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A photograph of Chief Justice Roberts speaking at a podium in a courtroom. He is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. He is gesturing with his hands as he speaks. In the background, several people are seated at desks, listening attentively.

## Chief Justice Roberts Visits College of Law

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Client Counseling Competition Named for Frank, Lawson



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On September 19, United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. visited the College of Law. During his visit, Roberts gave a talk, visited classes and met with students.

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### Faculty Profile: John Lenich

Professor John Lenich works hard to bring the rules of civil procedure to life in the classroom.



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### Medill Named Fellow of ACEBC:

Professor Colleen Medill was named a fellow of American College of Employee Benefits Counsel.



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### Yeutter Honored with Statue on East Campus:

Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter, '63, was honored by IANR with a statue on East Campus.

## DEAN'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message on a cold February day after an exciting weekend for the College of Law and our students. Our client counseling team won the regional competition and is on its way to nationals, again, for the fourth time in the last five years. Our mediation team placed second in an International Mediation Competition. Also during this academic year, we have sent teams to the Manfred Lochs Space Law North American Regional Moot Court Competition (where our students placed third), and students have competed in intraschool moot court competitions. And to top it off, today, the students in the Equal Justice Society organized the first faculty/staff chili cook-off, and *over the lunch hour*, raised \$1000 for our Nebraska Public Interest Law Fund, which provides stipends to students working for non-profit and public interest law organizations over the summer.

with a group of students and visited two Constitutional Law classes. The visit was completed the next day when he attended the Nebraska-Miami game. We were very glad to provide the Chief Justice with an exciting Husker victory!



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These last few days are truly emblematic of what is happening at the College these days. Our terrific students are not just excelling in the classroom, in clinics and in clerkships, but they are also demonstrating their skills around the country and actively developing leadership skills and building community at the College by participating in student organizations and competitions.

Lots of other things have been going on here since the last edition of the TRANSCRIPT. As you see on the cover, the chief justice of the United States, John G. Roberts, Jr., paid us a visit and participated in the Hruska Institute in September. After the noon presentation, Chief Justice Roberts stayed for the rest of the afternoon, had lunch

And speaking of football, I must report an event that fits into the only-in-Nebraska category. Recently, Athletic Director Shawn Eichorst invited the academic deans at UNL to lunch with the new football coach, Mike Riley. Over lunch at the training table, the deans were invited to tell the coach about what we do. Coach Riley was genuinely interested and articulate about the fact that the education and training of all student athletes is a joint effort and responsibility. Although the Law College typically does not see current student athletes in our classes, Coach Riley did agree to help recruit for us!

Our curriculum and programs evolve and improve as we continue to review them to ensure that they remain

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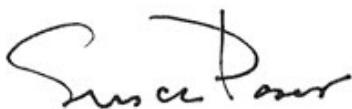
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vibrant and relevant in the current environment in which many aspects of legal education and legal practice are being questioned. But there are some oldies but goodies in which we remain invested, in addition to the core classes that make up our broad-based curriculum. One of those is the world-renown Law-Psychology Program, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. You will read about that program in this edition of the TRANSCRIPT.

I will end with an observation and a plea. We are now here in 2015. You may recall that several years ago, I set as a goal that we have 15 percent of alumni participation in our annual fund by 2015. We are closer but not yet there. Reaching this goal, even with small gifts, would provide a boost to our annual fund, which we need more and more as we continue to feel the pressure of using scholarships as a recruiting tool as the national pool of law school applicants continues to shrink. Perhaps more importantly, your gift, no matter how small, will be understood by the Law College community as a signal of support for this small but magnificent law school. Thank you for considering a gift, particularly if you have never made one.

As always, stay in touch and contact me anytime.

Susan Poser



Dean and Richard & Catherine Schmoker Professor of Law

# Lenich Works to Make Civil Procedure Come Alive for His Students

By Loguen Blazek, '16

Teaching was always in the cards for Professor John Lenich, just not quite in the manner he originally planned. Lenich grew up in Chicago and attended the University of Illinois where he earned his undergraduate bachelor's degree in arts with a major in history. Graduating in 1977 with honors and distinction, Lenich intended to teach high school history, but a saturated job market prompted him to follow a different path and apply to law school. He earned his J.D. summa cum laude in 1980 from Northwestern University School of Law. Upon his graduation, Lenich practiced law with the Los Angeles firm Melveny & Meyers where he specialized in sports antitrust litigation. He joined the Nebraska Law faculty in 1984, where he teaches Civil Procedure, Appellate Advocacy and Antitrust.

The decision to make the leap from the practice of law to teaching law was not easy. "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, but the firm told me I was welcome to come back if it wasn't the right fit. Nebraska was hiring in areas that interested me, so I decided to give it a chance, and here I am some 30 years later," said Lenich.

When asked what he enjoys teaching the most, Lenich does not hesitate: Civil Procedure. "It's fun because it's a first-year class with new students who are eager to learn the law," he said. "I work to bring this subject alive for students and hopefully help change what could otherwise be a boring subject and make it more exciting to study." He understands the importance of grasping the rules and processes of civil procedure and works hard to make sure his students leave his class with a great understanding of the basics.

Lenich's own law school experience with Civil Procedure affected his goals in teaching the material. "It was probably one of my least favorite classes throughout law school, and if you told me then that I would be spending almost 30 years teaching the subject I would have never believed it," Lenich said. "In my Civil Procedure class we talked about some theories and the history of civil procedure but never really learned the basics.



“Shortly after starting at the firm, somebody called and wanted me to change the venue on a case, and I didn’t even know what a venue was let alone how to change it, so I wanted to make sure my students weren’t put in that same situation.”

Though he greatly enjoys being a professor of law, Lenich admits that teaching is not without its challenges. “One of hardest things I have discovered over the course of my teaching career is that the longer you teach and as you become more knowledgeable on your subject area you have to be increasingly more careful with your teaching methods and remember that the students don’t

Lenich coached the College of Law’s moot court teams from 1988 until 2009 and mentioned his joy in being able to work with small groups of law students as they enhanced their written and oral advocacy skills. He also worked with the Civil Clinic at the Law College for several years and attempts to take a pro-bono case every few years to stay in touch with the practice side of the law.

When he is not busy at the Law College, Lenich enjoys bicycling, going to the gym and most of all traveling – especially if that travel takes him to Chicago for a White Sox game! Lenich also appreciates when his travel opportunities allow him to catch up with former

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have your expertise and you have to find ways to explain the material so they can best understand.” For Lenich, keeping the energy going in class even when students are not as enthusiastic can also be a challenge. “One of the difficulties teachers have to struggle with is finding ways to keep students engaged.”

Lenich is active within the academic and legal communities in a variety of ways. In addition to being an active member of the Lincoln Bar Association, Lenich presents at continuing legal education (CLE) programs. “I really enjoy working with the judges and attorneys at CLEs because with their level of sophistication of the law, we can go more in depth into the particular focus areas within the law and discuss newer facets that are developing in that area.”

students and see how their careers have developed.

Lenich shares some advice for students, in particular those just graduating or young in their careers, “Stay open to where opportunities take you and don’t get too stuck on a particular path that you shy away from new chances and challenges.

“I never expected to be a professor at a law school, but it has led to a long career at the job I love.”





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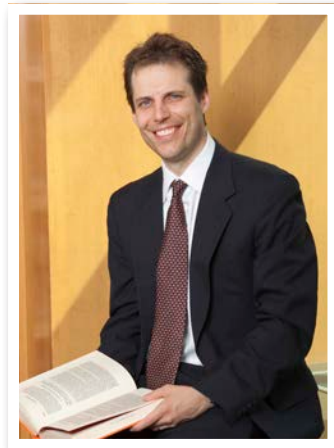
## Jack M. Beard Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Jack Beard presented a paper, “Soft Law as an Impediment to the Regulation of Space Activities with Military Implications: A View from the U.S. Congress,” at the 65th International Astronautical Congress in Toronto, Canada. He also made a presentation and moderated a panel, “Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament: U.S. Policy and International Law,” at the Annual Meeting (the International Law Weekend) of the American Branch of the International Law Association in New York City.

## Eric Berger Associate Professor of Law

Professor Eric Berger published his article, “Lethal Injection Secrecy and Eighth Amendment Due Process” at *55 Boston College Law Review* 1367. He also presented this piece at faculty workshops at the Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa, and at home at the Law College.

