Exploring New Frontiers

Introducing the World’s First Space and Telecommunications LL.M.

Beginning Fall 2008
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Each fall at orientation, I tell the new students my story. It goes like this. I grew up in rural Wisconsin with a father who was a cheesemaker and a mother who never graduated from high school. They taught me all the most important things in life, such as the value of hard work and respect for others, but they were not able to provide much guidance on my education. They knew cheesemaking wasn’t greatly promising (and it wasn’t), but beyond that I was pretty much on my own. Then one of the great state law schools took me in and dramatically changed the trajectory of my life. I view that as the main function of great state law schools – to accept people from all walks of life from across the state (and, today, around the world) and then to change the trajectories of their lives.

We do that at Nebraska. We continue to attract highly qualified students who also happen to be very interesting people. For example, we had more applications for the 2007 entering class than we have ever had in the history of the College – about 1,000 applications for the 145 spots in the first-year class. As a result, the students came in with exceptional academic qualifications: a median undergraduate grade point average well above 3.5 and an LSAT score above the 70th percentile.

But our students, of course, are more than these numbers – much more. In this year’s first-year class alone, for example, there are people who have been critical care nurses, fighter pilots, White House interns, physics professors and carpenters, and people who have worked for CNN, in meatpacking plants, as satellite operations managers and for SPLAT pest control. Someone in the first-year class could probably hold a conversation with almost anyone from anywhere in the world who happened to wander into the building; there are people in the class who speak German, Russian, Ukrainian, Portuguese, Czechoslovakian, Arabic, Mandarin, French, Creole and, of course, Spanish. There are many athletes in the first-year class including people who’ve run multiple marathons, who are triathletes, equestrians, wrestlers, crew members, broomball experts, tennis players, even a Sumo wrestler. There are individuals who’ve played in the College World Series and who’ve been three-time NCAA All-Americans.

This is a very diverse and interesting class in every sense of those words and, even though many of these students have already experienced great heights, we’re confident that we will be able to send them on even higher trajectories. Again, that’s what great state law schools do. It’s what we at Nebraska have done for well over 100 years now. Maybe we’ve done it for you!

Steven L. Willborn
Dean and Richard C. and Catherine Stuart Schmoker Professor of Law
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In early June, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents officially approved a program that will help the College of Law prepare lawyers for the special needs of the 21st Century like no other option on Earth.

In the fall semester of 2008, the Law College will welcome its first class of students for the Space and Telecommunications Law LL.M. This Master of Laws program, the Law College’s first graduate degree program, will begin with approximately five students per year and will eventually grow to graduating 10 students each school year. The program will not only benefit the LL.M. students; the courses will be open to J.D. students as well, and interested students can put together a program of concentrated study focusing on space law, telecommunications law, or both.

While space law and telecommunications law are not new subjects, the combination of the two areas in a Master of Laws program will be the first of its kind in the world.

Steve Willborn, dean of the Law College, said the idea for the program arose through a confluence of events and relationships that came about two years ago. “Some alums talked to me about the area and the need for a good program,” Willborn said. “At the same time, President Milliken had conversations with high officials at US STRATCOM in which they conveyed their interest in a program in the area. We had a faculty member highly qualified to lead the effort and interested in doing so. The creation of this program aligned with broad University goals of greater involvement with the State and, especially, the Omaha community.”

James Milliken, president of the University of Nebraska system, said one reason the new program was created was that US STRATCOM has the responsibility to monitor commercial activity in space and that such a program could help prepare specialized lawyers to address some of the legal concerns involved in the commercialization of space.

“I agreed to provide some support over a limited period of time to help launch this program because I found it to be an exciting bit of entrepreneurship and opportunism in providing the first LL.M. program in this area,” Milliken said. “There appeared to be a void in U.S. jurisprudence, and I thought that the way the law school shaped the program in terms of space law and telecommunications law was appropriate and captured potential for the private and commercial aspects of it.”

Willborn said the Law College is excited about taking the opportunity to get involved in one of the fastest growing areas of the economy.

“Over the past year, I’ve learned a lot about space and telecom law and have become very enthused by the importance of the area to the nation and world and about the central place these important areas hold in the Nebraska economy,” Willborn said. “They have become so central to our lives that we hardly notice anymore. We rely so much on these relatively new industries, when we call up a map on the internet, whenever we use a GPS system in a rental car or our own cars, often when we make telephone calls, when we watch television – the list goes on and on. These areas are going to become more and more omnipresent. Satellites can help us conserve water by sensing when crops are dry and need water, and…

Dean Steve Willborn, General James Cartwright and Professor Matt Schaefer were among those at the Space Law Conference held at the College of Law on March 2, 2007.
when they’re not dry. Before we know it, space will be an important tourist destination. The possible uses are mind-boggling."

Leading the new program is Professor Matt Schaefer who graduated magna cum laude from the University of Michigan law school. He teaches the required international law course in the LL.M. degree program and has 12 years of teaching and research experience in international law, foreign affairs, national security and international trade areas. Schaefer has also served in the National Security Council as a director in the International Economic Affairs Office and has worked as a consultant for state governors on foreign affairs matters.

“Matt Schaefer is doing a wonderful job of leading this effort as the program director,” Willborn said. "He is highly regarded around the world in the space and telecom law communities, it's in his general area of expertise [international law] and he's energetic and enthused by the enterprise.”

Schaefer said he is excited about providing a program that will be unique and about what the graduates of the program will go on to do as alumni. "All the other existing space law programs link up with air law," Schaefer said, "and air law tends to predominate at those programs with space law being only a smaller segment. Here it's going to be an equal division between space law and telecommunications law. It's Nebraska taking advantage of our geography and our alumni. We've had alumni go out and be successful in telecommunications and in space law even before we offered those classes. So we have some natural alumni interest.”

Schaefer taught the first space law class at the Law College since the mid-1960s during the fall 2006 semester. The course covered military, civilian and commercial aspects of space law, including the five major Cold War era space law treaties, national security aspects of space law, the NASA act, the International Space Station Agreement, remote sensing, property rights in space, intellectual property in space, insurance for launches and satellites and tort law aspects of space tourism. Schaefer brought in a variety of guest lecturers including two law college graduates June Edwards, '76, of NASA/STRATCOM and Major Darren Huskisson, '96, chief of cyber and space law for STRATCOM. Other guest lecturers included Pamela Meredith, co-chair of the Space Law Practice Group at Zuckert, Scott & Rasenberger in Washington, D.C.; Tracey Knutson, an adventure sports and tort law lawyer with Knutson & Assoc.; Professor Joanne Gabrynowicz, director of the National Remote Sensing and Space Law Center at the University of Mississippi School of Law; Professor Ram Jakhu of McGill University; and Billy "Sensei" Starkey with Northrup Grumman.

On March 2, 2007, the Law College hosted its first ever space and telecommunications law conference, "Security and Risk Management in a New Space Era: Military, Commercial and Tourism Dimensions." The theme of the conference was particularly timely as in mid-January, China conducted the first anti-satellite weapon test in 20 years, knocking out an aging weather satellite 537 miles from Earth and creating a debris field of hundreds, if not thousands, of fragments. Previously, in September 2006, there were media reports of China "illuminating" satellites with lasers. The last test of an anti-satellite weapon was conducted by the US in 1985, and the last piece of debris created by that test just deorbited in 2004.

General James Cartwright, then commander of US Strategic Command and currently vice-chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, gave the keynote address. Cartwright noted that the military tracks over 40,000 objects in space, occasionally warning satellite operators of potential collisions.
“This program will educate students about legally complex subjects vital to the U.S.’s domestic security and economic growth – from national security space law to international telecommunications policy.”
- Professor Marvin Ammori

with each other or with debris. He made the point that the law is not as precise as it needs to be, given the density of space activities today. For example, whose responsibility is it to maneuver when two objects are on a potential collision course? Other problems identified during the talk include piracy of bandwidth and the jamming of signals or other interference with communications. US STRATCOM continues to attempt to improve space situational awareness, including more proactive awareness of space activities. Cartwright concluded by noting that there is no need for an arms race in space.

Matt Schaefer, Jessica Schaefer, executive director of the LL.M. program and Sarah Gloden, assistant dean of admissions and director of communications at the Law College, traveled to Hyderabad, India, (the fifth largest city in India and the country’s “second silicon valley”) to promote and market the Law College’s LL.M. program at the International Astronautical Congress and International Institute of Space Law annual meeting. This trip put the Law College’s program on the “international map” and allowed the College to rapidly expand its international contacts in the space law arena.

The Law College has hired internationally renowned space law expert Frans von der Dunk, who joined the Law College faculty this semester to teach in the new program. Von der Dunk’s hiring was officially announced to the space law community at the IAC/IISL conference in India.

Von der Dunk will teach space law, national security space law, European regulation of space and national space legislation courses. He was previously director of space law research at Leiden University’s Air and Space Law Institute and is a recipient of the distinguished service award by the International Institute of Space Law in the Netherlands. Von der Dunk has nearly two decades of teaching and research experience in the space law field.

Willborn said von der Dunk’s hiring is exciting news for the program, which has already received national and international attention. “Professor von der Dunk is the leading space law academic in the world, and we’re very pleased he agreed to join us,” Willborn said. “We expect our space and telecommunications law program to be the best one in the world very soon, and our ability to convince Professor von der Dunk to join us is a major step in that direction.”

Panelists Hal Burman, U.S. State Department; Joanne Gabrynowicz, University of Mississippi; June Edwards, ’76, NASA/STRATCOM; and Professor Ram Jakhu, McGill University, at the March 2, 2007, Space Law Conference.
Schaefer said von der Dunk brings a distinguished record of research and teaching to his new position.

"Frans is extremely well-thought-of in academic, government and private sector space circles and brings instant credibility and stature to our program," Schaefer said. "He has been involved in researching and teaching space law for nearly two decades. We have heard from ambassadors and high-ranking government officials of the influence that Frans' research and writing have had on the development of space law. Frans has excellent relations with his space law colleagues, and this will allow us to cooperate with other academic institutions in advancing the study of space law."

Von der Dunk said he is pleased to be joining the faculty, working in the new program and learning more about all things Nebraska.

"I am very excited about this challenging new job in a number of respects," von der Dunk said. "I am thrilled to be teaching in the number one spacefaring nation in the world today and teaching at a university which has a clear drive to further internationalize its teaching and research activities. I'll admit that I've been a soccer fan all of my life, so I can't guarantee that I will be able to switch to the intricacies of football. But I am certainly looking forward to being part of the 80,000-plus crowd at a Huskers game someday, to try things out."

Von der Dunk will give his inaugural lecture at the Law College's second major space and telecom law conference, building upon its fall 2007 seminar theme, "Formalism, Informalism and Innovation in Space and International Telecommunications Law." The conference will be held on May 1-3, 2008 at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln. Those interested in the conference can go to the program's website, http://spaceandtelecomlaw.unl.edu.

Another faculty member hired to work with the program is Marvin Ammori. He is responsible for teaching telecommunications law, international telecommunications law and cyber law. Ammori is a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and comes to the Law College with exceptional practical and academic experience with FCC matters in Washington, D.C., through his work at Georgetown University and as general counsel to the Free Press, the nation's leading media reform organization.

Ammori said he sees the program as being successful in a number of ways. "This program will educate students about legally complex subjects vital to the U.S.'s domestic security and economic growth -- from national security space law to international telecommunications policy," Ammori said. "Our graduates will be able to excel in demanding and important public sector and private sector positions, and our nation will benefit because too few American lawyers are trained to master these subjects."

Willborn said, "Schaefer, von der Dunk and Ammori are the ideal faculty for the new program."

"With von der Dunk, Ammori and Schaefer, we have a dream team of academics to teach in the new program," Willborn said. "The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be a major player on space and telecommunications law and policy at the national and international level. We will also be able to train the next generation of academics and practitioners in this important and growing area."

Willborn said, "The program has been encouraged by..."
many of the top entities in the industry, who have said that the creation of such a program will help to answer a clear need."

"We've received tremendous support from many quarters on this, and it's a reason that we're going to be successful," Willborn said. "We have many alums in government and industry who are highly supportive. Chancellor Perlman and President Milliken have been incredibly generous in words and money. Our faculty are committed to the enterprise. We have a good working relationship with STRATCOM, NASA and other government agencies. All of this is one more sign that this is a good idea whose time has come. People are coalescing around us because there's a need in an important area, and they have confidence we can do a good job of filling it."

Willborn said the goal of the program is to be the leading program of its kind in the world.

"We already are one of the top programs in space and telecommunications law," Willborn said. "The other leading programs in the world [at McGill University, Leiden University and Cologne University] are very aware of us and are treating us as both peers and competitors. And that's the way it should be."

Milliken Embraces New LL.M. Program

Many people were involved in the formulation and implementation of the College of Law’s new LL.M. program in space and telecommunications law. One of them was University of Nebraska President J.B. Milliken, who, through conversations with Nebraska alumni and others involved in the areas of space and telecommunications, became convinced that such a program was a major opportunity for the Law College.

Now that the program is a reality, Milliken is excited. "I'm confident the dean and the faculty have ambition for this to be the preeminent program in the country," he said. "It's a very positive development for the Law College and for the University of Nebraska."

Milliken's positive feelings about the Law College are not limited to the new LL.M. program. "I am impressed with where the law school is today and where I see it going," he said. "I can't say enough good things about it. The space law program is just one more element that is going to continue to help build the success of the college."

Milliken highly values the legal education that he received. A native of Fremont, Neb., Milliken attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and was working on the staff of Nebraska Congresswoman Virginia Smith when he had the opportunity to become a Root-Tilden Scholar at New York University Law School.

"I am a complete believer in a legal education and the way that it prepares you for many other careers," he said. "It teaches you a way of approaching problems – of thinking and analyzing situations – and when I'm engaged in meetings or negotiations or other aspects of my career, I fall back on those skills and that training every day. I think the way that it prepares you to think about issues and to resolve problems is incredibly useful."

The Law College, along with the Department of Public Administration at UNO, is one of Milliken's tenure homes, and he tries to find ways to be engaged with it. Professor John Gradwohl has invited Milliken to speak to his Legislation Seminar, and he has tried to spend time with the students and faculty and to meet new faculty as part of the hiring process. "My experiences with both the faculty and the students have impressed me favorably," he observed. "Once I get a little more used to this business of being president, perhaps there will be an opportunity for me to be more involved."
The College of Law continues to renovate its facilities. By next fall, the College will have two new large classrooms and a number of renovated restrooms. Remarked Dean Steve Willborn, “As with all our renovations, the new facilities (pun intended) will be both attractive and functional.”

The Classroom Addition

By the time you receive this issue of The Transcript, construction will have begun on a new classroom addition to the Law College. The addition will be added to the west side of the building, the side nearest the loop, facing the tennis courts. The face of the building in that direction will be attractive and dramatic, with curved, intersecting walls faced with interesting brick designs.

The addition will contain two large classrooms. Each classroom will seat about 80 students, will provide power and internet access for each student (and the professor, of course) and will be equipped with all the latest teaching technology. Most importantly, they will be designed to be used only as classrooms with features to accommodate the special nature of law school teaching, such as teachers who want to wander among the students, active interchanges between students and between student and teacher and audiovisual options that accommodate text as well as video.

The College has never had great large classrooms. Three of the four large classrooms in the College were the three segments of the “pie room.” The pie room was designed to be used both as classrooms when the area was divided and as an auditorium when the walls were removed. As a result, the classrooms were far from perfect. For example, the acoustics were not good, the aisles were not designed to facilitate faculty movement and, because the blackboards were located in the small corner of each “pie,” they did not have good blackboard space. In recent years, the dividing walls have been aging and degrading, so the classrooms became even more problematic. According to Willborn, “The new classrooms will be wonderful because they have been designed for that use and that use only and, of course, because they will be new with all the latest teaching gadgetry.”

When the new classrooms are done in the fall, the “pie room” will be left permanently open and used only as an auditorium. Sometime in the near future, we hope to renovate that space, too. But one thing at a time.

The Restroom Improvements

Next summer, the College will be renovating several restrooms at the College. Two of these restrooms hold special places in the history of the Law College. Because of that, they will receive special treatment to help us remember their history.

When Ross McCollum Hall opened in 1974, both of the large restrooms on the main lobby level were men’s restrooms. When the building was planned, the planners did not anticipate the sudden and rapid increase of women who would be in the building as law students. As a result, when women entered the building, they would walk by a restroom on one side of the library entrance, see that it was a men’s restroom and then walk to the restroom on the other side of the library, expecting it to be a woman’s restroom. But it wasn’t. Men’s restrooms were on both sides of the library entrance. In fact, every major restroom in the building was a men’s restroom, and the women had only very small ones. This was not to last. Through guerrilla action, the main restroom on the south side of the library entrance was converted to a women’s restroom and so it has been ever since. At the beginning, the urinals were left in the restroom and used as plant holders.

“When this construction is done at the end of the summer,” Willborn said, “the women’s restroom on the main lobby level will be the nicest restroom in the
Law College and, we expect, in the entire state public educational system. And it will commemorate the special place that restroom holds in Law College lore."

The men’s restroom on the main lobby level of the Law College has its own story. In 1986, Dean Harvey Perlman first imposed a fee on law students to help pay for College expenses. In response, a clever student, who remains anonymous all these years later, posted a memo in that restroom that purported to be from Perlman. Perlman quickly responded with a memo from the “real” Harvey Perlman. (See the accompanying box.) The renovation of this restroom will remember this event in the College’s history. (Coincidentally, the Law College is currently considering a fee increase for students; no word has yet leaked out about the precise nature of the increase.)

"Both of these restroom projects have been generously supported by the Class of 1977," said Willborn. "Great thanks go to that class for helping us to remember these events in the College’s history.”

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**‘Dean’s’ Memo**

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Student Body of the College of Law  
From: Dean Perlman  
Re: Restroom User’s Fee  
Date: Sept. 4, 1986

As you are well aware, the University has experienced a dramatic increase in funding coupled with rising costs. This has forced us to institute a library user fee of 50 cents per semester. This fee enables the College to continue the high quality and excellence our facility has achieved to serve both students and faculty.

Due to increased utility costs, and in order to maintain the high quality of our restrooms, it will be necessary that the tickets be on a strictly pay-as-you-go basis. Therefore, each "visit" will cost 10¢. This charge will apply only to the actual "stalls" in both the men’s and women’s facilities and the urinals in the men’s bathrooms will be exempt. All accounts are the result of the determination by Professors Lutz and Harnagberger of the applicability of Nebraska sex discrimination statutes, constitutional issues, or something. Let me tell you, however, that such a sacrifice on the part of the female students would be greatly appreciated as erecting "stalls" around the urinals would be darned expensive.

To implement this plan, I have contacted two companies. One plan calls for the installation of coin boxes that receive dimes— you know, the ones you see in all the bus stations. An alternative plan is to sell cards in the same fashion as we now do to operate the copy machine. This could have available 25, 50¢, and even 10¢ cards, depending on individual needs.

If any student feels that this fee will impose an undue strain, financial or otherwise, I will be glad to inform such student in the proper method for applying under the stall to avoid use of the coin box, or in the event coins are used, a special pass will be issued to allow each student to use the same restroom. Consequently, any student would be greatly appreciated as erecting "stalls" around the urinals would be deranged expensive.

Sincerely,

Dean Perlman

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**Perlman’s Response**

**MEMO**

Date: September 5, 1986  
To: Student Body of the College of Law  
From: Harvey Perlman (The real one)  
Re: Restroom User’s Fee

As you may know a notice appeared on the bulletin boards recently purporting to come from this office announcing a Restroom User’s Fee. Of course, that memorandum was not authorized and not authentic. I am concerned that some members of the student body may have believed the memorandum. I have noticed a few students, primarily first year students, walking the halls with a strained look on their face. I attribute this to an ill-fated (and unprofessional) attempt to avoid the restroom fee.

I also received this weekend an emergency call from the buildings and grounds department observing that the trees and shrubs around the Law College seemed to have, in some cases, sustained unaccounted for damage, and in others, seemed to have experienced an unusual growth spurt. Whether this is anyway associated with the fabricated memorandum I do not dare to guess.

To prevent the newer students from being misled, I do want to publicly state for the record that there is no secret restroom reserved for faculty and law review members, complete with restroom attendants, real towels, perfumes, and what have you” in this school. We were forced to give that up when we constructed the basketball court, sauna, and five star restaurant (of course open only to faculty, law review members, and a few close friends of the secretarial staff). As we search for additional fees I promise that we will take the idea of the restroom fee into consideration. We will need additional funds to support our yet to be announced mandatory drug testing program. Of course, the restroom fee has its difficulty because of the ability of some law students to avoid its imposition and the distributional consequences of having the fee fall most heavily on the unfortunate. We have, in contrast, been leaning toward a “classroom silence fee” believing it to be the fairest, broadest, and apparently least avoidable of all the alternatives.
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We thank those who have contributed to our Classroom Addition & Auditorium Renovation:

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Award of Merit

“The pride that we all felt in finally returning the boy back to his dad was indescribable.”

- Alan Schuller

By Jason A. Cantone

A national search by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for people worthy of the prestigious Award of Merit recently ended in Lincoln, Neb. Alan Schuller, ’06, and Christopher Siefert, ’06, were students in the Civil Clinical Law Program in 2006 when they began working for a client who lived in Mexico. The client’s former wife had taken their child to the United States and refused the father’s rights to visit despite his faithful payment of child support.

“The pride that we all felt in finally returning the boy back to his dad was indescribable,” Schuller said. “I will never forget that day.”

However, reuniting the father and son was far from easy. Their client petitioned the U.S. State Department and the Center for Missing and Exploited Children for legal aid and initiated court proceedings in Mexico. Eventually, the client used ATM withdrawals from a bank account he had set up for his son to track his son and his former wife to Nebraska. After a referral from the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Siefert said that they filed a petition for the return of the child to Mexico under the Hague Convention, an international treaty that pertains, in part, to international child abduction.

“As you know, the road to recovery in international parental child abduction cases can be difficult. . . . I only wish that more individuals would give of their time and their hearts to help promote good outcomes for children caught in custody disputes.”

“I learned a long time ago that most of the time nobody's going to pin a rose on you for doing your job,” Siefert said. “I'm proud of the work Alan and I did in the Clinic, but mostly I feel like we had a job to do, and we did it to the best of our ability. Of course, it's nice to be recognized, but the recognition isn't the most satisfying part of the experience by any means.”

Siefert and Schuller encourage law students to join the Civil Clinic and take on cases that can really make a difference.

“I think that those law students who do not apply for the clinic are missing out on a unique opportunity,” Schuller said. He stated that the clinic allows students to not only apply the skills they learn in classes, but also to learn from interactions with students and staff that is “a much more social environment than traditional law school.”

Both said that their time with the Civil Clinic has helped them to become better attorneys after graduation.

Siefert took a job with the prosecutor's office in Christian County, Mo., but now works for the Lancaster County Attorney's Child Support Division. “I hope to make a career of public service, and I'm grateful that the Clinic gave me a meaningful opportunity to start down that path,” Siefert said.

Schuller is currently working as a prosecutor for the Marine Corps in South Carolina. Schuller also credits the Law College’s Litigation Skills Program for preparing him for the “real world.”

“Having been exposed to litigators from schools all across the country, I can state with confidence that UNL’s Litigation Skills Program is one of the finest at preparing students for jobs in litigation,” Schuller said.

“Big multinational corporations and insurance companies need lawyers. Society needs prosecutors and defense attorneys. All of these people do important work,” Schuller said. “But I found out that no level of job satisfaction even comes close to the instance when you are able to change the life of someone who desperately needs your skills and can’t do it on their own. Helping somebody who is in that position truly makes you feel like you have made a difference in the world.”
By Richard A. Leiter
Professor of Law
Director of the Schmid Law Library

As a law librarian, I am frequently asked about the future of law libraries. Sometimes people want to know my opinion in order to better sympathize with the apparent end of my profession. Sometimes they want to know in order to better plan for their own futures. Lawyers want to know when they can throw their libraries away and save money by getting all their information on the web.

Below are some thoughts on the future of law libraries, and an attempt to answer some of these questions and concerns.

The Future? It’s Here. Now!

It would be foolish to deny that the world of legal information is changing. Indeed, some legal material is being distributed in new and novel ways. But how are these changes changing law libraries and how are they affecting the process of legal research? These are important questions for law libraries and lawyers. The well-known French saying, “the more things change, the more they remain the same,” applies to the world of legal bibliography. Let me explain.

Libraries have always been about two basic functions: collecting and storing information. They do so not merely to make their collections available to researchers, but also to organize them and promote their usage in the most economic, effective and efficient ways possible.

