm has offices in Norfolk and Omaha.

- Bren H. Chambers, '05, has been appointed law clerk to Federal Magistrate Cheryl R. Zwart.


- Amy Wiebelhaus Miller, '05, married John Miller on August 15, 2009, in Wayne. She is a partner with Pieper, Miller & Dahl in Wayne.

- Adam D. Pavelka, '05, has joined the Hastings law firm of Sullivan, Shoemaker, Witt & Burns as a partner. He practices in the areas of estate planning, business planning, real estate and probate.

- Lee M. Rankin, '05, has been named a partner in the Council Bluffs, Iowa, law firm Willson & Pechacek. He practices primarily in the areas of corporate law, taxation and estate planning.

- Sophia M. Alvarez, '06, has joined Dornan, Lustgarten & Troia, working primarily from the firm’s South Omaha office.

- Nate DeWald, '06, has joined the Person Law Office in Holdrege.

- Erin R. Harris, '06, has joined the Omaha law firm McGill, Gotsdiner, Workman & Lepps as an associate. She works in the areas of creditors’ rights and commercial litigation.

- Janet Han King, '06, is the chairwoman of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. She also serves as a commissioner of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. King practices law in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the western Pacific.


- Jamian J. Simmons, '06, has become a partner in Smith, King & Simmons, which maintains offices in Gordon, Rushville and Hay Springs.

- Joshua W. Weir, '06, has joined the Omaha firm Dornan, Lustgarten & Troia where he provides bilingual criminal and civil representation.

- Luke Alexander, '07, financial advisor with the Lincoln office of Wells Fargo Advisors, has completed training for the title of Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor.

- Jonathan R. Brandt, '07, has joined the law firm of Anderson, Klein, Swan & Brewster of Holdrege and Kearney. His practice focuses on domestic relations, criminal defense, juvenile law and civil litigation.

- Lindsey R. Buchheit, '07, has joined the Sioux City, Iowa, office of the Goosmann Law Firm as associate. Her practices focuses on commercial law, bankruptcy, debtor and creditor collections and estate planning. Buchheit and her husband, Dave, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Parker Kathleen Buchheit, in February 2009.

- Andrea Hiatt Buckley, '07, is a staff attorney for Iowa Legal Aid practicing in the Northwest Regional Office in Sioux City.

- Mark W. Buckwater, '07, has joined the Kalispell, Mont., law firm Kalvig & LeDuc as an associate.


• Jessica Jensen Anderson, '08, married Kevin Dean Anderson on May 16, 2009, in Lincoln. She is a legal and human resource specialist for the Community Development Institute in Lincoln.

• Jason A. Cantone, '08, published "Rational Enough to Punish, but Too Irrational to Release: The Integrity of Sex Offender Civil Commitment," 57 Drake Law Review 693. The article was part of the Sixth Annual American Judicature Society Symposium on Assessing the Values of Punishment: The State of Sentencing in the United States Criminal Justice system.

• Rodney C. Dahlquist, '08, has joined the Omaha firm Dornan, Lustgarten & Troia where he provides representation in civil matters primarily in the areas of business, family law and property.

• Jesse S. Krause, '08, and Brittney J. Fullner Krause, '08, were married on July 11, 2009, in Lincoln. They are both associated with the Omaha firm Lieben, Whitted, Houghton, Slowiaczek & Cavanagh. Brittney Krause concentrates her practice in the areas of commercial transactions and commercial litigation, while Jesse Krause concentrates his practice on domestic relations law.

• Jessica Noble Kuehler, '08, married Patrick Charles Kuehler on June 6, 2009, in Columbus. She is employed as an advocate for Project Response. The couple lives in Tecumseh.

• Jennifer Kulwicki, '08, has joined the Lincoln office of Legal Aid of Nebraska as a staff attorney. She focuses primarily on family law.

• Timothy P. Matas, '08, was appointed Platte County public defender by the county board.

• Russell J. Sprague, '08, has joined the Denver, Colo., law firm Wheeler, Trigg & O'Donnell as an associate. His practice focuses on commercial civil litigation.

• Heath A. Steward, '08, has joined the Fairbury law firm of Denney & Chilen as an associate. He works in the areas of contracts, real estate, tax, environmental law, juvenile matters, criminal defense and wills and estates.

• William J. Troshynski, '08, married Laura Pederson, '09, on May 30, 2009, in North Platte. He is with the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance.

• Matthew C. Boyle, '09, has joined the Grand Island law firm Brownell, Brostrom & Stehlik as an associate.

• Kathryn G. Cheatle, '09, has joined the Omaha law firm of Cassem, Tierney, Adams, Gotch & Douglas as an associate focusing on civil litigation.

• Kelly Marie Ekeler, '09, has joined the Lincoln law firm Harding & Schultz as an associate. Her practice focuses on labor and employment law.

• Elizabeth A. Elwell, '09, has joined Crocker, Huck, Kasher, DeWitt, Anderson & Gonderinger in Omaha as an associate. She practices in the areas of banking and finance law, business and commercial law and litigation and real estate law.

• Anthony R. Essay, '09, has joined Principal Financial Group at its Mountain Plains Business Center as a financial services representative in Lincoln.

• Elizabeth D. Ferebee, '09, has joined the Stehlik Law Office in Pawnee City.

• Garth Glissman, '09, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock in the firm's commercial litigation trial practice.

• Kristi J. Griess, '09, has joined Stinson Morrison Hecker's Omaha office as an associate in the general business division.

• Kristina Guerrero-Sisneros, '09, has joined the Norfolk office of Jewell, Collins, DeLay, Flood & Doele.

• Nicole R. Hanson, '09, has joined the Omaha law firm Fraser Stryker as an associate. Her areas of practice include taxation, business succession planning and nonprofit and charitable organizations.

• Angela D. Jensen, '09, has joined the Omaha law firm of Engles, Ketcham, Olson & Keith as an associate. Her practice focuses on workers’ compensation and insurance defense.

• Christopher B. Kelly, '09, has joined the Omaha office of Husch Blackwell Sanders in the firm's real estate development and banking and financing departments.

• Dawn M. Kurz, '09, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock in the firm's public finance group where she focuses on state housing law.

• Allison S. Lepp, '09, has joined the Tampa, Fla., law firm Groelle & Salmon as an associate.

• Thomas P. McCarty, '09, is a judicial clerk for the Honorable C. Arlen Beam in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

• Kelsey N. McN chase, '09, has joined the Omaha law firm Fraser Stryker as an
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associate. Her areas of practice include employee benefits, estate planning and probate, real estate, business and corporate and labor and employment.

- **Diane L. Merwin, ’09**, has joined Fankhauser, Nelsen & Werts. The firm has offices in Nebraska City, Auburn and Humboldt. Merwin practices in the areas of criminal law, family law and litigation.

- **Natalie A. Navis, ’09**, is a judicial law clerk with the District Court of Nebraska in Omaha.

- **Jessica Piskorski, ’09**, has joined Credit Management in Grand Island as an assistant general counsel, responsible for all of the company’s legal affairs.


- **Matthew B. Reilly, ’09**, has joined the Omaha office of Erickson Sederstrom as an associate with a practice in civil litigation and insurance defense. He married Michelle McLaughlin in August 2009.

- **Valerie S. Retelsdorf, ’09**, has become as associate of the Omaha law firm of Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman. She focuses her practice on litigation.


- **Jacob W. Schaffer, ’09**, has joined the Omaha law firm of Koley Jessen as an associate practicing with the estate and business succession planning practice group.

- **Susan M. Schneider, ’09**, has joined the Omaha law firm Jackson Lewis as an associate. Her area of practice is workplace law and employment litigation.

- **Michelle L. Sitorius, ’09**, has joined the Lincoln law firm Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather as an associate practicing in the area of litigation.

- **Jesus Tena, ’09**, has joined the Wightman & Wightman law firm in Lexington. His primary interests are in workers’ compensation and immigration law.

- **Laura Pederson Troshynski, ’09**, married William J. Troshynski, ’08, on May 30, 2009, in North Platte. She is an associate with the Knudsen Law Firm in Lincoln specializing in bankruptcy, business and commerce and health care law.

- **Patricia L. Vannoy, ’09**, has joined the Lincoln law firm Mattson, Ricketts, Davies, Stewart & Calkins where her areas of practice include investor rights, natural resources law and general litigation.

- **Jennifer L. Wellan, ’09**, has been appointed deputy Lincoln County attorney handling criminal cases.

- **Todd West, ’09**, has joined the Omaha law firm Baird Holm as a member of its labor and employment section.

- **Sean D. White, ’09**, has joined the Lincoln law firm Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather as an associate dealing with business, corporate and health care law.


- **Jessica S. Tok, JD ’08, LLM ’09**, is with the U.S. Strategic Command.

- **Vicki Ann Belleau, LLM ’09**, is assigned to the 24th Air Force in San Antonio, Texas, working on operational cyber issues.

- **Ashley Broin, LLM ’09**, is with the U.S. Strategic Command.

- **Julie Jiru, LLM ’09**, works for SpaceX (Space Exploration Technologies).

- **Jeffrey Nosanov, LLM ’09**, has been hired by Jpl/NASA (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) for export control compliance issues.
IN MEMORIAM

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

1930s

- John L. Barber, Jr., ’34, died on June 22, 2009. He was 100 years old. Barber was an attorney in Eugene, Ore., for 40 years and was a municipal court judge from 1947 to 1965.

- Thomas W. Carroll, ’37, died on July 9, 2009, in Omaha, at age 95. He served as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

- James G. Howell, ’38, died on April 27, 2010, at age 94. Howell practiced law in Nebraska for two years after his graduation from the College of Law before he was appointed a special agent for the FBI. He later joined the staff of the Mountain States Employers Council in Denver, Colo., where he served as vice president and director of labor relations. In 1967, he moved to New Orleans, La., as president and chief executive officer of the New Orleans Steamship Association. In 1973, he was elected chairman of the Industrial Relations Group of the National Industrial Council. In 1979, Howell received the C. Alvin Bertel Award for his outstanding contributions to the Port of New Orleans.

- Otto Henry Wellensiek, ’38, died on September 8, 2009, in Papillion at age 95. He was an Army fighter pilot during World War II, flying 57 combat missions for which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air medal with 11 oak leaf clusters and the Silver Star, the nation’s third highest military decoration. He also served at the Pentagon in the Fighting Operations Section during the Korean War. Wellensiek practiced law in Syracuse and served as Otoe County attorney. He was chairman of First National Bank & Trust Co. in Syracuse, which he owned with his wife Carmen.

- Carlos E. Schaper, ’39, died on September 14, 2009, at age 93. He had recently been honored in Broken Bow for his more than 70 years of practice. He practiced law in Broken Bow since his graduation from the Law College.