Berger presented other scholarship at various law schools and conferences around the country. He presented a work in progress entitled “The World According to



the Court” at the Fifth Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium in Chicago and at the Wisconsin Discussion Group on Constitutionalism in Madison. He also presented his paper, “The Rhetoric of Constitutional Absolutism,” at a faculty workshop at UCLA School of Law in Los Angeles. Berger also participated in the University of Richmond Law Review Allen Chair Symposium on “Lethal Injection, Politics, and the Future of the Death Penalty,” where he presented a new work entitled “The Executioners’ Dilemmas.” Finally, Berger discussed the Rehnquist Court’s federalism decisions on a panel at the William H. Rehnquist Center on the Constitutional Structures of Government Conference on “The Rehnquist Court: Ten Years Later,” hosted by the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in Tucson.

Berger received the Student Bar Association’s 2014-15 award for Professor of the Year. He was selected for the award by the members of the second and third year classes. He also serves as a faculty advisor to the Community Legal Education Project (CLEP). CLEP this year expanded its reach by teaching Constitution Day lessons in every eighth grade classroom in Lincoln. Berger also serves as the faculty advisor to the Law College’s chapter of the American Constitution Society.

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**Kristen M. Blankley**  
Assistant Professor of Law

Assistant Professor Kristen Blankley was named the chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Task Force on Access to Justice. This task force is part of a larger initiative by the ABA looking at access to justice issues. Blankley is also a new member of the American Bar Foundation, an honor bestowed on less than one percent of the lawyers from each state. She was also part of a speaker exchange program at South Dakota University Law School, where she presented her paper, “A Uniform Theory of Jurisdiction under the Federal Arbitration Act.” This spring, Blankley coached two teams of students in the InterNational Academy of Dispute Resolution International Law School Mediation Championship Competition.

**Brian H. Bornstein**  
Professor of Psychology, Courtesy  
Professor of Law and Director of  
Law-Psychology Program

Professor Brian Bornstein was named director of the UNL Law-Psychology Program in January 2015. He was invited to give talks at the Cornell Law School on “Law Student Well-being: An Empirical Investigation,”



the Cornell Human Development Department on “Juror Perceptions of Identification Witnesses” and the University of Alabama-Huntsville Psychology Department on “Eyewitness Memory Myths.” He recently published two edited volumes: *Justice, Conflict and Wellbeing: Multidisciplinary Perspectives* (with Wiener) and *Beliefs and Expectancies in Legal Decision Making* (with McAuliff). He has two other edited books forthcoming, on *Motivating Cooperation and Compliance with Authority: The Role of Institutional Trust* (with Tomkins) and *The Witness Stand and Lawrence S. Wrightsman, Jr.* (with Willis-Esqueda). Bornstein also has several journal articles recently published or in press.

**Eve M. Brank**  
Associate Professor of Psychology,  
Courtesy Professor of Law

Professor Eve Brank, with Lindsey Wylie, '13, Josh Haby (MLS), Shaina Bergt and Professor Brian Bornstein, has a forthcoming article in *Psychology, Crime and Law*. The article addresses age and lineup type differences for the own-race bias in eyewitnesses. With Lori Hoetger, '14, and 2L Kate Hazen, Brank published an article about sibling bullying in the *Journal of Family Violence*. The research was featured on several online news sources including NBCNews.com.

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## Marcia Dority Baker Assistant Professor of Law Library and Access Services Librarian

Professor Marcia Dority Baker is a guest blogger for the *AALL Spectrum* blog during the 2014-2015 academic year. This winter she presented programs on Makerspaces in the library, finding free legal information online and digital assets. Dority Baker co-authored with Professor Stefanie Pearlman “7 Tips for an Efficient Faculty Bibliography: How to Tackle Faculty Bibliography Challenges with (Relative) Ease,” which was published in the *AALL Spectrum* (November 2014).

## Justin (Gus) Hurwitz Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Gus Hurwitz’s recent work has focused extensively on matters before the Federal Communications Commission, alongside other issues related to law and technology. In September, he co-organized a three-day workshop with the FCC and American Enterprise Institute. In October, he was invited to the FCC to speak at the FCC’s Roundtable on “Internet Openness and the Law.” In December, he cohosted the first in a series of Junior Faculty



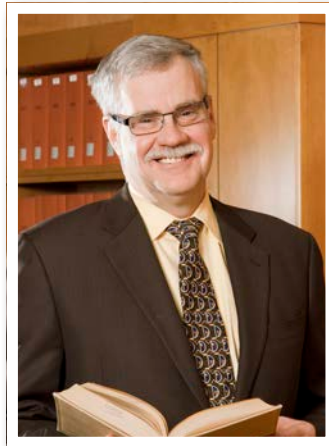
Law & Technology workshops. He is also advising Law College’s new student organization for students interested in Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law and spoke at its inaugural event on cyberbullying and online harassment.

Hurwitz’s most recent article, “Data Security and the FTC’s UnCommon Law,” has been accepted for publication in the *Iowa Law Review*. His other recent publications include a symposium article on Network Neutrality in the *Michigan State Law Review*, a chapter on efforts in the United States to repurpose spectrum allocated to satellite operations for terrestrial use and a number of shorter articles critiquing the FCC’s approach to Internet-related regulation. He has presented his recent work at events organized by Berkeley Law School, Michigan State University School of Law, University of Pennsylvania, the FCC, the annual Telecommunications Policy Research Policy Conference and the Advisory Committee to the Congressional Internet Caucus.

## Richard A. Leiter Director of Schmid Law Library and Professor of Law

Professor Richard Leiter contributed a chapter, “Law Librarians’ Roles in Modern Law Libraries,” for a

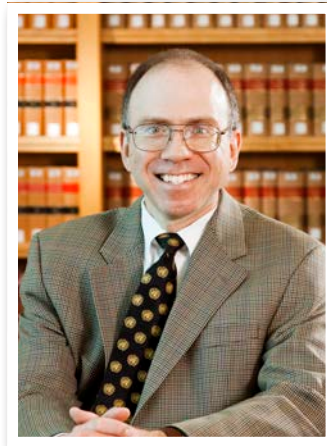
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new book, *Academic Law Library Director Perspectives*, published by William S. Hein & Co. The book is directed at newer academic law library directors. Last summer, Leiter presented, with co-presenter Pablo Arredondo, a fellow at Stanford Law School's Center for Legal Informatics, "The Leading Cases Filter: Enhancing Full-Text Database Searching with Secondary Materials" at the annual conference of CALI (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) at Harvard University Law School.

## John P. Lenich Ross McCollum Professor of Law

Professor John Lenich received the Student Bar Association's 2014-15 award 1L Professor of the Year. He was selected for the award by the members of the first-year class. Lenich spoke to the Nebraska Chapter of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators about the 2015 amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which seek to narrow the scope of discovery and to create a uniform standard for the imposition of sanctions for the loss of electronically stored information. He also wrote an article on the federal venue statutes, "A Simple Question That Isn't So Simple: Where Do Entities



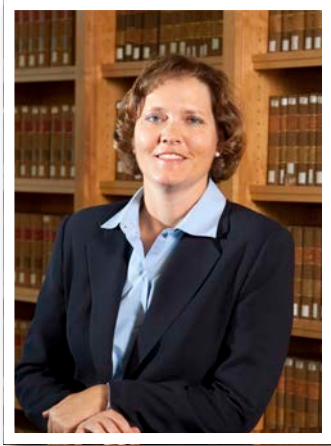
Reside for Purposes of the Federal Venue Statutes?" 84 *Mississippi Law Journal* 253. The article explores the conflict between the two sections of the federal venue statutes that govern the residence of incorporated and unincorporated entities and explains how the statutes can be interpreted to eliminate the conflict. The article also explores some other venue-related issues that have divided the federal courts and suggests how those issues should be resolved.

## Brian D. Lepard Harold W. Conroy Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the LL.M. in U.S. Legal Studies Program

In 2014, Professor Brian Lepard authored a new edition of his book, *Unrelated Business Income Tax Issues in Health Care*, published by Bloomberg BNA as part of its *Health Law & Business Series*. In addition, he authored a second edition of his *Tax Management Portfolio* on "Section 482 Allocations: Specific Allocation Methods and Rules in the Code and Regulations," also published by Bloomberg BNA. He presented a paper on "Customary International Law as a Dynamic Process" at a conference at Duke Law School in Durham, North Carolina. In early 2015 he was appointed as director of the Law College's LL.M. in U.S. Legal Studies Program.