One of the ongoing challenges that law librarians have had to deal with is figuring out how to work with the various formats of legal information. Whether the materials are papyrus rolls, animal skins, linen paper bond, micro formats, looseleaf, newsprint or digital, each format presents its own unique issues for how to incorporate it into a meaningful collection. Years ago, micro-formats presented new challenges because they couldn't be shelved with our books. Digital materials are virtually invisible without a computer, so the challenges of how to store and distribute them are somewhat extreme.

When it comes to collecting digital materials, libraries have to develop new ways of evaluating the new sources of information and, then of distributing them or making them available to library researchers.

“It’s all available on the internet - for free!”

The internet contains a lot of information, indeed. Many people confuse the simple availability of information on the internet with reliable information. (How many times have you heard someone declare something to be a fact, but when pressed for proof, they have responded, “I read it on the internet,” as if that explains it all.) Two factors make information on the internet fundamentally unreliable.

First, information carried on web pages is virtually unregulated and unchecked by any authority. A state that makes its laws, regulations and cases available on the internet has no obligation to keep them permanently available there, nor are they required to archive superseded versions of them. In fact, websites are continuously undergoing changes, frequently in the form of redesigns or reorganizations. While such changes seem harmless enough, they can effectively change the web addresses of the materials sited, making them virtually invisible.

To date, no state has designated a website as the official version of its laws. In fact, few states have taken the step to designate as official any sources of its laws. For example, it is presumed that if a state court system publishes its own “official” bound reports, that it is the official version of the case. However, many states now publish their opinions on their websites. But frequently these websites carry the court’s opinions for a limited time; usually until the bound reports have been printed and distributed.

When a discrepancy occurs between the two versions, which is authoritative? If a library decides to cancel its printed volumes of court opinions because they’re available on the web, how does the library deal with these discrepancies or find the material after it’s gone from the site?

The great challenge today isn’t finding material to collect, it’s discerning which material is worth collecting. As the saying goes, “You get what you pay for.” When cases and statutes are available from West or Lexis for as much as $10 per minute, and are also available from state websites for free, why would anyone ever buy them from a company like West or Lexis? The answer is hinted at above. When you buy from commercial vendors you get information that has been verified and enhanced in many
different ways. It is “indexed” by their search engines in myriad ways that facilitate the process of full text searching. Each case is divided and indexed into component parts and segments that facilitate full text database retrieval. What’s more, researchers have the benefit of additional layers of conceptual search aids with systems of headnotes, digests and key-numbers. (Lexis, finally realizing that these components provided enormous benefits to researchers as the database continued its exponential growth, began, almost ten years ago, to develop its own system of headnotes and key numbers.)

The unpasteurized and wild internet provides no such assistance or systematic indexing or search assistance. Nor is it clear which websites are permanent. Any website can work well enough for specific purposes, but it takes experience and discernment to know what website is reliable for what purposes.

The job of law librarians in today’s digital world is to direct their patrons to reliable and appropriate sources. This is similar to what the librarian’s role has always been. There have always been reputable sources of information, and disreputable sources. Knowing which is which is an important part of what librarians do.

The Future?

In my opinion, the future will look an awful lot like what the world looks like today. There will be books and there will be digital sources. Sometimes books will be more useful than digital versions of the same information. Sometimes digital will be best. Occasionally, you won’t have a choice: if you want to use the Harvard Bluebook, you’re stuck having to use a hard copy version. It simply doesn’t exist in digital format. If you like Thomson West’s KeyCite as a case-verification tool, you can’t use it in hard copy; this is a research tool that is only available in digital format.

The future does not need to be one in which we are called on to choose sides in a mythic battle between various formats. There is no need to decide that you are a “book” person, or a “computer” person. In fact, making such a choice may be downright foolish. What lawyers and librarians serving them must focus on is usefulness. Evaluate sources of information based on what works best for the particular circumstance. Is a book one that will be accessed many times, by many different people? If this is the case, a source that is priced by volume of usage may not be a wise choice. But there are many questions like this to ask and many ways to answer them.

In the end, most librarians agree that the future of legal information is growing ever more complex and more expensive. There are more sources for important legal information – particularly primary law – than ever before. And all are not equal. So while there once seemed to be a promise that the digital future would be paperless, and the internet would supply free access to “everything,” it hasn’t quite worked out that way.

Things are changing, but in practical ways. What those practical ways are exactly, only time will tell.
The On-Line Recruiting System: Goodbye E-Attorney, Hello ROSCOE!

ROSCOE stands for Roscoe’s On-line System for Career Opportunities and Education. The acronym is perhaps not the strongest, but the students seem to have taken to it and have given rave reviews of the system’s functionality. We’re sticking with it. Powered by Symplicity, a company which is clearly the market leader in law school information management, ROSCOE has helped the Career Services Office streamline the work we have traditionally engaged in and is allowing us the freedom to expand our programming and outreach efforts. Previously we used E-Attorney only to schedule on-campus interviews; we had to manually post jobs received from employers. ROSCOE allows employers to personally manage their own job postings, employer profiles and on-campus interview schedules. ROSCOE also allows us to publicize student programming, manage R.S.V.P.s from students and record and report on employment for summer as well as graduate statistics. The system is constantly being upgraded. A new feature, called “One Stop” was added in August. This feature allows employers to post opportunities to over 100 law schools using the Symplicity system with the click of a button. This ease in posting has led to an increase in resume collections with national firms who might otherwise not have considered the College of Law for their recruiting needs.

If you are interested in seeing for yourself what ROSCOE is all about, visit the Career Services website at http://law.unl.edu/career and register for an account. Choose from the following accounts or register for both!

1) Alumni Account: Enables you to search current job postings and upload materials for direct job applications.
2) Employer Account: Post clerking or associate positions, sign up for on-campus interviews or arrange for a resume collection. Please note that we also post JD Preferred positions, so even if you are not working in a traditional law firm this may be a great way to advertise opportunities available within your organization.

If you would prefer to do things the old fashioned way, I am always pleased to accept faxes, telephone calls and e-mails from anyone who knows of opportunities that would benefit our students and alumni. We will happily post them on your behalf. Please feel free to contact me at (402) 472-5130 or teverman2@unl.edu.

Spring Break Shadow Program

The Spring Break Shadow Program, which began in 2006, is designed to enable law students to shadow attorneys in private practice, government agencies, the court system or legal services and...
The Nebraska Transcript experience the law first hand. Student and employer participants overwhelmingly have had good things to say about their experiences with the program. The total time commitment is up to the individual employer, but it is usual to commit either half a day or a full day to one or more students.

Your role, should you choose to participate, would be to conduct business as usual and let the student(s) observe and possibly participate in your routine. Guiding them around the office, letting them accompany you to court or inviting them to sit in on a meeting or deposition are just a few examples of what could take place during the job shadow. Some employers have simply arranged for students to meet with a number of their attorneys who practice in different areas to get an overview of the practice as a whole. You can find additional examples of what students have done in years past and excerpts from the student’s evaluations on our website.

To register as a Spring Break Shadow Employer, you can e-mail, call our office or use the form available on our website under “Information for Employers.” I strongly encourage you to participate. If you have questions feel free to give us a call.

**Video-Confereencing**

The College of Law Career Services Office has joined a nationwide membership network called Law School Connect, a joint venture of The Courtroom 21 Project at William & Mary Law School and Courtroom Connect, the leading provider of advanced communications services to the legal industry. The program provides remote interviewing capabilities to law schools, law firms, nonprofits and judges through videoconferencing. Law School Connect has provided our office with free equipment and no-cost membership for three years with no on-going commitment after that time. They offer reasonable memberships for law firms, nonprofits and other employers as well as free access to all judges nationwide for use with judicial clerkship and internship interviews. We have yet to break in our equipment other than for training purposes, but anecdotally I have heard from other law schools of students having success with judicial clerkship interviews. One woman is in Hawaii clerking for a judge this year following her selection via videoconferencing from Maine last year. I have also spoken to a few firms who say they like to use videoconferencing to “make sure that great candidates are not missed simply because on-campus interviewing is arduous” and that videoconferencing can effectively take the place of on-campus screening interviews. I encourage those of you interested in recruiting our students from afar to consider videoconferencing as an alternative to on-campus interviews. You can learn more about Law School Connect at www.lawschoolconnect.com. If you are at the College of Law, feel free to stop by the CSO to see the equipment and learn more.
Sarah Gloden admits to missing Nebraska when her family moved from Omaha to Vermillion, S.D., before her senior year of high school. Consequently, she was thrilled to return here as the assistant dean of admissions and director of communications at the College of Law in January 2007. Her path back to Nebraska has been a remarkable one starting with her college career at the University of South Dakota where she earned a B.A. degree in political science, German and journalism as an Allen H. Neuharth Scholar for Excellence in Journalism. Neuharth is the founder of USA Today, which helps explain why Gloden started working for the Freedom Forum at the Al Neuharth Media Center as a sophomore. The Freedom Forum supports journalism education efforts across the country, diversity in newsrooms and the First Amendment. According to Gloden, “Starting with my work there, I have been in program administration since I was 19.”

Law school at South Dakota followed. Initially, Gloden hoped to go into media law because “I wanted to marry up my love of law and my love of journalism.” At the same time, Gloden was also interested in Native American issues, which is why she enjoyed working with the American Indian Journalism Institute, an educational opportunity for Native Americans to learn about journalism sponsored by the Freedom Forum.

While she was in law school, Gloden was named a lieutenant governor for the Law School Division of the ABA. During her third year, she became the research assistant to the South Dakota Board of Regents’ general counsel, which exposed her to higher education issues. Additionally, she worked at the law school as the student coordinator for the Indian Law Symposium that South Dakota puts on every two years. Through her various work experiences, Gloden met Lance Morgan, the CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the economic development arm of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. This led to the next step in her professional development.

Following graduation, Morgan hired Gloden to work as an in-house attorney focusing on socio-economic development and government contracting projects. While she learned about tribal politics and the work was exciting, Gloden felt torn because “I missed working in higher education, and I missed working with students.” Fortunately, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska was working on a sculpture project with the University of South Dakota College of Fine Arts. Her work on that project led to a position with the College of Fine Arts as assistant dean.

During her time at USD, she began teaching journalism courses at the school of Contemporary Media and Journalism and became the student newspaper advisor. All of her interests were coming together. “I did that job for a period of time and really enjoyed working with my journalism students, the newspaper and such. And, I really enjoyed working...
with the artists, musicians and theater folks in the College of Fine Arts, and then I happened to find out about this opportunity."

The opportunity to become assistant dean of admissions and director of communications at the College of Law was particularly compelling because Gloden's parents had moved back to Omaha. An added bonus is that she also teaches a course every semester through the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, so that her journalism interests are being met as well. "I lived in South Dakota for 11 years, and it is amazing to think about coming back home. This job was exactly what I was looking for; it is a tremendous opportunity."

In addition to teaching in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, Gloden is teaching a course at the Law College for undergraduate honors students. The course exposes students to substantive areas of the law, information on alternative legal careers, the law school admissions process and ideas on how to prepare for law school.

Gloden said the course gives students an opportunity to see what law school is really like.

"The students in this class will have exposure to so many different aspects of law school," she said. "And even though it will not involve the same workload a first year student would have, the students are exposed to law teaching and have the chance to sample classes from a number of the Law College professors. The students are assigned a case before their class and the law professors call on them and question them using the Socratic method. It's a good experience for them to sample that type of law school learning."

Gloden said part of why she loves her job is because it gives her the chance to help students realize their dreams.

"Working in admissions is a wonderful opportunity for me," Gloden said. "It gives me the chance to talk with students who are looking for a way to distinguish themselves in education. And our students come from such varying backgrounds and interests. I always tell them what I found to be true about law school. It's sort of the perfect interdisciplinary degree that can help a person see how things are connected. It changes the way you think about so many things and makes you aware of important things you would have never otherwise thought of. And the ways in which this new way of thinking can be applied are unlimited."

Her career path has led her through many interesting experiences, which makes sense considering advice given by her mentor at the Freedom Forum, Jack Marsh, "Try not to focus too much on where you ultimately want to end up because if you spend the time that you have focusing on the job you have, the rest will all come on its own." Considering the path Sarah Gloden took to get here, she has done well at following his advice.

Assistant Dean Sarah Gloden (right) traveled to Hyderabad, India, with Jessica Schaefer, executive director (pictured); Matt Schaefer, director; and Professor Frans von der Dunk to promote the new Space and Telecommunications LL.M. at the International Congress of Astronauts Meeting in September 2007.
By Jennifer Borgerding Kulwicki

From a classically trained pianist to wedding karaoke, the members of the College of Law faculty band, The Estoppels, certainly possess varied musical backgrounds. The founding member, Professor Colleen Medill, began with classical guitar before taking bluegrass lessons and then moving on to the electric guitar. The initial idea for the band came from Medill’s law student days at the University of Kansas, where a faculty band called the Moody Blue Books entertained students. Remembering how much fun the faculty at Kansas seemed to have, Medill played in a faculty musical group while at the University of Tennessee. When she came to the Law College, the concept seemed a natural fit. Medill was joined by Susan Poser (a classically trained pianist), Catherine Wilson (a violinist turned bass guitar player), Richard Moberly (lead singer and master of singing karaoke at weddings, namely, his own), Susan Franck (lead singer), Michelle Harner (percussion) and Anthony Schutz (percussion).

According to Medill, The Estoppels’ first practice was almost its last thanks to some unfavorable reviews. The band members’ elementary-school age children who attended that first practice were unimpressed with what they heard. As Medill delicately stated, “They gave us a thumbs down. We were pretty bad.” Fortunately, the band decided not to let a few critics get in the way of creative expression. A few secret practices later and with a little help from a professional sound system, the band was ready to make its debut at the annual Women’s Law Caucus Susan B. Anthony Charity Auction in the spring. The band volunteered to play at the charity event to help generate student and faculty interest, which was definitely sparked by the band’s first promotional photo, in which all of the faculty band members wore black fedora hats and sunglasses. The photo generated all kinds of student questions and some good-natured senior faculty envy. According to Medill, “Our senior faculty are a dignified group of teachers and scholars and we thought we should spare them the embarrassment of being associated with our performance.” Nonetheless, the appearance of The Estoppels helped generate the highest number of tickets ever sold for the annual charity auction.

The performance itself was comprised mainly of two songs, “Soul Man” and “Black Horse and the Cherry Tree,” with altered lyrics. The change in lyrics afforded the professors the opportunity to make fun of the dynamics inside the law school classroom, such as students using laptops to play solitaire during their lectures. Medill’s husband, Steve, kindly videotaped the performance and made copies for each band member, so each could relive the rush of their debut performance. Mostly though, the members have endured quite a bit of teasing in the faculty lounge. “We are just very grateful that our debut performance has not ended up on the website YouTube,” said Medill. And what of the professors’ children, who panned the band at their first practice session? According to Medill, “All of our children have seen the DVD. Mine must have watched it at least 50 times, and I think their reaction is typical. Every time they watch it, they just roll on the floor and laugh hysterically.”

Although this might mean the band is not ready for Carnegie Hall, the performers had a great deal of fun and helped raise money for charity. The Estoppels plan to perform again at this year’s auction, which will take place on Friday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the downtown Holiday Inn. What can the audience expect from this year’s performance? “We have a few new things planned,” said Professor Medill, “and it will be a performance you will not want to miss.”

Tickets for this year’s auction are $10 for students in advance and $15 for the general public and at the door. Contact Jen Wellan at jwellan1@bigred.unl.edu for more information.
FACULTY NOTES

C. Steven Bradford
Earl Dunlap
Distinguished Professor of Law

Professor Steve Bradford spoke on “CALI Lessons and Other Interactive Technology” at the Section of Teaching Methods program at the Association of American Law Schools 2007 Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. and, with Law College student Amanda Rockers, ’09, on “The Future of Casebooks: Can Anyone Deliver What I Want?” at the CALI Annual Conference of Law School Computing in Las Vegas, Nev. Bradford is president of the UNL Faculty Senate, and in that capacity he delivered welcome addresses at the University’s Ph.D. hooding ceremonies and opening addresses at University commencement exercises.

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

Professor Robert Denicola recently published "Copyright and Open Access: Reconsidering University Ownership of Faculty Research," 85 Nebraska Law Review 351. He also published a 2007 Supplement to his casebook on Copyright Law and completed an article on the law governing the circumvention of encryption controls used to protect copyrighted works that will be published in the Columbia Journal of Law and the Arts.

Susan D. Franck
Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Susan Franck gave expert evidence at the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva, Switzerland, where she focused her comments on the design of dispute resolution systems for international investment conflict and the empirical analysis of investment treaty arbitration. She also spoke at a joint-conference organized by UNCTAD and the Inter-American Development Bank on investor-state dispute settlement issues in Latin America. Franck gave presentations of her research at the American Society of International Law’s 101st Annual Meeting, the Yale Law School Junior International Law Scholars Roundtable, the University of Pennsylvania Law School, the Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences, the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, Kansas University School of Law and the University of Wisconsin Law School. Articles based upon her research, “Integrating Investment Treaty Conflict and Dispute Systems Design” and “Empirically Evaluating Claims About Investment Treaty Arbitration,” will be published respectively in the Minnesota Law Review and North Carolina Law Review. Franck also spoke at the American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution’s Annual Spring Conference about how to use simulations and empirical research to teach arbitration effectively. Her introduction to the William Jennings Bryan Symposium, focusing on Bryan’s contributions to international peacemaking and dispute resolution, appeared at 86 Nebraska Law Review 142.

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


Michelle M. Harner
Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Michelle Harner presented a research paper, “An Alternative Strategy for Institutional Investors: Using Debt Rather Than Equity to Influence Corporate Governance,” at the Shareholders and Corporate Governance Conference co-sponsored by Yale School of Management and Oxford Said Business School held at Oxford University in England. She also spoke at St. John’s University School of Law on the issue of hedge fund strategies in bankruptcy at an event co-sponsored by the Bankruptcy Law Society, the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review and the St. John’s Institute for Bankruptcy Policy. Harner’s current research focuses on distressed debt investors, their strategies in the marketplace and their impact on corporate governance and restructurings.
John P. Lenich
Ross McCollum
Professor of Law

Thomson West has published the first volume of Professor John Lenich’s two-volume treatise on Nebraska Civil Procedure. The first volume covers jurisdiction, statutes of limitations, parties, joinder, preclusion, service, pleading, pre-answer motions, third-party practice and provisional remedies. Lenich was one of the 30 Nebraska lawyers selected this year for induction as a Fellow of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. He spoke at the Institute for Law School Teaching Summer Conference at Suffolk University on using actual appellate records to teach appellate advocacy. He continues to coach the College’s National Moot Court Team and to serve as a member of the NSBA House of Delegates. He also continues to hope that the Chicago White Sox will return to their winning ways someday.

Colleen E. Medill
Professor of Law

Professor Colleen Medill presented the results of her survey of former participants in the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System at the Ninth Annual Retirement Research Consortium Conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The Retirement Research Consortium is a unique partnership between the Social Security Administration and university-based Retirement Research Centers around the country. The conference was attended by researchers from various federal government agencies, the financial services industry and academia. Medill published “Transforming the Role of the Social Security Administration,” 92 Cornell Law Review 323, part of a symposium on “Social Security in Transition.”

Richard E. Moberly
Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Richard Moberly published “Unfulfilled Expectations: An Empirical Analysis of Why Sarbanes-Oxley Whistleblowers Rarely Win,” 49 William & Mary Law Review 65. In May 2007, he testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Workforce Protections regarding whistleblower protection in the private sector. Moberly was awarded a University Distinguished Teaching Award and was named recipient of the Law College’s Cline Williams Research Chair for 2007-2008. He served as a coach for the Law College’s Trial Team that won its region and competed at the national competition in Houston, Texas. He also presented a paper, “Contractual Protections for Whistleblowers,” at the Second Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law at the University of Denver Law School.

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

Professor Jo Potuto published “Academic Misconduct, Athletics Academic Support Services, and the NCAA,” 95 Kentucky Law Journal 447. She taught Law and Literature to American law students enrolled in a summer law program in Cambridge, England. The summer law program is run by the University of Mississippi Law School. The College of Law is one of the participating universities.
**Matthew P. Schaefer**  
Professor of Law and Director of Space and Telecommunications Law Program

Professor Matt Schaefer organized a major conference at the Law College entitled “Security and Risk Management in a New Space Era: Military, Commercial and Tourism Dimensions” that featured then commander of US STRATCOM, now vice-chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General James Cartwright, as the keynote speaker. The conference, part of the Law College’s Space and Telecommunications Law Program, included speakers from all the major air and space law institutes in the world as well as speakers from the Pentagon, FAA-Office of Commercial Space and U.S. State Department. Schaefer published a peer reviewed article in the 10th Anniversary issue of the Journal of International Economic Law titled “Ensuring that Regional Trade Agreements Complement the WTO System: Can US Unilateralism Supplement WTO Initiatives?”

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

Professor Anthony Schutz published a chapter entitled “Land Use Law and Livestock Production” in the book *The History of Nebraska Law* published by Ohio University Press. He is lecturing across Nebraska in conjunction with the Nebraska Humanities Council and the Smithsonian Institution’s Museums on Main Street exhibit entitled “Between Fences.” The exhibit and the lectures explore the figurative and legal lines we draw when dealing with property, natural resources and land use. Schutz’s contributions address water allocation and agricultural production in Nebraska. He gave a presentation entitled “The Dormant Commerce Clause and State Initiatives to Promote U.S. Agriculture” at Drake University’s conference, “The Role of Law in Promoting Sustainable Farming and Rural Development: An International Perspective.” He is working on an article exploring Dormant Commerce Clause limitations on state laws that restrict the corporate organization of farms, and he has been involved with the Nebraska Legislature’s recent attention to that topic. Schutz also served as the chair of the Agricultural Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools in 2007.

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

Dean Steve Willborn was appointed by Governor Dave Heineman to be a Nebraska Commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He was also appointed chair of the Test Development and Research Committee of the Law School Admission Council. Willborn presented the United States report on “Employment Protections During Corporate Transformations” to the 7th Regional Conference of the International Association for Labor and Social Security Law in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

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

Professor Bob Schopp coordinated the Law Psychology Program’s symposium associated with its Program of Excellence award, “Mental Disorder and the Criminal Law: Responsibility, Punishment, and Competence.” He gave one of the eight primary presentations, “Depression in Context of Criminal Responsibility, Punishment, and Competence.” He is the primary editor of a book that will collect chapters based on the primary presentations and on the commentaries by the discussants.
When you meet law professor Eric Berger, aside from the fact he is clearly enjoying being one of the newest members of the College of Law's faculty, one thing is apparent: He is a new father and loving it.

Berger, his wife Anne Duncan and their daughter Elanor, born on March 30, 2007, made the move from Washington, D.C. to Lincoln this past June so that he could begin his duties teaching Constitutional Law at the Law College and so his wife could start teaching in the University's Department of Classics and Religious Studies.

Originally from New York City, Berger said his transition to Lincoln has been an enjoyable one — and that the only thing he's hoping will improve is the amount of sleep his baby daughter will allow him each night.

"So far living in Lincoln has been wonderful," Berger said. "We love the Farmers' Market and the bike paths. And we have found people to be very welcoming. There are so many charming neighborhoods, and we were able to find a nice house."

Berger received his B.A. with Honors in History from Brown University, and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Kent scholar and an articles editor on the Columbia Law Review.

Prior to law school, Berger traveled extensively and lived in Europe, Asia and Africa, and was a high school teacher.

"I really enjoyed the interaction with students and getting to challenge people to think about difficult issues from a variety of perspectives," Berger said. "This is also what I think effective law teaching is about."

After law school, Berger clerked for the Honorable Merrick B. Garland on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He then practiced in Jenner & Block's Washington, D.C. office, where he worked on litigation in several state and federal trial and appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Berger worked on cases involving lethal injection, gay marriage, the detention of foreign nationals at Guantanamo Bay and internet obscenity.

Berger said he enjoys the challenge of teaching controversial issues, such as those that would typically arise in Constitutional Law.

"I like compelling students to recognize there are usually good arguments on either side of an issue and to challenge them to think through the strengths and weaknesses of all of the arguments," Berger said. "I find this is done more effectively without discussing my own views on a subject, largely because I think students are more likely to think through an issue if they don't think the professor already has a particular right answer in mind."

While Berger said his time practicing law was rewarding, he also looks forward to the many benefits he knows he will find with returning to teaching.

"I really enjoyed practicing law," Berger said. "But sometimes you work on a case and you wish you would have time to dive into an issue even more. Teaching offers you the luxury to dive as deep into an issue as you would like — and allows you to try to really figure out what you think about something. You are allowed and encouraged to make a thorough and thoughtful analysis. In practice, your clients' interest come first. In teaching, I like the intellectual honesty and freedom to explore issues without having to arrive at a particular conclusion to further a client's goals."