1940s

- Ernest B. Wintroub, ’41, died March 1, 2010, at age 92. He served in the Army quartermaster corps during World War II in charge of a supply depot near London. In 1965, after nearly 20 years running Omaha Lace Laundry, Wintroub returned to the practice of law focusing on discrimination law. He chaired a subcommittee to determine how integration could be achieved in the Omaha schools. Although his subcommittee’s recommendations were rejected by the full committee, a federal judge subsequently ordered integration using the methods proposed by the subcommittee he chaired.

- Julian H. “Herb” Hopkins, ’48, died March 30, 2010, in Oconomowoc, Wis. He was 86 years old. He served in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant during World War II. He was general counsel and vice president of Ameritas Life Insurance Co., then known as Bankers Life Nebraska, until his retirement in 1988. He continued in private practice with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln where he helped develop the Nebraska Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association.

1950s

- William David Allison, ’50, died on February 2, 2010, in Santa Barbara, Calif., at the age of 88. He served in the Air Force during World War II, spending four years in India. He practiced law in Santa Barbara for more than 50 years.

- Guy J. Birch, ’50, died on November 5, 2009, in Omaha at age 93. Birch served in the U.S. Navy’s weather service in World War II. He was in private practice in Lincoln, served as assistant U.S. attorney in Lincoln and was an attorney with Prudential Insurance in Omaha. He also
served as area director for HUD in Omaha and then transferred to HUD's Washington, D.C., office.

- **Kent P. Kratz, ’50**, died November 12, 2009, in Omaha. He was 86. He fought in World War II, seeing action in the Battle of the Bulge. He earned the rank of captain and received a Bronze Star. He worked in a number of positions including: trial attorney for the Federal Trade Commission, chief counsel for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and corporate counsel for Armour and Company and Cudahy Company.

- **Barbara Gale Blackburn Kratz, ’51**, died on March 17, 2010, in Omaha at age 84. After graduating from the College of Law as co-valedictorian, she was a law clerk to U.S. District Judge John Delehant. Kratz later served as chief law librarian for the Nebraska Supreme Court and as an administrative law judge for the State of Nebraska. She was married to Dean Kratz, ’49, for 61 years.

- **W.W. (Bill) Nuerenberger, ’52**, died on May 30, 2009, in Lincoln at age 82. For many years, Nuerenberger was the juvenile court judge for Lancaster County. He served as chair of the Juvenile Delinquency Task Force for the National Advisory Commission of Criminal Justice Standards and Goals and served on the IJA-ABA Joint Commission on Juvenile Justice Standards that produced 25 volumes of recommendations for the improvement of the juvenile justice system. In 1982, he was awarded the Franklin N. Flaschner Award by the National Conference of Special Court Judges and in 2005 was awarded the Legal Pioneer Award by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. For 25 years, he taught Business Law at the University's College of Business Administration.

- **William E. Morrow, Jr., ’53**, died April 12, 2010, in Elkhorn at age 79 after a lengthy illness. A partner in the Omaha law firm Erickson Sederstrom, his area of expertise was banking law. Morrow served as the Republican national committeeman from Nebraska from 1975 until 1980.

- **William E. Rawson, ’56**, died on May 14, 2009, following complications from heart surgery. He was 80. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He joined the Kansas City, Mo., law firm Watson, Ess, Marshall & Rawson where he practiced workers’ compensation law for 40 years. He later formed Slattery & Rawson in Kansas City.

- **William E. Webster, ’56**, passed away on his 81st birthday, March 4, 2010, in Norfolk. He was an officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, serving in the military police and criminal activities investigation division. He practiced law in Pierce and served as Pierce city and Pierce County attorney for 20 years.

- **Charles H. Beatty, ’59** died March 10, 2010, in Kearney. He was 78 years old. As a member of the Army Air Corps, he was assigned the 82nd Airborne Division, flying Cessna L-19 "Bird Dogs" as an aerial fire observer. After law school, he moved to Kearney where he served as deputy Buffalo County attorney, a member of the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission, and practiced law for many years.

### 1960s

- **Donald R. Treadway, ’62**, died January 5, 2010, at age 76. He served in the military, including 16 months in Korea where he administered the Armed Forces Assistance to Korea program. He practiced law in Fullerton until his retirement in 1995. During that time, he served as Fullerton city attorney and Nance County attorney. He also served on the President’s Advisory Board for the University of Nebraska system and as chair of the University task force to improve the quality of medical services. He was presented the Jack G. Elliott Award by the medical school in 1982.

- **Steven K. Christensen, ’64**, died December 20, 2009, in Spokane, Wash., after an extended battle with pancreatitis. He was 68 years old. After graduating from the College of Law, Christensen moved to Hilo, Hawaii, where he engaged in the private practice of law as well as serving as a public defender and Hawaii adjutant general.
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• Calvin Edward Robinson, ’64, passed away at his home in Omaha at age 71. After practicing law in Omaha and serving for eight years as an assistant Nebraska attorney general, he joined Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, retiring in 2003 as vice president and associate general counsel. He served as the president of the Douglas County Health Center Foundation for several years.

• Larry E. Rissler, ’65, died on July 18, 2009, in Wahoo at age 70. He served as a special agent for the FBI and as a legal instructor at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Va. After he retired from the FBI, Rissler worked as special counsel for Satellite Broadcasting in Alexandria, Va., as legal counsel for Worldwide Antipiracy for the Motion Picture Association of America in Los Angeles, Calif., and as legal counsel and vice president of the Office of Signal Integrity for Hughes DirecTV in El Segundo, Calif.

• Stanely D. Cohen, ’66, passed away in Lincoln after a battle with cancer on January 11, 2010. He was 69 years old. He practiced law in Lincoln.

• Michael L. Jeffrey, ’69, died October 10, 2010, in Lincoln. He was 65 years old. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army including a year in the DMZ in Korea. Jeffrey earned a L.L.M. degree in taxation from New York University College of Law. After practicing law in Florida for two years, he returned to Lincoln where he started his own firm, Jeffrey, Hahn, Hemmerling & Zimmerman.

• Jerry A. Rutherford, ’74, passed away June 14, 2009, at age 61. He was a partner in the Colorado Springs, Colo. law firm Rutherford, Mullen, Johnson & Bruce.

• Madonna M. Skinner, ’74, died April 21, 2010, in Lincoln at age 58. In addition to receiving her law degree, Skinner graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha as a Doctor of Pharmacy.

• Robert L. Matthews, ’76, died February 6, 2010, in a crash between two small airplanes. He was 58 years old. Matthews was a partner at the Boulder, Colo., office of Faegre & Benson. His practice emphasized commercial litigation including trade secret litigation, disputes involving covenants not to compete, alternative dispute resolution and employment litigation.

• Stuart D. Nielsen, ’77, died December 8, 2009, at age 62. He attended the College of Law after five years in the U.S. Navy, attaining the rank of lieutenant JG. He practiced law in Corning and Creston, Iowa, with his wife Ann Nielsen, ’77. His passion was advocating for and working with children.


• Jimmie L. Brown, ’86, died on March 11, 2010, in Lincoln at age 65. With an RN degree in nursing in addition to his law degree, Brown’s career path included being a clinical instructor for Lincoln General School of Nursing, president of the Nebraska Health Care Association, a nursing home administrator, a software writer for Nelson Data and Creative Thinking and a regional manager for Mid-West Cornerstone Healthcare and Pharmacy. He served as a board member for many organizations dealing with hemophilia.

1970s

• Craig W. Thompson, ’71, of Grand Island, died on October 3, 2009, in Omaha.

• Denis R. Malm, ’72, died on June 30, 2009, in Lake Havasu, Ariz. He was 62 years old. Malm was a partner in the Lake Havasu law firm Wachtel, Biehn & Malm and was a certified specialist in injury and wrongful death litigation.

1980s

• Brian Carl Bennett, ’81, died December 7, 2009, at age 53. After practicing law in Milford, he taught in Schuyler, finished his Masters in Education from the University of Nebraska, and served as business manager for Lexington Public Schools.

1990s

• Lori L. (Jorgensen) Phillips, ’99, died on June 18, 2009, as a result of injuries received in an automobile-semi truck accident. She was 35. She practiced law at Nye, Hertvert, Jorgensen, & Watson in Kearney.

2000s

• Douglas Roger Aberle, ’03, died January 14, 2010, in a one-vehicle accident in South Dakota. He was 31 years old. He was an associate with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln before moving back home to Aberdeen, S.D., where he practiced with Siegel, Barnett & Schutz.
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Artiom Anisimov

Artiom (Art) Anisimov was born and raised in small town Osipovichi, Republic of Belarus. The fact that he was born on April 12th (the day of the first human spaceflight) might have predetermined his passion for space.

Anisimov received his Bachelor of Laws degree in International Law from European Humanities University (EHU), Vilnius, Lithuania (EU) as a member of the first class to graduate after the relocation of the university to Lithuania. (EHU is the only currently known “university in exile” in the world). While at EHU, Anisimov was involved with student government, was the first student to be elected to the Senate and was a university team member for the 2009 Phillip Jessup Moot Court Competition that advanced to Octa Finals at the Shearman & Sterling International Rounds in Washington, D.C.

While working toward his LL.M. degree in Space and Telecommunications Law, Anisimov assisted Space Law Professor Frans von der Dunk with a research project titled “The Legal Aspects of NEO Threat Response and Related Institution Issues,” sponsored by the Secure World Foundation. He also volunteered as national point of contact in Belarus for the Space Generation Advisory Council in support of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications (SGAC), a non-governmental organization that aims to represent students and young space professionals to the United Nations, states and space agencies. Anisimov hopes to use his degree to further study private human space flight by working within the industry and by continuing to research and study the legal issues involved.

Joshua N. Dougherty

Joshua N. Dougherty grew up as an Air Force dependent living across the United States and in both Germany and England. His travels include over 27 countries and five continents. He received his Bachelor’s degree from Creighton University in International Relations with a co-major in German in May 2006. While at Creighton, he participated in many different organizations and charity events. He continued his education at Creighton Law School. During law school, he received experience clerking for both a personal injury lawyer in Iowa and for a prosecutor in West Virginia, where a certification allowed him to receive courtroom experience. He graduated with his Juris Doctorate degree in May 2009.

Dougherty applied for the Space and Telecommunications Law LL.M. at the suggestion of a professor at Creighton. The international legal implications and international impact of space and telecommunications law immediately drew him to the program. He served as a member of the Law College’s Manfred Lachs Moot Court team. He is also a newly admitted member of the Colorado Bar Association.