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Colleen E. Medill  
Robert and Joanne Berkshire Family  
Professor of Law

Professor Colleen Medill has been elected a fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel in recognition of her sustained scholarly contributions and public education efforts in the field of employee benefits law for the past 22 years. She is the first fellow ever elected from the State of Nebraska. The ACEBC was established in 2000 to recognize the nation's leading experts in employee benefits law. Election as a fellow is the highest form of professional recognition in the employee benefits law field. During the summer, Medill testified before the Department of Labor's ERISA Advisory Council on the outsourcing employee benefit plan services and related policy implications. The United States Department of Labor released the Council's final report in February 2015, which emphasizes Medill's testimony regarding the lack of guidance from the Department of Labor and the federal courts in key areas of the law of ERISA co-fiduciary responsibilities and related liabilities. The final report is available at <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/2014ACreport3.html>. Medill serves as the faculty advisor for law students who are pursuing a program of concentrated study in Human Resources Law.

Richard E. Moberly  
Associate Dean and Professor of  
Law

Professor Richard Moberly moderated a panel on "Developments and Trends in SOX and Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Litigation" at the Eighth Annual Meeting of American Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section in Los Angeles, California. He also presented a CLE for the McGrath North Speaker Series on "Whistleblowing and Ethics" in Omaha. He has appeared in the national media as an expert commentator on a variety of whistleblower issues, including stories with *USA Today*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and on "AirTalk with Larry Mantle," a news show on KPCC, the National Public Radio station in Los Angeles.

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## Stefanie S. Pearlman Professor of Law Library and Reference Librarian

Professor Stefanie Pearlman co-authored with Professor Marcia Dority Baker, “7 Tips for an Efficient Faculty Bibliography: How to Tackle Faculty Bibliography Challenges with (Relative) Ease.” It was published in 19 *AALL Spectrum* 23 (November 2014).

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

Dean Susan Poser was recently appointed by the current president of the Association of American Law Schools to serve as chair of the AALS Membership Review Committee. This committee reviews law schools on behalf of the AALS for new membership, membership renewal and major change in organization. Last spring, she chaired the ABA New Law Deans Workshop, and more recently, she moderated a panel at the ABA Law Deans meeting about post-graduate training for lawyers. Poser’s travels over the past six months have taken her



to Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Scottsdale, Phoenix, Dallas, Los Angeles, Denver, North Platte and Kearney to visit Law College alumni. In March, Poser moderated a debate at the Lied Center for Performing Arts about carbon emissions for the Wilson Dialogue of the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues at UNL.

## Josephine R. Potuto Richard H. Larson Professor of Constitutional Law

Professor Josephine (Jo) Potuto presented at a session of Chicago Ideas Week, “The Playbook Has Changed.” She shared the podium with Ted Leonis, owner of the Washington Capitals, Wizards and Mystics, as well as the Washington, D.C., Verizon Center; Rich Horrow, host of the Bloomberg Sportfolio TV show; and Ronnie Lott, former USC and NFL All-Pro and Hall of Famer. Potuto moderated two panels and presented at the annual symposium hosted by the National Sports Law Institute at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Potuto also presented at the closing plenary session in Orlando of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, as well as at a symposium sponsored by the *Elon Law Review*. She also was interviewed for a Winthrop Intelligence Google Hangouts Program.

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## Kevin L. Ruser Hevelone Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs

In February, Professor Kevin Ruser returned to Kosovo for a final time to work on the Kosovo Legal Profession Project being run by the National Center for State Courts as a result of a grant it received from the United States Agency for International Development. The project ended March 31, 2015. During his week there, Ruser engaged in the following activities: (1) He taught a class on Legal Writing and Research to law students at Iliria College in Pristina. The class was taught each morning for a week for a total of 15 hours. Eight students participated and received certificates of completion at the end of the class. (2) He had a meeting with all of the Master-level clinical professors at the University of Pristina Law Faculty (UPLF) to talk about their clinical courses and syllabi. (3) He led a workshop at the UPLF Institute of Legal Research to finalize a draft of a legal style and citation manual for use at the UPLF. (4) He gave a three-hour presentation on academic research and writing to Masters and Ph.D. candidates at the UPLF. (5) He participated in a ceremony at Iliria College during which a MOU between the University of Nebraska and Iliria College was signed. (6) He helped judge a mock arbitration competition among students at Iliria College.

## Jessica A. Shoemaker Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Jessica Shoemaker presented her paper, “Emulsified Property,” at the Central Law Schools Association Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge and the Washington University Junior Faculty Workshop in St. Louis. She also wrote multiple posts as an invited guest blogger on Land Use Prof Blog. Shoemaker moderated a panel on “Urban Growth – Rural Resilience” for the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance’s Biannual Summit and facilitated a plenary session at that same event using a land use planning simulation tool she led an interdisciplinary group to develop. Shoemaker is also part of an international research team that recently won a Knowledge Exchange Opportunities Grant from the United Kingdom’s Economic Social Resource Council to further develop this and other related tools for public participation in land use planning and development. She will be traveling to the United Kingdom this spring to collaborate further on this project and to present her work. She continues to work closely with the University’s Rural Future Institute and the Law College’s growing Equal Justice Society student group. She is the proud winner of EJS’s prestigious Golden Ladle Award from the group’s first-annual Faculty Chili Cook-off.

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## Adam Thimmesch Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Adam Thimmesch participated in a Vanderbilt Law Review En Banc roundtable discussion of a current-term Supreme Court case concerning states' taxing powers under the U.S. Constitution. Thimmesch's contribution, "*Comptroller v. Wynne and the Futile Search for Non-Discriminatory State Taxation*," cautions the Court against adopting a neutrality-based standard for purposes of its non-discrimination analysis and suggests alternative ways for the Court to decide the case. Thimmesch has also recently completed two articles addressing state use taxes. Together, the two pieces evaluate those taxes from new perspectives and propose significant changes to their design and enforcement. Thimmesch presented a portion of this research to Nebraska Law students at a S.T.I.R. talk this fall.

## Frans von der Dunk Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni/ Othmer Professor of Space Law

Dr. Frans von der Dunk was one of the hundred-plus signatories of the "100x Asteroid Declaration," a declaration signed by many astronauts, cosmonauts,



Nobel-prize winners and famous artists to call for the space agencies to step up their efforts in searching and finding asteroids that might in the future present a serious risk of collision with earth. The Declaration was presented by two simultaneous press conferences on December 3, 2014, in London by the British Astronomer Royal, Lord Martin Rees and astrophysicist (and lead guitarist with Queen) Brian May, and in San Francisco by astronauts Rusty Schweickart, Ed Lu and Tom Jones.

Von der Dunk has published *Handbook of Space Law*. Von der Dunk wrote six of the book's 19 chapters. The other 13 were provided by authors renowned worldwide in their respective specializations. The book covers a broad gamut of space law, past, present and future. It includes a Preface by Rusty Schweickart, a U.S. astronaut who flew on Apollo 9 and since then has repeatedly worked with von der Dunk on legal issues pertinent to space activities.

Von der Dunk has also published "Federal *versus* State: Private Commercial Spaceflight Operator Immunity Regulation in the United States" in the *Proceedings of the International Institute of Space Law 2013* 517-28 and a Polish translation of his article, "Legal Aspects of Using Space-Derived Geospatial Information for Emergency Response, with Particular Reference to the Charter on Space and Major Disasters," in a Polish book entitled *Geoinformacja Prawo I Praktyka* 122-55.



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Von der Dunk addressed an ABA Webinar online with a talk entitled “Can Aviation Serve as a Model for Space Law: A Practical Approach” in which he introduced the Law College’s LL.M. program on Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law before addressing several key issues regarding the question phrased by the title of the talk. The Webinar was organized and chaired by Giugi Carminati, alumnae of Nebraska Law’s LL.M. program and currently enrolled in the J.S.D. program, where she is writing a dissertation on space law.

Von der Dunk spoke on the topic of jurisdiction in outer space under the heading of “From Space Tourists to Unruly Passengers? The US Struggle with ‘On-Orbit Jurisdiction,’” at the annual International Astronautical Congress’ Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space in Toronto, Canada. He also prepared a White Paper addressing the same issue more in depth for the Nebraska Law’s own annual space law conference in Washington, D.C.

Remotely, von der Dunk gave a lecture on international space treaties and national space law for a class at the University of Houston Law Center, as well as a presentation on the role of the law in the active search for extra-terrestrial intelligence to the SETI Workshop held in Mountain View, California.

Finally, von der Dunk provided support to a professional study benchmarking national space laws for the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry in view of the plans of the Japanese government to develop a national space law for Japan. The main contractor for the study was Euroconsult, a leading European consulting company on matters of space policy, economics and commerce.