Berger’s scholarly interests include constitutional law and federal courts, with a focus on domestic and foreign courts’ discretion to remedy constitutional violations. He will teach Con Law 1, Con Law 2 and American Constitutional History. He would eventually like to teach courses in statutory interpretation, federal courts and comparative constitutional law. He said he is excited about the opportunity to teach the students at the College of Law.

“So far, I have had wonderful engagement with the students on the material and have found them to be genuinely excited about learning about complicated issues in a rigorous manner,” Berger said. “This is exciting for me as a teacher, especially since so many students from this law school go on to have such meaningful careers in both the public and private sector. It’s exciting to be able to play a small role in this state’s proud tradition in public service and excellence by helping to train many of its future leaders in the law.”

In his spare time, not that he has much of it, Berger enjoys tennis, music, reading fiction and history, traveling, photography, spending time with his family — and yes, watching football. He said the Huskers are already “by far” his favorite college team.
Steve Schmidt ’98, Assistant Professor, Joins Criminal Clinic Faculty

“Be professional. Be Prepared. And – be on time.”

This is the mantra new Assistant Professor Steve Schmidt repeats over and over again to his students.

“I always try to stress these points to my students because I believe it is critical to their success in this profession, especially in litigation,” Schmidt said. “When you are late to court, all kinds of bad things can happen.”

Schmidt comes to this position after eight years in the Marine Corps, almost a decade of being a deputy county attorney and a semester as a visiting professor at the College of Law. He has been married to his wife Julie for 20 years, has two sons, ages 15 and 13, and has traveled the world. Originally from Hastings, Neb., and a 1998 graduate of the Law College, Schmidt teaches in the Criminal Clinic, which operates out of the Lancaster County Attorney’s Office in the Justice and Law Enforcement Center.

Students enrolled in the Criminal Clinic prosecute misdemeanor and occasionally felony criminal cases, including marijuana and cocaine possession, intimidation by telephone, physical and sexual assault, public indecency, trespass, theft, forgery, fraud, receiving stolen property, escape, arson and extortion.

Each team of students handles a large number of cases during the semester and learns valuable skills while conducting factual investigations, negotiating, preparing for trial and trying cases. In addition, the students participate in a weekly seminar, which focuses on the development of skills necessary to prosecute criminal cases.

Schmidt is also a coach for the Trial Team and said he really enjoys working with the students.

“Since I only work with third year students, I am working with people who are on the cusp of going out to start their legal careers,” Schmidt said. “I hope I am able to influence them positively on their way out the door. And I thoroughly enjoy working with my students on the Trial Team. This is really a hidden gem at the Law College. It gives students the opportunity to be in the courtroom and the chance to really get to know their teammates. I believe this provides our students tremendous benefits both personally and professionally. It’s also a lot of fun.”

In his spare time, Schmidt enjoys spending time with his family and travel.

“I do love to travel and our two sons have passports,” Schmidt said. “My wife and I joke about how it used to be a big deal to go to Kansas City. My sons and I enjoy scuba-diving, so we usually try to go some place warm.”

Schmidt said he is very happy to be back at the College of Law. “When I was in law school, being part of the criminal clinic was my favorite experience,” Schmidt said. “I really enjoy being in the courtroom. I loved it in school, loved it as a practitioner and love teaching it.”

Susan Poser, Associate Professor: Accepts New Position in Chancellor’s Office

Last Spring the College of Law got a dose of some bitter-sweet news regarding the future of one of its highest regarded faculty.

Susan Poser, an associate professor of law, was hired to become the chief of staff and associate to the chancellor at UNL, Harvey Perlman. Poser will remain on the College of Law faculty, but will focus the majority of her efforts on her new position on the City Campus.

Poser said while she is sorry to leave the day-to-day interaction with her students and colleagues at the law school, she is enjoying the new challenges this position offers.

“I had vaguely thought of going into administration, and then this position came along and looked fascinating,” Poser said. “The job is truly a birds-eye view of everything that goes on at the University.”

Poser spent 12 years at the Law College before moving to her new position. For a portion of that time, Poser had the chance to work with Chancellor Harvey Perlman, while he was dean at the College of Law.

Poser said she is excited to work with Perlman.

“I think Harvey has done a great job as chancellor,” Poser said. “He is very easy to get along with, and he has a tremendous vision for the University.”

Glenda Pierce, associate dean at the Law College, said Poser is greatly missed.

“She is a wonderful colleague, teacher and friend,” Pierce said. “We miss having her here each day, but also know that she will do wonderful things in her new position. She is tremendously committed to this University and its programs – and we’ve seen that first-hand here at the Law College.”

Poser will continue to be the director of the Robert J. Kutak Center for the Teaching and Study of Applied Ethics at the College of Law. She said she will miss many things about the Law College, and hopes to have the opportunity to teach again soon.

“When I think about all of the things I will miss at the Law College, I think I will miss teaching the most,” Poser said. “I will miss the everyday life of the Law College, as well. It has been my home for almost my entire career, and I do not want to lose that connection. I am still working on some articles and hope to continue pursuing some of my research interests, if a little more slowly.”

Poser has taught Torts, Legal Profession, Products Liability, Wills and Trusts and Courts, Politics and Legal/Social Reform Seminar. She was the faculty advisor for Judicial Clerkships, the Women’s Law Caucus and the Allies & Advocates for GLBT Equality. She also served on the Faculty Appointments Committee for many years.

Poser began her duties in the Chancellor’s Office in August replacing Herbert Howe, who served as the associate to the chancellor and chief of staff for 18 years.
Members of the College of Law’s Class of 2007 received their J.D. degrees on May 5, 2007, at a ceremony held at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts. The commencement address was delivered by lawyer and bestselling author Scott Turow. He is the author of seven best-selling novels: Presumed Innocent, The Burden of Proof, Pleading Guilty, The Laws of Our Fathers, Personal Injuries, Reversible Errors, and Ordinary Heroes, and has recently published Limitations. He has also written two nonfiction books – One L, about his experiences as a law student, and Ultimate Punishment, a reflection on the death penalty. Turow has been a partner in the Chicago law office of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal since 1986, concentrating on white collar criminal defense, while also devoting a substantial part of his time to pro bono matters. In one case, he represented Alejandro Hernandez in the successful appeal that preceded Hernandez’s release after nearly 12 years in prison, including five on death row, for a crime he did not commit. What follows is an edited version of his address.

I am vain enough to offer advice, in this case cautionary words, about a professional preoccupation, namely misconduct by attorneys. I do not mean to sound a dour note on a happy day. And to emphasize that, I should tell you at the outset that I am proud to be a lawyer. For the last 20 years I have continued to practice law, despite being blessed with enough success as a writer that I could have left the law behind. I have continued to practice for several reasons, first and foremost because I like it. I like the problems lawyers wrestle with and I like the way that lawyers can be effective in the world. Easing somebody else’s difficulties, especially serious problems, which is what people tend to lay on their attorneys’ doorsteps, is inherently rewarding work. We all know that making a difference in somebody else’s existence is the fundamental barometer on a life of consequence. Practicing law equips you to lead a life of consequence, and that is a high privilege in itself.

Nonetheless, you will find yourself entering a profession that is not held in the same esteem that it was when I was a boy. I read the Gallup Organization’s annual surveys of Trusted Professions, and for decades now we have approached the bottom, consistently outranked in public distrust by only used car salesmen, Congressional members and HMO managers. In recent years, I have been fascinated to see that journalists have joined us among the bottom feeders. In fact, I was just at a ceremony in Seattle where a prominent bar group honored a journalist and he commented that many members of the public might view his award as a pack of rats venerating a cockroach.

There are many reasons for the public distrust of lawyers, and lots of them are beyond our control. As everyone in law school learns, there are generally two good answers to any hard question, and lay people, who do not understand the ambiguity of many legal problems, resent the choices that the law makes when it speaks in its authoritative voice.

And there is also a general, and frankly well-founded, resentment of the amount of money that some lawyers make, an excess which is then ascribed to the profession as a whole.

But there is one cause of public dissatisfaction with attorneys that is fully within our control, and that is the way we behave.

Perceived misbehavior among lawyers has remained a problem ever since Watergate. A few years ago, I was a visitor in the classroom of a criminal law professor at Harvard Law School who, on the opening day, told his first-year students, “statistically, more of you are likely to end up as criminal defendants than criminal lawyers.” His comment, to some extent, was about the gravitation of Harvard graduates to corporate firms. But it also sounded a cautionary note about the fate that awaited a few of the 150 young men and women in that room.

I am one of those unusual Harvard Law School graduates who went into a criminal practice. I spent eight years as an assistant United States attorney after I graduated from law school, and I ended up specializing in the prosecution of...
attorneys. As I like to say, I developed a proctologist’s view of our profession. I was the junior prosecutor on the case that led to the conviction of the state’s attorney general for tax fraud. I prosecuted lawyers for paying off the hearing officers at a Chicago real estate tax assessment agency. And I spent four years involved in cases related to Operation Greylord, which sent 17 state court judges and more than 50 lawyers from Chicago to the penitentiary for a deeply ingrained pattern of corruption. In the years since, as a defense lawyer, I have represented many attorneys who have found themselves in hot water.

Given that background, the perception that lawyers are apt to break the law is clearly wrong-headed. Lawyers get prosecuted with relative infrequency, and those who do are to some extent victims of heightened expectations. As a prosecutor, it is hard to give an attorney a break when she or he has crossed the line because they wear the mantle of privilege and, of course, because they know the law.

You do not need me to caution you not to break the law. Nor did you even need your law professors. Your parents taught you right from wrong, and their lessons will in almost all cases continue to show you the way.

But it is nonetheless worthwhile to emphasize the importance of lawyers behaving honorably for two reasons. One, because it so damages all of us in the eyes of the general public when the occasional rogue attorney does not. And secondly – and this is what I really want to tell you – because following the rules is not always easy. They sit there in black and white, or as the single right answer on a multiple choice exam, but frequently practice takes you not to a moral wilderness, but to a land where you face fierce winds and blinding sun and no clear sense of direction.

By way of example, let me point to one of my favorite criminal law and ethics cases, Nix v. Whiteside, a 1986 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, which represents one of the Court’s rare excursions into the dilemmas of practitioners. In Whiteside, the defendant, who was charged with murder, consistently told his appointed lawyer before trial that he believed the victim had a gun when Whiteside stabbed him. Whiteside acknowledged that he had not actually seen the weapon. The victim, however, had told his grandfather to “get his piece,” and just before being stabbed the decedent reached under his pillow. His lawyer explained to Whiteside that a well-founded belief of imminent harm would suffice to establish self-defense, but as trial approached Whiteside said that he would testify that he in fact had seen “something metallic” in the victim’s hand. The lawyer then told his client that if he gave that testimony, he, the lawyer, would impeach him before court, even possibly from the witness stand.

The 8th Circuit found that it violated Whiteside’s right to the effective assistance of counsel for his lawyer to threaten to disclose his client’s confidences. The U.S. Supreme Court reversed unanimously, holding that Whiteside had suffered no prejudice in his right to counsel, since no litigant has a right to lie.

Whiteside is a favorite case of mine because it dodges more questions than it actually answers. The court says that there is “a wide range of professional responses to threatened client perjury.” That is a mouthful. I guarantee you that there is not one person here who will practice law for any period of time without having his brow creased once or twice by the worry that his client intends to lie in a material way, whether in a trial, in the financial disclosures being made in a business matter or in a divorce, or in the representations and warranties in connection with a deal. This is, in fact,
one of the fundamental ethical dilemmas in the practice of law, where an attorney’s paramount duty to the client, to vindicate the client’s cause and to maintain the client’s confidences and secrets, is thrown into conflict with his equal, though less trumpeted, duty to the system of laws.

As usually happens with courts of review, the Supremes chose a clear and thus relatively easy case. Your practice is not likely to present its ethical dilemmas as starkly, nor will they be as painless to resolve. Let me say something uncomfortable in order to make that point. It is one thing for Whiteside’s appointed attorney to discourage the perjury of his indigent client. But what happens when the lie is being told by a plaintiff whose case, if won, will pay your bills for the next two years, or by the CEO of a major corporate client.

No lawyer I know proceeds without trying to talk his client intent on perjury off the ledge, and without examining the rules and his conscience for a way to avoid exposing his client’s perjury. That is true whether the client is rich or poor. But the hunt for a way out grows more fevered when there are profound costs to following the rules. This is the place, of course, where lawyers often fail, especially the more the practice of law is regarded as a business, where the appetite for billings is often glutinous.

One place that most of us look for an out is to epistemology. Who says those undergraduate philosophy classes were worthless? How does the attorney know if the client is lying in his anticipated testimony or representations, even if the client has contradicted himself? The law itself recognizes that recollections may be refreshed. Which version, after all, is true? It is a classic of the practice for lawyers to say, “I wasn’t there when all this happened.” And what if the client believes the whopper she or he is now telling? You may be responsible for exposing the client to the contrary evidence, but what if, after that, you think he sincerely believes this baloney? And there are circumstantial dilemmas. What if the client contradicts himself without signalling his intent to do so, in the course of his direct examination at trial, when your withdrawal as the lawyer raises issues of mistrial and, in a criminal case, double jeopardy? What if the client gives the perjurious response not in answer to any question you ask, but one that the opposing party has put, so that you have had no hand whatsoever in putting the lie before the court? Now that the false answer is in evidence, may you argue it to the judge or jury?

To all of these difficulties and shades of grey the U.S. Supreme Court gave no answer in Whiteside. The court said merely that there is a wide range of professional responses. In other words, the Court refused to make hard and fast rules about what the Constitution requires, either in terms of a defendant’s right or due process. Nor were they willing to prescribe rules for the bar and individual lawyers except to say the obvious— that an attorney cannot assist a client in his deception. In other words, the Supreme Court was counting on you, on your good judgment. They were trusting you with your own reputation and with the reputation of our profession. And that will be true every day you practice law.

The lying client or other ethical dilemmas will not be a daily event. But you will be surprised how often you will find yourself challenged. Here is one quick practical pointer from someone who has frequently been responsible for representing attorneys:

Whenever you have the slightest doubt about the propriety of what is before you, ask someone else. Pick up the phone or walk down the hall and talk to somebody whose judgment you respect. This is good practice for several reasons. You will have someone to help you prove that you behaved as a responsible professional, if things come a cropper. It is easier to be courageous with company. We count on one another to reinforce our moral sense.

These moments when you will stand between your client and the law, when you will define for yourself the reasonable professional responses, are deeply challenging but also among the richest and most important in the practice of law, because you will be defining in your terms what it means to be a lawyer.
At its 2007 graduation, the College of Law continued its recent tradition of recognizing the significant contributions that family loyalty makes to the Law College. At the Family Tradition Ceremony prior to graduation, 19 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.

Timothy R. Mulliner and Todd R. Mulliner, ’04 (brother).

Mindy Marie Rush-Chipman and David V. Chipman, ’05 (husband).

Kathleen V. Munch and Michael L. Munch, ’78 (father).

Erin A. Gustafson and Susan J. Gustafson, ’92 (mother).


Monica L. Beethe Freeman and Abigail M. Beethe Stempson, ’04 (cousin).
Jennifer L. Tricker, Edward H. Tricker (father), '73 (left), and Jennifer D. Tricker (sister-in-law), '04 (right).

F. Matthew Aerni with William Aerni (brother). Arthur J. Weaver, 1896, was his great great uncle.

Joseph C. Bradley with Ralph A. Bradley, '75 (father).

Jais M. Woolf (center) with Loel D. Brooks, '77, (cousin); Patricia Pansing Brooks, '84, (cousin); Steven E. Guenzel, '78, (uncle); Kile W. Johnson, '69, (uncle); Paige J. Roberts, '96, (cousin); and Virginia M. Johnson, '85, (aunt).

Charles P. Emanuel with Alan D. Slattery, '77 (uncle).

Matthew D. Baack with Arend R. Baack, '80 (uncle).


John W. Anderson with Carlos B. Shumway, '06 (brother-in-law).

Michael W. Chaloupka with Robert P. Chaloupka, '68 (father).

Jacob S. Curtiss with Terry J. Curtiss, '81 (father).

Joshua J. Penterman with Jerrod M. Gregg, '03 (cousin).
Guest Speakers Enlighten Law College Community

Ken Paulson, editor and senior vice-president/news of USA Today and USA TODAY.com spoke at the College of Law about media law and the First Amendment. Paulson was on the team of journalists who founded USA Today in 1982. He served as the editor or managing editor of newspapers in five states and served as executive director of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University.

Paulson, a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law and the University of Missouri School of Journalism, drew parallels between the legal and journalism professions, which he said were "strikingly familiar in their attributes, approach and mind set." Both require good verbal and writing skills and the ability to take in a lot of information and boil it down.

While both professions are widely criticized and are near the bottom of the list of most respected professions, they both have strong ethical guidelines and are very good at self-policing.

Most importantly, he added, "both have a soul. They are there to make a difference in people's lives and sometimes in the life of the country." When, at times, we have lost sight of our liberties, "these are the two groups that have stood up."

Recalling the words of President George W. Bush's first address to Congress after 9/11, "Freedom and fear are at war," Paulson reminded his audience that when fear increases, there is a decrease in respect for the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

Paulson pointed out that generally 20 percent of the population thinks U.S. citizens have too much freedom and liberty. Right after 9/11, that number shot up to 50 percent. People believed that "to keep those guys at bay," we would need to give up core liberties.

Too many of our citizens, Paulson said, have failed to appreciate one of the most important but little taught aspects of American history: the refusal of the states to adopt the U.S. Constitution without the addition of a Bill of Rights. One of these right was freedom of the press even though the press at that time was biased and highly politicized.

Paulson concluded by reminding law students that today, when there are so many sources of information, they need to apply the critical thinking skills that they learn in law school when they consume news and information. "Come to sources that you have learned you can trust; shop where the real value is."

Lynn Wardle, Bruce C. Hafea professor at J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, spoke at the College of Law on "Bruning, State Marriage Amendments, and Interjurisdictional Recognition Issues: The Case for Protecting Conjugal Marriage." He was invited to speak by The Federalist Society. In his talk, he reflected on the state of traditional marriage protection at a state, national and international level.

Wardle began by showing the international trend to protect traditional marriage since World War II. He noted that the vast majority of United Nations-recognized countries have created constitutional protection for marriage as being between a man and a woman.

Wardle stated that in the United States, 45 states have laws against same-sex marriage, and 27 of 28 states have passed their proposed constitutional marriage amendment. State-level legal recognition has been of varying types. One type is a constitutional amendment stating that marriage is only between a man and a woman. Another type is a constitutional amendment that also refuses to recognize domestic unions. Wardle noted that the median and mean state passage rates were very high, being 70% and 68% respectively.
Nebraska also passed a constitutional amendment in 2000, which Wardle co-authored. This amendment was challenged in federal district court, and Judge Joseph Bataillon declared it unconstitutional in 2004. However, a unanimous Eighth Circuit reversed the district judge, declaring the amendment constitutional in *Citizens for Equal Protection, Inc. v. Bruning*. In essence, the appellate court held that this was a legislative issue, not a judicial one. The amendment states that marriage in Nebraska shall only be between a man and a woman and that same-sex relationships shall not be given an equivalent status. Wardle was involved in the case, having written an amicus brief.

A few states have legalized same-sex marriage or its equivalent, creating a flood of academic literature on the issue, arguing that other states would have to recognize same-sex marriages under the Full Faith and Credit Clause or conflicts of laws rules.

In response, Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act, stating that states do not have to recognize the same-sex unions of other states, even though most constitutional law scholars and conflicts of law scholars doubted the strength of the Full Faith and Credit and conflict of laws arguments. Members of Congress twice have tried to pass a federal constitutional marriage amendment, and although a majority of votes was gained, the necessary two-thirds majority was not.

Wardle concluded by giving his opinion of why same sex marriages should not be legalized. Marriage provides society great benefits, such as easy and consistent procreation, stable home environments for children and complementary gender role education for children. Because of this, marriage is protected under the law and has been a foundation of societies before positive law existed.

- *Jason A. Cantone*

**Doug Bandow,** vice president of Citizens Outreach and formerly a special assistant to President Ronald Reagan, was the last of a series of speakers at the College of Law provided by the Federalist Society during the 2006-2007 academic year. He spoke on “Markets and the Good Life: How Capitalism Enhances Our Democratic Values and How Government Interference Undermines those Values.”

One reason capitalism is misunderstood, said Bandow, is that it is often confused with cronyism. The true earmarks of the capitalist system are competition and the freedom to make economic decisions. It acknowledges people’s control over their economic well being and respects the dignity of the individual.

Capitalism leads to production that makes our lives easier, awards creativity that leads to advances in fields like medicine and technology, and allows average people to enjoy the benefits of cheaper goods, Bandow said. He added that capitalism is inherently democratic in that the mass market decides what is successful and what is not.

What needs to be addressed, however, is the question of poverty, which Bandow characterized as the “greatest tragedy of our age.” Poverty has always been with us and it is not caused by capitalism, Bandow said, but our challenge is how to take care of those for whom the economic system does not offer opportunities because markets only reward those who have the skills markets want. “It rewards Shaquille O’Neal more than me.” The best place to look for answers to these kinds of moral questions, Bandow asserted, is not the marketplace but the family, the community and the church.

**Gregory Hobbs,** Colorado Supreme Court Justice, spoke at the College of Law on March 26, 2007. Justice Hobbs is a water law expert and a poet. He brought both of those skills to his lecture at the law school. His talk was entitled “The Role of Climate on Water Institutions in Western Americas.” After describing the complex history of water allocation in the western states, Hobbs drew upon his poetry to illustrate Colorado’s unique role as a Mother of Rivers.

From this creationist theme, Justice Hobbs built upon water’s organizing force across cultures and across time. From Machu Picchu, Peru, to Mesa Verde, Colo., Hobbs offered poignant examples of water as a spiritual and aesthetic resource that has been celebrated for thousands of years. His photos of these remarkable places also illustrated each location’s efforts at harnessing and using water.

His lecture concluded by looking progressively inward. He started with water conflicts between the Americas, moved to interstate conflicts among the western states and neared his conclusion with the predicted future development of Colorado’s finite water supply to serve a burgeoning population. Capping off the inward progression of these conflicts, Justice Hobbs concluded with a poem elucidating the inner conflict that we must all consider when we decide who or what is allowed to use this remarkable resource.

- *Jason A. Cantone*
The College of Law, along with Creighton University School of Law, is now awarding diversity scholarships sponsored by the Kutak Rock law firm and the Robert J. Kutak Foundation. The diversity scholarship program is part of Kutak Rock’s ongoing diversity initiative to advance minority law students and to achieve a more diverse legal community within Nebraska.

Under the program, each law school receives an annual stipend of $10,000 to help fund the Kutak Rock Diversity Scholarships to be awarded annually to full-time incoming students. The Kutak Rock Scholars will also receive a matching stipend from their law schools toward tuition expenses for the second and third year of their law school studies.

Dean Steve Willborn expressed the Law College’s gratitude to Kutak Rock for its generous support. “These scholarships will help the College of Law to admit and train an excellent and diverse student body to serve the state and the nation,” he said.

Randy James ’08, won third place in a national writing competition, the Hoffman Bioethics Writing Competition, organized and run by the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM). James’ paper, “Supply and Demand Donations: A Market Approach to the Ethical, Moral, Equitable, and Economic Concerns Surrounding America’s Solid Organ Shortage” was originally written for Professor Craig Lawson’s fall 2006 Bioethics class.

The Great Plains Federal Tax Institute has established a scholarship at the College of Law in honor of past board member and Law College professor David A. Ludtke. The award was announced by the institute’s president Sharon K. Kresha, ’78, at a celebration dinner at the Lodge at Wilderness Ridge on July 16.

College of Law Professor John M. Gradwohl, ’53, recognized Ludtke’s outstanding accomplishments as a professor and practicing lawyer. James E. Rembolt, ’72, Ludtke’s law partner in the firm of Rembolt and Ludtke, expressed his appreciation of Ludtke’s leadership and service both to law students and the practice of law.

In acknowledging the honor, Ludtke stated that he was very humbled by the David A. Ludtke Scholarship. He said that he always felt it was important for his students to learn about the practical aspects of the law as well as the theoretical. He would challenge them by providing them with “real life” scenarios and having them do the research and present their analyses of how the cases should be handled. He commented that, by participating in the Great Plains Federal Tax Institute, students were able to hear some of the nation’s top scholars and tax attorneys, while also being able to learn in an interdisciplinary setting with Certified Public Accountants.