Dougherty finds space and telecommunications law increasingly important both domestically and internationally in a rapidly shrinking world. He hopes to work with the space Industry someday, either in Colorado or in the Washington, D.C., area, as he finds it both fast-paced and innovative.
Sarah J. Morris

Sarah J. Morris is a true Nebraska native—born and raised in Omaha, she migrated to Lincoln in 2002 for her undergraduate studies at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Graduating with a B.A. in English and political science in 2006, she continued her education there, receiving her J.D. from the College of Law in 2009.

As an undergraduate, Morris developed an interest in law and public policy through her involvement as a senator and committee chairwoman for the University’s student government, as a legislative page with the Nebraska State Unicameral and as an intern in the D.C. office of Nebraska Senator Ben Nelson.

While at the law school, Morris served as a student leader in law school organizations such as Street Law, teaching constitutional law to area high school students, and the American Constitution Society, helping the organization plan campus speakers featuring nationally renowned constitutional scholars. In addition, she clerked at the Omaha law firm Lamson, Dugan & Murray doing general litigation work and spent her semesters researching telecommunications law for Professor Marvin Ammori. This research opportunity, combined with introductory courses in both telecommunications and space law, allowed her to recognize the prospects that these fields would provide for new scholarship and policy development.

With this realization in mind, Morris culminated her legal education this year in the Space and Telecommunications Law LL.M. program. Her LL.M. experience included a continuation of her research assistant work and participation on the Law College’s team in the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition. Upon completing this final step in her legal education, she hopes to pursue a career in telecommunications law, shaping emerging policies at the federal level and eventually bringing her legal skills back to her home state of Nebraska.

Keira Poellet

Keira Ayn Poellet is a native of Oak Creek, Wis. She is an active duty Air Force officer serving in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Prior to attending the Space and Telecommunications LL.M. program, she has served the Air Force as a deputy staff judge advocate at Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal, as well as chief, military justice, and chief, civil law at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. In these roles, she acted as government trial counsel on courts-martial, provided legal assistance to service members and advised commanders on discipline and military justice, ethics issues and contracts.

Through the Air Force Excess Leave Program, Poellet attended Whittier College School of Law in Costa Mesa, Calif., and graduated cum laude in May 2005. While attending law school, she was a published member of the law review, an extern for the Honorable David G. Sills, presiding justice for the California Court of Appeal, 4th District, Division 3, and a fellow in the Intellectual Property Law certificate program, for which she received the 2005 Outstanding Student in Intellectual Property Law Award. Poellet is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Prior to law school, Poellet graduated from Marquette University on a Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. She was commissioned as a second lieutenant on May 22, 1999. After college, Poellet was an acquisitions officer in the Strategic and Nuclear Deterrence Command and Control System Program Office at Peterson AFB, Colo., where she worked with U.S. Space Command and Air Force Space Command as a project manager on emerging satellite command and control programs.

Poellet is married to an active duty Air Force officer, Michael P. Metz, a director of operations (DO) for aeromedical evacuations at Ramstein AFB, Germany.
Alexis Roque

Alexis Roque grew up in a family with a strong military background. He lists his core values as integrity, perseverance, discipline and a belief in selfless sacrifice. He says he has strived every day to enhance and polish his leadership skills in both the professional and educational facets of his life.

Believing that it is imperative to nurture one's intellect in order to develop to the utmost of one's capacity, Roque has spent much of his life in academic pursuits. To date he has earned a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Sciences Management, a Master of Arts in Labor Relations and a Juris Doctor. Roque completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at Inter American University of Puerto Rico. During law school, he worked as a student attorney at the Environmental Law Clinic for a year. He was also elected vice president of the Student Council and served as president of the Student Division in the Puerto Rico Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. At the Space and Telecommunications Law LL.M. program, Roque has served as research assistant for Professor Matt Schaefer.

Roque is motivated to develop as an educator. He was awarded tenure and completed his fifth year as an assistant professor in the School of Aeronautics at Inter American University of Puerto Rico where he enjoyed taking part in shaping the future of young men and women and of exerting a positive influence upon them. His future plans include making the transition to being a full time attorney, while continuing an academic role.

Alicia Santos

Alicia Esther Santos was raised mostly in Nebraska after she emigrated from Colombia, South America, at the age of 11. Since then she has traveled extensively inside and outside the United States. Santos received her Bachelor’s degree from Doane College in Crete and a Juris Doctorate degree from the College of Law. She is a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association and participated in the Inns of Court. Santos is a certified mediator and is fluent in English and Spanish. She has been an active member of numerous boards, including such diverse organizations as Leadership Lincoln, Voices of Hope and the Lincoln Ice Hockey Association.

Prior to her enrollment in the Space and Telecommunications Law LL.M. program, Santos worked extensively in the administrative field. In her career, Santos has managed business and finance departments, administered and litigated in several tax areas and programs, acted as counsel for the Tax Commissioner and worked intensively with workplace regulations and state and federal laws and policies in the area of employment and discrimination.

Santos became interested in the Space and Telecommunications Law LL.M. after reading about this unique program. Her overarching goal is to work in a combination of space and telecommunications areas, emphasizing her skills in the administrative, regulatory and compliance areas.
Jon Vince hails from Winnipeg, Manitoba, and has lived all over Canada and the United States. Pursuing legal studies since his days in high school, Vince completed a Bachelor of Arts with honours, majoring in legal studies, from Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, in 2006 and graduated from the University of Manitoba’s Robson Hall Faculty of Law in 2009.

Over the last decade, Vince has worked in the legal and telecommunications sectors in various roles — as a salesperson for a Canadian national telecommunications provider, as a summer associate for a Winnipeg law firm working directly with a regional telecommunications employee's union, as a risk analyst in the financial services group of a global insurance brokerage and as a research assistant with a university-based business and intellectual property law clinic. Vince's extracurricular involvement includes student government, aerospace professional groups, debate clubs, competitive hockey and long-distance running.

During his time in the Space and Telecom Law LL.M. program, Vince represented the College of Law in the 2009 Lachs Moot Court competition. Vince has had the luck of meeting Marc Garneau, Canada's first astronaut in space, and attending the launches of the Canadian Radarsat-1, Nimiq-2 and Anik-F2 satellite systems. His thesis focuses on the numerous legal regimes that address private operator liability for signal integrity, security and continuity. Vince intends to practice law in California, in the private commercial space sector.
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2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Left: (L to R): Susan Huebner and John Gessert (1989) & Susie Huebner Gessert (1990); Above: Chuck Pallesen (1962) and Duane (1955) & Phyllis Acklie
THE SENIOR TRANSCRIPT

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2010
Nadiya Aleykina

Hometown: Zaporizhia, Ukraine
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Zaporizhia State University, Zaporizhia, Ukraine – English Philology/Business Management (with distinction).
College of Law Activities: Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; VITA; American Constitution Society (treasurer).
Awards & Scholarships: Scholarship for New Nebraskans; College of Law Centennial Scholar; Harold & Helen Felton Scholar; Roscoe Pound Scholar.
Work Experience: Intern – Nebraska Innocence Project, Omaha, Neb.

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Hometown: Papillion, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
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College of Law Activities: 2L Class Vice President; Christian Legal Society; Federalist Society; 1L Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA.

Kurt D. Arganbright

Hometown: Valentine, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Agricultural Economics: ASUN Senator; UNL Committee for Fees Allocation (chairman); College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Student Advisory Board; Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity; Student Alumni Association.
College of Law Activities: Federalist Society; SBA.
Work Experience: Summer Associate – Arganbright Law Office, Valentine, Neb.

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Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Journalism.
College of Law Activities: Study Abroad Program in Limerick; 2L Class President; 3L Class President; Delta Theta Phi; 1L Orientation Leader; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn. (president); Project Wishlist (organizer); SBA.
Work Experience: Compliance Office Extern – University of Nebraska Athletic Department, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Research Intern – Firespring, Lincoln, Neb.
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Graduation Date: May 2010  
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College of Law Activities: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; AJA/NATA; Delta Theta Phi; Law School Democrats (vice president); SBA.  

Matthew Baker

Hometown: Pender, Neb.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Management: James Canfield Scholar; George & Mary Haskell Scholar; Breslow Dream Scholar; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Pre-Law Club.  
College of Law Activities: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; AJA/NATA (treasurer); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi (clerk of the exchequer); 1L Orientation Leader; SBA; Heartland Big Brothers/Big Sisters (mentor).  

Caitlin E. Bals

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – News- Editorial/English (with highest distinction); University of Wollongong, Australia – Study Abroad; UNL Regents’ Scholarship; Phi Beta Kappa; UNL Honors Program; Kappa Tau Alpha Journalism Honorary; J.C. Seacrest Journalism Scholarship; Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.  
College of Law Activities: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Media Law Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling Competition; Phi Alpha Delta International (clerk); Project Wishlist (treasurer); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court.  
Awards & Scholarships: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Regents’ Scholar.  

Katie S. Baltensperger

Hometown: Gering, Neb.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala. – Mathematics: Echols Mathematics Scholarship; Athletic Scholarship.  
College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Environmental & Agricultural Law Society; 1L Orientation Leader; Phi Alpha Delta International; Project Wishlist.  
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Kovarik, Ellison & Mathis, Gering, Neb.
Adam W. Barney

Hometown: Kearney, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Finance (with high distinction); Peter Kiewit Scholar; Regents’ Scholar; CBA Student Advisory Board; Beta Theta Pi; Order of Omega.
College of Law Activities: Nebraska Law Review (executive editor); College of Law Ambassador; SBA.
Awards & Scholarships: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Criminal Law; Silver Quill Award (outstanding student Legal Research & Writing); Jack Devoe Scholar; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar; Gary L. Loseke Memorial Scholar; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
Work Experience: Summer Associate – Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson, & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.

Frederick T. Bartell

Hometown: Sutton, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Psychology.
College of Law Activities: Delta Theta Phi; Environmental & Agricultural Law Society; Equal Justice Society; Federalist Society; SBA.
Awards & Scholarships: William Holt Scholar; Hymen Rosenberg Memorial Scholar.

Amy L. Bartels

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – M.A., Nebraska Human Resources Institute; Gamma Phi Beta (standards chair); Panhellenic Executive Board.
Awards & Scholarships: Harold I. Mosher Scholar.
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk – Perry, Guthery, Haase, & Gessford, Lincoln, Neb.; Student Admissions Assistant – University of Nebraska College of Law.