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

Professor Steve Willborn published “College Athletes as Employees: An Overflowing Quiver,” 69 *Miami Law Review* 65. He was also co-editor, with Alan Neal of Warwick University, UK, of the 2013 *Yearbook of Comparative Labour Law Scholarship* published by Lancaster House, Toronto, Canada. Willborn spoke on “College Athletes as Employees” at Elon University in Greensboro, North Carolina, and on “Notice, Consent and Non-Consent: Employee Privacy in the Restatement” at a symposium on the Restatement of Employment Law at the Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York. Willborn also gave one of the opening addresses at the XI European Regional Congress of the International Society for Labor and Social Security Law in Dublin, Ireland.

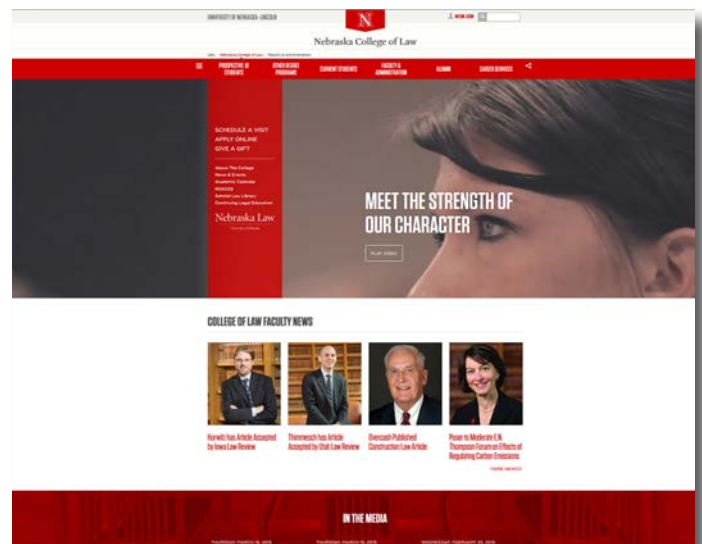
# Faculty Notes



## Sandra B. Zellmer Robert B. Daugherty Professor of Law

Professor Sandi Zellmer was a visiting scholar-in-residence at the University of Colorado School of Law in Boulder while on sabbatical during Fall 2014, and she's the visiting distinguished professor of law at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California, during Spring 2015. She delivered a number of presentations recently: "Unnatural Disasters: How Law Hurts, How Law Can Help," at Stanford University, Vermont Law School and the University of Minnesota; "Water Security and Peacebuilding," at the U.N. Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Conference on Environmental Governance at Yale University; "Legal Landscape: Managing Floodplains and Restoring Salmon," for the Oregon Law Institute and Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission; and "Wilderness Water Rights," at Utah's Stegner Law Center Conference on "The Wilderness Act at 50." Zellmer and co-author Adell Amos (Oregon) are finishing the newest edition of the *Water Law Nutshell*, to be published by West in 2015. Along with co-author Jan Laitos (Denver), she has finished a *Hornbook on Natural Resources Law*, also slated for publication by West in 2015.

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## Medill Recognized for Performance in Field of Employee Benefits Law



Professor Colleen Medill was elected a fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel in recognition of her outstanding performance in the field. Medill is the first fellow from the state of Nebraska and was inducted during the counsel's 15th annual ceremony in Washington, D.C., on October 25, 2014.

The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel (ACEBC) was established in 2000 to recognize the nation's leading experts in the field of employee benefits law. Selection is the highest form of professional recognition in the employee benefits law field. It is based on proof of a sustained commitment to the development and pursuit of public awareness and a deep understanding of the law of employee benefits demonstrated by activities such as writing, speaking, participating in public policy analysis, public education or public service for at least 20 years.

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### Professor Colleen Medill is the first Nebraskan elected a fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel.

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Medill graduated first in her law school class from the University of Kansas School of Law. Following graduation, Medill served as a law clerk to the Honorable Deanell Reece Tacha on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. She then went on to practice law in Kansas City, Missouri, for seven years focusing on federal employee benefits law and banking. From 1997-2005, Medill was a faculty member at the University of Tennessee College of Law. She then joined the faculty at Nebraska Law.

At the College of Law, Medill teaches classes in Property, Real Estate Transactions and Employee Benefits Law. Medill's textbook, *Introduction to Employee Benefits Law: Policy and Practice* (West Academic, 4th edition 2014), is being used in more than 40 law schools in the United States. She is also the author of numerous law review articles on employee benefits topics and is a recurring speaker at national conferences on employee benefits law.

# Bornstein Named Director of Law-Psychology Program

By Loguen Blazek, '16

Dr. Brian Bornstein, professor of psychology and law, has been named the new director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Law-Psychology Dual Degree Program by the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Joseph S. Francisco. "I appreciate that Professor Bornstein has agreed to return early from his current faculty leave to assume this important role in the program," said Francisco.

Bornstein is in his 15th year at UNL and previously served as associate director of the program. His research accomplishments include 12 books, over 140 articles and book chapters and a strong record of extramural grant funding. Bornstein's research and teaching contributions have been recognized with the College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Research and Creative Achievement Award in 2013 and the American Psychology-Law Society Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring Award in 2011.

Bornstein's research efforts focus primarily on how juries, especially in civil cases, make decisions and on the reliability of eyewitness memory. Additional areas of focus are in applying decision-making principles to everyday judgment tasks, as in medical decision-making and distributive and procedural justice. He teaches courses on human memory, psychology and law, decision-making and the history of psychology at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Bornstein's predecessor for his work in this role, "We appreciate [Wiener's] many years of service as the program director and look forward to his continued engagement in the Law-Psychology program." Wiener resigned as director to continue his teaching and research work with the program and the Psychology Department.



Bornstein, too, acknowledged the work of Wiener and past directors. "Previous directors of the UNL Law-Psychology Program have been outstanding scholars and leaders, and I am honored and humbled to be selected to join that group. The program has an impressive history and an exciting future, thanks in large part to the support it receives from the College of Law, the Department of Psychology and throughout UNL. I look forward to working with colleagues and students at the Law College as we continue to build on our past successes."

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The Law-Psychology Program is a collaboration between UNL's Department of Psychology and the College of Law. Founded in 1974, it is the country's oldest and most prestigious program of its kind. In October 2014, the program celebrated its 40th anniversary with a conference that, in part, recognized past directors, professors Bruce Sales, Gary Melton, Steve Penrod and Rich Wiener. Francisco thanked

Dean Susan Poser expressed her excitement in the new appointment, "Dr. Bornstein is an outstanding and prolific scholar and researcher whose work is known nationally and internationally. As a longtime faculty member and associate director, he has made significant contributions to the program already. I am looking forward to working with him to continue to enhance the work and stature of the Law-Psychology Program."

# Chief Justice Roberts Visits College: ‘Court Not Part of Political Process’

The Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., chief justice of the United State Supreme Court, visited the College of Law on Friday, September 19, 2014, as the honored guest of the Roman L. Hruska Institute for the Administration of Justice. During his visit, Roberts participated in a question and answer session with the honorable William Jay Riley, chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, before a capacity audience in Hamann Auditorium. In addition to that audience, several members of the Law College community and the public viewed the event over monitors in spillover rooms in the building, and students across the state viewed it streaming online.

The chief justice of the United States, John G. Roberts, Jr., was born in Buffalo, New York, on January 2, 1955. He was married in 1996 to Jane Sullivan, and they have two children. The chief justice received his A.B. from Harvard College in 1976

and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1979. After clerking for Associate Justice William Rehnquist of the United States Supreme Court in 1980, Roberts went on to be special assistant to the attorney general, U.S. Department of Justice, from 1981-1982. From there he went to work as associate counsel to President Ronald Reagan in the White House Counsel’s Office during 1982-86. Between 1989 and 1993, Roberts was principal deputy solicitor general of the U.S. Department of Justice. He then practiced law in Washington, D.C., until he was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 2003. President George W. Bush nominated Roberts as chief justice of the United

States Supreme Court, and he took his seat September 29, 2005.

The program began with Chief Justice Roberts thanking everybody for coming and expressing his excitement to be visiting Nebraska and speaking to students. Opening with a joke, Roberts responded to a question about how his undergraduate degree in history influences his work saying, “I went to law school because I couldn’t get a job in history.” Roberts went on to answer questions about the job of the chief justice, the role of the judiciary and, in particular, that of the Supreme Court of the United States, as well as some personal questions.