The David A. Ludtke-Great Plains Federal Tax Institute Scholarship Fund supports scholarships to full-time students enrolled in the College of Law, with preference given to students who have demonstrated an interest in taxation, business or related subjects.
Justice Society Hosts Public Interest Week

Law student members of the Equal Justice Society (EJS) hosted “Public Interest Law Week 2007” for fellow students during the week of March 19-23, 2007. Students were invited to a daily event centered around providing information, inspiration and opportunities in the field of public interest law.

On Monday, March 19, Nebraska Appleseed gave a lunchtime presentation about their ten years of work in Nebraska. Becky Gould, director of Nebraska Appleseed, spoke about how for the last decade her organization has worked to achieve progress for those who have little or no voice when public policies are made. Students learned how Nebraska Appleseed attorneys work daily with and for low-income families, new immigrants, children in need of protection and struggling communities of all kinds in this state.

Tuesday evening, March 20, EJS teamed up with the Public Interest Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association to host a social event at the Nebraska Bar Association office in downtown Lincoln. At this event, students had the opportunity to meet, mingle and gain advice from local attorneys working in a variety of public interest careers.

On Wednesday, March 21, EJS hosted a lunchtime panel discussion about careers in Public Interest Law. About 30 students attended this lunch where they heard representatives from the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, the Lancaster County Office of the Public Defender, the Lancaster County Attorney’s Office, Nebraska ACLU and others describe their careers. Altogether 10 local attorneys working in the public interest volunteered their time and shared stories and advice with the students. The attorneys, many of whom are Law College graduates, advised students on how to get into public interest law, how to afford a public interest career and the advantages of doing this type of work.

Thursday afternoon, March 22, Dave Pantos, Legal Aid of Nebraska’s director of litigation and advocacy, hosted a lunchtime presentation at the Law College. Pantos described the civil legal work that Legal Aid of Nebraska provides for low income clients from its seven offices across the state. Students had the opportunity to learn and ask questions about working as a Legal Aid attorney where responsibilities include providing not only free civil legal assistance, but also resource referral, community development and education to low-income Nebraskans who have nowhere else to turn.

Friday evening, March 23, EJS and students from the Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (NFCPI) hosted the First Annual Texas Hold ’em Poker Tournament to benefit NFCPI. Students, along with family and friends, gathered to play Hold-em in the law school student lounge, where entry into the tournament was a $10 donation. All donations were collected for NFCPI, which awards grants to current Law College students who work in unpaid public interest summer clerkships. The Poker Tournament was a great way to wrap up this week of events and show support for students interested in public interest careers.

-Lisa Morinelli

Dean’s Competition Brings Out Creativity Of Students and Profs.

In an attempt “to find healthy and appropriate outlets for procrastination,” during Nebraska’s bleary winter, Dean Steve Willborn created the College of Law’s Dean’s All-College Haiku Competition. Willborn said that he borrowed this idea from Professor Jim Huffman of the Lewis & Clark Law School. A haiku is a Japanese lyric verse form having three unrhymed lines of five, seven and five syllables, traditionally invoking an aspect of nature or the seasons.

Members of the law school community were invited to submit haikus in two categories: (1) law school in general and (2) law school subjects. Willborn proclaimed himself the exclusive judge of the submissions, with no appeal or gripes permitted.

Here are the submissions he chose as the winners:

Law School in General Category

Meier, Wilson, Pierce  
Leiter, Landis, Zellmer, Frank  
Let me graduate.  
-Justin Rammell, ’07

Law School Subjects Category

The Snow melts. Easements and Covenants emerge. Property surrounds me in spring.  
-Colleen Medill, faculty

Competition Teams Excell

As usual, teams from the College of Law did well in skill-based competitions during the 2006-2007 academic year. John Anderson, ’07, won the Closing Argument Competition, part of the National Animal Advocacy Completion held at Harvard University Law School. The team of Hilary Anderson, ’08, Chip Emanuel, ’07, and Brad Sipp, ’08, won the regional National Trial Competition in Boulder, Colo., and went on to compete in the national competition in Houston, Texas. Both of the College’s Client Counseling Competition teams made the final round of the regional completion in Des Moines, Iowa. The team of Heather McKee, ’08, and Marna Schulte, ’08, finished in second place, while the team of Kristen Clemens, ’08, and Erin Gerdes, ’08, placed third.
Graduation with Highest Distinction
Ryan Sevcik

Graduation with High Distinction
John Anderson
Monica Freeman
Jason Grams
Jonathan Grob
Zachary Hemenway
Ramzi Hynek
Patricia Kush
Alison Mashek
Benjamin Siminou
Micah Uher
Henry Wiedrich

Order of the Coif
John Anderson
Monica Freeman
Jason Grams
Jonathan Grob
Zachary Hemenway
Ramzi Hynek
Patricia Kush
Alison Mashek
Ryan Sevcik
Benjamin Siminou
Micah Uher
Henry Wiedrich

Graduation with Distinction
Gabriela Acosta-Lohman
Caitlin Barnes
Marco Brown
Mark Buckwalter
Jonathan Carlson
Daniel Carnahan
Chad Doornink
Stacy Foust
Brenda George
Joseph Kishiyama
Brian Koerwitz
Ryan Lindberg
Philip Martin
Brent Meyer
Timothy Mulliner

Robert G. Simmons Nebraska Law Practice Award
Best student paper of significance to the general practice of law in Nebraska
Matthew Breuning, '08

Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition Prize
Best paper on copyright
Nathan Osborn, '07

National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Student Award
Karen Ebmeier, '07

Credit Advisors Foundation Award
Civil Clinic student of the year
Jake Hinkins, '07

Pat Gies Memorial Award
Outstanding civil clinic students
Gabriela Acosta-Lohman, '07
Abby Smith, '07

Academy of Trial Attorneys Award
Outstanding Criminal Clinic student
Kathleen Munch, '07

Silver Quill Award
Excellence in Legal Research & Writing
Valerie McGill, '09

Gross & Welsh Best Brief Award
Best Brief in Legal Research and Writing
Jonathan Camp, '09
Natalie Navis, '09
McGrath North Mullin & Kratz Legal Writing Award

B. Garth Glissman, '09
Richard Grabow, '09
Stephanie Mahlin, '09
Thomas McCarty, '09
Valerie McGill, '09
Elizabeth Osterman, '09
Laura Pederson, '09
Kylie Pohl, '09
Michelle Sitorius, '09
James Webster, '09

Grether Moot Court Competition – first place

Marna Schulte, '08
Bradley Sipp, '08

National Moot Court Team

John Anderson, '07
Joseph Bradley, '07
Mark Buckwalter, '07
Jason Grams, '07
Patricia Kush, '07
Ann Tait, '07

Roscoe Pound Award

Best oral advocate in Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court Competition
Erin Gerdes, '08

Robert A. Cannon and Susan Jacobs Client Counseling Award

First-place team in Client Counseling Competition
Jonathan Haas, '08
Bradley Sipp, '08

First-Year Client Counseling Competition – first place

Stephanie Mahlin, '09
Luke Vavricek, '09

National Trial Team

Hilary Anderson, '08*
Charles Emanuel, '07*
Kurt Hunsaker, '08
Sabrina Jensen, '07
Bradley Sipp, '08*
Darren Wright, '08
*won regional, competed in nationals

Animal Moot Court Competition – first place

Keith Hoogheem, '08
Michelle Weber, '08

Animal Closing Argument Competition – first place

John Anderson, '07*
*won national competition

Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court Competition – first place

Nicholas Clatterbuck, '08
Daniel Hill, '08

Animal Closing Argument Competition – first place

John Anderson, '07*
*won national competition

National Trial Team

Hilary Anderson, '08*
Charles Emanuel, '07*
Kurt Hunsaker, '08
Sabrina Jensen, '07
Bradley Sipp, '08*
Darren Wright, '08
*won regional, competed in nationals

Animal Moot Court Competition – first place

Keith Hoogheem, '08
Michelle Weber, '08

Animal Closing Argument Competition – first place

John Anderson, '07*
*won national competition

Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court Competition – first place

Nicholas Clatterbuck, '08
Daniel Hill, '08

Animal Closing Argument Competition – first place

John Anderson, '07*
*won national competition

Thomas Stinson Allen Moot Court Competition – best brief

Nicholas Clatterbuck, '08
Daniel Hill, '08

First-Year Client Counseling Competition – first place

Stephanie Mahlin, '09
Luke Vavricek, '09
The College of Law Alumni Council presented four Distinguished Achievement Awards at a dinner at the Lincoln Country Club on May 11, 2007. The awards recognized the many outstanding contributions made to the College by its alumni, faculty, students and friends.

- **Distinguished Alumni Award** was awarded to Governor Charles Thone, ’49. The award recognizes an outstanding alumnus or alumna of the College who brings credit to the College by his or her recognized professional successes. Thone served as governor of Nebraska from 1979 to 1983. Prior to serving as governor, he served in the United States House of Representatives from 1971 to 1979, representing Nebraska’s First Congressional District. Among many other things, while in Congress he served on the House Select Committee of Assassinations. Since retiring from public service, Thone has practiced law in the Lincoln office of Erickson & Sederstrom.

- **Distinguished Faculty Award** was presented to Professor Colleen E. Medill. The award recognizes a current faculty member whose professional achievements in research, writing and/or teaching bring credit to the College. Medill began her teaching career at the University of Tennessee and came to the College of Law in 2004. She has distinguished herself as an authority on ERISA law and is the sole author of one of the leading casebooks in the area. She is active on a number of national boards and commissions and has stretched her research agenda to include empirical work.

- **Woods & Aitken Outstanding Student Award** was presented to Ryan J. Sevcik, ’07. Sevcik graduated from the College of Law with highest distinction. During his three years at the Law College, he was very active in the SBA, serving as president in 2006-07, vice president in 2005-06 and as 1L class president in 2004-05. He also was research editor for the Nebraska Law Review. He currently is an associate with Koley Jessen in Omaha.

- **Outstanding Service Award** was presented to Barb, ’78, and Ron Schaefer. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated loyalty, leadership and service to the College. The Schaefer have supported the College in many ways over the years. Their generosity permitted the construction of the Oscar and Ruby Wittmann lounge in the Welpton Courtroom Building in honor of Barb’s parents. When Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg spoke at the Law College, the Schaefer generously endowed a scholarship in her name. This is in addition to the scholarship fund they already had established. Barb is vice president at the Union Pacific Railroad, and she has been instrumental in obtaining the railroad’s support for the College in a number of ways. She also served on the Law College’s Alumni Council, including a two-year term as chair of the council.
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De "Dan" Hong, ’93, was presented the Nebraska Alumni Association’s inaugural Outstanding International Alumnus Award on May 4, 2007, at an All-University Celebration and Salute to Alumni Achievement. The Alumni Association’s board of directors established the award to recognize alumni who were non-U.S. citizens during their attendance at the University and who have achieved national or international prominence through efforts in education, science, technology, agriculture, the arts, business, humanities, government or other world endeavors.

Hong was nominated for the award by Professor John Gradwohl, ’53, and Judge Jan Gradwohl, ’54, with whom Hong developed a special relationship during his time at the College of Law. “They are my teachers, but they are more than my teachers; they are not my parents, but they are more than my parents. They are my role models,” Hong said. Hong fondly remembers the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners that he and other international students had at the Gradwohl home. In particular, he remembers a bitter cold night when, after a dinner at a downtown restaurant, his car wouldn’t start, and “my law professor and a local judge pushed my car to help it start. That was not the only push that the Gradwohls gave Hong. “They encouraged me to study harder, to graduate and to pass the bar,” he said.

Hong came to the Law College with a B.A. degree from East China Normal University in Shanghai and an LL.M. degree from the China University of Law and Politics in Beijing. He was accepted to a number of U.S. law schools, but it was a prominent figure from the Law College’s past that drew him to Nebraska. “I was reading a book written by Roscoe Pound,” Hong recalled, “and found that he was dean of the Nebraska Law School and then was the dean at Harvard Law School for more than 30 years; so I thought, this must be a good law school!”

He was not disappointed with his choice, although it wasn’t always easy to come to a totally different country, especially when he was joined shortly after his arrival by his pregnant wife. “Anyway, I survived with the assistance from the law school, my classmates and the people of Lincoln,” he recalled. A month after his son was born, the Law College held a baby shower for him. “I saw a tree standing on a table and a large envelope on the tree. I thought the envelope contained greeting cards,” Hong remembered, “but it contained money. Just what a poor Chinese student needed.”

A Chinese family with a young baby and a father working in the library and taking classes needs food, too. After his son was born, the Christian Legal Society and the Multicultural Legal Society delivered a meal to his home every day for a month. This and other experiences Hong had at the Law College – a professor lending him a book he could not afford to buy, students who would help him, not by giving him the answer he was seeking, but by telling where he could find the answer – led Hong to conclude, “I live in a world full of love and full of opportunity, too.”

Hong has made the most of those opportunities. After his graduation, he worked in New York City before joining Hong Kong Novel Enterprises in 1995. The company’s subsidiaries include Tommy Hilfiger, Dragonair, and Asprey & Garrard. He is currently chief counsel in the Shanghai office of Hong Kong Novel Enterprises and a member of Jin Mao Lawyer Alliance, Shanghai’s largest law firm, where he serves as a foreign investment counselor.

Ever the loyal Cornhusker, Hong recommends the University of Nebraska to many Asian students, has hosted the Nebraska governor’s trade missions as well as University faculty and administrators, and has introduced Chinese business executives to Nebraska businesses.

One of Hong’s visitors was University Chancellor Harvey Perlman, ’66. Knowing that Hong’s son, the Nebraska-born Daniel, was thinking of attending high school in the U.S., Perlman asked him where he wanted to study. When Daniel replied California, “Harvey was speechless.” Daniel is attending high school in the U.S., but not in California. “We thought that Daniel would be lonely in California; besides California people are not like Lincoln people or Nebraska people where people smile and greet you even if they do not know you,” Hong said. He told his son, “Remember, you are a little Cornhusker!” Daniel is where he should be, studying and living with family friends in Omaha, Nebraska.
Fiala Finds That Preparation Pays In Classroom, Courtroom, Radio Booth

It’s probably very rare for a Law College graduate to take a case to the Nebraska Supreme Court and then turn around a few years later and be broadcasting football,” remarked Adrian Fiala, ’73, athlete, lawyer, businessman and “Color Voice of the Huskers.” Fiala has done both and with great success. He won his Supreme Court case, and in 2001 he done both and with great success. He won "Color voice of the Huskers." fiala has fiala, ’73, athlete, lawyer, businessman and broadcasting football, “ remarked adrian turn around a few years later and be

Fiala was born in David City, lived in Brainard until he was eight and grew up in South Omaha where he played football and baseball at Bishop Ryan High School. He attributes his work ethic to the summers he spent working at his uncle's farm, which also helped tone his body for his athletic career.

While baseball was his favorite sport, his hope was to get a football scholarship to play at Nebraska. His wish was fulfilled, but the start to his collegiate football career in 1965 was delayed for two weeks while he and his baseball teammates competed in the American Legion World Series, where they finished second, losing the final game 2-1. Fiala was recruited as a quarterback, but because his baseball activities kept him from throwing for much of the summer, he was soon moved over to the defense. “It was a blessing,” he recalled. “I ended up being a Blackshirt for three years, and I take a lot of pride in that. I was part of one of the greatest traditions in the game.”

Fiala played strong safety and weak side linebacker under Nebraska's legendary coach Bob Devaney. “Devaney was a great coach because he was really great with people and he had a great football mind, too,” Fiala said. “And he put together an incredible staff. It all spelled success.” But the team did not always meet up to the fans' lofty expectations. “We were 6 and 4 in 1967 and 1968, but in my senior year we ended up being co-Big 8 champions, we went to a bowl game and started 34 years of unbroken success,” Fiala recalled. He added that Don Bryant, the Huskers’ sports information director, always said that the 1969 team laid the foundation for the national championship teams of 1970 and 1971.

Fiala was also a catcher on the Nebraska baseball team. He said he convinced Devaney to let him play baseball as long as he delayed joining the team until the spring after he became a starter (which turned out to be after his sophomore year) and as long as he participated in spring football practice on Mondays and Wednesdays while playing baseball. “That was difficult from a physical standpoint and an academic standpoint, but you can do it if you’re disciplined enough,” Fiala said.

Fiala obviously had the discipline to play two sports and do well academically. He was named a second team Academic All-American and twice to the Academic All-Big 8 team. After spending some time in the Engineering College, he graduated with a degree in finance from the Business College. He particularly enjoyed his course in business law and that led him to think about law school. He had opportunities to go into professional baseball and football but turned them down to enter the College of Law because “in ten years I didn't want to still be making tackles; I wanted to be in the professional or business world.”

Fiala has many memories about his years at the old Law College building at 10th and R streets. One is from his first year Property class with Professor Lawrence Berger. “One of our classmates sat right in the front row and three or four weeks into the semester, Professor Berger called on him. He was copiously taking notes and didn’t respond to Professor Berger's question.” After Berger asked the question two more times, the student looked up and said, “Would you please be quiet, I’m trying to take notes.” The class was surprised when Berger didn't say a word and went on with the class. “Well guess what?” Fiala said. “The first question asked in every subsequent class was directed to that student. We learned a lesson there – be prepared!”

Another memory is of the first final exam in his freshman year when many of his classmates gathered at a coffee shop near the law school prior to the exam. “You could tell people were studying hard because their hair was every which way and some hadn’t shaved or taken a bath or shower. It was pretty nasty. When it came time to take the test, we turned left to go to the law school, but suddenly one of our classmates went to the right; he walked away and we never heard from him again. He clutched.” Fiala believes that athletics helps train you for difficult situations like these. “When you go up to bat against Nolan Ryan, you go up and take your chances, no matter what,” he said.

Fiala began his legal career with the Nebraska Public Service Commission, later served as general counsel for the company that owned City Bank and Havelock Bank, and as executive director and CFO of Spectrum Capital, Inc., an investment and securities firm.

At one time City Bank called itself Citibank, a named that did not sit well with Citibank of New York, which sued the Nebraska bank in federal court for trademark infringement. Fiala asked bank
Adrian Fiala prepares before a game at Memorial Stadium.

officials what name change they thought they could live with and they decided to go with City Bank. When Fiala tried to arrange a meeting with counsel for Citibank, “a high powered Wall Street Harvard grad,” he refused to meet. Fiala responded by saying he would ask the court for an order directing a settlement conference and by reminding the attorney, “You’re playing ball in our yard so we’ll throw the ball up and see if you can hit it.” A meeting was arranged. When Fiala met with a Citibank official in New York, the official looked at him and said, “You’re big enough to play football for Nebraska.” Fiala replied that he had, and they talked about Nebraska football for 20 minutes after which Fiala presented his proposal and the case was settled on the spot.

It was for City Bank that Fiala brought a case to the Nebraska Supreme Court seeking to overturn a summary judgment against his client because the trial court found that City Bank had not given proper notice of the sale of collateral. In City Bank & Trust v. Van Andel, 220 Neb. 152 (1985), the court reversed the trial court in a situation in which Fiala admitted “the law clearly appeared to be against us, but the facts were clearly in our favor.”

It wasn’t unusual for Fiala to represent Nebraska athletes in various legal proceedings. In a roundabout way this led to the beginning of his broadcast career. After successfully representing two football players in a county court case, he accepted their invitation to dinner and suggested they eat at the Denny’s near the stadium because he knew they could eat cheaply there. While at Denny’s, he was approached by KFOR broadcaster Dick Perry who told him that the station was thinking about adding another person to its broadcast crew and asked if he was interested. After being assured that he would be taught the basics and that it would not be overly disruptive to his legal career, Fiala agreed to audition. He was hired as a sideline reporter.

Other than being interviewed as a player and knowing how to write well from his law school days, Fiala had no journalism experience. “For the first three or four games, I was terrible,” he claimed, “and I have the tapes to prove it.” But with the help of professionals like Perry, Bill Wood and Tim Moreland, Fiala moved from sideline reporter to color analyst while learning how to keep his focus when broadcasting even though someone was speaking to him through his earpiece, handing him a note or tapping him on the shoulder.

A major turn in Fiala’s career came in 1982 when he learned that KFOR had lost the broadcast rights to Nebraska games starting with the 1983 season and that he would be teaming with Hall of Fame announcer Ray Scott for the 1982 season. Scott, who is best known for being the television voice of the Green Bay Packers during the “glory years” of the Vince Lombardi era, had a tremendous influence on Fiala. Fiala remembers him as “being absolutely incredible in terms of his ability and one of the greatest guys you ever would want to be around.”

The admiration was mutual. “We were having dinner one night and he said, ‘You know, you’re one of the best people I’ve worked with.’ I just about fell out of my chair,” Fiala recalled. Even though he would not broadcast Nebraska football again for 13 years, Fiala was inspired by Scott’s encouragement to work harder at his part time profession, which now included doing some national television work with Scott.

Ever since the Pinnacle Sports Network acquired the broadcast rights to Nebraska football in 1996, Fiala has again been behind the mike as the color voice of the Huskers. He also does televised college baseball games and the College World Series on Westwood One national radio network and co-hosts Big Red Wrap-Up on NET television. In addition, he keeps busy with speaking engagements and his charity golf tournament in Gothenburg.

Adrian Fiala (left) interviews new Husker football coach Bo Pelini.
For eight years, John V. Hendry, ’74, served as chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court. Since his retirement in 2006, Hendry has been spending more time with his family friends and has gotten back to his education roots, teaching Law Office Practice at the Law College.

“I’ve always wanted to be a teacher,” Hendry said. “That was my career goal until my senior year of college. A couple of my fraternity brothers were in law school and encouraged me to do it, and I did. But the idea of coming back to teaching has always been in the back of my mind, and now here I am. I’m back in the classroom and I like it.”

Hendry’s course at the Law College is designed to help students transition from the classroom to the practice of law.

“It’s a smaller class by design,” Hendry said. “We wanted it to stay small so it would encourage interaction between myself and the students so they would not be intimidated about asking about my experiences and how that might relate to their goals in starting their own practice or getting into practice with a firm. I try to stress with my class that students should be encouraged to ask about anything.”

Hendry was asked to develop the course for the fall 2007 semester. He said he drew on his experiences as a litigator and as a judge.

“IT has been a lot of work on the front end, but also very rewarding,” Hendry said. “The work is justified by the reward I am getting with teaching the class. Most
people who know me well recognize that teaching is something I would enjoy.”

Hendry said he enjoys the mentoring aspect of teaching most.

“I think most people who are asked to list three to five of the most influential people in their lives will have a teacher somewhere on the list,” Hendry said. “I had a elementary school teacher and a high school teacher on mine. One of my teachers thought I was good at tennis. He took me under his wing and made me a tennis player. I came to UNL on a tennis scholarship. His mentoring gave me a lot of confidence I might not have had otherwise. One of the reasons why I decided to teach this class was the size and subject matter of the class would lend itself well to the possibility of being a mentor to students who have indicated they eventually want to enter the private practice of law.”

Hendry said his time teaching at the Law College has made him recall some of his fondest memories as a student.

“I had Wally Rudolph for Legal Profession,” Hendry said. “He had called on me every day of the semester for the first month and a half. I had the opportunity to visit with him about it. He apologized about it and said that starting next class, he would not call on me. I bragged about it to my friends, so when he looked to the seating chart and realized it was three years old he ended up calling on me again. To this day he still doesn’t know why everyone was laughing.”

Hendry said he enjoys watching his students have some of the same experiences he did as a student.

“One of the greatest experiences of law school is to first understand what it is,” he said. “To enjoy the law school experience, you have to understand what the principal goal of the experience is. It is to learn the basic law of the class you are taking, but even more importantly it is to learn how to think — how to come to judgments that are supported. You are going to sit in your first-year classes, facts are going to be similar and the results are going to be different. You might think same case and different results. Once you realize that, half of the battle is over. This is a process all students have to go through.”

Hendry said he has enjoyed working with the students at the Law College.

“I can tell by their questions, their willingness to question and their insightfulness in the dialogue that they have been well honed in their educational process,” he said. “I think they are extremely good critical thinkers. They always seem to ask questions that are probing and relevant. I would enjoy teaching this class again in the future.”

Since his retirement, Hendry said he has also become a bit of a “professional” golfer.

“I’ve taken up golf and I am now classified by my friends as a professional,” Hendry said. “I am so bad that I create so much entertainment, my friends will pay me to play. My definition of a professional golfer is someone who could be paid to play. They are entertained by my limited abilities and their abilities seem to be heightened by my limitations. It’s not a bad deal.”

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**Do You Blog?**

**THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT** would like to write an article featuring College of Law alums and faculty who have blogs, short for weblogs — online journals or newsletters that are updated frequently for public consumption. Please let us know about your blog. Even if you don’t blog yourself, let us know about your favorite law-related blogs. If you have information about a blog, please contact Alan Frank via e-mail at afrank2@unl.edu.
1920s
- McCook Community Foundation and Marty Russell have dedicated Russell Park in memory of Carson Russell, ’24. Carson practiced law in McCook for more than 50 years. He served as the local counsel for the Burlington Railroad and served two terms in the Nebraska House of Representatives, a few years before Nebraska adopted a one-house legislature. Russell also served on the McCook School Board and as city attorney.