Amanda R. Baskin

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – International Studies/Spanish/Political Science; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Golden Key International Honor Society.
College of Law Activities: Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (first place); Outstanding Oral Advocate – Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; International Law Student Association (2L representative).
Awards & Scholarships: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Scholar.
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Keating, O’Gara, Nedved & Peter, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk – Student Legal Services, University of Nebraska–Lincoln; Law Clerk – The Association for Civil Rights, Jerusalem, Israel.
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**Hometown:** Lincoln, Neb.  
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**College of Law Activities:**  
- Nebraska Law Review; 3L SBA Representative; Client Counseling Competition (finalist); National Client Counseling Team Regional, National and International Champion; 1L Client Counseling Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Client Counseling Competition Board (chair); Delta Theta Phi; 1L Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board (vice chair); SBA.  
**Awards & Scholarships:** Judge Robert R. Camp Scholar; Elmer L. Jackson Scholar; Regents’ Scholar.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Atwood, Holsten & Brown, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk – Perry, Guthery, Hasse & Gessford, Lincoln, Neb.

Shawn P. Beaudette  
**Hometown:** Norfolk, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb. – Criminal Justice (cum laude); Scholar in the Major; Alpha Phi Sigma; Pi Gamma Mu; Pi Gamma Alpha; Alpha Sigma Lambda.  
**College of Law Activities:** Environmental & Agricultural Law Society; Federalist Society; Republican Law Students Association.  
**Awards & Scholarships:** Great Plains Tax Institute/David Ludke Tax Scholarship.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Copple, Rockey & McKeeber Law Office, Norfolk, Neb.; Law Clerk – Lammli & Locke Law Office, Norfolk, Neb.

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**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis. – English/History (cum laude).  
**College of Law Activities:** Equal Justice Society (treasurer); Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (president).  
**Awards & Scholarships:** Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk, Gross & Welch, Omaha, Neb.

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**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. – Finance (summa cum laude).  
**College of Law Activities:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Delta Theta Phi; 1L Orientation Leader; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Lancaster County Attorney’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Compliance Extern – University of Nebraska–Lincoln Athletic Department, Lincoln, Neb.
Shannon Benash  
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**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, Mo. – Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Legal Studies (magna cum laude); Scholars Key Award. Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kan.  
**College of Law Activities:** Washburn University School of Law: Family Law Quarterly (student editor); Gay Straight Legal Alliance (executive committee member); Court Appointed Special Advocate; First Year Orientation Leader; Washburn Law Journal (selected member).  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Stephen Speicher Law Office, Lincoln, Neb; Law Clerk – Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.; Paralegal – Legal Aid of Western Missouri, St. Joseph, Mo.

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**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Political Science (honors); Honors Program; Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society.  
**College of Law Activities:** Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Delta Theta Phi; Environmental & Agricultural Law Society (treasurer); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus; International and Comparative Law Study Abroad at Institute for Social Studies in The Hague, Netherlands; Pädagogische Hochshule, Freiburg, Germany.  
**Awards & Scholarships:** Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Stephen Speicher Law Office, Lincoln, Neb.

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**Hometown:** Mesa, Ariz.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Arizona State University – Accounting.  
**Work Experience:** Deloitte & Touche, Phoenix, Ariz.

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**Graduation Date:** December 2009  
**Education:** Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. – Masters of Forensic Science. University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Criminal Justice (magna cum laude).  
**College of Law Activities:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; 1L Orientation Leader; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**Work Experience:** Legal Intern – NEOC, Lincoln, Neb. Law Clerk – Boucher Law Firm, Lincoln, Neb.
Casey Cabela

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Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan. – English: Mortar Board; Golden Key; Order of Omega; Sigma Alpha Lambda.
College of Law Activities: Client Counseling Competition; 1L Client Counseling Competition (first place); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; 1L Orientation Leader; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA.

Clint Cadwallader

Hometown: Pender, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Criminology (with distinction): Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society (vice president); Criminal Justice Student Association (president); Pi Kappa Alpha (executive counsel & judicial board chairman).
College of Law Activities: 1L Class Vice President; Student-Faculty Curriculum Committee; AJA/NATA (vice president); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; LSD/ABA; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); Project Wishlist; SBA (executive vice president).
Work Experience: Judicial Law Clerk – Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Summer Associate – Fraser Stryker, Omaha, Neb.; Intern – Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.

Carrie A. Christensen

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.
Expected Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, Mo. – Finance (magna cum laude): Presidential Scholarship; Alpha Chi National Honor Society; President’s Honor Roll; Scholastic Key Academic Award; Student Athlete Advisory Committee.
College of Law Activities: Client Counseling Competition (first place); National Client Counseling Competition Team; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Mental Health Law; Client Counseling Competition Board; Delta Theta Phi; LSD/ABA; Project Wishlist; SBA.
Work Experience: Summer Associate – Parsonage Vandenack Williams, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk – Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.

Michelle E. Clarke

Hometown: Central City, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. – International Business & Marketing; Second Honors; American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life; Undergraduate Marketing Association; Academic Advisor; McDonough School of Business Steering Committee; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Kids 2 College; Hoyathon.
College of Law Activities: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi (clerk of the rolls); 1L Orientation Leader; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (problem writer); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus (1L representative, charity auction co-chair).
Awards & Scholarships: Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar.
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Lancaster County Attorney’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.
Maggie L. Cox

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. – Political Science/History (summa cum laude); Honor’s Program Scholar; Phi Beta Kappa; Golden Key National Honor Society; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Phi Eta Sigma; Order of Omega; Pi Beta Phi Sorority; Provost Scholar; Deborah M. Barney Memorial Scholar; Political Science Department Lang Scholar; Outstanding Junior of the Political Science Department; Liberal Arts Alumni Scholar; Honors Program Enrichment Award.

University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic.

College of Law Activities:
- Nebraska Law Review (executive editor); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.

Awards & Scholarships:
- Harold & Helen Felton Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Martha W. Lefferdink Scholar; Roscoe Pound Scholar; Regents’ Scholar; Florence Wilcox Roberts Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Criminal Law.

Work Experience:
- Summer Associate – Ryley, Carlock, & Applewhite, Phoenix, Ariz.;

Scott Morgan Davis

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. – Communications.

College of Law Activities: SBA.

D. David DeWald

Hometown: Grand Island, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Music Performance: L.L. Fuller Scholar; William & Alma Hille Scholar; E. Evelyn Peterson Scholar.

College of Law Activities:
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund; Nebraska Law Review (articles editor); SBA.

Awards & Scholarships:
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Alfred J. Luebs Memorial Scholar; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.

Work Experience:
- Summer Associate - Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.

Javier G. Diaz

Hometown: Miami, Fla.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Florida International University, Miami, Fla. – Political Science: Florida Bright Futures Scholarship; Cross Country & Indoor/Outdoor Track Teams.

College of Law Activities: Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; College of Law Ambassador (student coordinator); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA; Project Wishlist; SBA.

Awards & Scholarships:
- Scholarship for New Nebraskans; College of Law Centennial Scholar; Harold & Helen Felton Scholar; Korba Family Scholar; William Holt Scholar; Winthrop & Frances Lane Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Criminal Law & Juvenile Law.

Work Experience:
Anna S. Doss

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas – Political Science (summa cum laude); TCU Scholar; Political Science Distinction Student.
College of Law Activities: Client Counseling Competition (first place); National Client Counseling Competition Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Client Counseling Competition Board; SBA.
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Anderson Jones, Dallas, Texas; Friedman Law Offices, Lincoln, Neb.

Chawnta M. Durham

Hometown: Palisade, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Union College, Lincoln, Neb. – Piano Pedagogy (summa cum laude); Union Scholar.
College of Law Activities: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; CLEP; International Law Student Association (president); SBA.
Awards & Scholarships: Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar; Donald L. Shaneyfelt Scholar.

Amanda J. Engen

Hometown: Grand Forks, N.D.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minn. – Psychology/Political Science.
College of Law Activities: 1L Client Counseling Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; CLEP; Law School Democrats; Project Wishlist; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.
Awards & Scholarships: Leslie & Helen Noble Memorial Scholar; Robert E. Nuoquist Scholar; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar; John S. Pierce Memorial Scholar.

Seth J. Felton

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
College of Law Activities: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Student-Faculty Student Awards & Assistance Committee; Delta Theta Phi; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA.
Awards & Scholarships: Leslie & Helen Noble Memorial Scholar; Robert E. Nuoquist Scholar; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar; John S. Pierce Memorial Scholar.
Edward M. Fox II
Hometown: Omaha, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – M.A. in Political Science; Graduate Teaching Assistant. University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Political Science.
College of Law Activities: National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (first place); Kenneth L. Noah Memorial Award (best brief – Allen Moot Court Competition); Outstanding Oral Advocate – Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); Student-Faculty Curriculum Committee; Allies and Advocates for GLBT (vice president); Student Animal Legal Defense Fund; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court.
Awards & Scholarships: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law I & II, Wills & Trusts, Unfair Competition, & American Legal History; Outstanding Academic Achievement Award; Fraser-Stryker Scholar; George L. DeLacy Memorial Award.
Work Experience: Research Assistant – Professors Josephine Potuto and Eric Berger, UNL College of Law; Summer Associate – Rembolt Ludtke, Lincoln, Neb.

Thomas J. Freeman
Hometown: Hubbard, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Criminal Justice.
College of Law Activities: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; SBA.
Awards & Scholarships: Gross & Welch Award – best 1L brief.
Work Experience: Research Assistant – Professor Richard Leiter, University of Nebraska College of Law.

Jonathan B. Gargano
Hometown: Eden Prairie, Minn.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind. – Masters Degree in Education. University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind. – English/Peace Studies.
College of Law Activities: Nebraska Moot Court Board (Grether Moot Court Competition coordinator, master bailiff); Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer.
Awards & Scholarships: William M. Holt Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Harold I. Mosher Scholar.
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Keating, O’Gara, Nedved & Peter, Lincoln, Neb.

Scott Gatherum
Hometown: Monmouth, Ore.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – Finance.
College of Law Activities: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Federalist Society (president); J. Reuben Clark Law Society (president).
Benjamin D. Goethel

Hometown: Plattsmouth, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa – Accounting.
College of Law Activities: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Republican Law Student Assn.; SBA.
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Rice & Bohrofen Sheboygan, Wis.; Law Clerk – Nebraska Department of Insurance, Lincoln, Neb.

Cameron Guenzel

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Religious Studies.
College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; 1L Orientation Leader; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor).
Awards & Scholarships: William M. Holt Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Thomas J. Kiesselbach Scholar; Arthur E. Perry Scholar; Regents’ Scholar; Donald R. Wilson Scholar; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Appellate Advocacy, Evidence, Health Care Law: Provider and Patient & Torts.

Daniel J. Hassing

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska at Omaha – Spanish/Psychology (cum laude): Walter Scott Scholar; Psi Chi; Sigma Delta Pi; University Honors Program; Psychology Department Undergraduate Representative.
College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (online editor); SBA.
Awards & Scholarships: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Property; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Fraser-Stryker Scholar; College of Law Class of 1966 Scholarship.