One of the main points Roberts emphasized was his view that the Supreme Court is not a political branch and that the justices work to decide questions based on the law and not along party lines. “We are not part of the political

process; we don’t make decisions on political grounds,” said Roberts. The chief justice also expressed concern about how polarized the confirmation process has become and the growing public perception that the court is a political body. “It worries me we’ve reached a point where neither Justice Scalia nor Justice Ginsberg could survive confirmation if they went before the Senate today, and that’s not a good thing,” remarked Roberts. “We need to keep the partisan divide on the other side of First Street.”

When asked about the duties of the chief justice, Roberts discussed his view and experiences on the Supreme Court. The administrative aspects are his least



Dean Susan Poser introduces Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. and Hon. William Jay Riley.



Chief Justice Roberts before a capacity crowd of students, faculty and members of the judiciary on September 19, 2014.



Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. talks with Hon. C. Arlen Beam following the Hruska program.

favorite part of the job. Shortly after Roberts took his position as chief justice, he remembered being told about how cold it was in the building and realizing that the person mentioned this to him because it was now his job to take care of those types of tasks. “It was an adjustment getting used to the different duties of chief justice, but the role is even more than I imagined,” he said.

For instance, upon taking his seat, Roberts learned that one of his new duties was serving on the Smithsonian Board of Regents. The Smithsonian Institute was created by Congress in 1846 and the authority for the Institute was vested in a Board of Regents, which consists of the chief justice of the United States Supreme Court along with the vice president, three members of the United States Senate, three members of the United States House of Representatives and nine citizens. The Board of Regents meets at least four times a year and, according to the chief justice, provides him with a unique change of pace from his other responsibilities.

Among those responsibilities is assigning opinions to the other justices. Chief Justice Roberts discussed his goal to be fair in assigning those opinions stating, “I aim to give each justice a share of important cases and the ‘dogs.’”

When asked advice on opinion and legal writing, Roberts responded saying, “One of the best ways to learn is from previous judges by reading and analyzing good and bad opinions.” The chief justice himself said he learned a lot from the great opinion writing of Justice Friendly and Chief Justice Rehnquist. The chief justice also appealed to his audience and gave some advice to current and aspiring attorneys in regards to briefs and oral arguments before the Supreme Court. “Keep briefs short and concise,” instructed Roberts. He went on to advise attorneys giving oral argument before the Supreme Court to answer questions directly and concede upfront any negative viewpoints on their side of the case.

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For Roberts, one of the most important parts of his role as chief justice is the diplomatic aspects of the job. He explained how visiting judges look to the United States and particularly the Supreme Court to help them develop the rule of law in their countries.

The conversation with Chief Justice Roberts came to an end with a few questions about Robert's personal life. The chief justice expressed that one of the benefits of working on the Supreme Court is the flexibility over his schedule that it allows. When asked what he did for fun and in his free time, Roberts exclaimed, “I have two teenaged kids; I go to soccer games, hockey games and school plays.”

The chief justice ate lunch with students following his lecture at the College, addressed two Constitutional Law classes, and attended the Nebraska-Miami football game the next day.

# Student: 'Chief Justice's Visit Provided Great Insight into Workings of Court'

By Loguen Blazek, '16



Law students attended a luncheon with Chief Justice Roberts following the Hruska program.

Friday, September 19, 2014, was not your average day at the College of Law – and it was not just because the student body was considerably better dressed than a typical Friday. Instead, everyone was putting their best foot forward because of a very high profile speaker in the building, the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court John G. Roberts, Jr.

As 2Ls, my classmates and I have become very familiar with the opinions of the U.S. Supreme Court through the many cases we are asked to read and analyze. The chief

justice's noontime lecture made the U.S. Supreme Court, its decisions and its justices, come to life. It took the law from the pages of our casebooks and transformed it into a human court of individuals who have the tough task of deciding the cases that come before them. The chief justice amicably addressed the 250+ spectators gathered in Hamann Auditorium that afternoon. His conversational tone and demeanor made his role in American law-making and history seem less formal and intimidating. That is, until you walked down the hallway and ran into a few U.S. Marshals.



Kiersten Haugen, 2L, and Christopher Schmidt, 2L, with Chief Justice Roberts during the luncheon.



Chief Justice Roberts attended a luncheon with members of the 1L, 2L and 3L classes.

During the public lecture, Chief Justice Roberts provided some great insight into the workings of the United States Supreme Court and an inside view into the tasks and concerns of the justices, as well as some great advice for aspiring attorneys.

While his lecture was insightful, the 2Ls benefited more from his visits to the Constitutional Law classes that took place following the lecture. This provided the Class of 2016 the rare opportunity to hear from Chief Justice Roberts in an intimate and extremely informal setting. In

the more circumscribed atmosphere of the classroom, the chief justice responded more in-depth to questions and thoughts from students and the class was able to have a more casual conversation with the individual who currently holds the highest legal position in the country, making for a very exciting class period. While it was nerve-wracking experience, especially for those select individuals who happened to be called on by the chief justice, it was an exciting and beneficial day for the students at the College of Law and one they are not likely to soon forget.





# Law-Psychology Program Celebrates 40th Anniversary

By Eve Brank, '00

Associate Professor of Psychology and Courtesy Professor of Law

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In October, alumni, affiliates, faculty and current students gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the College's Law/Psychology program and look toward the future.

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In 1974, a newly hired assistant professor of psychology, Bruce Sales, JD, PhD, and a group of faculty from both the Department of Psychology and the College of Law led the way for the founding of a unique program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln – a program focused on interdisciplinary training in psychology and law. This program established a way to fully integrate and dual-train students in both disciplines with a joint JD/PhD program that would go on to also include MA/JD and MLS/PhD students. It is no surprise that Nebraska Law is the home to such a longstanding program as it has a long history of supporting social science approaches to the law; indeed, one of the Law College's first deans was Roscoe Pound, a well-known early advocate for applying behavioral science knowledge to legal questions.

This past October, alumni, affiliates, faculty and current students gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the program and look toward the future. The group first gathered at the Wick Alumni Center on Thursday, October 23, to welcome alumni back to Lincoln and focus on the program's relationship with the Law College. Professor Alan Frank related a story about the faculty meeting during which Sales introduced the idea of the new program to the law faculty. Dean Susan Poser thanked the program for fostering the successful and long-standing relationship between the two disciplines and for its continued efforts toward establishing new dual-degree programs. Professor Bob Schopp was honored as being the faculty member who has served on the most dissertation committees for students in the program.

Chancellor Harvey Perlman, who, as a Law College faculty member, played an integral role in the founding of the Law-Psychology program, welcomed the group on Friday. Current faculty then moderated alumni and affiliate panel discussions that tackled such topics as the difficulty inherent in working with vulnerable populations, employment experiences outside of academia and empirical research within the psycholegal domain.

The panelists provided a review of their current research and employment and provided advice for current students. Even though they came from quite varied careers, the intersection and wide-reach of law- psychology was a consistent theme throughout the panels. Those working within psychology and academia described using their legal knowledge to shape and drive their research interests. Those working in more applied settings, like public service, cited their legal training as a means to better serve their clients and the public. In a similar fashion, those working within the legal field, for example, with law firms and as trial consultants, spoke to how their psychological background provides the opportunity to facilitate communication across legal situations.

## AROUND THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES



Also on Friday, Professor Alan Tomkins moderated a panel of all four former program directors – Bruce Sales (program director 1974-1981), Gary Melton (1982-1993), Steve Penrod (1995-2001) and Rich Wiener (2002-2015). This session not only provided insight into their experiences as program directors, but it also provided direction for the program in the next decade and beyond.



Friday ended with a celebratory dinner at the Van Brunt Visitor's Center that focused on the programs relationship with the Psychology Department. Four undergraduate alumni from each of the program director eras spoke about the impact the Law-Psychology program had on them as undergraduate students at UNL. Richard Blunk, an undergraduate during Sales' tenure who went on to become a successful attorney, announced the Bruce Sales Law-Psychology Program Excellence Fund as a way to honor the mentoring and influence Bruce Sales had on Richard's life and career. Finally, on Saturday, the group celebrated at a tailgate before, during and after the Husker football win against Rutgers.



## Civil Clinic 3Ls Boal, Odle Argue Before U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit



Michael Boal, '15, and Adam Odle, '15, appeared before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 9, 2014, to argue a bankruptcy appeal. Boal and Odle were students in the College's Civil Clinic, and prepared for the argument with the help of Civil Clinic professors Kevin Ruser and Ryan Sullivan, and other members of the Lincoln legal community.