1940s
- The Nebraska State Bar Foundation has announced the formation of the George and Melrae Svoboda Fund for Legal Education. The named gift is the largest in the history of the foundation. The interest earned from this named endowment may be used to support programs such as the Nebraska High School Mock Trial Project, the Reaching the Age of Majority booklet, Law Day Job Shadowing for fifth graders, Teen Parents and the Law and the Law Day Essay Contest. George E. Svoboda, ’41, served as president of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation from 2002-2005. Svoboda entered the practice of law in Fremont, Neb., in 1946 and continued his practice until his retirement in 2002.

1950s
- Donald Ravenscroft, ’52, has completed two novels, whose topics were greatly influenced by College of Law professors Allen Axelrod and Julius Cohen. Ravenscroft’s novels are entitled The Experiment and New Shoots In Science.
- Deryl Hamann, ’58, is listed in The Best Lawyers in America in corporate law, tax law and trusts and estates. Hamann is senior counsel to the Baird Holm law firm in Omaha.
- The Omaha Bar Association presented Kenneth Weiner, ’59, with a lifetime achievement award. Weiner served as president of the Omaha Bar Association from 1995-96. Weiner has spent over 40 years practicing in the area of estate and trust administration and has devoted the last 10 years to mediation.

1960s
- Richard E. Shugrue, ’62, retired from the faculty of Creighton University School of Law at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year. Shugrue began his teaching career in 1966 as a professor at Creighton’s Political Science Department. He was chair of the department from 1969 to 1971. In 1971, he joined the faculty of the law school where he taught Constitutional Law, Family Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Municipal Corporations, Post Conviction Relief, Appellate Advocacy, Jurisprudence and Legal Research and Writing. Shugrue is a frequent commentator on Nebraska politics.
- Richard P. Nelson, ’64, has joined Erickson & Sederstrom as of counsel specializing in health care law. Nelson has served as a member of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System Policy cabinet for the past eight years.
- Richard R. Wood, ’64, retired as professor of Nebraska vice president and general counsel, as of December 31, 2007. Wood had served as general counsel since 1978.
- Larry Rissler, ’65, has retired as vice president in the legal division of DIRECTV in El Segundo, Calif. Rissler retired from the FBI after 25 years of service in 1990.
- Tom Allington, ’66, has retired as associate dean and professor at Indiana University School of Law — Indianapolis. During his career he taught courses in taxation and bankruptcy and served as associate dean for academic affairs from 1990-1997 and associate dean for technology from 1999-2007.

1970s
- Alan E. Peterson, ’67, has been elected president of the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union Nebraska. Peterson is a partner with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln.
- Robert O. Hippe, ’68, retired as judge of Nebraska’s 12th District Court after 30 years of service.
- Kent Schroder, ’68, was the keynote speaker for the commencement exercises at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the spring of 2007. Schroder has represented the sixth district as a regent for nearly a decade.
- William A. Harding, ’69, of Harding & Schultz in Lincoln was named as one of the Top One Hundred Labor Attorneys in the U.S. for 2007, as compiled by Labor Relations Institute, Inc.
- George Rozmarin, ’69, was awarded the 2007 Humanitarian Award by the...
1960s cont.

Conference for Inclusive Communities. Rozmarin is a partner with Fraser Stryker in Omaha.

1970s

- **Cloyd Clark,** '70, retired as 11th Judicial District county court judge in McCook after 34 years on the bench.
- **James R. Cook,** '70, has retired after more than 36 years of public service. He was chief legal counsel for the Department of Natural Resources until late 2003. Cook was awarded The Groundwater Foundation’s 2007 Maurice Kremer Groundwater Achievement Award. He was recognized for his involvement in writing Nebraska’s water laws and drafting important groundwater legislation over the past 25 years and his key role in the development and implementation of the Platte River Cooperative Agreement.
- **James M. Walters,** '70, has been named one of the Top One Hundred Labor Attorneys in the United States for the year 2007, as determined by Labor Relations Institute, Inc. Walters is a member of Fisher & Phillips in Atlanta, Ga.
- **Thom Cope,** '72, has opened Cope Consulting in Arizona. His practice specializes in mediation, conciliation and HR and benefit consulting and management training.
- **David Landis,** '72, has been appointed to Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler’s staff as director of the Urban Development Department. Landis served in the Legislature since the 1970s until term limits forced him out of office last year. Since leaving the Legislature, Landis has worked as an assistant professor and lecturer at the University and the College of Law. Landis was also elected to an at-large seat on the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District board of directors.
- **Wayne J. Mark,** '72, was elected president at the Nebraska State Bar Association for 2007-2008. Mark is a senior partner with Fraser Stryker in Omaha.
- **Dick Reiser,** '72, Omaha, was featured in an article and on the cover of the Nebraska Trucker magazine. He served as chairman of the Nebraska Trucking Association for 2006-2007. Reiser is chairman of the board of Werner Enterprises.
- Pinnacle Bank has hired **Gary B. Schneider,** '72, as trust officer. He is responsible for all trust and estate administration in the Lincoln area.
- **Lee Polikov,** '73, was appointed the president-elect of the Nebraska Association of County Attorneys. Polikov is Sarpy County attorney.
- **Cameron Sutton,** '73, has been appointed president and CEO of the North American division of ARAG headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa. ARAG is a global provider of legal insurance.
- **Michael J. Wetstone,** '73, Woodbury, Minn., has been awarded the Faculty Appreciation Award for 20 years of service as a faculty member at the National Judicial College, which is located on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno.
- **Kirk S. Blecha,** '74, has been named as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Blecha is a partner with Baird Holm in Omaha.
- **Lowell J. Moore,** '74, is a partner with the North Platte firm McCarthy, Pederson and Moore. Moore focuses his practice on estate planning, probate, corporate/entity formation and real estate transactions.
- **Julie Pokorny,** '74, has joined Union Bank & Trust Co. of Lincoln as vice president and senior trust officer. Pokorny serves as relationship manager for personal trust, estate and investment accounts.
- **Greg Stejskal,** '74, gave his 25th preseason talk to the University of Michigan football team in the fall of 2007.
- **William G. Blake,** '75, has joined the Lincoln law firm Baylor Evnen as a partner. Blake specializes in eminent domain/condemnation, civil estate and commercial disputes. He is chair of the condemnation committee of the American Bar Association litigation section.
- **Michael E. Bragg,** '75, recently retired after nearly 30 years with State Farm Insurance Co. Bragg served in a variety of positions, including vice president in the General Claims Department and associate general counsel in the Corporate Law Department.
- **Michael G. Heavican,** '75, chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, works with Native American students with the Weed and Seed Project at the Omaha, Winnebago and Santee Sioux Reservations. The program is designed to help communities become more involved in positive activities, develop discipline and occupy youngsters to help keep them out of trouble.
- **Michael J. McCarthy,** '75, is partner with the North Platte firm McCarthy, Pederson and Moore. McCarthy focuses his practice on estate planning, probate, corporate/entity formation and real estate transactions.
- **Jim Titus,** '76, and Bill Morris have re-established the Lincoln law firm of Morris & Titus.
- **Mark A. Hunzeker,** '77, has been named a partner at the Lincoln law firm Baylor Evnen. Hunzeker’s real estate practice focuses on land use and zoning for developers and businesses. He serves as counsel to the Homebuilders Association of Lincoln and is a member...
of the Legal Action Network for Development Strategies (LANDS), an attorney network of the National Association of Homebuilders. He has also served as a member of the Nebraska Power Review Board.

Governor Dave Heineman appointed William T. Wright, ’77, as a district court judge for the Ninth Judicial District. Wright had been a partner at Jacobsen, Orr, Nelson, Wright & Lindstrom law office in Kearney.

Dana Hanna, ’78, who has resigned as attorney general for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, was honored at a special ceremony.

John L. Jelkin, ’78, has been named a Nebraska assistant attorney general in the Civil Litigation Bureau.

Michael W. Pirtle, ’78, is chair of the House of Delegates of the Nebraska State Bar Association for 2007-2008.

The Association of National Advertisers has promoted Keith A. Scarborough, ’78, to senior vice president of government relations.

Kerry Kester, ’79, was appointed by the American Bar Association as chair of Division 4 on the Forum on the Construction Industry. Division 4 consists of construction lawyers from across the United States and abroad, and focuses on construction project delivery systems. He has also been selected to co-author a resource book on construction law in Nebraska, The State Construction Law Book for Nebraska. Kester is a partner with Woods & Aitken in Lincoln.

Fred T. Witt, ’79, is one of the authors of Disregarded Entities, a Tax Management Portfolio published by BNA. It discusses entities that are recognized as having legal status separate from their owners for certain purposes but are totally ignored for federal income tax purposes. Witt is with Deloitte & Touche in Phoenix, Ariz.

1980s

Paul R. Elofson, ’80, has joined the Spencer Fane firm as a partner in the firm’s Omaha office.

Mike Hybl, ’80, has been named executive director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Bill Mueller, ’80, and Kim Robak, ’85, have been named as co-chairs of the newly formed Lincoln Leadership Council for Community Health Charities of Nebraska. Community Health Charities of Nebraska raises charitable contributions in Lincoln and Lancaster County for 17 Nebraska-based health agencies. Mueller and Robak are partners with Ruth Mueller Robak.

Don Nelsen, ’80, is managing director of Noble Energy Cameroon Ltd.

David W. Pederson, ’80, is a partner with the North Platte firm McCarthy, Pederson & Moore. Pederson focuses his practice on banking law, creditors rights, probate, estate planning and corporate entities.

Trev E. Peterson, ’81, has been elected as a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Peterson practices law with Knudsen Berkheimer, Richardson & Endacott in Lincoln.

Gov. Jim Doyle of Wisconsin has announced the appointment of Michael A. Schumacher, ’81, as Claire County Judge. Schumacher has been an attorney with Herrick & Hart in Eau Claire.

Pamela Jones, ’82, has opened a law office in Beatrice. Her practice includes divorce and family law, elder law, adoption law, guardian and conservatorship law, entrepreneurship law, limited liability law, business law, real estate law and civil litigation.

Gov. Dave Heineman appointed Max Kelch, ’82, Papillion, a judge in Nebraska’s 2nd Judicial District. Kelch previously served as the county judge for Sarpy County.

Gail S. Perry, ’83, has been named a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Perry is a partner in the Baylor Evnen law firm in Lincoln.

Mark Peterson, ’83, has joined the Omaha office of Stinson Morrison Hecker as a partner.

Deloitte & Touche LLP has appointed Bryan S lone, ’83, managing partner of its Lincoln and Omaha offices.

Mark A. Christensen, ’84, has been named a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Christensen is a partner in the Lincoln law firm of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather.

Wesley D. Nespor, ’84, has been named Grand Island assistant city attorney.

Joe Stecher, ’84, has been named U.S. attorney for Nebraska.

Peter Kant, ’85, has been named a partner at Baylor Evnen in Lincoln. His practice focuses on real estate.

William M. Ojile, ’85, is senior vice president and chief legal and compliance officer with Alta Colleges, Inc., in Denver, Colo.

Jocelyn Ritchie, ’85, has joined the Lincoln Behavioral Health Clinic.

Dale Shotkoski, ’85, has been named Grand Island city attorney.

Ann Diers, ’86, has been named second vice president and associate general counsel of Ameritas.

Gregory J. Johansen, ’86, has joined Peckar & Abramson of Orlando, Fla. Johansen represents contractors in contract formation, litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

Terri Nutzman, ’87, has been appointed by Gov. Dave
1980s cont.

Heineman as administrator for the Office of Juvenile Services within the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Nutzman previously served as senior attorney in the medical division of the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office.

- Anne Paine, ’88, Oxford, has been appointed as a county judge in the 11th Judicial District. Paine had been a partner in the firm Duncan, Duncan, Walker & Sherwood-Paine.

- Mark J. Petersen, ’88, has joined the Intellectual Property & Technology Division of Stinson Morrison Hecker in the firm’s Omaha office.

- Robert A. Sanford, ’88, Lincoln, is legal director for the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition. He was formerly project attorney with the coalition.

- First National Bank has expanded its Wealth Management Group in Lincoln with the addition of John Gessert, ’89, as trust officer. Gessert previously served as vice president and senior judiciary officer at JPMorgan Private Client Services in Denver.

- Randy K. Otto, ’89, associate professor at the Department of Mental Health Law & Policy, Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla., published “Considerations in the Assessment of Competency to Proceed in Juvenile Court,” 34 Northern Kentucky Law Review 323.

- Thomas E. Zimmerman, ’89, a partner with Jeffrey, Hahn, Hemmerling & Zimmerman in Lincoln, is on the Board of Directors of Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, Lincoln’s largest provider of free nutritious meals and outreach services to the working poor and homeless.

1990s

- Walter Armatys, ’90, has been appointed associate judge of the 328th Judicial District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas.

- Julie Effenbeck, ’90, is the public defender for Nuckolls County.

- Julie Shipman-Burns, ’90 has been elected as president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys. Shipman-Burns is the second female to be elected to this position. She is a partner in the McCord & Burns Law Firm, where she practices in the area of workers’ compensation and personal injury law.

- CBS Home Real Estate has added Ed Brink, ’91, as a sales associate. Brink has been in the real estate business for six years.

- The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has appointed Nate Donovan, ’91, assistant attorney general. Donovan spent the past two years as an attorney for students at Colorado State University.

- Scott K. McCarthy, ’91, has opened up an office in Janesville, Wis., for Murphy Desmond, a Madison, Wis., law firm. McCarthy practices primarily in the area of litigation including businesses, family law matters, personal injury and criminal law.

- Frederick E. Mulholland II, ’91, has joined Pinnacle Entertainment, Las Vegas, Nev., as associate general counsel. Mulholland joined Pinnacle Entertainment after serving as vice president and associate corporate counsel for the Tropicana Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Pinnacle Entertainment owns and operates casinos in Nevada, Louisiana, Indiana, Missouri, Argentina and The Bahamas, and owns a hotel in Missouri.

- Michael C. Pallesen, ’91, has been named a partner at Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln. Pallesen’s practice focuses on corporate law, securities, business transactions, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, intellectual property and legislative practice.

- Patricia J. Sandoz, ’91, has become a partner with Stellpflug, Janssen, Hammer, Kirschling & Bartels of De Pere, Wis. Her practice concentrates on worker’s compensation, personal injury, and social security disability matters.

- Jeffrey S. Schmidt, ’91, has been appointed the service area administrator for the Southeast Service Area of the Department of Health and Human Services.

- Steven C. Wade, ’91, vice president and trust COO/CFO, Fremont National Bank and Trust Company, recently graduated from the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking in Philadelphia, Pa.

- SaraBeth Donovan, ’92, is a trial attorney with the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. She was previously an assistant U.S. attorney in Omaha.


- Lauren Hill, ’92, director of the Governor’s Policy Research Office, was profiled in the September 9th issue of the Lincoln Journal Star.

- Eleanor A. “Sam” Hohman, ’92, was honored at the Omaha YWCA Tribute to Women. Hohman is CEO of Credit Advisors Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that helps people get out of debt.
1990s cont.

- **Hyung-Sup Kim, ’92**, Busan, Korea, is in-house counsel for S&T Daewoo Co., Ltd., which produces and sells automotive components.
- **Scott Davis, ’93**, has been named partner at Baylor Evnen in Lincoln. Davis served as a law clerk for the Honorable Robert Van Pelt, U.S. Senior District Judge, and was a lecturer for legal writing and research at Indiana University School of Law.
- **Craig C. Dirrim, ’93**, has been selected to co-author a resource book on construction law in Nebraska, *The State Construction Law Book for Nebraska*.
- President Bush has named **Stacie S. Maass, ’93**, special assistant to the president for domestic policy. Maass previously served as executive director of the Medicaid Commission at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- **Rochelle A. Mullen, ’93**, has been named a partner of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln. Mullen’s practice focuses on commercial real estate, securities and corporate law.
- **Andrew G. Davis, ’94**, has become a shareholder and principal at Lieben, Witted, Houghton, Slowiaczek & Cavanagh in Omaha.
- Gov. Dave Heineman has appointed **Jeffrey J. Funke, ’94**, Sarpy County Court judge.
- **Anthony A. Urban, ’95**, has joined the leadership team at RSM McGladrey’s Omaha office. Urban will be responsible for the overall coordination and delivery of federal, international and state and local tax services in Nebraska markets.
- Deputy Lancaster County attorney **Holly Parsley, ’96**, has been recognized by the Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers for her work prosecuting child sexual assault cases. Parsley received an award for her work at the Prevent Child Abuse Nebraska Conference for Everyday Heroes.
- The National Network of Estate Planning Attorneys has elected **Andrew C. Sigerson, ’96**, Omaha, a member of its national Advisory Board. Sigerson is an attorney with Blazek & Associates, and a founder of Wealth Design Strategies, LLC, a national planning firm working with high net worth families and businesses.
- **David Spinar, ’96**, has joined A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. in the firm’s Lincoln office as a financial consultant. Spinar previously served as senior vice president at Securities America, Inc.
- **James C. Bocott, ’97**, is a partner with the North Platte firm McCarthy, Pederson and Moore. Bocott focuses his practice in the areas of civil litigation, medical/legal issues, bankruptcy and domestic relations law.
- **Carleen Pruess, ’97** has taken a position as research staff attorney for the Illinois Court of Appeals 2nd District in Elgin, Ill.
- **Gov. Dave Heineman** has appointed **Reggie Ryder, ’97**, as a judge for the Separate Juvenile Court of Lancaster County. Ryder was previously a Lancaster County public defender.
- **The New Media Advisory Board for the Indiana University School of Informatics** at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, has named **Dennis P. Stolle, ’97**, as a founding member. Stolle, who is both an attorney and a Ph.D. social psychologist, is a partner in Barnes & Thornburg’s Indianapolis office, where he serves as the president of the firm’s trial consulting subsidiary, ThemeVision LLC.
- **Kelli Anne Svensson, ’97**, has joined the Omaha law firm of Valentine, O’Toole, McQuilan & Gordan as an associate.
- **Faegre & Benson** has named **Jolene M. Cutshall, ’98**, a partner in its Minneapolis, Minn., office. Cutshall’s practice is focused on wealth management.
1990s cont.

- Renee Fry, ’98, has been named the director of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Public Affairs.
- Jeffrey W. Shepard, ’98, has been stationed as a political officer in Taipei, Taiwan.
- Kissel/E&S Associates, a governmental consultant and lobbying firm located in Lincoln, has appointed Kristin L. Crawford, ’99, as a vice president of legislative services.
- First Data of Omaha Nebraska has appointed Kathryn Folts, ’99, counsel for First Data Resources.
- Jennifer Gaughan, ’99, formerly of Legal Aid of Nebraska’s North Platte office, has been named head of Legal Aid’s Lincoln office.
- Charles Hamilton, ’99, has established Hamilton Property Law of Lincoln. Hamilton formerly practiced law in the civil division of the Adams County Attorney’s Office, where he had been in charge of land use and property taxation issues.
- Troy F. Meyerson, ’99, has joined the Fraser Stryker law firm in Omaha as an associate.

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- David Partsch, ’99, has been named Otoe County attorney.
- Amy L. Rickers, ’99, has joined the Dallas, Texas, law firm Munsch, Hardt, Kopf & Harr as an associate. Her practice focuses on environmental litigation.
- Morrow, Poppe, Otte & Watermeier has announced that Scott Tollefsen, ’99, has become a partner with the Lincoln firm. Tollefsen’s practice focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on personal injury law.

- Shaoyu “Andrew” Chen, ’00, has joined the legal department of Amgen Inc. in Thousand Oaks, Calif., as senior counsel in the regulatory law section, responsible for advising on legal issues in the research and development of therapeutic biological drugs. Before joining Amgen, Chen had worked at the office of the chief counsel of the United States Food and Drug Administration and at two private law firms.
- Robert J. Likes, ’00, has been elected as a partner at Stinson Morrison Hecker in Omaha. Likes is a member of the Tax, Trusts and Estates Practice Division.
- Trent R. Sidders, ’00, has been appointed as partner of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln. Sidders’ practice focuses on real estate, commercial leasing, property tax and business transactions.
- David W. Tomlinson, ’00, has joined First Data Resources of Omaha as associate counsel.
- Edward G. Vierk, ’00, has been named prosecutor for DUI, motor vehicle homicides and other traffic-related offenses in the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office.
- Gregory S. Czaplewski, ’01, has rejoined JEO Consulting Group Inc. of Olathe, Kan., as a community planner.
- Michaela Valentin, ’01, has been appointed as director of government affairs for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska.
- Nicole Bogen, ’02, was named one of the Top “40 under 40” business men and women of 2007 by the Lincoln Business Journal. Bogen is a senior associate attorney at Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl.
- Richard H. McWilliams, ’02, has left the U.S. Navy and is now working as an assistant federal public defender in Alexandria, Va.
- Kory D. George, ’03, is the co-author of a resource book on construction law in Nebraska, The State Construction Law Book for Nebraska. George is an associate with Woods & Aitken in Lincoln.
- Jack Mitchell, ’03, is the host of Lincoln’s Morning News on KLIN Radio 1400.
- RSM McGladrey in Omaha has promoted Shane Siebert, ’03, to tax and consulting professional.
2000s cont.

- Carly Beusch, '04, Lincoln, is project attorney for the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition.
- Adam Hornung, '04, has joined Scudder Law Firm in its Kansas City, Mo., office.
- Kimberly J. Lanham (VanDeventer), '04, has a baby boy, Anthony Michael Lanham, on February 9, 2007.
- Shane Perkins, '04, has been appointed to the Adams County Attorney's Office.
- Andrew Romatzke, '04, has been elected to the board of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Alumni Association. Romatzke is an attorney with the law firm Ganz, Romatzke & Stamm.
- Stephanie Zebb '04, and Ryan Caldwell '05, were married on April 14, 2007. Zebb works at the Nebraska Attorney General's Office as an assistant attorney general. Caldwell is an associate for Bianco, Perrone & Stroh in Omaha.
- John J. Levy, '05, has joined Baird Holm in Omaha. Levy is a member of the firm's Financial Transactions Practice Group.

- Betsy S. Seeba '05, has joined the Florida State Attorney's Office.
- Tara A. Stingley, '05, has joined the firm of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, as an associate. Stingley's practice focuses on litigation.
- Derek A. Aldridge, '06, has joined the Lincoln law firm Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford as an associate attorney.
- Brian A. Coon, '06, associate professor of civil engineering at Kansas State University, has been appointed to the Committee on Emerging Technology Law by the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee. The Transportation Research Board is a division of the National Research Council. Coon, who joined the College of Engineering faculty at K-State in December 2006, is the director of the University Transportation Center.
- D.A. “Duke” Drouillard, '06, has opened Drouillard Law in Omaha. Drouillard's practice focuses primarily on real estate, elder law, and estate planning.
- Mark A. Hassebrook, '06, has joined Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl in Lincoln. Hassebrook's practice is focused on railroad law, commercial litigation and trial practice.
- Jennifer E. Hynek, '06, is with the Adams County Attorney's Office.
- Leigh M. Koehn, '06, has joined Faegre & Benson's Minneapolis office as an associate in the wealth management area of the corporate practice.
- Grant D. Leach, '06, has joined Kutak Rock's Omaha office as an associate. Leach's practice focuses on general corporate law, including governance, mergers and acquisitions and federal securities compliance.
- Keith T. Peters, '06, an associate with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln, has published “What Have We Here? The Need for Transparent Pricing and Quality Information in Health Care: Creation of an SEC for Health Care,” 10 Journal of Health Care Law & Policy 363.
- Mark T. Porto, '06, has joined Shamberg, Wolf, McDermott & Depue in Grand Island as an associate.
- Lee M. Timan, '06, has joined the Reno County Public Defender's Office in Hutchinson, Kan., as a public defender.
- Joshua W. Weir, '06, has joined the Omaha law firm of Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barnettler & Brennan as an associate. Weir is primarily involved with civil litigation.
- The Grand Island law firm Leininger, Smith, Johnson, Baack, Placzek & Allen has appointed Jordan W. Adam, '07, as an associate. Adam's practice focuses on insurance defense.
- Charlotte Downey Boswell, '07, has joined the Witeman Air Force Base in Missouri as member of the Judge Advocate Corps.
- Kathleen “Katy” Britton, '07, has been hired as assistant district attorney in Douglas County. Britton is responsible for prosecuting domestic violence cases.
- Lindsey R. Buchheit, '07, has joined Corbett Anderson Corbett & Vellinga, of Sioux City, Iowa.
- Mark W. Buckwalter, '07, has joined Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt in Lincoln as a member of the Commercial Practice Group, focusing on land use and zoning.
- Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, Oliver, & Hedges has hired Chip Emanuel, '07, as an associate in its Silicon Valley, Calif., office.
- Marcos Flores, '07, has taken a job with MGM Studios in Los Angeles, Calif. Flores analyzes the studio's contractual financial obligations.
2000s cont.