Shawn G. Heine

Hometown: Yankton, S.D.
Graduation Date: December 2009
Education: University of Nebraska at Omaha – MBA. Neb. Real Estate Salesperson License. Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. – Finance (summa cum laude): VJ & Angela Skutt Academic Scholarship.
College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; Environmental & Agricultural Law Society; Federalist Society; Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.; SBA.
Awards & Scholarships: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Construction Practice.
Andrea L. Herstein

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**Education:** Creighton University, Omaha, Neb – English (summa cum laude): Scholarly Non-Fiction Writing Award (first place, second place); Creative Non-Fiction Writing Award (second place); Sigma Tau Delta; Pi Beta Phi Women’s Fraternity (Leadership and Nominating Committee, Policy and Standards Board, Arrowboard chairperson, Arrow correspondent); National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Relay for Life.  

**College of Law Activities:** Student Animal Legal Defense Fund; High School Diversity Day Volunteer.  

**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Nebraska Department of Revenue Legal Division, Lincoln, Neb; Summer Law Clerk – Seward County Attorney’s Office, Seward, Neb.

Kimberly A. Hodge

**Hometown:** Laurens, S.C.  
**Graduation Date:** December 2009  
**Education:** University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. – Marketing/Management (magna cum laude): Palmetto Fellows Scholar; Golden Key Honor Society; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity; Epsilon Sigma Alpha Service Sorority; Community Service Leadership Team.  

**College of Law Activities:** Delta Theta Phi; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Women’s Law Caucus.  

**Awards & Scholarships:** CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Style & Composition in Legal Writing.  

**Work Experience:** Tax Intern – Nelnet, Inc., Lincoln, Neb.

Matthew W. Holman

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**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Psychology (with distinction): Regents’ Scholar; Peter Kiewit Scholar.  

**College of Law Activities:** Delta Theta Phi; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Women’s Law Caucus.  

**Awards & Scholarships:** CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Contracts, Constitutional Law II, Payment Systems & Accounting for Lawyers.  

**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Nebraska Department of Insurance, Lincoln Neb.

John M. Jensen

**Hometown:** Wayne, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Nebraska at Kearney – Political Science (magna cum laude): Chancellor’s Scholarship; Department of Music Scholarship; Outstanding Graduate in Political Science Honoree; Locke and Key Political Science Society (founder, president); Campus Kitchens: community-wide meal delivery project (cofounder, leader); Sigma Phi Beta National Honor Society; Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.  

**College of Law Activities:** SBA.  

**Awards & Scholarships:** Ira S. Epstein Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar.  

**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.
Christopher S. Jones

**Hometown:** Rocklin, Calif.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – Political Science.  
**College of Law Activities:** Federalist Society; J. Reuben Clark Law Society (secretary).  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – United States Attorney’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.

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**Hometown:** Fargo, N.D.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
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**College of Law Activities:** Republican Law Students Association; St. Thomas More Society; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – University of Nebraska Foundation, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk – Nebraska Secretary of State’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.

David H. Kalisek

**Hometown:** Gretna, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Finance.  
**College of Law Activities:** Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Federalist Society; Phi Alpha Delta International; Republican Law Students Association; St. Thomas More Society; SBA.  
**Work Experience:** Extern – University of Nebraska Athletic Department Compliance Division; Legal Intern – National District Attorneys Association, Alexandria, Va.

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**Hometown:** Walthill, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. – Aerospace Engineering; Flying Club, Company Commander.  
**College of Law Activities:** Space and Telecom Law Program of Concentrated Study; Phi Alpha Delta International; Republican Law Students Association; SBA.  
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Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. – History. Kwansei Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan. Temple University Beasley College of Law, Tokyo, Japan.
College of Law Activities: DeltaThetaPhi; LSD/ABA; Republican Law Students Association; SBA.
Awards & Scholarships: Todd A Morrison International Scholar.
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Keating, O’Gara, Nedved & Peter, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk – Nagashima, Ohno & Tsunematsu Law Offices, Tokyo, Japan; Law Clerk – Ernst & Young Business Tax Division, Tokyo, Japan.

Mary Jo Lang
Hometown: Omaha, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. – English (summa cum laude); Dean’s Tuition Scholarship; Vision Scholarship; Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society; Order of Omega Honor Society.
College of Law Activities: CLEP; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); Project Wishlist; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus (treasurer).
Awards & Scholarships: G. Robert Muchemore Scholar; Omaha Law League Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Property, Torts, & Contracts.
Work Experience: Summer Associate – Baird Holm, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk – Baylor Evnen, Lincoln, Neb.

Tiffany Lee
Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – News–Editorial/Political Science (with highest distinction).
College of Law Activities: CLEP.
Awards & Scholarships: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Constitutional Law I & Mediation.
Work Experience: Summer Associate – Baird Holm, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk – Baylor Evnen, Lincoln, Neb.

John A. Lentz
Hometown: Alexandria, Ky.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Ohio University, Athens, Ohio – M.A. in Philosophy. Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky. – Philosophy.
College of Law Activities: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Christian Legal Society; Federalist Society; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Lepant Law Office, Beatrice, Neb.; Research Assistant – Professor Michelle Harner, University of Nebraska College of Law; Student Representative – LEXIS NEXIS, Lincoln, Neb.
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Hometown: Kearney, Neb.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: University of Nebraska at Kearney – Psychology (cum laude); Psi Chi National Honor Society; Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society; National Conference on Undergraduate Research Presenter; Student Court Justice; Dean’s Scholar.  
College of Law Activities: SBA (3L class representative); Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Project Wishlist; Women’s Law Caucus (Susan B. Anthony charity auction); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer.  
Awards & Scholarships: Merle & Frances Jones Scholar.  
Work Experience: Summer Associate – Ross, Schroeder, & George; Kearney, Neb.; Law Clerk – Office of the Attorney General, Department of Roads, Lincoln, Neb.

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Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Fine Arts.  
College of Law Activities: National Moot Court Team; Kenneth L. Noah Memorial Award (best brief – Allen Moot Court Competition); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); Allen Moot Court Competition (first place).  
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Nebraska Appleseed, Lincoln Neb.

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Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – M.B.A. MBA Fellowship; Phillippe Fellowship; Wesely Fellowship. University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Business Administration (highest distinction); Raikes School of Computer Science and Management; Superior Scholar; University Honors Program; Forrest C. Blood, Jr. Scholar; David Memorial Scholar.  
College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; 1L Client Counseling Competition (first place); Client Counseling Competition; Client Counseling Competition Board (co-chair); Environmental & Agricultural Law Society (public relations chair); NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (managing editor); Project Wishlist; Women’s Law Caucus.  
Awards & Scholarships: Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Genevieve Sack Phillips Scholar; Regents’ Scholar; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Procedure, Corporations, Administrative Law, Corporate Tax, Creditors’ Rights & Securities Regulation.  

**Jamie L. McAlister**  
Hometown: Omaha, Neb.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Sociology; Peter Kiewit Memorial Scholar; National Pan Hellenic Council; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (Midwestern Region undergraduate member-at-large, vice president).  
College of Law Activities: 1L Class SBA Representative; Client Counseling Competition; 1L Client Counseling Competition (finalist); Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; BLSA (community service chair); CLEP; 1L Orientation Leader; Multi-Cultural Legal Society (secretary); SBA (executive president); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Project Wishlist.  
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant – Professor Anna Shavers, University of Nebraska College of Law.
Stephanie Mikesh

**Hometown:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** March 2010  
**Education:** Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, N.J. – Business Management.

**College of Law Activities:**  
- Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study  
- Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court  
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (president)  
- Animal Law Closing Argument Competition  
- A/A/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Delta Theta Phi (tribune); SBA; Client Counseling Competition  
- Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist)  
- Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist).

**Work Experience:**  
- Law Clerk – Stephen Speicher Law Firm, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant – Professor Richard Leiter, University of Nebraska College of Law; Law Clerk – Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.

Matthew S. Miltenberger

**Hometown:** Danville, Iowa  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Business Management.

**College of Law Activities:**  
- Republican Law Students Association (president).

**Work Experience:**  
- Executive Director – Nebraska Republican Party; Law Clerk – Brumbaugh & Quandahl, Omaha, Neb.

Tara B. Nagel

**Hometown:** Galesburg, N.D.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D. – Business Administration (summa cum laude); University of Mary Presidential Scholarship; Goose River Bank of Mayville Scholarship; Elm River Lutheran Church Scholarship; University of Mary Pre-Law Club (off-campus vice president).

**College of Law Activities:**  
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (treasurer, vice president); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; SBA.

**Work Experience:**  

Mary K. Navratil

**Hometown:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** The Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo. – History.

**College of Law Activities:**  
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (treasurer, vice president); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Delta Theta Phi; Law School Democrats; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.

**Work Experience:**  
- Law Clerk – Larry V. Albers, Lincoln, Neb.
Lauren E. Neal  
**Hometown:** Omaha, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Marketing.  
**College of Law Activities:** Delta Theta Phi; St. Thomas More Society; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – U.S. Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.

Tanya M. Nodlinski  
**Hometown:** Grant, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. – Political Science: Fulbright Scholar; South Korea 2004-05; Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary; Sigma Tau Delta English Honorary; Cooper Center Consultant; Liberal Arts Seminar Co-instructor.  
**College of Law Activities:** Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; Environmental & Agricultural Law Society; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**Work Experience:** Legislative Clerk – Edstrom, Bromm, Lindahl, & Freeman-Caddy, Wahoo, Neb.; Research Assistant – Professor Sandra Zellmer, University of Nebraska College of Law; Intern – Global Innovation & Strategy Center, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk – McGinley, O’Donnell, Reynolds & Korth, Ogallala, Neb.

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**Hometown:** Holdrege, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
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**College of Law Activities:** Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Law School Democrats; SBA; American Constitutional Society (vice president).  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Joy Shiffermiller Law Office, Lincoln, Neb.

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**Hometown:** Houston, Texas  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – Accounting.  
**College of Law Activities:** J. Reuben Clark Law Society (treasurer); SBA.  
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Graduation Date: May 2010

College of Law Activities: Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Client Counseling Competition Board (co-chair); CLEP; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); Nebraska Moot Court Board (problem writer editor); Women’s Law Caucus.

Awards & Scholarships: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Law & Behavioral Sciences.

Work Experience: Research Assistant – University of Nebraska College of Law; Summer Associate – Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk – ACLU Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

Jennifer D. Pohlman

Hometown: Sioux Falls, S.D.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. – Journalism/English (with university honors): Alpha Phi Sorority (vice president of member recruitment); Order of Omega; Omicron Delta Kappa; Mortar Board; Society of Professional Journalists (president); The Volante (editor in chief).

College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; IL Orientation Leader; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn. (vice president); NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT (student editor); Project Wishlist; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus (auction chair, vice president).