Clinic supervisor, Ryan Sullivan, Michael Boal, 3L, Adam Odle, 3L, and Professor Kevin Ruser at the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

## EClinic Tours Greater Nebraska

By Loguen Blazek, '16



In an effort to expand the reach and benefit of the Law College's Entrepreneurship Clinic, its students took part in a tour of greater Nebraska on August 4-5, 2014. Entitled the "Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic Rural Outreach Tour," the trip covered Chadron, Scottsbluff and Broken Bow. Student-attorney participants John Cantril, Preston Peterson and Megan Rotherham made the journey in order to connect communities in central and western Nebraska to the Clinic and the services it provides. The events were free of charge. "A primary goal of this tour was to continue building a meaningful and sustainable network

between the Clinic and attorneys, businesses and economic development stakeholders across the state that will create opportunities for collaboration and service to foster entrepreneurship in these communities," said Brett Stohs, Cline Williams director of the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic.

The tour also provided its students with the opportunity to build professional networks, learn about economic development efforts in the respective communities and promote the services they could provide.

# Community Legal Education Project Celebrates Constitution Day by Teaching in Eight Middle Schools

On Wednesday, September 17, 2014, students from the College of Law lead more than 2,300 Lincoln Public Schools eighth-graders through a project to celebrate Constitution Day.

The project is part of the College's Community Legal Education Project (CLEP), a student-run organization that focuses on community outreach. The effort included more than 60 volunteers who talked about the importance and history of the Constitution in eight Lincoln middle schools.

"This is the second year we have worked with Lincoln Public Schools on this Constitution Day project," said Chris Schmidt, a second-year law student and event organizer. "The Constitution gets a bad rap for being this ancient and old document, but we try to get the students to realize it is alive and affecting us every day."

To show how the Constitution remains active, Schmidt said the presentations involved current topics,

including debates on the need for school uniforms and if freedom of speech applies to social media posts.

"We think the topic of getting in trouble for what you post online will be a good one to get the students' blood going," Schmidt said. "It's going to be fun to show them what the Constitution says and how it even impacts the lives of 13 year olds."

Law students posed the question: Should a school be able to discipline a student for making an inappropriate comment online even if it didn't happen at school? Some classrooms said yes, some said no, but most agree that cyberbullying is a problem that needs to be addressed.

The College's Community Legal Education Project provides law students with the opportunity to teach elementary and middle school students about the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and other legal issues. During the spring semester, law students go into local elementary classrooms once a week for six weeks to teach prepared lessons.



Christopher Schmidt, 2L with Scott Middle School 8th grade students on Constitution Day.

# Haugen Spends Summer at International Law Firm in Uruguay

By Loguen Blazek, '16

Summer is an important time for law students. For 1L students, summer is their first chance to gain some hands-on experience working in the legal field. While most students spent this time working for law firms or non-profit organizations in the United States and taking summer classes, Kiersten Haugen, currently a 2L, spent the summer in Montevideo, Uruguay, working for an international law firm.

Haugen really enjoys international law and knew it was a type of law she wanted to learn more about. "I became a student member of the International Bar Association (IBA), which is how I learned of and applied for the job in Uruguay," said Haugen. The building where Haugen worked was a six story building with roughly 40-50 attorneys. "The setup of the firm was unique, and each floor of the building had its own specialty. It made for a great atmosphere in which people were very willing to help each other and work together." According to Haugen, the newest attorneys worked on the top floor, which is where she was placed.

Working in a foreign country, Haugen had to adjust to many differences. "One of the biggest challenges was the language barrier," said Haugen. "Even being fluent in Spanish, it still takes some practice, especially with the different dialects you have to get used to." Haugen mentioned that one particular difficulty occurred when a meeting she attended was conducted in Portuguese instead of Spanish. "There were definitely struggles along the way working for the first time in a new environment; however, the new perspectives and experiences it gave me were well worth it.

"One of the best parts about my summer was all the interesting people I met while in Montevideo," said Haugen. "It was really great talking to the new attorneys I was working with and learning what studying law was like in their country," said Haugen. "In Uruguay, law is an undergraduate degree that takes five years, so it was fun comparing the different experiences they had as undergraduates versus law school here in America." While in South America, Haugen was able to travel and even stayed with the U.S. ambassador's family in Argentina.

For Haugen, the people she met and relationships she was able to develop were the best part. "Being able to meet so many people in the field I am interested in and network with them was invaluable. I still keep in touch with many of them today."

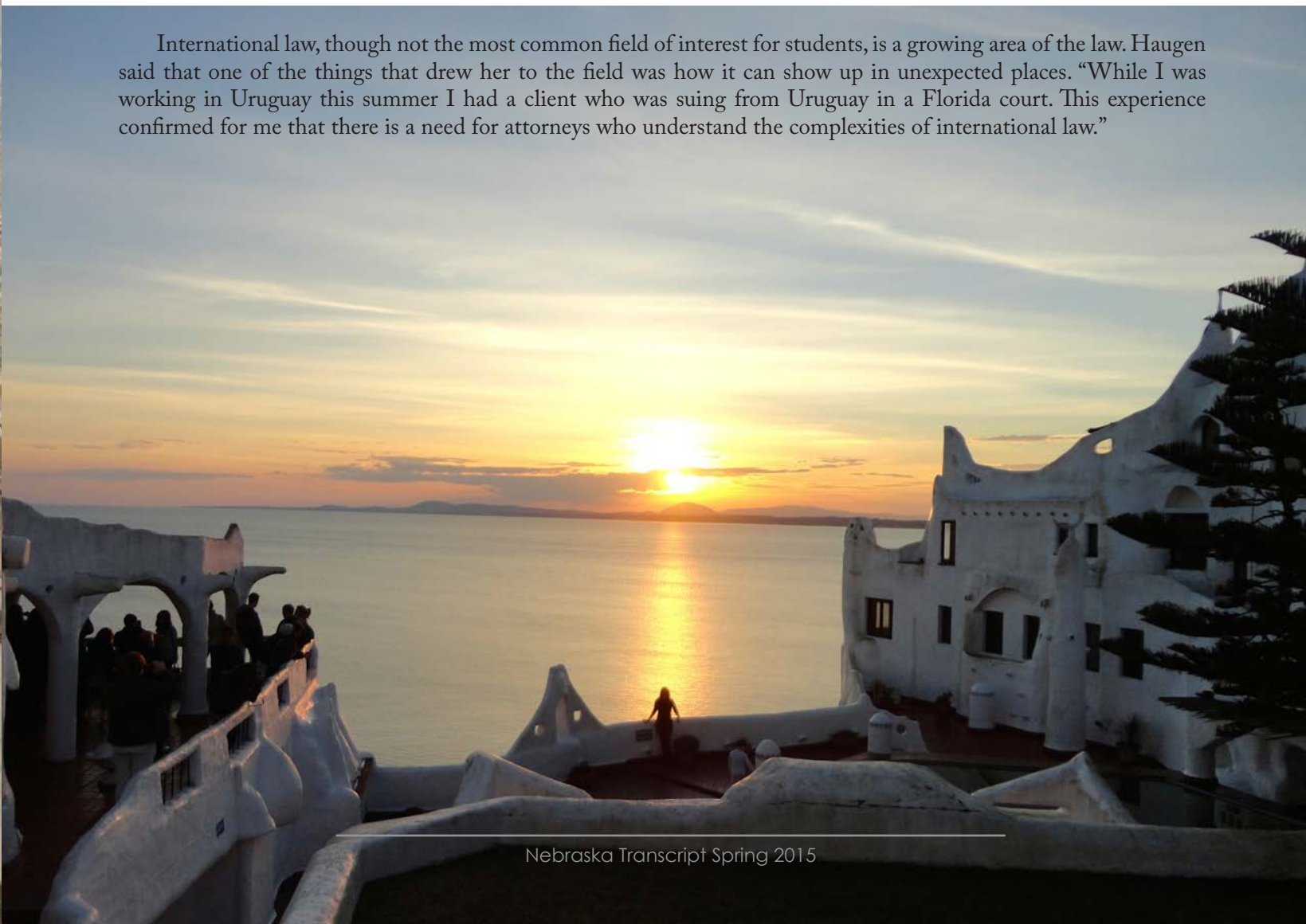


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International law, though not the most common field of interest for students, is a growing area of the law. Haugen said that one of the things that drew her to the field was how it can show up in unexpected places. “While I was working in Uruguay this summer I had a client who was suing from Uruguay in a Florida court. This experience confirmed for me that there is a need for attorneys who understand the complexities of international law.”