- **Stacy Foust, ’07**, has joined the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office in the Prosecution Section.
- **Monica L. Freeman, ’07**, has joined the Lincoln law firm Woods & Aitken as an associate in the firm’s commercial litigation and construction law practice areas.
- **Jason W. Grams, ’07**, is a law clerk to Senior District Judge Lyle Strom of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska.
- **Jonathan L. Grob, ’07**, has joined the Omaha firm of McGrath North as an associate in the firm’s Tax Group.
- **Brian S. Koerwitz, ’07**, has joined Woods & Aitken in Lincoln as an associate. Koerwitz focuses on the commercial litigation and construction law practice areas.
- **Patty Kush, ’07**, is a staff attorney for the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, Mo.
- The Republican National Lawyers Association in Washington D.C., has hired **Kimberly Loontjer, ’07**, as its deputy director working in the area of election law.
- **Natalie Randall, ’07**, is assistant county attorney for Ford County, Kansas, in Dodge City.
- **Heidi Sprague, ’07**, has joined Morrow, Poppe, Otte & Watermeier of Lincoln as an associate attorney. Sprague’s practice focuses on family law, estate planning, criminal defense and immigration law.
- **Micah L. Uher, ’07**, has joined the Lincoln firm of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather as an associate. Uher practices in areas of corporate and business transactions.
- **Henry L. Wiedrich, ’07**, has joined the Omaha office of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin as an associate. Wiedrich is part of the Litigation Department.
- **Isaiah Wilson II, ’07**, has joined the Omaha law firm Baird Holm as a member of the firm’s Litigation Practice.
- **Darren S. Wright, ’07**, has joined Larry Bird’s law practice in Albion and Fullerton. Wright has also been named as deputy city attorney for Genoa and Fullerton.

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**Did You Meet Your Spouse Here?**

The *Nebraska Transcript* would like to feature an article about law students who met their spouses while both of them were College of Law students. Please send us your stories of “romance among the stacks” to Alan Frank via e-mail at afrank2@unl.edu.
In Memoriam

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

1930s

Harry A. Spencer, ’30, Plattsmouth, died on August 9, 2007, at age 103. He established a private law practice in Lincoln and served as county, district and state Supreme Court judge in Nebraska. Spencer developed and chaired a National Appellate Judges Education Program for the American Bar Association, which is now named in his honor. He presided over the mass-murder trials of Charles Starkweather and Caril Fugate in 1958. Spencer had been a generous contributor to the College of Law endowing the Judge Harry A. Spencer Professorship of Law, a chair currently held by Professor John Gradwohl, and the Judge Harry A. Spencer Study Room.

Richard E. Person, ’38, died on April 12, 2007, in Holdrege, at the age of 90. After graduation from law school, he practiced law in Holdrege, a practice that continued until his retirement, except for three years while he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a supply officer in the Navy and served in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS Corregidor. Person served as Phelps County attorney for 10 years and as village attorney of Funk.

William F. Kralik, ’39, died on March 27, 2007, at age 90, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Kralik served as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy during World War II in Western Australia, Asia and Singapore. He also served in the Korean War and was appointed to serve on the War Crimes Commission. Kralik also practiced law in Lincoln and served on the staff of the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office.

1940s

On July 26, 2007, Charles L. Whitney Jr., ’46, died in Aurora at the age of 88. Whitney was in the United States Navy from 1941-1945 on anti-submarine and patrol vessels in the Pacific, Atlantic and Caribbean.

John J. Sullivan, ’48, died on March 31, 2007, in Aurora, at age 71. He was Clay County attorney for eight years and a juvenile law specialist.

Robert Guenzel, ’48, Lincoln, died on May 3, 2007, at age 85. Along with brother-in-law Tom Pansing, ’41, Guenzel founded the Crosby, Pansing & Guenzel law firm, where he practiced for his entire legal career. Guenzel taught business law at the UNL College of Business Administration from 1948 until the mid-1990s. He served in the Army during World War II in the Philippines.

Perry L. Fuller, ’49, died on May 10, 2007, at age 84 in Chicago of complications from heart surgery. Fuller was a Cook County, III., civic leader for more than 40 years. He was a partner in the Chicago law firm Hinshaw, Culbertson, Moelmann, Hoban & Fuller. Fuller served in the Marine Corps as a lieutenant bomber pilot in the Pacific during World War II. He also served during the Korean War as a USMC captain, flight instructor and military prosecutor.

1950s

Edwin Howard Hiber, ’50, died January 31, 2007, in Fresno, Calif., at the age of 83. Hiber served in the Navy V-12 program at Iowa State University. Before attending law school, he was employed in the engineering department of North American Aviation in Inglewood, Calif., as a mathematician and stress analyst. He practiced law in Los Angeles and Fresno, Calif.

Richard W. Satterfield, ’54, died January 21, 2007, in North Platte, Neb. He served in the United States Maritime Service for two years. Satterfield was buried at Fort McPherson National Cemetery with military honors.


David Tews, ’55, died on October 31, 2007, in Knoxville, Tenn., at age 77. At the time of his election in 1957, he was the youngest state senator elected to the one-house Nebraska Legislature. Tews combined careers of real estate development, Statehouse lobbying and property management in Nebraska during the 1960s, ’70s and ’80s. In Lincoln, he put together the Executive Building, Clocktower Shopping Center and East Park Plaza. Tews left Nebraska for Washington, D.C., in the mid-1980s to start an international business consultancy, D&H Consulting Group, which was his business at the time of his death. Active in Republican politics, Tews was close to former President George H.W. Bush.
1950s cont.

- **Gerry L. Fellman, ’56,** died on February 16, 2007, in Los Angeles, Calif. He worked for the National Labor Relations Board and the California Division of Labor Law Enforcement before opening his own private practice. Fellman co-founded the Southern California Chapter of the Industrial Relations Research Association, and later served as president.

1960s

- **Duane Hubbard, ’61,** died on February 15, 2007, in Hebron, at age 70. Hubbard served six months in the Marines and was in the Reserves for six years. He had served as Thayer County attorney.

- **John P. Glynn, ’62,** died July 20, 2007, in Lincoln at age 70. Glynn was an attorney for more than 45 years and served as the chief deputy county clerk for Lancaster County.

1970s

- **Colonel J. James “Jim” Waldron, ’70,** Kearney, died November 21, 2007, at age 70. He served in the military for a number of years, retiring in 1990. His military accomplishments included working with operational aspects of the army, including overseeing training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the Army Service Ribbon. From 1967-1974, he served as a member of the Nebraska Legislature.

1980s

- **Joseph L. Coons, ’86,** died January 15, 2007, at his home in Springfield, Mo., at age 47. Coons held a real estate license. He most recently was employed as a lawyer with Marine Bank. He previously worked for the Illinois Department of Professional Regulations, FDIC of Missouri, DECA of Illinois and operated a private law practice in St. Joseph, Mo.

1990s

- **Jeffery Harold Bush, ’91,** passed away on August 16, 2007, in Oakland. He was 50. Bush practiced law in Oakland for about 15 years, serving as county attorney from 1994-1998. He was a candidate for the Nebraska Legislature.

2000s

- **Patrick A. Dalen, ’03,** died on July 14, 2007, in Omaha at age 34. He was a staff attorney with Legal Aid of Nebraska, and later served as managing attorney for Legal Aid’s Scottsbluff office. While a law student, he founded and served as the editor-in-chief of Outlaw, a weekly journal covering legal developments affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons. As an attorney, Dalen championed the rights of the most vulnerable – including clients who faced language barriers within the judicial system.
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Joseph M. Aldridge

HOMETOWN: Grand Island, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Bellevue University, Bellevue, Neb. — Business Administration.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Nebraska Law Review; International Law Students Association (president); Equal Justice Society (vice president); National Animal Advocacy Competition; Delta Theta Phi; SBA; VITA; Published "Pay Setting Decisions as Discrete Acts: the Court Sharpens Its Focus on Intent in Title VII Cases in Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 127 S. Ct. 2162 (2007)," 86 Neb. L. Rev. (2008).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Attorney General’s Office, Civil Litigation Bureau, Lincoln, Neb.

HOMETOWN: Eaton, Colo.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. — Business Administration/Marketing (summa cum laude): Beta Gamma Sigma; Women’s Business Association; Marketing Club; ConAgra/Mike Harper Leadership Scholar; Academic Achievement Award; Presidential Scholar.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Trial Team Regional Champion; National Trial Competition; Student-Faculty Student Awards & Assistance Committee; College of Law Ambassador; ATLA/NATA (president); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Nebraska Moot Court Board (vice chair); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Trial Advocacy.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Judicial Clerk-Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Summer Associate-Burns, Figa & Will, Greenwood Village, Colo.; Summer Associate-Baird Holm, Omaha, Neb.

Rachel A. Aranha

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha — International Studies: Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority; Panhellenic Council; Student Government; Sigma Iota Rho (International Studies Honor Society); Pi Delta Phi (French Honor Society); Order of Omega (Sorority & Fraternity Honor Society); Study Abroad-University Laval, Quebec, Canada.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Class SBA Representative; Second-Year Class SBA Representative; Student-Faculty Honor Committee; Student-Faculty Lectureship Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Career Services Office Student Advisory Board; International Law Students Association (vice president); Law School Democrats; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (president); St. Thomas Moore Society (vice president, secretary, treasurer); Women’s Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant-Professor William H. Lyons, University of Nebraska College of Law; Law Clerk-Florida Office of the Attorney General, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Office of the Attorney General, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Douglas County Juvenile Court, Omaha, Neb.; Legal Assistant-The Law Office of Elias Leonard D’Souza, Plantation, Fla.

Nathan M. Arends

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
GRADUATION DATE: December 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Finance.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Legal Intern-First National of Nebraska, Omaha, Neb.; Business Intern-State Farm Insurance, Lincoln, Neb.; Intern-Grasslands Foundation, Lincoln, Neb.
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William J. Barager
HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Finance/Economics.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Phi Alpha Delta International (justice, treasurer).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Robert D. Baumfalk Memorial scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Intern-Smith Barney, Lincoln, Neb.; Tax Law Research & Writing-Nelnet, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Professors Steven Bradford and Michelle Harner, University of Nebraska College of Law.

Erica L. Barnard
HOMETOWN: Superior, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Doane College, Crete, Neb. — English: Sigma Tau Delta Honorary Society; Phi Sigma Tau Social Sorority (president); Van Hoy Academic Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Delta Theta Phi; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant-Thomsen West, Lincoln, Neb.

Jennifer Bear Eagle
HOMETOWN: Wounded Knee, S.D.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — English: Sigma Tau Delta; Golden Key National Honor Society; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Inter-Tribal Exchange (president); Undergraduate Creative Activities &
Research Experience; Ruth L. Pekar Scholarship; EducationQuest Scholarship; F.A. & M.J.M. Stuff Memorial Scholarship; Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs Outstanding Academic Achievement Award; Department of English Outstanding Achievement Award.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Black Law Students Association; Law School Democrats; Multi-Cultural Legal Society (president, treasurer); Native American Law Students Association (Nebraska chapter founder, president).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: David & Breda Dow Scholar; Ronald E. McNair Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office-Department of Roads, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colo.; Graduate Assistant-University of Nebraska Institute for Ethnic Studies, Lincoln, Neb.; Intern-State Farm Mutual Insurance Co., Lincoln, Neb.

Aaron Brown
HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha — Aviation Studies.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Medico Insurance Company; Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Workman’s Compensation Court, Lincoln Neb.

Kristi J. Busse
HOMETOWN: Norfolk, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa — Criminal Justice/Psychology (cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Women’s Law Caucus; CASA for Lancaster County; Lancaster County Self-Help Desk.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Youth Care Professional-Uta Halee Girls’ Village, Omaha, Neb.
Kalyn N. Byers
HOMETOWN: Clarinda, Iowa.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha — Criminal Justice.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant-Professor Richard Leiter, University of Nebraska College of Law; Law Clerk-Page County Attorney’s Office, Clarinda, Iowa; Intern-University of Nebraska Compliance Office, Lincoln, Neb.

Joshua I. Campbell
HOMETOWN: Blair, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah — History.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Republican Club (treasurer); Federalist Society (vice president); J. Reuben Clark Law Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-U.S. Attorney’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Westlaw Student Representative-University of Nebraska College of Law; Research Assistant-Prof. Colleen Medill, University of Nebraska College of Law.

Jason A. Cantone
HOMETOWN: Orland Park, Ill.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — Psychology (with distinction). University of Nebraska-Lincoln — J.D./Ph.D. Joint Degree Program.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Student-Faculty Building Committee; Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in Psychology and Law; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP (vice president); Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board (vice chair, research editor); NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT (student editor); Project Wishlist.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Winthrop & Frances Lane Scholar; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant-Dr. Richard Wiener, University of Nebraska—Lincoln; Instructor of Law and Psychology-University of Nebraska—Lincoln; Nebraska Health and Human Services, Lincoln, Neb; Legislative Researcher-American Communications Group, Inc.

Krista M. Carlson
HOMETOWN: Ord, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — History (summa cum laude); Outstanding Graduate of the Department of History; Dr. Lyle Mantor Scholarship; George A. Crosscup Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honors Society); First-Year Client Counseling Competition (finalist); Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in Family Law; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: John H. Binning Scholar; Yale C. Holland Memorial Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar; Arthur E. Perry Scholar.

Kelli J. Churchill
HOMETOWN: Valentine, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Business Administration/History: James Canfield Scholarship; J & M Schleier Scholarship; E.B. Carter Memorial Scholarship; Benjamin Marshal Memorial Scholarship; Margaret Jane Brownlee Award for Outstanding Leadership.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; Silver Quill Award; Robert R. Veach Scholar; Fraser Stryker-Ken Sharp Memorial Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Criminal Law.
HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Economics (with highest distinction); Peter Kiewit Scholarship; Regents Scholarship; Innocents Society; Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; CLEP; Nebraska Moot Court Board. AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Kenneth L. Noah Memorial Award (best Brief—All Moot Court Competition); CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Land Use Planning.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate—Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.

HOMETOWN: Hastings, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb.—Medical Technology. University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Veterinary Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Animal Advocacy Competition; Delta Theta Phi; Equal Justice Society (vice president of corporate relations); SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Nebraska Appleseed, Lincoln, Neb.

HOMETOWN: Lebanon, Ind.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.—Political Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Client Counseling Competition (finalist) (regional competitor); First-Year Client Counseling Competition (finalist); National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); Student-Faculty Building Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Client Counseling Competition Board; International Law Society; Nebraska Moot Court Board (coordinator of the 2007 Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
GRADUATION DATE: December 2007
EDUCATION: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.—Political Science/History.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Study Abroad—University of Pittsburgh Semester at Sea Program; Study Abroad—William & Mary School of Law Program in Madrid; Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in International Law.

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb.—Medical Technology. University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Veterinary Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Animal Advocacy Competition; Delta Theta Phi; Equal Justice Society (vice president of corporate relations); SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Nebraska Appleseed, Lincoln, Neb.

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.—Psychology (cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Delta Theta Phi; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Fraser-Stryker Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Securities Regulation.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Legal Aide II—Nebraska Department of Insurance, Lincoln, Neb.
Torri Criger

HOMETOWN: Grand Forks, N.D.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Business Administration.

COLLEGE OF LAW
ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; ATLA/ NATA (secretary); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA; VITA; Women’s Law Caucus.

AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Award of Excellence in Corporate Finance & Governance.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Blackwell Sanders, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Harding Shultz & Downs, Lincoln, Neb.; Internal Auditor Assistant-Union Bank & Trust Company, Lincoln, Neb.

Rodney C. Dahlquist

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Accounting.

COLLEGE OF LAW
ACTIVITIES: CLEP; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board (summer writing competition committee member); SBA; VITA.

AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Judge Robert R. Camp Scholar; Ira S. Epstein Scholar; Yale C. Holland Memorial Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar; Robert Lloyd Jeffery Scholar; Kelso Morgan Scholar.

WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Douglas County Attorney’s Office-Civil Division, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General-Civil Litigation Division, Lincoln, Neb.

Kari B. Daly

HOMETOWN: Hershey, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb. — Legal Studies (summa cum laude).

COLLEGE OF LAW
ACTIVITIES: Chadron State College Student Trustee; Legal Studies Club (president).

AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Gross & Welch Award (best first-year brief); CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Sales.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Seward County Attorney’s Office, Seward, Neb.; Law Clerk-United States Attorney’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.

Joshua A. Diveley

HOMETOWN: Center Point, Iowa.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa — Accounting/Finance (summa cum laude); Presidential Scholarship; Most Outstanding Accounting Student Scholarship and Award; Most Outstanding Finance Student Award; Wall Street Journal Award.

COLLEGE OF LAW
ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA.

AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Gross & Welch Award (best first-year brief); CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Sales.

WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Parsonage, Vandenack, Williams, Omaha, Neb.
Randall L. Eager Jr.

HOMETOWN: Murdock, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Psychology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allen Moot Court Competition; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (coordinator); Republican Law Students Association; SBA; VITA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Corporate Taxation.

Jeffrey P. Ensz

HOMETOWN: Wayne, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Political Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.

Kristin Farwell

HOMETOWN: Kearney, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Organizational Communication (summa cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); College of Law Ambassador; Nebraska Law Review (executive editor).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Administrative Law, Appellate Advocacy.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Law Intern—U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Washington, D.C.; Research Assistant—Professor Susan Poser, University of Nebraska College of Law; Law Clerk—U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

Alan A. Fairbanks

HOMETOWN: Shelton, Neb.
GRADUATION DATE: December 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — International Business/Economics (with distinction); Honors Program; FarmHouse Fraternity; CBA Student Advisory Board; Union Board.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Commercial Law: Sales and Leases.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Intern—Banco Estado, Santiago de Chile.

Kari A. Frye

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.—Psychology/Criminal Justice (magna cum laude); Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society; Golden Key International Honor Society; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Alpha Phi Sorority (director of community service/chaplain); Order of Omega (president); WMU Academic Scholarship; Alpha Phi Sorority Scholarship; WMU Volunteer Service Award; WMU Achievement Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Nebraska Law Review (executive editor); Project Wishlist; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus; First Year Class SBA Representative.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Harold & Helen Felton Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Florence Roberts Scholar; Severa-Baumfalk Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Juvenile Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate—Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk—Office of the Attorney General, Lincoln, Neb.
Brittney J. Fullner

HOMETOWN: Madison, Neb. 
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008 
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Business/Management: Undergraduate Women in Business Association. 
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Brain Tumor Org.; Third-Year Class Vice-President; Client Counseling Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society; SBA; General Litigation Skills Tract. 

Ross M. Gardner

HOMETOWN: Wakefield, Neb. 
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008 
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Business Administration (marketing emphasis). 
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study. 
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Robert R. Veach Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Rights Litigation. 
WORK EXPERIENCE: Clerk-Berens & Tate Law Firm, Lincoln, Neb.; Clerk-Bartle & Geier Law Firm, Lincoln, Neb.

Erin L. Gerdes

HOMETOWN: Tecumseh, Neb. 
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008 
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Finance (highest distinction): Honors Program; Mortar Board (selections co-chair); Regents’ Scholar. 
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Nebraska Law Review (editor-in-chief); National Moot Court Team; Outstanding Oral Advocate—Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Client Counseling Competition (regional competitor); First-Year Client Counseling Competition; litigation skills Program of Concentrated Study; National Moot Court Team; Outstanding Oral Advocate—Allen Moot Court Competition; Client Counseling Competition (regional competitor); First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus. 
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Contracts, Property, Criminal Law, Corporations, Evidence, Negotiations. 
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Woods & Aitken, Lincoln, Neb.

Thomas A. Green

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb. 
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008 
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Philosophy/Political Science. 
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Delta Theta Phi (barrister); Law School Democrats (founder, president). 
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Administrative Law. 
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Brennan & Nielsen, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Neb.
Jonathan W. Haas

HOMETOWN: Dallas, Texas
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas — MBA with emphasis in Finance (magna cum laude), Baylor University, Waco, Texas — Biology: Student Foundation; Phi Kappa Chi.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Student-Faculty Appointments Committee; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society; Client Counseling Competition Board; First-Year Orientation Leader; Project Wishlist; Republican Law Students Association (treasurer); SBA; Client Counseling Competition (first place).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-DeMars, Gordon, Olson & Zalewski, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Ruth, Mueller, Robak, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Cada, Froehlesem, Cada & Hoffman, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Professor Craig Lawson, University of Nebraska College of Law; Senior IT Manager-Circular Wireless, Richardson, Texas; Human Resources Associate-Nortel Networks, Richardson, Texas; Antibody Production Manager-Biosynthesis, Lewisville, Texas.

Jerusha Leah Hancock

Diane L. Hastings

Brandy Hataway

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — Finance (with distinction), University Honors Program; Beta Gamma Sigma; Alpha Xi Delta (president); Cather Circle; Rowing Team; Regents Scholar; Peter Kiewit Scholar.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board (chair); Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreene G. Eastman Scholar; Fraser-Stryker Scholar; Hunter-Blessing Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Keating, O'Gara, Nedved & Peter, Lincoln, Neb.; Intern-TierOne Investments & Insurance, Lincoln, Neb.
Jennifer A. Hendren

HOMETOWN: San Bernardino, Calif.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Criminal Justice.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA.

Christine D. Higgins

HOMETOWN: Grand Island, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — History (with distinction): Arts and Sciences Advisory Board (president); Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority (recording secretary, risk manager); University Ambassador; History Teaching Assistant; Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Study Abroad Program in Bilbao, Spain; Study Abroad Program in Oxford, England; University Honors Program.

Daniel J. Hill

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Grace University — Management & Organizational Leadership.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA.

Heather Hogan

HOMETOWN: San Bernardino, Calif.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Criminal Justice.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Nebraska Law Review (managing editor); Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Student-Faculty Curriculum Committee; Honor Code Violation Committee; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Kenneth L. Noah Memorial Award (best brief, Allen Moot Court Competition); Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Constitutional Law, Sports Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Stinson Morrison Hecker, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Office of the Attorney General, Lincoln, Neb.

Bryrne Holsten

HOMETOWN: Grand Island, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — English; Study Abroad—Latin American University of Science and Technology-ULACIT, San Jose, Costa Rica.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Class SBA Representative; Second-Year Class SBA Representative; Third-Year Class SBA Representative; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA (8th circuit Lt. governor, student representative); Project Wishlist; Women's Law Caucus; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court.
Daniel J. Honza

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Chemical Engineering (with honors).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; SBA; ViTA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro, Omaha, Neb.; Accounting & Financial Planning Intern—Alegent Health System, Omaha, Neb.

Randall K. James

HOMETOWN: Crete, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Doane College, Crete, Neb. — Information Systems/Business Administration (cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Jeffrey, Hahn, Hemmerling & Zimmerman, Lincoln, Neb.

Kurt W. Hunsaker

HoMEtown: omaha, neb.

EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Chemical Engineering (with honors).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; SBA; ViTA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro, Omaha, Neb.; Accounting & Financial Planning Intern—Alegent Health System, Omaha, Neb.

Andrew J. Huettner

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. — Accounting (magna cum laude); Omicron Delta Kappa; Order of Omega Honor Society; Beta Gamma (vice president); PI Kappa Alpha; Walter Scott Scholarship; Deans List for Social Responsibility (president);

HOMETOWN: Fruit Heights, Utah.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, Idaho — History (cum laude); Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; Academic Achievement Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Trial Team; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Federalist Society; J. Reuben Clark Law Society (vice president, president).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Trial Advocacy.

Torrey L. Janus

HOMETOWN: Eustis, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Journalism:
Kappa Delta Sorority (chapter development consultant, vice president-membership, vice president-standards); Order of Omega; ASUN (Committee for Student Fees Allocation; student court justice); Golden Key National Honor Society; Study Abroad-Toledo, Spain; Kappa Delta Dorothea B. Cavin Scholarship; Kappa Delta Helen A. Snyder Scholarship; Elizabeth Grone Spanish Scholarship for Study Abroad; R. Parker & M. Eastwood Journalism Scholarship; James Morrison Journalism Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Nebraska Moot Court Board (summer problem editor); Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; Nebraska State Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer’s Project; Student-Faculty Curriculum Committee; Student-Faculty Grade Appeal Committee; Student-Faculty Student Awards & Assistance Committee; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; College of Law Ambassador; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; Project Wishlist; SBA; ViTA; Women’s Law Caucus; First-Year Client Counseling Competition.
Senior Transcript

Jessica C. Jensen

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Finance: Tau Sigma Honor Society; Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: R. Parker & M.S. Eastwood Scholar; Benjamin Marshall Memorial Scholar; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Legal Assistant-Community Development Institute, Lincoln, Neb.