Awards & Scholarships: Scholarship for New Nebraskans; Roscoe Pound Scholarship; Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Scholarship; H.M Van Steenberg Scholarship.


Matthew Poulsen

Hometown: Ericson, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010

College of Law Activities: Space and Telecom Law Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Federalist Society.

Awards & Scholarships: Ira S. Epstein Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar.


Coady H. Pruett

Hometown: Rocklin, Calif.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Calif. – Civil Engineering.

College of Law Activities: Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Student-Faculty Appointments Committee; Student-Faculty Honor Committee; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; AJA/NATA; National Trial Team; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (editor-in-chief); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; Nebraska Defense Counsel Association/Defense Research Institute.

Awards & Scholarships: Jessie R. Bergquist Scholar; Paul C. Holmberg Scholar; Arthur E. Perry Scholar; John S. Wishart Scholar; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; Class of 1978 Richard Butler Memorial Scholarship; Marvin & Virginia Schmid Law Scholarship; McGrath North Mullin & Kratz Endowment Scholarship.

Norma J. Reynolds

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Saint Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. – Political Science/Spanish (cum laude); Honor’s Day Speaker; Women’s Indoor Track Top Ten – 60 meter dash (no. 2), 200 meter dash (no. 4), 400 meter dash (no. 7); Board of Regents Student Committee; Class of 2007 Representative; Cultural Union for Black Expression; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Manitou Singers; Senate – Multicultural Awareness Committee; Varsity Women’s Track & Field.
College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Black Law Student Association (secretary); Christian Legal Society (president); Multi-Cultural Legal Society; SBA.
Awards & Scholarships: Yale C. Holland Memorial Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar; Regents’ Scholar.

Andrew W. Ritta

Hometown: Central City, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Philosophy/Economics: Regents Scholarship; Honors Program; F.E. & O. Johnson Scholarship.
College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; 1L Orientation Leader; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.

Michelle L. Salter

Hometown: Olympia, Wash.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash. – Art.
College of Law Activities: College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program (coordinator); Delta Theta Phi (master of the ritual); Environmental & Agricultural Law Society; International Law Student Association (co-president); Nebraska Moot Court Board; Allen Moot Court Competition (co-chair).
Awards & Scholarships: Robert D. Baumfalk Memorial Scholar; Anne Fees Lowe Memorial Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Immigration Law & Administrative Law.

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Hometown: Ord, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. – Communication.
College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; St. Thomas More Society; Women’s Law Caucus.
Jessica L. Snowden

**Hometown:** Wilmington, N.C.  
**Graduation Date:** December 2009  
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**College of Law Activities:** Client Counseling Competition; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); SBA.  
**Awards & Scholarships:** Winthrop & Frances Lane Scholar; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Property, Constitutional Law I, Topics in Law & Psychology (Eyewitness), Advanced Legal Research & Legislation Seminar.

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**Graduation Date:** December 2009  
**Education:** Creighton University – Finance/Marketing. University of Nebraska at Omaha – Master of Business Administration.  
**College of Law Activities:** Delta Theta Phi; Environmental & Agricultural Law Society; Federalist Society; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.; Phi Alpha Delta International.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Hoppe, Harner, Vogt & Barrows, Lincoln, Neb.; Graduate Intern – Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, Neb.

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**Hometown:** Valley, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, Neb. – Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting and Marketing.  
**College of Law Activities:** Phi Alpha Delta International (justice, marshal); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus (auction chair); Allies and Advocates for GLBT.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Wiseman Law Offices, Fremont, Neb.

Kimberly A. Stamp

**Hometown:** Longmont, Colo.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colo. – Psychology; Psi Chi National Honor Society for Psychology; UNC Teaching Assistant; A.E. Dickerson Scholarship.  
**College of Law Activities:** Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in Health Care Law; College of Law Ambassador; Phi Alpha Delta International (vice justice); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**Awards & Scholarships:** Robert Baumfalk Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Law of Provider and Patient & Land Use Planning.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.
Mitchell C. Stehlik

Hometown: Grand Island, Neb.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa – International Relations/Political Science (summa cum laude); Phi Beta Kappa; Presidential Scholarship; Trustee’s Scholarship; Mortar Board; Student Senate.  
College of Law Activities: 1L Client Counseling Competition (first place); Delta Theta Phi; Law School Democrats (president); SBA.  
Awards & Scholarships: William M. Holt Scholar; William M. Marshall, Jr. Memorial Scholar; Roscoe Pound Scholar; Regents’ Scholar; Dr. Norman W. Thorson Scholar; Eastman Memorial Scholar; Alfred Luebs Memorial Scholar.  
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Nebraska Department of Labor Appeal Tribunal, Lincoln, Neb.  

Jacob A. Steiner

Hometown: Columbus, Neb.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Political Science: Honors Program; Bernice Askey Upperclassman Scholarship; David Distinguished Scholars Scholarship; Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Fraternity; Honors Ambassadors.  
College of Law Activities: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Law School Democrats.  

Margaret I. Stenehjem

Hometown: Hastings, Minn.  
Graduation Date: May 2010  
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Education.  
Awards & Scholarships: Merle & Frances Jones Scholar.  
College of Law Activities: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; Equal Justice Society; St. Thomas More Society; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus (auction chair).  
Work Experience: Law Clerk – Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Court, Lincoln, Neb.  

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Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Education.  
Awards & Scholarships: Merle & Frances Jones Scholar.  

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Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. – Business Administration (cum laude). California University of Pennsylvania, California, Pa. – M.S. in Health Sciences (summa cum laude).

College of Law Activities:
- Student-Faculty Curriculum Committee;
- Student-Faculty Strategic Planning Committee;
- 1L Client Counseling Competition (finalist);
- College of Law Ambassador;
- AIA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program;
- Delta Theta Phi; Environmental & Agricultural Law Society;
- 1L Orientation Leader;
- Law School Democrats;
- Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer;
- NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW;
- Nebraska Moot Court Board;
- Project Wishlist; SBA;
- Women’s Law Caucus.

Awards & Scholarships:
- Henry J. Amen Scholar;
- Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar;
- Donald T. Meier Scholar;
- Regents’ Scholar.

Work Experience:
- Intern – Texas Defender Service, Houston, Texas;
- Summer Associate – Atwood Holsten & Brown, Lincoln, Neb.;

Tara L. Tesmer

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D. – Government & International Affairs/
- Spanish (magna cum laude);
- Governmental Honors;
- Spanish Honors.

College of Law Activities:
- Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer;
- Nebraska Moot Court Board;
- Allen Moot Court Competition (chair);
- SBA;
- Women’s Law Caucus (president, auction chair).

Awards & Scholarships:
- McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.

Work Experience:
- Law Clerk – Rembolt Ludtke, Lincoln, Neb.;
- Law Clerk – Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.;
- Intern – University of Nebraska Athletic Department – Compliance Office, Lincoln, Neb.

JoAnna Thomas

Hometown: Ogallala, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010

College of Law Activities:
- National Moot Court Team;
- Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist);
- National Trial Team;
- Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study;
- Big Brother/Big Sister Program;
- CLEP;
- NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (research editor);
- SBA;
- Lied Center Student Advisory Board.

Awards & Scholarships:
- William O. Hambel Memorial Scholar;
- Yale C. Holland Memorial Scholar;
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Trial Advocacy & Federal Jurisdiction.

Work Experience:
- Law Clerk – Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.

Matthew J. Turman

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. – Political Science. Merit Scholar;
- Omega Alpha Chi Fraternity (chair);
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (vice president);
- Admission Ambassador;
- NCAAA All-American Award;
- Varsity Indoor/Outdoor Track Teams.

College of Law Activities:
- Big Brother/Big Sister Program;
- Federalist Society;
- 1L Orientation Leader;
- Phi Alpha Delta International (vice president);
- SBA.

Work Experience:
- Law Clerk – Cada, Froscheiser, Cada & Hoffman, Lincoln, Neb.;
- Summer Associate – Kovarik, Ellison & Mathis, Gering, Neb.
Joselyn D. VanCleave

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Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Environmental Studies. Pima Community College, Tucson, Ariz. – Associate of Business (with highest honors).
College of Law Activities: 1L Class President; Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in Environmental Law; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA (8th Circuit governor); Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus; Native American Law Student Association (secretary-treasurer).
Awards & Scholarships: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Yale C. Holland Memorial Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; John Phillip Morrow Memorial Scholar.
Work Experience: Research Assistant – Professor Sandi Zellmer, University of Nebraska College of Law; Independent Researcher – The Grassland Foundation, Lincoln, Neb.

Amanda J. Venenga

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Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Economics (with distinction).
College of Law Activities: Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; National Trial Team.

Michael Vo

Hometown: Houma, La.
Graduation Date: May 2010
Education: Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, La. – General Studies.
College of Law Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; SBA.
Work Experience: Research Assistant – Professor William Lyons, University of Nebraska College of Law; Project Volunteer – The Pro Bono Project, New Orleans, La.

Joshua Wendell

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College of Law Activities: Environmental & Agricultural Law Society.
Awards & Scholarships: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Torts I & Criminal Law at Phoenix School of Law
Brock D. Wurl

**Hometown:** North Platte, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb.; Student Affairs Senate (treasurer); University Ambassadors.  
**College of Law Activities:** AJA/NATA (secretary); 1L Orientation Leader (small group leader); SBA.  
**Work Experience:** Law Clerk – Brouillette Law Offices, North Platte, Neb.; Legislative Intern – Kissel/E&S Associates, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk – Norman, Paloucek & Herman, North Platte, Neb.

Adam D. Young

**Hometown:** Omaha, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. – English/Justice and Peace Studies. Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. – Masters in English.  
**College of Law Activities:** St. Thomas More Society.  

Jacqueline L. Young

**Hometown:** Grand Island, Neb.  
**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Accounting/Management. University of Nebraska at Omaha – Master of Business Administration.  
**College of Law Activities:** Allen Moot Court Competition; Allen Moot Court Board; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Healthcare Individualized Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; 1L Orientation Leader; Phi Alpha Delta International; Project Wishlist; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**Work Experience:** Legislative Intern – Kissel & Associates, Lincoln, Neb.

Katherine L. Zielinski

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**Graduation Date:** May 2010  
**Education:** University of Nebraska at Omaha – Business/Political Science (summa cum laude); Vice Chancellor’s Leadership Council; Student Ambassador; Beta Gamma Sigma; Chi Omega Sorority; Omicron Delta Epsilon; Omicron Delta Kappa; Economics Club; Order of Omega; Golden Key.  
**College of Law Activities:** Student-Faculty Student Awards & Assistance Committee; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; 1L Orientation Leader; Phi Alpha Delta International; Project Wishlist; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**Work Experience:** Clerk – Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Intern – USSTRATCOM’s Global Innovation & Strategy Center, Omaha, Neb.; Legislative Intern – Kissel/E&S Associates, Lincoln, Neb.