# Client Counseling Competition Names in Honor of Frank, Lawson

By Loguen Blazek, '16

One of the most storied and successful extracurricular opportunities offered at the College of Law is the Client Counseling Competition, a program guided by professors Alan Frank and Craig Lawson. Frank began the College's participation in the ABA-sponsored national Client Counseling Competition in the spring semester of 1975, the year the College won its first Client Counseling national championship. He was joined by Lawson four years later, and both have been involved



with the competition ever since. To honor their service and their success as coaches and to mark the occasion of Frank's retirement, the Nebraska Law faculty honored the duo by naming the Law College's Client Counseling Competition The Alan Frank and Craig Lawson Client Counseling Competition.

To celebrate the naming, a lunch was held on September 27, 2014, at the Law College during Alumni Reunion Weekend. Previous client counseling participants were joined by numerous members of the College of Law faculty and administration and family and friends of Frank and Lawson at the event. The celebration consisted of a social hour with drinks and hors d'oeuvres giving guests an opportunity to mingle and catch up, followed by a lunch and program.

Dean Susan Poser welcomed everyone and thanked Frank and Lawson for their great work with the College's Client Counseling teams and congratulated them on their teams' impressive record over the 40 years they have been involved. She pointed out that, under their leadership, the College's teams have won 14 regional championships, five national championships and one international championship. Last spring, the 2014 team of Rick Tast, '15, and Katie Joseph, '15, won the national and regional competitions and placed second at the international competition. In addition to the teams that competed regionally, nationally and internationally, Frank and Lawson have also worked with numerous other teams of students in intra-school competitions.

Frank and Lawson each spoke and expressed their gratitude for the recognition and shared some stories of their experiences with the competition over the years. Frank went on to say, "Craig and I are deeply honored to have the College's Client Counseling Competition named after us. I can think of no retirement gift that would mean as much to me.



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"It has been a pleasure to be involved in the competition and to work with the skilled and hard-working students who that have made the College's Client Counseling teams so successful in the competition over the years."

A featured speaker at the program was Forrest S. (Woody) Mosten, a Los Angeles lawyer and mediator who has been president of the international competition – now called the Louis M. Brown and Forrest S. Mosten International Client Consultation Competition – for more than 25 years. He thanked Frank and Lawson for their years of involvement in and support for the Client Counseling Competition and provided the audience with a little history of the competition and its creator, the late Louis M. Brown, Mosten's good friend and mentor. He concluded his remarks by delivering the official invitation to Dean Poser to have the Law College host the 2015 International Client Consultation Competition in Lincoln in April, a fitting final tribute to Nebraska Law's noteworthy history of participation in the Client Counseling Competition.



# College Celebrates December Commencement



Dean Susan Poser addresses attendees during the December 2014 graduation ceremony held at the College of Law.



Assistant Clinical Professor of Law & Cline Williams Director of the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic Brett Stohs.



University of Nebraska--Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman during the December 2014 graduation ceremony.



Dean Poser with Ryan Beardshear.



Dean Poser with Aaron John.



Dean Poser with Andrew Joyce.



Dean Poser with Katherine Kimble.



Dean Poser with Danielle Larson.



Dean Poser with Kyle McGinn.

# Collier Returns to Nebraska Law to Participate in Masters Week

By Loguen Blazek, '16

Victoria Collier, '02, visited Nebraska Law on November 20 and 21, 2014, as part of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's Alumni Masters Week. While at the Law College, Collier lectured about her career as a leading elder law attorney and met with students in private sessions to discuss career opportunities and planning.

Alumni Masters Week is a program sponsored by the Nebraska Alumni Association, Scarlet Guard and the Chancellor's Office. The event provides students with opportunities to learn from the expertise and knowledge of accomplished alumni. Collier and the other masters were on hand to celebrate the program's 50th anniversary.

Collier's large group lecture, entitled "How to Build Your Law Practice from the Ground Up: Lessons Learned," gave students insight into Collier's own experiences building a law practice. According to Collier, the three keys to success in sustaining a law practice are finding a niche area of the law that you love, distinguishing yourself from others and building referral relationships. For Collier, elder law and veterans benefits provided her those niche areas about which she was passionate. She has also distinguished herself as an expert in that field. "I authored several books on the areas I practice, which helps set me apart as an expert and gives potential clients confidence in my knowledge and expertise."

During her lecture, Collier shared some of her personal history and life experiences with students and spoke about the lessons she learned along the way. After moving out of her parents' house when she was 17, Collier worked several jobs including work as a nursing aid. "As a nursing aid, I developed a passion for working with the elderly, which later led to my focus in the area of elder law," she said. Collier also spent six years in the U.S. Air Force during which time she was trained as a paralegal for the military. This military background led Collier to her other niche practice area, veterans benefits law.



Collier shared several ways students could prepare while still in law school for their future careers. Some tips included enrolling in a professional organization as a student member, applying for a research assistant in a field of interest and networking with students, professors and members of the community. "Because I knew I wanted to one day open my own firm, I also spent any free time I had reading biographies of successful people and entrepreneurs to help gain insight," she said.



Victoria Collier, '02, with Dean Susan Poser and Assistant Dean, Director of Career Services Tasha Everman.

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Following through on the plans she made while at the Law College, Collier started her own firm in Decatur, Georgia, upon her graduation. She has found that one of the toughest aspects of owning her own firm is dealing with the business side of her practice. “It can be hard to remember that it’s not just the law aspect of a practice that matters but also all the administrative tasks that are necessary to keep the firm running.”

In addition to encouraging students to follow their passion, Collier’s advice touched on the need to have a business plan, the benefits of learning leadership skills in addition to legal expertise, marketing strategies and realizing that nobody will care like you do about your business or career. Collier also stressed the importance of blocking out time for family, friends, pets and fun every day. “A law career is often very stressful and time consuming so I consciously choose to create a work-life balance that is acceptable for me and my family,” she said.



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# Yeutter, Nebraska Ag Secretaries Honored with East Campus Statues

*Courtesy of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources*

On a late-summer day when four former U.S. secretaries of agriculture from Nebraska, including Nebraska Law alumnus Clayton Yeutter, '63, were honored in bronze on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's East Campus, Ronnie Green already was looking ahead to the need to make room for a fifth and sixth – who knows how many? – statues.

Green, Harlan vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, led the dedication on September 20 of statues of Yeutter, J. Sterling Morton, Clifford Hardin and Mike Johanns.

Only Iowa claims more secretaries of agriculture, with five, but Green assured the crowd Nebraska isn't done.

"When the next secretary of agriculture from Nebraska is appointed, we'll start working on that next statue," he said.

Yeutter's statue is in the Jeanne Yeutter garden, while the other three are placed in an area bound by the East Union, Thompson Library and Filley Hall. With planned renovations to the library and the union, Green said, this Legacy Plaza will become a major focal point on East Campus, where the statues will serve to educate future generations of students about "these four distinguished Nebraskans who have served our country greatly."

Green said the idea for the statues was born during the celebration two years ago of the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act, which created the land-grant university system. Yeutter and Johanns were among four former ag secretaries who participated in a panel-discussion Heuermann Lecture that fall.

The statues, privately funded, were sculpted by Matthew Placzek of Omaha, who expressed his joy in getting to know the four men's families over the last couple of years. "To me, to be a part of this wonderful campus is truly an honor," Placzek said.



Yeutter and Johanns expressed appreciation. "I've been a Cornhusker all my life," said Yeutter, a Dawson County native.

Johanns, a former governor and U.S. senator, said he too was honored.

"You can't be a senator or governor and not have a very deep, passionate appreciation of what the University of Nebraska means to this state," he said.

# Law-Psychology Program Alumni

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s Law-Psychology Program in October 2014 brought a number of former program directors and graduates of the program to Lincoln from across the county, many of whom served on panels or spoke as part of the celebration’s program. Here are brief descriptions of what many of those graduates are doing now.

## Directors

**Bruce Sales** (1974-1981), is the Virginia L. Roberts professor of criminal justice at Indiana University.

**Gary Melton** (1982-1993), is professor of pediatrics in the University of Colorado School of Medicine, professor of community and behavioral health in the Colorado School of Public Health, adjunct professor of psychology at the University of Colorado Springs and associate director for community development and social policy in the Kempe Center for Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect. For 30 years, he directed interdisciplinary centers and institutes (usually as founding director) at, successively, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of South Carolina and Clemson University.

**Steven Penrod** (1995-2001), is the distinguished professor of psychology at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City.

**Richard Weiner**, MLS ’89, (2002-2015), recently stepped down as director of the Law-Psychology Program at the University of Nebraska. He is continuing his association with the program as a professor of psychology.

## Law College Alumni

**Brian Bornstein**, ’01 MLS, was recently named director of the Law-Psychology Dual Degree Program at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. He has been with the program since 2000.