Charlene A. Kastanek

HOMETOWN: Wilber, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Agribusiness/Agricultural Economics (with honors): Alpha Omicron Pi; Alpha Zeta; Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club; ConAgra FFA Scholarship; Canfield Scholar; Dean’s Scholars in Experiential Leadership.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allen Moot Court Competition; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, Lincoln, Neb.; LexisNexis Student Representative-University of Nebraska College of Law.

David R. Koesters

HOMETOWN: Holdrege, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Political Science/Journalism Broadcasting/History: University Honors Program.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Law School Democrats; Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest; Street Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-American Civil Liberties Union-Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Unicameral, Lincoln, Neb.

David R. Koesters

Jesse Krause

HOMETOWN: Holdrege, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. — Biology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Nebraska Moot Court Board; St. Thomas More Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk to the Solicitor General-Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.
Jennifer C. Borgerting Kulwicki

HOMETOWN: DeWitt, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Master of Arts in English: Research Assistant, University of Nebraska–Lincoln — English/Journalism-Mass Communications in Broadcasting (high distinction); Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society (publicity chair); Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society; Golden Key Honor Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Honors Program.  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: The Nebraska Transcript (student editor); Women's Law Caucus (vice president, president); CLEP (curriculum chair, program director); Delta Theta Phi (dean); Client Counseling Competition Board; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Client Counseling Competition; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Law School Democrats; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.; Project Wishlist; SBA.  
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Regents Scholarship.  

Toni Leija-Wilson

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Criminal Justice: Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc. (charter member, president of UNL chapter); Study Abroad-Summer in Querétaro Mexico; Summer Pre-Law Institute; Mexican-American Student Association (president); Students of Color Career Advisory Board; Ronald E. McNair Scholar (post-baccalaureate research program); Outstanding Academic Achievement Award-Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs; Shades of Leadership Award; Hispanic Scholarship Fund recipient.  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Black Law Students Association; CLEP; Multi-Cultural Legal Society (vice-president, secretary); Women's Law Caucus; Native American Law Students Association (Nebraska chapter founder, treasurer); Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.; SBA.  
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Maricopa County Attorney, Mesa, Ariz.; Westlaw Student Representative-Thomson West, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Law Clerk-New Orleans Legal Assistance, New Orleans, La.

Brittani Lewit

HOMETOWN: Papillion, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Psychology/Political Science.  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allies & Advocates for GLBT (president); College of Law Ambassador; CLEP (president); Equal Justice Society (vice president); Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (treasurer); Women's Law Caucus.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-ACLU Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Lancaster County Public Defender, Lincoln, Neb.

Morgan Brittany Sue Lorenzen

HOMETOWN: Waverly, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Finance: Golden Key International Honor Society; Superior Scholar; LeRossignol Scholar.  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; SBA; Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.
Andy L. Maca

HOMETOWN: Staplehurst, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Business Administration-Management emphasis.

Matthew S. Maher

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Finance (with distinction); ASUN (vice president); BIG XII Student Leadership Conference (executive committee chairman); Athletic Board (chairman); Campus Recreation (president); Pepsi Student Events Fund Committee; English Conversation Partners Program; Instructor Assistant for Communications 311 class; Chancellor's Leadership Committee Scholarship; Young Entrepreneur Scholarship.

John N. Massih

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
GRADUATION DATE: December 2007
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. — MBA. Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas — Finance.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Student Animal Legal Defense Fund; Phi Alpha Delta International; ViTA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Public Finance, Stone & Youngberg, San Diego, Calif.; Summer Associate-Venture Capital, Odin Capital Group, Omaha, Neb.

Timothy P. Matas

HOMETOWN: Abilene, Kan.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Political Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Environmental Law Society (president); Federalist Society; International Law Society; Phi Alpha Delta International (justice, clerk); SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Library Assistant-Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska College of Law; Student Assistant-Dean's Office, University of Nebraska College of Law.
Amber McIntyre

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008

COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allies & Advocates for GLBT (secretary); Environmental Law Society; Equal Justice Society; International Law Society; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn.; Women’s Law Caucus.

WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Greder Law Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Harris Law Offices, Lincoln, Neb.; Andrew Mellon Foundation/ArtSTOR, New York, N.Y.

Heather A. McKee

HOMETOWN: Gering, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. — Masters in Business Administration with emphasis in Financial and Tax: L.E.A.D. Award; Graduate Scholar. University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo. — Business Administration (summa cum laude): Phi Kappa Phi; Beta Gamma Sigma; UW Outstanding Senior; Iron Skull Honorary; Golden Key National Honor Society; ASUW Committee of the Year; Drew Scholarship.

COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Client Counseling Competition (finalist) (competed in Regionals); First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Student-Faculty Appointments Committee; Student-Faculty Continuing Legal Education Committee; College of Law Ambassador; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Client Counseling Competition Board; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); VITA; Women’s Law Caucus (treasurer).

AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; J. Ginsburg Scholar; Martin N. Erck Scholar; Regents’ Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Torts, Civil Procedure, Individual Income Tax, Real Estate Transactions.

WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Gallagher & Kennedy, Phoenix, Ariz.; Law Clerk-Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson, & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.; Operations Manager-Western States Bank, Fort Collins, Colo.

Kyle Michaelis

HOMETOWN: West Point, Neb.
GRADUATION DATE: December 2007
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — English/Political Science; Regents Scholar; National Merit Finalist.

COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: ATLA/NATA; Law School Democrats; Nebraska Young Democrats (president); LSD/ABA; SBA; VITA (co-director).


Ryan M. Mick

HOMETOWN: Minneapolis, Minn.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities — Biochemistry/Child Psychology.

COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; College of Law Ambassador; Republican Law Students Association (president); Women’s Law Caucus.

AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Criminal Law.

WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.
Senior Transcript

Brian R. Miles

HOMETOWN: Ainsworth, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Agribusiness (with distinction).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Delta Theta Phi; Nebraska Moot Court Board; International Law Study Abroad Program—Downing College, Cambridge, England.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, Lincoln, Neb.; Regional Sales Manager-Black & Decker, Houston, Texas; Territory Sales Manager-Black & Decker, Houston, Texas; Direct Sales Representative-Black & Decker, Kansas City, Mo.; Field Sales Representative-Black & Decker, Chicago, Ill.

Gregory S. Mitchell

HOMETOWN: Overland Park, Kan.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Economics.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Student-Faculty Grade Appeal Committee; Christian Legal Society (president); Delta Theta Phi; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Procedure, Pre-Trial Litigation, Individual Income Taxation, and Estate Planning.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Title Examiner-Nebraska Title Company, Lincoln, Neb.; Pro Shop Assistant-HiMark Golf Course, Lincoln, Neb; Summer Associate-Blackwell Sanders, Kansas City, Mo.

Michael L. Moran

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. — History; President's Scholar; Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society; Arts & Sciences Senate.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Third-Year Class SBA Representative; Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; Equal Justice Society; International Law Society; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Women's Law Caucus; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Friedman Law Offices, Lincoln, Neb.

Lisa Morinelli

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. — Political Science/Theology (summa cum laude); Semester Abroad—University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China; Semester Abroad—Saint Louis University, Madrid, Spain; Semester Abroad—Saint Louis University, Managua, Nicaragua; Alpha Sigma Nu; Pi Sigma Alpha.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA Third-Year Class Representative; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; Equal Justice Society; International Law Society; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Women's Law Caucus; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: W. & J. Comstock Memorial Scholarship; Bennett G. Hornstein Scholarship.
The Nebraska Transcript

Todd D. Morten
HOMETOWN: Terrell, Texas.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: The Criswell College, Dallas, Texas — Biblical Studies.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Senior Certified Attorney-Gage County Attorney’s Office, Beatrice, Neb.

Jennifer A. Mostek
HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln & University of Nebraska at Omaha — Criminal Justice (magna cum laude): Alpha Phi Sigma; Golden Key Honor Society; Canfield Scholar; University Honors Program; Study Abroad-Universidad de Costa Rica-San Ramon.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Student-Faculty Library Committee;

Colin Mues
HOMETOWN: Kearney, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Management Information Systems (with distinction).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Fraser Stryker, Omaha, Neb; Financial Analyst-Sprint Corporation, Overland Park, Kan.

Natalie G. Nelsen
HOMETOWN: Eustis, Neb.
GRADUATION DATE: December 2007
EDUCATION: Doane College, Crete, Neb. — Sociology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Client Counseling Competition Board; CLEP; Republican Law Students Association (vice president); SBA; VITA (coordinator); Women’s Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Outstanding Civil Clinic Student; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Clinic.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Seward County Attorney’s Office, Seward, Neb.; Law Clerk-Center on Children Families & the Law, Lincoln, Neb.

James Newby
HOMETOWN: Salt Lake City, Utah.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Utah Valley State College, Orem, Utah — English.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; J. Reuben Clark Law Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.
HOMETOWN: Spencer, Neb. 
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; CLEP; Women's Law Caucus (charity auction co-chair).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Koley Jessen, Omaha, Neb.

HOMETOWN: Sidney, Neb. 
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. — History (with distinction).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: CLEP; Nebraska Law Review (research editor); Casenote Author, Having Your Cake and Eating it Too? Contractually Expanding Judicial Review of Arbitration Decisions, 86 Neb. L. Rev. 183; Project Wishlist; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Henry J. Amen Scholar; George Hope Brown Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Employment Law and Comparative Law
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Koley Jessen, Omaha, Neb.

HOMETOWN: Wisner, Neb. 
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Concordia University at Austin, Austin, Texas — Communications (cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; ATLA/NATA; Environmental Law Society; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Capital Punishment.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Rehm Bennett & Moore, Lincoln, Neb; Project Assistant-Fulbright & Jaworski, Austin, Texas.

HOMETOWN: Randolph, Neb. 
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio — Master of Science in Agricultural, Environmental, and Developmental Economics: Thesis, Graduate Associate. University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Agricultural Economics/Public Policy (with distinction): UNL Regents' Scholar; UNL Honors Program; Ag Econ Dept Senior Award.
Norges Landbrukshøgskole, Ås, Norway - courses in Agroecology. Pontificia Universidad Católica and FLACSO, Santiago, Chile - coursework in Spanish and culture.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in Agricultural Law; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Dean Henry H. Foster Memorial Scholar; Richard Huebner Memorial Scholar; Regents' Scholar; Phillip Robinson Memorial Scholar; Dr. Norman W. Thorson Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Agricultural Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Graduate Research Assistant-UNL Water Center, Lincoln, Neb; Research Assistant-Prof. Anthony Schutz, University of Nebraska College of Law; Policy Researcher-Hahn for Nebraska Campaign, Lincoln, Neb; Research Assistant-Prof. Susan Poser, University of Nebraska College of Law; Owner-cow-calf operation, Randolph, Neb.
Ryan Penke

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Political Science  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Environmental Law Society (treasurer); SBA  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.  

Marcus A. Powers

HOMETOWN: Plainview, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Political Science/Communication Studies  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Student-Faculty Building Committee; Environmental Law Society (president); Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in Environmental Law; Big Brother/Big Sister Program  
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: G. Robert Muchemore Scholar; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; William M. Holt Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Lloyd Pospishil Memorial Scholar  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Nebraska Attorney General’s Office; Environmental, Agriculture & Natural Resources Section, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk—Cada, Frosheiser, Cada & Hoffman, Lincoln, Neb.  

Matthew W. Peterson

HOMETOWN: Doniphan, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: August 2008  
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. — Information Systems/Business Administration: Blue Key National Honorary; 4-Year Academic Scholarship Recipient; Outstanding Student Majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies Award; Holden Award for Graduate Overcoming Significant Challenges in Obtaining Degree; Student Role Model Nebraska Wesleyan University Matriculation Convocation; Student Affairs Senate  

Brian J. Rapier

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: Cambridge University—Great Britain — Summer International Law Program. University of Nebraska at Omaha — History/Political Science (with high distinction); Regents Scholar; Outstanding Political Science Student Award; Golden Key; Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honorary; Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society; Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International (marshal); SBA; AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Self-Help Desk Volunteer—Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.  

Patricia D. Schneider

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. — Finance (cum laude): Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society; Delta Zeta Sorority  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; College of Law Ambassador; ATLA/NATA (vice-president, treasurer); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Locher, Pavelka, Dostal, Bradly & Hammes, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk—Sherrets & Boecker, Omaha, Neb.; Law Library Circulation Desk Attendant—University of Nebraska College of Law.
Marna M. Schulte  
**HOMETOWN:** Pawnee City, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2008  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Communication Studies/Political Science.  
**COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES:** Client Counseling Competition (finalist) (went to Regionals); First-Year Client Counseling Competition; National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (first place); Outstanding Oral Advocate - Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; National Animal Advocacy Competition; ATLA/NATA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi (vice dean of the exchequer); Environmental Law Society; First-Year Orientation Leader; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Allen Moot Court Competition (organizer); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus (Susan B. Anthony charity auction co-chair).  
**AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS:** Harold & Helen Felton Scholar.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Judicial Law Clerk-Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General, Lincoln, Neb.; Client Service Associate-Lancaster County Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.

Nancy R. Shannon  
**HOMETOWN:** Holdrege, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2008  
**EDUCATION:** Doane College, Crete, Neb. — English.  
**COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES:** Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; CLEP; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Joy Shiffermiller, Lincoln, Neb.

Noha Sidhom  
**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, Neb.  
**GRADUATION DATE:** December 2007  
**EDUCATION:** University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Political Science: Horatio Alger Scholar.  
**COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES:** Republican Law Students Association; Women’s Law Caucus.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Law Clerk-Blackwell Sanders, Omaha, Neb.; Legal Intern—Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC; Energy Analyst-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC.

Nicholas B. Sikora  
**HOMETOWN:** Falls City, Neb.  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** May 2008  
**EDUCATION:** Missouri Western State College, Saint Joseph Mo. — Philosophy/Sociology (with distinction).  
**COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES:** First-Year Client Counseling Competition (first place); Client Counseling Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in Alternative Dispute Resolution; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society (Project Angel Tree coordinator); CLEP; Client Counseling Competition Board; First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA 8th Circuit Governor; Mediation Club; Project Wishlist; St. Thomas More Society; SBA Executive Vice President; ABA 8th Circuit Governor.  
**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Clerk -Keating O’Gara Nedved and Peter, Lincoln, Neb; Clerk-Honorable Alan Gless District Judge for the York and Seward County District Courts, Seward and York, Neb.
Bradley A. Sipp  
HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of California-Irvine — Political Science (cum laude); Phi Beta Kappa; Pi Sigma Alpha.  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Trial Team (regional champion); National Trial Competition; Client Counseling Competition (first place); First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (first place); Client Counseling Competition Board; Delta Theta Phi; First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Project WishList.  
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Harold & Helen Felton Scholar; Winthrop & Frances Lane Scholar; John H. & Loretta M. Lenich Scholar; John Phillip Morrow Memorial Scholar; Scholarship for New Nebraskans; American Association for Justice: Partnership in Advocacy Scholar.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant-Prof. Richard Moberly, University of Nebraska College of Law; Extern-Honorable C. Arlen Beam; 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Intern-People's City Mission, Lincoln, Neb.

Jessica L. Smith  
HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of Kansas — Journalism.  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Student Animal Legal Defense Fund; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Federalist Society; First-Year Orientation Leader; Republican Law Students Association (president); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.  
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Emil E. Placek Memorial Scholar.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Associate Director-Republican National Lawyers Association, Washington, DC; Legislative Intern-Kissel/E & S Associates, Lincoln, Neb; Summer Associate-National Republican Senatorial Committee, Washington, DC.; Political Intern-United States Senator Chuck Hagel, Washington, DC.

Morgan Smith  
HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — English/History.  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; ATLA/NATA; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn. (president); SBA.

Antonia M. Soukup  
HOMETOWN: Brainard, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: College of St. Mary, Lincoln, Neb. — Paralegal Studies (magna cum laude).  
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; Legal

Philip Sparr  
HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.  
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008  
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska—Lincoln — History  
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: George and Mary Haskell Scholarship; Amen Law Scholarship.  
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Cooksey, Toolen, Gage, Duffy & Woog, Costa Mesa, Calif.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Intern/Contract Management-Comcast Media Center, Denver, Colo.
Amanda D. Spracklen-Hogan

HOMETOWN: Douglas, Wyo.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb. — Legal Studies.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Client Counseling Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; ATLA/NATA (treasurer); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.

Melissa S. Sprague

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Mich. — Business: College of Business Leadership Distinction Award; Dean’s Academic Scholarship; M.E.A.P. Scholarship; Ferris State University Honors College; Golden Key International Honor Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Kinsey, Rowe, Becker & Kistler, Lincoln, Neb.

Russell J. Sprague

HOMETOWN: Holyoke, Colo.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. — Master of Arts Degree in Speech Communication with a concentration in Rhetorical Studies; Graduate Teaching Assistantship. Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. — Speech Communication with an emphasis in Rhetoric.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Lambda Pi Eta; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in Agricultural Law; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; ATLA/NATA (treasurer); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society (treasurer); Environmental Law Society; Law School Democrats; Nebraska Law Review (articles editor); SBA. AWARD & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Regents’ Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Procedure, Water Law Planning and Policy, and Corporations.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate—Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson, & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.; Instructor—Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.

Sarah E. Jarecki Sujuth

HOMETOWN: Columbus, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. — Political Communication; Cardinal Key Honor Society; Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society; Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society; Nebraska Wesleyan Academic Honors; Global Service Learning; NWU Young Democrats; Heartland Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Political Campaign Volunteer.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in International Law; International Law Society; Law School Democrats; Women’s Law Caucus.
William J. Troshynski

HOMETOWN: O’Neill, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: March 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — History (with high distinction, with honors); Honors Program; Innocents Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: College of Law Ambassador; First-Year Orientation Leader; St. Thomas More Society (president); SBA.

WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk—Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Student Assistant—College of Law Summer Pre-Law Institute; Assistant Editor—Nebraska School Law Reporter, Lincoln, Neb.

Elizabeth A. Uraga

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska — History (summa cum laude); Eileen B. Lieben Center for Women (student director); University Committee on Public Safety; History Club.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Individualized Program of Concentrated Study in Health Law; American Constitutional Society (founding president); Allies and Advocates (treasurer); Journal of Health Law at Saint Louis University School of Law (staff editor); Saint Louis University School of Law OUTLaws (treasurer); Saint Louis University Women’s Law Student Association Angel Tree.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Community Planning and Development Intern—U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk—Nebraska Innocence Project, Omaha Neb; Faculty Research Assistant—Professor Richard Leiter, Lincoln, Neb.

Jonathan D. Urbom

HOMETOWN: Arapahoe, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Nebraska Wesleyan University — Business Administration.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; ATLANTA; Client Counseling Competition Board; Delta Theta Phi; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Assn. (vice president, treasurer); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; SBA.

Katherine S. Kalisek Vogel

HOMETOWN: Gretna, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Biology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; CLEP; Environmental Law Society; Nebraska Law Review; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Merle & Frances Jones Scholar.
Senior Transcript

Michelle M. Pavelka Webber

HOMETOWN: Blue Hill, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Animal Science (with honors and highest distinction).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES:
SBA (president); First-Year Class President; Second-Year Class President; First-Year Client Counseling Competition (first place); National Animal Advocacy Competition (first place); Student Counseling Competition; Student-Faculty Curriculum Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society (class representative); Client Counseling Competition Board; Delta Theta Phi (clerk of the exchequer); Environmental Law Society (vice president, secretary); First-Year Orientation Leader; International Law Society (class representative); LSD/ABA; Nebraska Law Review (executive editor); Project Wishlist (project coordinator); Republican Law Students Association; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; Women’s Law Caucus; American Agricultural Law Association; National Association of Environmental Law Societies (governing board); College of Law Alumni Student Ambassador; National Association of Trial Attorneys.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS:
Regents’ Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Corporations.
WORK EXPERIENCE:
Extern—Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk—Rembolt Ludtke, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant—Professor Sandi Zellmer, University of Nebraska College of Law.

Anneliese M. Wright

HOMETOWN: North Platte, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: Doane College, Crete, Neb. — Political Science/History/Spanish (summa cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES:
Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society (second year class representative); Law School Democrats (secretary); Nebraska Law Review (executive editor); SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS:
Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Gary L. Loseke Memorial Scholar; Robert Muchemore Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Contracts, Civil Procedure, and Criminal Procedure.
WORK EXPERIENCE:

Jessica Huey-Ling Yeh

HOMETOWN: San Francisco, Calif.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of California–Berkeley, Berkeley, California — Legal Studies (high distinction).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES:
Women’s Law Caucus (treasurer); Student-Faculty Appointments Committee; Student-Faculty Student Awards & Assistance Committee; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling Competition Board; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (grant recipient); SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS:
Herman Ginsburg Memorial Scholar; Merle & Frances Jones Scholar; Roscoe Pound Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE:
Law Clerk—Nebraska Attorney General, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk—Nebraska Appleseed, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk—Health and Human Services, Lincoln, Neb.

Sean Zehtab

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2008
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska–Lincoln — Developmental Biology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES:
Black Law Students Association; CLEP; Delta Theta Phi; Multi-Cultural Legal Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE:
Army JAG.
GRADUATES NOT PICTURED

Christopher Conry
William Crawford
Thomas Donahue
Alexis Downing
Thomas Duer
Taylor Hahn
Michael Holtje
Valerie McHargue
Amy McNelius
Stephen Merrill
Trent Nelson
Jessica Noble
Erik Omar
Linda Pelow
Rebecca Pugh
Matthew Ream
Heath Stewart
Jessica Tok
Anthony Varner
Twila Wingrove

THE GRADUATES

The purpose of THE SENIOR TRANSCRIPT is to provide abbreviated resumes of this year’s graduates.