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Marvin & Virginia Schmid Foundation, Inc. (LCS)
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Donald & Lorena Meier Foundation (H)
Christopher Meyer

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MHW Investments (R)
John Milburn
Mary & Edward Moyer (H)
G. Robert Muchemore Foundation (LCS)
Nebraska State Bar Foundation (H)
Nelson Family Foundation (LCS)
Omaha Community Foundation (LCS)
Pinnacle Bank (H)
Pollak & Hicks
R. Todd Rankin (LCS)
Rembolt Ludtke (H)
Robert L. Reynolds
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Scudder Law Firm, P.C. (H)
Smith Hayes Financial Services (H)
William V. Strain
Jean S. Thoms
United Way of Lincoln & Lancaster County (H)
Brady Vacha
Craig E. VanderKolk
Rupert A. Warren (LCS)
Richard & Judy Brumm Weill (LCS)
Wilcox Family Foundation (H)
Woods & Aitken (LCS)

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Glenda J. Pierce (H)
Robert F. Schopp (R)
Anthony B. Schutz (R)
Anna Williams Shavers (H)
### LAW ALUMNI CONTRIBUTORS BY CLASS YEAR

#### Class of 1935  
% of Class: 13%  
**Virginia C. Schmid (LCS)**

#### Class of 1937  
% of Class: 13%  
**Thomas M. Davies (H)**

#### Class of 1938  
% of Class: 17%  
**William F. Colwell (R)**  
**Otto H. Wellensiek (LCS)**

#### Class of 1940  
% of Class: 11%  
**Hyman Polsky (R)**

#### Class of 1941  
% of Class: 25%  
**Harold W. Conroy (R)**  
**George E. Svoboda**  
**Ernest B. Wintroub (R)**

#### Class of 1942  
% of Class: 7%  
**Lauren D. Lampert (R)**

#### Class of 1943  
% of Class: 50%  
**Thomas Brogan (R)**

#### Class of 1947  
% of Class: 60%  
**Rollo V. Clark (R)**  
**Dwight L. Clements (H)**  
**Elmer J. Jackson (H)**  
**Edward B. McConnell (LCS)**  
**Carl H. Rohman (R)**  
**Dale C. Tinstman (LCS)**

#### Class of 1948  
% of Class: 26%  
**R. Charles Bocken (R)**  
**William C. Hastings (R)**  
**Julian H. Hopkins**  
**Ben Novicoff (H)**  
**Warren E. Van Norman (R)**

#### Class of 1949  
% of Class: 29%  
**Total Class Gift: $14,585**

#### Class of 1950  
% of Class: 31%  
**Total Class Gift: $1,950**

#### Class of 1951  
% of Class: 23%  
**Total Class Gift: $4,050**

#### Class of 1952  
% of Class: 21%  
**Total Class Gift: $635**

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**John J. Blake (H)**  
**Robert E. Bramson (R)**  
**Ray B. Cumming (H)**  
**Donald C. Farber (R)**  
**Carter H. Kokjer (R)**  
**Robert A. Wenke (R)**  
**Lee C. White**  
**Robert W. Wilson (R)**  
**Wallacec Becker (LCS)**  
**Don A. Boyd (H)**  
**Dean E. Erickson**  
**Barbara G. Kratz (LCS)**  
**Dale C. Putman**  
**Wayne R. Douce**  
**Donald R. Grant (R)**  
**Donald H. Kelley**  
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**Daniel D. Koukol**  
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Class of 1965
% of Class: 24%
Total Class Gift: $1,550

Ralph M. Anderson (R)
Thomas H. DeLay (R)
Vincent L. Dowding (R)
Dean N. Hansen
Kenneth P. Keene (R)
Richard A. Leigh (R)
John E. Musselman (R)
G. Neale Shaner
Donald R. Witt (R)

Class of 1966
% of Class: 23%
Total Class Gift: $8,110

Thomas B. Allington (H)
Hal Daub (H)
James D. Faimon
Gary A. Greinke
Con M. Keating (R)
Robert S. Lingo
Harvey S. Perlman (LCS)
Mohammed H. Sadden (LCS)
Ronald L. Schwab
Earl H. Scudder (LCS)
Steven G. Seglin (R)
Richard B. Voss

Class of 1967
% of Class: 4%

Larry D. Bird
Gailyn L. Larsen

Class of 1968
% of Class: 16%
Total Class Gift: $11,475

Paul M. Conley (R)
William B. Fenton (R)
Robert A. Hill (R)
Robert W. Korba (LCS)
Thomas A. Larson (H)
William E. Marsh
Jarret C. Oeltjen (LCS)
Kent E. Person
Richard D. Stafford (R)
Thomas B. Thomsen (R)

Class of 1969
% of Class: 19%
Total Class Gift: $11,450

William A. Ahlstrand
Samuel P. Baird (R)
Charles B. Baumer (LCS)
John K. Boyer (LCS)
John T. Connors (H)
Robert C. Decker (R)
James J. DeMars (R)
William A. Harding (R)
William A. Haug
Linda S. Loseke (R)
Russell E. Lovell (R)
Gilbert G. Lundstrom (R)
Thomas R. Pansing (R)
Patrick G. Rogers
Gerald L. Whitcomb (LCS)

Class of 1970
% of Class: 14%
Total Class Gift: $11,430

Alden A. Abraham (LCS)
Steven R. Brott (R)
M. Douglas Deitchler
Howard F. Hahn (H)
Thomas T. Holyoke (R)
Marilyn B. Hutchinson (R)
Everett O. Inbody (R)
Stephen A. Mazurak (LCS)
E. Benjamin Nelson (LCS)
Barbara L. Pratt Alf (R)
James M. Walters (R)
William V. Wolbach

Class of 1971
% of Class: 9%
Total Class Gift: $11,200

William L. Biggs (R)
Richard A. Johnson (R)
Richard F. Koch (H)
Douglas C. Nelson (R)
Patrick E. Quinn (LCS)
Russell J. Sindt (R)
L. Joe Stehlik

Class of 1972
% of Class: 14%
Total Class Gift: $15,875

James R. Blinn (R)
Gary D. Byrne (R)
Jeffrey E. Curtiss (LCS)
James A. Gallant (R)
Robert J. Hamer (R)
Michael M. Hroch (R)
Steven R. Hutchins (H)
John R. McPhail
Arnold W. Messer (H)
John H. Moseman
Richard S. Reiser (R)
James E. Rembolt (R)
William Jay Riley (LCS)
Stuart Smith (LCS)
Clifford J. Sturek
Dennis C. Tegtmeier (R)
Jim Wochner (R)

Class of 1973
% of Class: 13%
Total Class Gift: $11,250

Christopher J. Beutler (R)
Steven D. Burns
David A. Domina (LCS)
Sandra K. Ehrich
Robert B. Ensz (R)
Lloyd E. Friesen (H)
Alexandra M. Goddard (R)
Eric V. Iovacchini
Loren L. Lindahl (R)
Roger J. Miller (LCS)
Timothy J. Otto (R)
Walter V. Siebert (H)
Kenneth C. Stephan (R)
Edward H. Tricker (LCS)
David R. Uher
John J. Wagner (R)
Bruce D. White (R)

Class of 1974
% of Class: 13%
Total Class Gift: $5,373

Robert J. Banta (R)
Graten D. Beavers
Thomas V. Bender (H)
Robert L. Boumann (H)
James R. Coe (R)
James E. Gordon (R)
Ward F. Hoppe (H)
Stephen C. Johnson (LCS)
Paul W. Korslund (R)
C. Vincent Phelps (R)
Donald E. Rowlands (R)
Frederick W. Schrekinger
Steven C. Smith
Stephen A. Spitz (R)
Timothy L. Thietje (R)
Gerald D. Warren (R)
Matthew H. Williams (R)
Charles R. Wise

Class of 1976
% of Class: 17%
Total Class Gift: $9,925

Robert F. Bartle (R)
Sam R. Brower
Lauren J. Caster (H)
A. Eugene Crump (H)
Mary L. Doyle (R)
Timothy J. Doyle (R)
June W. Edwards (R)
Olivia M. Guerra Keating (H)
Thomas L. Hagel (R)
Thomas R. Hickey
Margaret Hornbeck Greene (LCS)
Susan Jacobs Johnson
Mary Lynne James
Keith E. Martin (R)
Steven F. Mattoon (H)
Glen A. Murray
James R. Nearhood (LCS)
Robert G. Pahlke (R)
Alan R. Polsky (R)
Keith A. Prettyman (R)

Class of 1977
% of Class: 17%
Total Class Gift: $5,805

Bruce A. Billings
Fredda J. Bisman (R)
Kent R. Davy
Rick L. Ediger (R)
Paul T. Gefreh (R)
Daniel R. Gilg (R)
Deborah R. Gilg (R)
Charles W. Hastings (R)
Michael H. Jensen
Michael C. Klein
Kenneth R. Lang (R)
Thomas & Jeanne Lawson (LCS)
Philip M. Martin (R)
Joseph M. Moothart
Jill Beckoff Nagy
Robert L. Nefsky (H)
Kurt T. Rager (R)
Barry L. Ross
Edward P. Sands (R)
John A. Selzer (H)
Laurie Smith Camp (H)
Mary E. Sommermeyer
Robert M. Wagner (R)
Terry O. Waite (R)
Terry R. Wittler (R)

Class of 1978
% of Class: 30%
Total Class Gift: $31,230

Rebecca R. Anderson (H)
John W. Ballwe
Robert L. Bals (R)
Mark A. Buchanan
Class of 1979
% of Class: 17%
Total Class Gift: $6,855

John H. Albin
Steven R. Andrews (H)
Dana V. Baker (R)
Rosalie Kay Bradley Ridenour
April E. Casey
William B. Cassel (R)
Marianne Clifford Upton (R)
Timothy R. Engler (R)
Charles L. Finke (R)
Daniel A. Fullner
Terrill A. Hyde (H)
Eileen K. Jennings (H)
Joseph R. Kafka
Suzanne Loseke Meyers (R)
Larry D. Ohs
Dennis R. Onnen
Patricia S. Peterson (LCS)
Michael K. Reppe
Kevin L. Ruser (R)
Robert R. Steinke (R)
John L. Strope
David L. Suggs (R)
Larry A. Todd
Donald E. Uerling (R)
Fred T. Witt (H)

Class of 1980
% of Class: 15%
Total Class Gift: $5,350

Karen Beadie (R)
David A. Bergin
James P. Broderick
Gary N. Clatterbuck (H)
Timothy E. Divis (H)
Emil M. Fabian (R)
Ann E. Fox (R)
Keith J. Gredys
Dennis R. Hurley (R)
Stephen M. Krumm (R)
David N. Lutton (H)