The general policies of THE SENIOR TRANSCRIPT are as follows:

• No dates are included, except for expected graduation date.
• Undergraduate Dean’s List information is not included
• All resumes are in standard format consisting of hometown, expected graduation date, education, Law College activities, awards & academic scholarships and work experience.
• Information was current as of January 1, 2008.
• Abbreviations include:
  - ATLA-American Trial Lawyers’ Association
  - CLEP-Community Legal Education Project
  - LSD/ABA- Law Student Division/American Bar Association
  - NATA-Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys
  - SBA-Student Bar Association
  - VITA-Voluntary Income Tax Assistance
  - CALI-Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction
  - ASUN-Association of Students of the University of Nebraska

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Class of 1948
% of Class: 45%
Total Class Gift: $12,375

R. Charles Bocken (R)
Walter H. Cropper (LCS)
William C. Hastings (R)
Julian H. Hopkins (R)
Ben Novicoff (H)
Donald R. Ross (H)
William T. Schwartz (R)
Warren E. Van Norman

Class of 1949
% of Class: 41%
Total Class Gift: $14,183

Kenneth H. Elson (R)
Thomas H. Fike (R)
Richard G. Folda (R)
William F. Ginn
Richard S. Harnsberger (LCS)
Daniel D. Jewell (H)
Dean G. Kratz (LCS)
R. Stanley Lowe (H)
Donald K. Mundt (LCS)
Marlowe B. Olson (R)
Charles Thone (R)

Class of 1950
% of Class: 38%
Total Class Gift: $2,750

John J. Blake (R)
Robert E. Bramson (R)
Ray B. Cumming (H)
Donald C. Farber (R)
Edwin H. Hiber (R)
Carter H. Kokjer (H)
Robert A. Wenke (R)
Lee C. White (R)
Robert W. Wilson (R)

Class of 1951
% of Class: 24%
Total Class Gift: $3,400

Wallace Becker (H)
Don A. Boyd (R)
Barbara G. Kratz (LCS)
Jess C. Nielsen (H)
Theodore W. Vrana (R)

Class of 1952
% of Class: 25%
Total Class Gift: $1,650

William D. Blue
Lavon I. Brock (R)
Betty Elias (R)
James H. Kinsella (R)
Daniel D. Koukol
John H. Morehead (R)
Robert E. Orshek (H)
Donald R. Ravenscroft
Alan L. Steinacher

Class of 1953
% of Class: 44%
Total Class Gift: $10,660

Joel E. Babcock
Paul L. Douglas (R)
David B. Downing
Gordon B. Fillman (R)
Paul E. Galter (R)
John M. Gradwohl (LCS)
Cyrus A. Johnson

Class of 1954
% of Class: 40%
Total Class Gift: $11,250

John C. Dean (R)
Richard M. Duxbury
James P. Edee (R)
Bruce L. Evans (R)
Janice L. Gradwohl (LCS)
William H. Grant

Eleanor Knoll Swanson (R)
Kenneth A. Legg (R)
Donald W. Pederson (R)
Ray L. Svehla (R)

Class of 1955
% of Class: 57%
Total Class Gift: $24,375

Duane W. Acklie (LCS)
Ben L. Anderson (H)
Robert H. Berkshire (LCS)
Mark A. Buchholz (R)
Charles J. Burmeister (R)
Allan F. Decker
John F. Futcher,
Ronald W. Hunter (LCS)
John & Joan Knapp (R)
Edwin C. Perry (H)
Lawrence L. Wilson (H)
Lawrence H. Yost (R)

Class of 1956
% of Class: 23%

Jay L. Dunlap (LCS)
Ira S. Epstein (LCS)
James W. Hewitt (H)

Class of 1957
% of Class: 29%
Total Class Gift: $1,100

D. Nick Caporale (R)
John N. Marvel
Stephen M. Sawtell
Jerry C. Stirtz (R)
Howard E. Tracy (H)
Gail R. Wishnow (R)
**Class of 1958**

% of Class: 30%
Total Class Gift: $18,732

John D. Bunger (R)
Deryl F. Hamann (LCS)
Claire D. Johnson (LCS)
Dwain L. Jones
Norman M. Krivosha (R)
John C. McElhaney
John D. Prien (H)
Kathleen Ross (LCS)
Gene P. Spence (H)
Norman Veitzer (LCS)

**Class of 1959**

% of Class: 17%

Gerald L. Adcock
Richard M. Fellman (R)
Theodore L. Kessner (LCS)
Philip C. Sorensen (R)

**Class of 1960**

% of Class: 28%
Total Class Gift: $12,305

James B. Fournier (R)
Alan A. Grove
Roger A. Langenheim (H)
Blaine E. Rieke (H)
Donald R. Wilson (LCS)

**Class of 1961**

% of Class: 17%

Claude E. Berreckman
Sam Jensen (H)
Don H. Sherwood (R)
Parker L. Shipley
Frank C. Sidles (R)

**Class of 1962**

% of Class: 24%
Total Class Gift: $1,100

Levi H. Goosen
Harold I. Mosher (H)
Richard A. Peterson (R)
Richard E. Shugrue
Richard M. Tempero
Gene D. Watson (R)
Robert A. Weigel

**Class of 1963**

% of Class: 21%
Total Class Gift: $900

Dean R. Dalke (R)
William J. Gourley (R)
Robert T. Grimit (R)
Michael V. Smith (R)
Ronald D. Svoboda (R)
Clayton K. Yeutter (R)

**Class of 1964**

% of Class: 34%
Total Class Gift: $6,755

Duane A. Burns
Donald C. Casey (H)
Steven K. Christensen (R)
Bruce B. Graves (R)
Jon F. Luebs (LCS)
Robert F. Martin
Richard P. Nelson (R)
Robert M. O’Gara (R)
Calvin E. Robinson
Richard C. Schmoker (LCS)
Morris L. Sinor (R)
Dennis A. Winkle
Richard R. Wood (R)

**Class of 1965**

% of Class: 24%
Total Class Gift: $1,650

Ralph M. Anderson (R)
Vincent L. Dowding (R)
Dean N. Hansen
Jerome Allan Hoffman
Kenneth P. Keene (R)
Richard A. Leigh (R)
John E. Musselman (H)
William A. Wilson
Donald R. Witt (R)

**Class of 1966**

% of Class: 31%
Total Class Gift: $14,700

Thomas B. Allington (R)
Stanley D. Cohen
Hal Daub (H)
Eric B. Eisenhart
James D. Faimon
Thomas J. Fitchett (R)
Con M. Keating (H)
Leland K. Kovarik
Robert S. Lingo
Stephen G. Olson (H)
Harvey S. Perlman (H)
Ronald L. Schwab
Earl H. Scudder (LCS)
Steven G. Seglin (R)
E. Bruce Smith
Richard K. Spencer

**Class of 1967**

% of Class: 12%
Total Class Gift: $4,020

Mark F. Anderson (R)
Larry D. Bird
Michael O. Landers (LCS)
Gailyn L. Larsen (R)
Nancy J. Stara (H)
Class of 1968
% of Class: 16%
Total Class Gift: $13,925

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

Class of 1969
% of Class: 25%
Total Class Gift: $6,914

William A. Ahlstrand
Samuel P. Baird (R)
Charles B. Baumer (LCS)
John K. Boyer (LCS)
Kermit A. Brashear (H)
John T. Connor (H)
Robert C. Decker (R)
James J. DeMars (R)
Barry L. Gerken (R)
H. Bruce Hamilton (R)
William A. Harding (R)
Kile W. Johnson (H)
Michael G. Lessmann
Linda S. Loseke (R)
Russell E. Lovell (R)
Bernard J. McGinn
Thomas R. Pansing (R)
Patrick G. Rogers
Robert C. Weaver

Class of 1970
% of Class: 15%
Total Class Gift: $8,920

Alden A. Abraham (H)
Steven R. Brott (R)
Carlton E. Clark (R)
M. Douglas Deitchler
Dennis D. Gemar
Thomas T. Holyoke (R)
Marilyn B. Hutchinson (R)
Everett O. Inbody (R)
Stephen A. Mazurak (LCS)
E. Benjamin Nelson (LCS)
Raymond S. Thompson (R)
James M. Walters (R)

Class of 1971
% of Class: 17%
Total Class Gift: $12,480

William L. Biggs (R)
James A. Cada (R)
Patrick J. Carr
Melvin H. Evans
Richard A. Johnson (R)
Richard F. Koch (H)
Stephen L. Muehlberg
Douglas C. Nelson (H)
Patrick E. Quinn (LCS)
Russell J. Sindt (R)
L. Joe Stehlik
Stanley M. Talcott

Class of 1972
% of Class: 20%
Total Class Gift: $17,560

James R. Blinn (R)
Gary D. Byrne (R)
Jeffrey E. Curtiss (LCS)
Bruce A. Cutshall (R)
James A. Gallant (R)
Robert J. Hamer
Michael M. Hroch (R)
Steven R. Hutchins (H)

Class of 1973
% of Class: 19%
Total Class Gift: $12,875

Richard G. Kopf (LCS)
Denis R. Malm (H)
Arnold W. Messer (R)
John H. Moseman
Robert F. Pearson
Walter H. Radcliffe (H)
Randall L. Rehmeier
Richard S. Reiser (R)
James E. Rembolt (R)
William J. Riley (LCS)
Daniel A. Smith (R)
Stuart Smith (H)
John F. Steinheider (R)
Dennis C. Tegtmeier (R)
John R. Wertz (R)
Class of 1974
% of Class: 19%
Total Class Gift: $6,351

Robert J. Banta (R)
Ricky J. Barnica
Graten D. Beavers (H)
Thomas V. Bender (H)
Robert L. Boumann (H)
James R. Coe (R)
Albert G. Fuller (R)
James E. Gordon (R)
John V. Hendry (R)
Warf F. Hoppe (H)
Bradford E. Kistler
Paul W. Korslund (R)
John F. Kotouc (H)
Wayne C. Kreuscher
Arthur R. Langvardt (R)
C. Vincent Phelps (R)
William H. Reetz (H)
Donald E. Rowlands (R)
Frederick W. Schrekinger
Steven C. Smith (R)
Stephen A. Spitz (R)
Timothy L. Thietje (R)
Gerald D. Warren (R)
Matthew H. Williams (R)
Charles R. Wise (R)

Barry G. Kaiman (LCS)
Paul D. Kratz (R)
Gary G. Krumland
Douglas L. Loos (R)
Douglas E. Merz (R)
William L. Navis
David L. Niederdeppe (R)
Richard C. Reier (R)
Brian K. Ridenour
Paul M. Schudel (R)
Robert H. Sindt
Thomas M. Sonntag
Janet Rae Stenberg
Neal E. Stenberg
Gregory D. Stine (H)
Steven B. Timm
Toni L. Victor (LCS)
Bruce W. Warren
George D. Watson
Patricia J. Winter (R)

Class of 1975
% of Class: 25%
Total Class Gift: $7,150

Penny J. Berger
David R. Buntain (R)
Roberta L. Cook (R)
Richard A. Cummings (R)
Jan E. Dutton
Allen R. Fankhauser
Alan G. Gless (R)
Fred M. Greguras
Michael G. Heavican (R)
Donald D. Hopwood (R)
Kim R. Houtchens (R)

Ronald J. Albin (R)
Hal W. Anderson (H)
Warren R. Arganbright (R)
Robert F. Bartle (H)
Alan L. Brodbeck (R)
Sam R. Brower
M. Susan Carlson (R)
Lauren J. Caster (H)
Wynn R. Clemmer (R)
Keith D. Cohen
A. Eugene Crump (H)
Bruce D. Curtiss
James B. Dobler (R)
June W. Edwards (H)
Karen B. Flowers (LCS)
Olivia M. Guerra Keating (H)
James L. Haszard (R)
Barry L. Hemmerling
Margaret Hornbeck Greene (LCS)

Class of 1976
% of Class: 29%
Total Class Gift: $19,380

Susan Jacobs Johnson
Jean A. Lovell (H)
James B. Luers
Teresa K. Luther (R)
Keith E. Martin
Steven F. Mattoon (H)
Glen A. Murray
James R. Nearhood (H)
Robert G. Pahlke (H)
Keith A. Prettyman (H)
James L. Quinlan
Judy M. Roots (H)
Rebecca L. Ross (H)
William C. Schwartzkopf (LCS)
Gary C. Seacrest
Timothy F. Shaw
Richard J. Vierk (R)
James S. Watson
Audie J. Wise (R)

Class of 1977
% of Class: 22%
Total Class Gift: $5,750

Damon T. Bahensky
Robert B. Creager
Kent R. Davy
Rick L. Ediger (R)
Daniel R. Gilg (R)
Deborah R. Gilg (R)
Robert L. Goodbinder
Charles W. Hastings (R)
Patricia H. Herstein
Michael H. Jensen
Steven D. Keist (R)
Michael C. Klein
Kenneth R. Lang (R)
Thomas & Jeannie Lawson (LCS)
Thomas G. Lieske
Philip M. Martin
Steven J. Mercure
Joseph M. Moothart
Robert L. Nefsky (H)
Robert B. O’Neal (R)
Class of 1981
% of Class: 13%
Total Class Gift: $2,505

David D. Babcock
Elisabeth Townsend Bridge
Pamela M. Carrier (R)
Richard M. Glidden (R)
Robert P. Goodwin
Andrew J. Jetter
Arlen W. Langvardt
Timothy D. Loudon (R)
Ann O’Hara
Kathryn A. Olson (R)
Robert R. Otte (R)
Trev E. Peterson
Jerry L. Pigsley (R)
Daniel M. Placzek (R)
John E. Samson (R)
Charles W. Sorenson (R)
John C. Wiltse (R)
James L. Young (R)

The Hon. Kurt T. Rager (R)
Charles F. Rolph (R)
Edward P. Sands (R)
John A. Selzer (H)
Jack L. Shultz (R)
Mary E. Sommermeyer (R)
Robert M. Wagner (R)
Carol J. Watson
Terry R. Wittler (R)

Class of 1978
% of Class: 11%
Total Class Gift: $13,360

Ron G. Ellis (R)
M. Susan Garreis
Gary M. Gotsdiner
Robert A. Henderson (R)
Lynn P. Hendrix
James D. Holman (R)
Sharon M. Kresha (R)
William A. Marienau
C. Dean McGrath (H)
Michael W. Pirtle (R)
Nancy A. Roberts
Barbara W. Schaefer (LCS)
Christine Schwartzkopf Schroff (H)
Alan G. Stoler (R)
Steven R. Voigt (R)
Dennis M. Weibling (H)
James A. Widtfeldt

Class of 1979
% of Class: 19%
Total Class Gift: $6,770

Steven R. Andrews (H)
Lance C. Antonson
Dana V. Baker (R)
Rosalie Kay Bradley Ridenour
William B. Cassel (R)
Marianne Clifford Upton (R)
Timothy R. Engler (R)
Marsha E. Fangmeyer (H)
Charles L. Finke (R)
Daniel A. Fullner
Matthew D. Hanson
Jane E. Hart (H)
Terrill A. Hyde (LCS)
Eileen K. Jennings (R)
Joseph R. Kafka (R)
Paula J. Metcalf
Larry W. Nelson (R)
Dennis R. Onnen
Michael K. Reppe
Kevin L. Ruser (R)
Ronna Sajowitz Paul
Robert R. Steinke (R)
Burnell E. Steinmeyer, (R)
David L. Suggs (R)
Donald F. Uerling (R)
Thomas J. Von Riesen (R)

Class of 1980
% of Class: 18%
Total Class Gift: $11,720

Karen Beadie (LCS)
James P. Broderick
Gary N. Clatterbuck (H)
Dale D. Dahlin
Claudia Z. Divis (H)
Timothy E. Divis (H)
Ann E. Fox (R)
Keith J. Gredys
George D. Green
James R. Harris
Stephen P. Herman
Dennis R. Hurley (R)
Marcia A. Johnson
Stephen M. Krumm (R)
David N. Lutton (R)
Steven R. Mills
Joseph A. Morris (LCS)
William J. Mueller (LCS)
David W. Pederson (R)
Ralph E. Rayburn (R)
Michael Sloan (R)
Donald L. Swanson (R)

James R. Wefso
Robert E. Wheeler

Class of 1982
% of Class: 18%
Total Class Gift: $4,075

Christopher W. Abboud
Daniel J. Amen (H)
George M. Blauvelt
Steven D. Boyd (H)
Robert E. Burns
Cynthia E. Epstein
James E. Fritz
Thomas L. Hafemeister
Teresa M. Hampton
Chris A. Horacek (R)
Kathleen A. Jaudzemis (H)
Donald L. Kahl
Alvin R. Pahlke (R)
Randall G. Pence
Glenda J. Pierce (R)  
Daniel B. Pollack  
Steven A. Russell  
Sandra I. Schefcik  
Mark M. Schorr (R)  
Jeffrey L. Schumacher (R)  
Christian F. Shubert  
James C. Stecker (R)  
Alan J. White (R)  
Linda L. Willard  
Neil E. Williams (R)  
Barbara A. Wroblewski

Class of 1983  
% of Class: 14%  
Total Class Gift: $7,250

R. Scott Anderson  
Laurene M. Barrett (LCS)  
Patrick J. Barrett (LCS)  
Gregory B. Bartels (H)  
Linda S. Caster-Senff (R)  
Charlotte J. Conner (R)  
Vernon C. R. Daniels (H)  
Richard A. Drews  
Stephen S. Gealy (R)  
Thomas Earl Geu  
Richard A. Hartfield  
Glenda J. Lanik (H)  
Michael J. Linder  
Peter J. Longo  
Thomas W. Norris  
Susan W. Pahlke (R)  
Richard T. Seckman  
Mark S. Siedlik  
Bryan E. Slone (R)  
Gerald M. Stilmock

Class of 1984  
% of Class: 13%  
Total Class Gift: $3,425

Judy Cada (R)  
Susan A. Foster (R)  
Thomas J. Foster (R)  
Scott L. Gesell (R)  
Richard W. Grosz (LCS)  
Douglas R. Hart  
Larry D. Hause (R)  
Joni L. Hoffman  
Joseph P. Loudon  
Terry L. McElroy (R)  
Marlon D. Mormann (R)  
Betty J. Reinhart Gesell (R)  
Shawn D. Renner  
Kevin C. Siebert  
Clifford E. Vogler  
Shirley K. Williams  
Robert S. Woodruff

Class of 1985  
% of Class: 17%  
Total Class Gift: $8,959

John A. Albright (H)  
Diane H. Dentlinger  
Janet L. Einspahr  
Monica Green Kruger  
Linda L. Haessler (R)  
Breke J. Harnagel (R)  
John C. Hewitt (H)  
Neil L. Johnson  
Virginia M. Johnson (H)  
Bruce E. Kruger  
Christopher J. McVeigh (H)  
Keith E. Moxon (LCS)  
Tim I. Munson-Pascua  
Steve Nash  
Linda B. Norris  
William M. Ojile (H)  
Mark G. Paczosa  
Kim M. Robak (LCS)  
David H. Roe (LCS)  
Robert W. Shively  
Randy & Laura Stevenson (R)  
Ellen L. Totzke

Class of 1986  
% of Class: 13%  
Total Class Gift: $3,220

James E. Dawson  
Christine E. Denicola (LCS)  
Christina D. Dodds  
Robert P. Foster  
Alicia B. Henderson (R)  
Kathryn Houtchens  
Michael B. Kratville (R)  
Lisa D. Martin-Price  
Michael K. O’Neal  
David C. Pauley  
John K. Shunk (R)  
Andrew R. Sluss  
J. L. Spray (R)  
Hans H. Thielman  
Michael L. Walcott  
Susan C. Williams (R)

Class of 1987  
% of Class: 6%  
Total Class Gift: $2,400

Miles M. Dewhirst  
Janet S. Gurwitch  
Walter D. James (H)  
Scott D. Johnston  
Frank L. Labrador (LCS)  
Michelle J. Oldham  
Judith Penrod Siminoe  
Mark C. Quandahl (R)
Class of 1988
% of Class: 10%
Total Class Gift: $3,775

Marie L. Buckley (R)
Lucinda Cordes Glen
Kristi Egger Brown
Darin D. Honn
Anna L. Korinko
Brenda L. McCormick
Jeffrey A. Nix
Todd W. Ruskamp (LCS)
Elizabeth K. Ryan (H)
John M. Ryan (H)
Lucio G. Valdez (R)

Class of 1989
% of Class: 11%
Total Class Gift: $5,370

Cathleen H. Allen (H)
Jeffrey J. Blumel
Timothy D. Brown (R)
David R. Denton (R)
Cynthia Hennessy (H)
Stephen J. Henning (LCS)
Thomas V. Hinshaw
Larry M. Levene
Joel G. Lonowski (R)
Todd A. McKeone
Robert J. Parker
Todd L. Peterson (H)
Marybeth Redwine-Ruskamp (LCS)
Lisa Thayer (R)

Class of 1990
% of Class: 10%
Total Class Gift: $3,725

Robin L. Binning (R)
Linda R. Crump (H)
Eric L. Dillow (R)
Robin W. Hadfield (R)
Robert A. Monniere (R)
Ramona L. Paetzold (LCS)
David B. Parman (R)
Michelle F. Petrow
Mitzi S. Phalen
Julie A. Shipman-Burns (R)
Daniel J. Thayer (R)

Class of 1991
% of Class: 14%
Total Class Gift: $3,665

Dorothy C. Anderson
Jean E. Angell
Emily Campbell (R)
Margaret A. Capko
David W. Chang (R)
Susan G. Crotteau (R)
Robert L. Eden (R)
Daniel J. Huff (R)
Christine A. Loseke
Scott K. McCarthy
Carolyn M. O’Hara
Pamela B. Peck (R)
Bryan P. Robertson (R)
James M. Sulentic (LCS)
Michael J. Synek
Andrew J. Wilson
Kathleen M. Zeitz (R)

Class of 1992
% of Class: 14%
Total Class Gift: $5,400

David M. Bialke
Riko E. Bishop (R)
Mark J. Blazek
Michael K. Bydalek
SaraBeth Donovan (R)
Ralph A. Froehlich (R)
DaNay A. Kalkowski (R)
Michael E. Kostrinsky (H)
Stephen C. Landon
James R. Nygren (R)
Thomas Wayde Pittman (R)
Andrew S. Pollock
Carla A. Sanders
Mark T. Schnider (R)
Francis X. Skrupa (R)
Mark S. Sobus (H)
Darla S. Zink (LCS)

Class of 1993
% of Class: 14%
Total Class Gift: $6,440

John H. Bergmeyer (R)
Thomas J. Bont (R)
Sarah J. Brashears (LCS)
Deonne L. Bruning (H)
Michael R. Contarino
Ennio J. Corsi (R)
Jason P. Galindo (R)
Mark J. Geil
Gregory R. Johnson (R)
Elizabeth R. Kosier
Derek L. Mitchell (R)
Rex J. Moats
Cheryl J. Peckenpaugh
Kirk S. Peterson
Sandeep S. Sheth (R)
John S. Slaba (R)
Patrick J. Straka (LCS)
Steven M. Thomas (H)
Elizabeth A. Varley (R)
Jeffrey M. Wightman

Class of 1994
% of Class: 8%
Total Class Gift: $2,990

Jon C. Bruning (H)
Tabitha J. Campbell
Kenneth D. Clifton (R)
Andrew G. Davis (H)
Michael O. Dunn (R)
Bruce R. Gerhardt (R)
Kent A. Meyerhoff (H)
Donald R. Owen (H)
Douglas W. Ruge
Kelly T. Shattuck (R)
Vicky Weisz (R)

Class of 1995
% of Class: 5%
Total Class Gift: $3,475

Kristine D. Brenneis (LCS)
Judy R. Scdoris
Rob J. Shortridge (LCS)
Timothy L. Terrell (R)
Christopher P. Thomas
Patrick J. Wells
James C. Ziter (R)

Class of 1996
% of Class: 12%
Total Class Gift: $3,910

Michaelle L. Baumert
Christopher M. Bikus (H)
Gregory A. Blobaum (R)
Robert S. Brigham
Chad W. Buckendahl (H)
Robert E. Caldwell
Carla J. DeVelder (R)
Carl B. Eskridge (R)
Korby M. Gilbertson (R)
Tamara S. Herrera
William R. Jeppson (R)
Dodd W. Krenzer (R)
Colleen P. Manly (R)
Michael P. Manly (R)
Brenda K. Osthus
Robert M. Schafer (R)
Daniel Torrens (R)

Class of 1997
% of Class: 10%
Total Class Gift: $2,640

Duane A. Austria (R)
Peter H. Barlow (R)
Eric B. Brown
Vicky L. Colwell (H)
Betsy Smith Hocking
Jeffery R. Kirkpatrick (R)
Steven L. Meints
Joel D. Nelson (R)
James R. Smith
Corey L. Stull (R)
Jeanette L. Stull (R)
William J. Toulouse

Class of 1998
% of Class: 8%
Total Class Gift: $3,025

Kurth A. Brashear (H)
Kristin K. Brown
Kristopher J. Covi (H)
Kathryn A. Flaherty
Derrick J. Hahn (R)
Carlos M. Rivera
Steven J. Schmidt (H)
Steven P. Stumpf

Class of 1999
% of Class: 5%
Total Class Gift: $1,600

Kathryn D. Folts (H)
Jennifer L. Hanson
Paul D. Heimann
Gretchen A. Oltman
Suzanne M. Rodekohr (R)
Timothy J. Tuttle (R)

Class of 2000
% of Class: 7%
Total Class Gift: $1,025

Daniel J. Epstein (R)
Michelle N. Epstein (R)
Todd C. Kinney
Brian S. Kruse (R)
Jennie K. Kuehner
Vanessa R. Pertusa-Ruser (R)
Dale R. Shook
Trent R. Sidders (R)

Class of 2001
% of Class: 12%
Total Class Gift: $2,250

Sara B. Anderson
Kelli Cummins-Brown (R)
Maureen Hannon (R)
Nathan A. Hayes (R)
Dana J. Lindauer (R)
Brian S. Nielsen (R)
Hazell G. Rodriguez
Erika B. Schafer
Karey V. Skiermont (R)
Jason L. Stapelman
Timothy J. Thalken (R)
Jisella A. Veath Dolan (H)
Amy J. Vyhlidal (R)
Lori C. Wood (R)

Class of 2002
% of Class: 9%
Total Class Gift: $1,275

Joel A. Bacon
Valencia N. Davis
Tasha A. Everman (R)
Tracy L. Jamison
Aaron B. Johnson
Joseph J. Kehm
Cory R. Locke (H)
Paula S. Quist (R)
Jessica C. Sidders (R)
Christine E. Vanderford (R)

Class of 2003
% of Class: 7%
Total Class Gift: $1,410

Aliza Anvari
Kory D. George (R)
Karin E. Iossi Anderson (H)
Thomas O. Kelley (H)
Ingolf D. Maurstad (R)
Zachary W. Peterson
Anthony B. Schutz
Andrew D. Weeks
Class of 2004
% of Class: 6%
Total Class Gift: $480

Dawn M. Gerhart
Todd J. Hepler
Darla J. Johnson
Jason J. Lessmeier (R)
Jennifer K. Martinez
Erin M. O’Gara
Shane E. Perkins
Patricia M. Robidoux (R)

Class of 2005
% of Class: 2%

Shannon K. Brennan (R)
David A. Froscheiser (H)
John L. Selzer (R)

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