Class of 1981
% of Class: 16%
Total Class Gift: $3,600

David D. Babcock
Kathryn A. Bellman (R)
Pamela M. Carrier (R)
Robert C. Corn
John E. Crabtree
John C. Evans
Richard M. Glidden (R)
E. Burke Hinds, III (H)
Andrew J. Jetter (R)
Arlen W. Langvardt
Timothy D. Loudon (H)
Orval L. Marlow
Kathryn A. Olson (R)
Robert R. Otte (R)
Randy E. Phipps (R)
Jerry L. Pigsley (R)
John E. Samson (R)
Charles W. Sorenson (R)
Gregory M. Thomas
David A. Waskowiak
John C. Wiltse (R)
James L. Young (R)

Steven R. Mills
Joseph A. Morris (H)
William J. Mueller (H)
James E. Papik
David W. Pederson (R)
Ralph F. Rayburn (R)
Michael Sloan (R)
Donald L. Swanson (R)
James R. Wefso
Rebecca A. Winston (R)
Class of 1982
% of Class: 12%
Total Class Gift: $3,662

Richard T. Seckman
Mark S. Siedlik
Charles D. Sinclair
Bryan E. Slone (R)
Gerald M. Stilmock
Laurie J. Yardley
Martha K. Zajicek (R)

Class of 1984
% of Class: 10%
Total Class Gift: $4,600

Christopher W. Abboud (R)
Daniel J. Amen (H)
Steven D. Boyd (H)
Pam Colling Buttram
Jeffrey M. Doerr (R)
Chris A. Horacek (R)
Kathleen A. Jaudzemis (H)
Susan M. Koenig
Alvin R. Pahlke (R)
Glenda J. Pierce (H)
Daniel B. Pollack
Mark M. Schorr (R)
James C. Stecker (R)
Alan J. White (R)
Linda L. Willard
Neil E. Williams (R)
Thomas F. Wilson
Mark J. Young

Class of 1983
% of Class: 15%
Total Class Gift: $8,960

R. Scott Anderson (R)
Tamara W. Augustine
Laurene M. Barrett (LCS)
Patrick J. Barrett (LCS)
Gregory B. Bartels (LCS)
Mary M. Campbell
Michael C. Cox (R)
Stephen S. Gealy (R)
Thomas Earl Geu
Victoria J. Grant
Richard A. Hartfield
Glenda J. Lanik (H)
Peter J. Longo
William D. O’Neil
Susan W. Pahlke (R)

Class of 1985
% of Class: 10%
Total Class Gift: $4,535

Diane H. Dentlinger
Monica Green Kruger
Bruce E. Kruger
Christopher J. McVeigh (H)
Keith E. Moxon (H)
Linda B. Norris
William M. Ojile (H)
Kim M. Robak (H)
David H. Roe (LCS)
Robert W. Shively
Randy & Laura Stevenson (R)
Ellen L. Totzke
Zanna M. Zulch (R)

Class of 1986
% of Class: 16%
Total Class Gift: $3,255

Jimmie L. Brown
Christine E. Denicola (LCS)
Ann D. Diers
Christina D. Dodds
Allen G. Erickson (R)
Robert P. Foster
Michael B. Kratville
Glenn W. Morton (R)
Michael K. O’Neal
David C. Pauley
Terry R. Rickers
Larry E. Schultz
John K. Shunk (R)
Andrew R. Sluss
Bertie A. Smisek
J. L. Spray (R)
Hans H. Thielen
Thomas G. Van Houten
Lori J. Vinton
Michael L. Walcott
Susan C. Williams (R)

Class of 1987
% of Class: 7%
Total Class Gift: $2,350

Brenda L. Bartels
Miles M. Dewhirst
Janet S. Gurwitch
Walter D. James (H)
Scott D. Johnston
Frank L. Labrador (LCS)
Michael W. Manske
Michelle J. Oldham
Lawrence M. Zavadii
Class of 1988
% of Class: 7%
Total Class Gift: $2,415

Lori D. Bauer Apodaca (R)
Marie L. Buckley (R)
Jeffrey A. Nix
Joel D. Pedersen (R)
Todd W. Ruskamp (LCS)
Elizabeth K. Ryan (R)
John M. Ryan (R)
Lucio G. Valdez (R)

Class of 1989
% of Class: 9%
Total Class Gift: $5,525

Cathleen H. Allen (R)
Timothy D. Brown (R)
David R. Denton (R)
Michael S. Dunlap (LCS)
Stephen J. Henning (LCS)
Thomas V. Hinshaw
Bradley E. Nick
Robert J. Parker
Todd L. Peterson
Marybeth Redwine-Ruskamp (LCS)
Sharon A. Rogers
Lisa Thayer (R)

Class of 1990
% of Class: 11%
Total Class Gift: $14,275

Susan A. Berson (R)
Robin L. Binning (R)
Mark A. Brohman
Linda R. Crump (H)
Eric L. Dillow (R)
David A. Miller (LCS)
Robert A. Monniere (R)
Margaret M. Ochoa
Ramona L. Paetzold (LCS)
David B. Parman (R)
Julie A. Shipman-Burns (R)
Daniel J. Thayer (R)
Susan R. Wurtz
John H. Zelenka (R)

Class of 1991
% of Class: 7%
Total Class Gift: $3,125

Joseph F. Bachmann (R)
Susan G. Crotreau (R)
Robert L. Eden (R)
Daniel J. Huff
Scott K. McCarthy
Pamela B. Peck (R)
Bryan P. Robertson (R)
James M. Sulentic (LCS)
Kathleen M. Zeitz

Class of 1992
% of Class: 7%
Total Class Gift: $1,675

Riko E. Bishop (R)
Michael K. Bydalek
SaraBeth Donovan (R)
Ralph A. Froehlich (R)
DaNay A. Kalkowski (R)
Robert J. McCormick (R)
James R. Nygren (R)
Thomas Wayde Pittman (R)
Mark S. Sobus (H)

Class of 1993
% of Class: 12%
Total Class Gift: $5,490

Sharon L. Bartter (H)
John H. Bergmeyer
Thomas J. Bont (R)
Deonne L. Bruning (R)
Michael R. Contarino
Ennio J. Corsi (R)
Jason P. Galindo (R)
Gregory R. Johnson (R)
Darin L. Mackender (H)
Richard B. Murphy (R)
Cheryl J. Peckenpaugh
Kirk S. Peterson
Alanna A. Schenken
Sandeep S. Sheth (R)
Patrick J. Straka (LCS)
Steven M. Thomas (H)
Elizabeth A. Varley (R)

Class of 1994
% of Class: 9%
Total Class Gift: $1,440

Jack A. Barker
Jon C. Bruning (R)
Tabitha J. Campbell
Bruce R. Gerhardt (R)
Jared L. Labau
Paul H. Ladehoff (R)
Laura A. Lowe
Kurt D. Maahs (R)
Kent A. Meyerhoff (R)
William J. Munn
Douglas W. Ruge
Thomas Parker Schenken
Kelly T. Shattuck (R)

Class of 1995
% of Class: 5%
Total Class Gift: $4,285

Kristine D. Brenneis (LCS)
Gregory C. Hogenmiller
Melissa D. Johnson-Wiles
Sanford J. Pollack
Judy R. Scdoris
Rob J. Shortridge (LCS)
James C. Ziter (R)
Class of 1996
% of Class: 9%
Total Class Gift: $2,825

Christopher M. Bikus (H)
Carl B. Eskridge (R)
Elizabeth M. Frederick (R)
Tamara S. Herrera
William R. Jeppson (R)
Douglas W. Krenzer (R)
Matthew E. Laughlin (R)
Colleen P. Manly (R)
Michael P. Manly (R)
Julia M. Plucker
Kristin E. Reynolds
Robert M. Schafer (R)
Daniel Torrens (R)

Class of 1997
% of Class: 9%
Total Class Gift: $3,405

Duane A. Austria (R)
Eric B. Brown
Betsy Smith Hocking
Jeffery R. Kirkpatrick (H)
Vicki L. Meadows (H)
Roger D. Moore
Joel D. Nelson (H)
Thomas L. Selken
James R. Smith
Corey L. Stull (H)
Jeanette L. Stull (H)

Class of 1998
% of Class: 7%
Total Class Gift: $2,800

Nicki Votava A. Auman
Kristin K. Brown
Kristopher J. Covi (H)

Derrick J. Hahn (H)
Carlos M. Rivera
Suzanne M. Rodekohr (R)
Steven J. Schmidt (H)
Steven P. Stumpf

Class of 1999
% of Class: 3%

Kathryn D. Folts (H)
Jennifer L. Hanson (R)
Chad W. Swartz (R)
Chastity K. Swantz (R)

Class of 2000
% of Class: 7%
Total Class Gift: $11,400

Damon O. Barry (LCS)
Eve Brank (R)
Daniel J. Epstein (R)
Michelle N. Epstein (R)
Jeffrey D. Holloway (R)
Brian S. Kruse (R)
Vanessa R. Pertusa-Ruser (R)
Dale R. Shook
Trent R. Sidders (R)

Class of 2001
% of Class: 7%
Total Class Gift: $1,125

Kelli Cummins-Brown (R)
Jisella A. Dolan
Dana J. Lindauer (R)
Brian S. Nielsen (R)
Erika B. Schafer
Timothy J. Thalken (R)
Amy J. Vyhildal (R)
Lori C. Wood (R)

Class of 2002
% of Class: 6%
Total Class Gift: $580

Britt N. Anderson
Mathew P. Anderson
Tasha A. Everman (R)
Tracy L. Jamison
Paula S. Quist (R)
Jessica C. Sidders (R)
Lori J. Thomas

Class of 2003
% of Class: 9%
Total Class Gift: $1,460

Aliza Anvari
Thomas M. Conrad
Karin E. Issi Anderson (H)
Thomas O. Kelley (H)
Jennifer M. Kurcz (R)
Timothy C. Langan
Cheri S. Raymond
Kendra J. Ringenberg
Scot M. Ringenberg
Rachel E. Yamamoto

Class of 2004
% of Class: 4%
Total Class Gift: $560

Darla J. Johnson
Jason J. Lessmeier (R)
Jin Ma
Patricia M. Robidoux
Karen K. Weinhold

Class of 2005
% of Class: 3%

Sean M. Gleason (R)
Cathy R. Saathoff
John L. Selzer (R)
Katie A. Welsch
Class of 2006
% of Class: 4%
Total Class Gift: $315

Derek A. Aldridge
Daniel E. Dawes (R)
Stacey L. Hines
Janet Han King
E. Kiernan McGorty

Class of 2007
% of Class: 2%

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