**Eve Brank**, ’00 JD, is an associate professor of psychology and courtesy professor of law with the UNL Law-Psychology Program.

**Emily Campbell**, ’91 JD, is the founder and managing member of the Campbell Law Firm in New York City. She is also an adjunct professor at New York Law School, where she teaches Advising Entrepreneurs, Drafting Contracts and Mental Disability Law and serves as a member of the advisory board for Nebraska Law’s Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic.

**Lynn Castrianno**, ’90 MLS, is the director of Continuous Quality Improvement and Data

Management for Nebraska Families Collaborative (NFC), a non-profit agency that provides child welfare support to families.

**Keith Cruise**, ’95 MLS, is an associate professor and co-director of the Clinical-Forensic Specialization in the Department of Psychology at Fordham University.

**Eric Elbogen**, ’00 MLS, is a forensic psychologist who conducts both clinical work and empirical research at the intersection of law and mental health services, with a particular focus on military veterans. He is currently a principal investigator of an NIMH funded R01 examining the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) on violence and aggression among Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans.

**Patricia Falk**, ’83 JD, is the Charles R. Emrick, Jr./ Calfee, Halter & Griswold endowed professor of law at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.



**Jennifer Groscup**, '00 JD, is an associate professor of psychology at Scripps College in Claremont, California.

**Matt Huss**, '01 MLS, is a professor of psychology at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Bradley McAuliff**, '03 JD, is a professor of psychology at California State University Northridge.

**Monica Miller**, '02 JD, is an associate professor at the University of Nevada, Reno with a split appointment between the Criminal Justice Department and the interdisciplinary doctoral program in Social Psychology. She also is an adjunct faculty at the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies and a faculty associate for the Women's Studies Program.

**Kathy Olson**, '81 JD, is the associate director of UNL's Center on Children, Families, and the Law (CCFL). She is the administrator of CCFL's training activities for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. She also is an adjunct clinical professor at the College of Law.

**Jennifer Robbennolt**, '96 JD, is a professor of law and psychology at the University of Illinois College of Law. Robbennolt previously served as associate dean for faculty research and development, associate professor and senior fellow in the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law and research associate and lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and at Princeton University's Department of Psychology.

**Mark Small**, '90 JD, is a professor of psychology and associate director of the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University. He also directs the doctoral graduate program in international family and community studies and will be spending summers from 2015-2017 as a Fulbright Scholar in Albania.

**Cassandra Stajduhar**, '03 JD, is a workers' compensation judge on the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board in Long Beach, California.

**Christina Studebaker**, '89 MLS, is a litigation research analyst for the litigation department in the Barnes & Thornburg's Indianapolis, Indiana, law office and for ThemeVision, the firm's jury research and advocacy analysis affiliate.

**David L. Suggs**, '79 JD, is of counsel in the Shorewood, Minnesota, law office of Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman. In addition to representing people who have been injured by dangerous and defective drugs, Suggs has experience with anti-trust lawsuits and served as defense co-counsel in *State of New York vs. Mark David Chapman* for the murder of John Lennon.

**Pat Tetreault**, '89 MLS, is the founding director of Student Involvement's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Asexual & Ally (LGBTQA+) Resource Center at UNL.

**Mark W. Patry**, '01 MLS, is an associate professor and chairperson of the Psychology Department at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**David Washington**, '98 MLS, is the founder and CEO of Partnerships for Purpose, a philanthropic advisory firm that coordinates innovative, high-yield public-private partnerships leveraging the reach and influence of policy, entertainment, foundation, and corporate sectors for pro-social change. He is a former aide to President Obama and served as an associate director in the White House as the lead liaison to the business and philanthropy communities. Washington now serves as a senior fellow at the Society & Business Lab at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business.



# 2014 Alumni Reunion



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Alumni Reunion Weekend

October 23-24, 2015

Huskers v. Northwestern

Honor Class Years: 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010

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# Alum Notes

## 1950s

**Charles Thone**, '50, was awarded a 2014 Award of Appreciation by the Nebraska State Bar Association. The Award of Appreciation is awarded to an individual or organization in recognition of outstanding public service creating a better public understanding of the legal profession and the administration of justice. Thone is a former representative to Congress and a former governor of the State of Nebraska.

**David B. Downing**, '53, retired from the practice of law in October. In 1959, Downing joined his father's practice in Superior, and he has made his home there ever since.

**Jan Gradwohl**, '54, retired Lancaster County judge, received the Jim Wolf Equal Justice Award from Nebraska Appleseed on October 8.

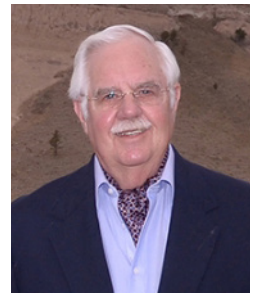
## 1960s

**Thomas J. Fitchett**, '66, has joined the Lincoln law firm Endacott, Peetz & Timmer as of counsel.

**Clayton Yeutter**, '63, secretary of agriculture under President George H.W. Bush, has been chosen to receive the Nebraska Farm Bureau's Silver Eagle Award.



**Robert Hippe**, '68, of Gering, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Nebraska at Kearney Alumni Association during UNK's homecoming activities in September. Hippe is a retired district judge from Nebraska's 12th District, a position he held for 30 years before retiring in 2007. Upon his retirement, he joined Pahlke Law Group as a staff litigator and has served as a mediator.



**Kent E. Person**, '68, is of counsel in the Holdrege law firm Person, DeWald & Deaver. Person previously operated the office as Person Law Office.

## 1970s

**James D. Livingston**, '70, retired on October 1, 2014, as district judge for Nebraska's Ninth Judicial District. He took the bench in July 1992. He has been named The *Grand Island Independent's* 2014 Man of the Year.

**James M. Walters**, '70, a senior partner in the Atlanta, Georgia, office of Fisher & Phillips, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2015*. Walters practices labor and employment law.



**Randall Rehmeier**, '72, has been appointed to the Nebraska Board of Parole by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Rehmeier, of Nebraska City, is a retired district court judge who served on the bench for 23 years. Rehmeier was also the 2014 recipient of the George H. Turner Award, presented by the Nebraska State Bar Association to a member of NSBA who has demonstrated unusual efforts in furthering the public understanding of the legal system, the administration of justice and confidence in the legal profession.



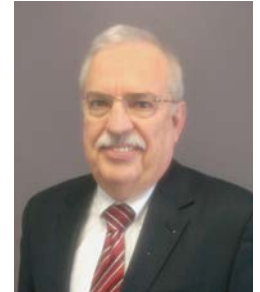
**Ken Bunger**, '73, has been appointed to the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission and serves on the board of director's executive subcommittee.

**Steven D. Burns**, '73, Lancaster County district judge, was presented the 2014 Service to the Community Award by the Nebraska Supreme Court. The award honors a judge who has distinguished himself through volunteer work locally and abroad. Burns is a regular volunteer in the kitchen of Matt Talbot, has helped build homes for low-income Nebraskans through Habitat for Humanity, has helped in the clean-up efforts in Joplin, Missouri, and Moore, Oklahoma, after devastating tornadoes and in Texas and Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. He has also participated in mission trips to Africa with Children of the Nations International, which provides assistance and care to orphaned and destitute children, and to Northern Ireland where he worked to promote tolerance and understanding between youth in religiously segregated sections of Belfast.

**Gale Pokorny**, '73, retired as judge of the Lancaster County Court on September 1, 2014. He took the bench on October 14, 1983.

**Michael J. Tavlin**, '73, chief financial officer for Speedway Motors in Lincoln, has been elected to the board of directors of the Woods Charitable Fund.

**John Albin**, '74, has been named Nebraska commissioner of labor by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Albin has served the Nebraska Department of Labor in different capacities for almost 25 years, most recently as acting commissioner.



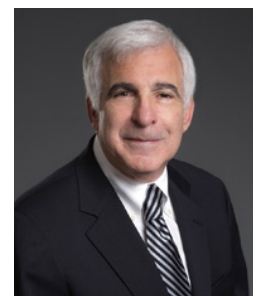
**Dennis G. Carlson**, '74, was presented with the 2014 Award of Special Merit by the Nebraska State Bar Association. The Award of Special Merit recognizes significant and continuing contributions to the legal profession. Carlson served as Nebraska counsel for discipline from 1981 until his recent retirement.

**Jim Gordon**, '74, a partner with the Lincoln law firm DeMars, Gordon, Olson, Zalewski & Wynner, was featured in an "In the Courtroom" column in *The Jewish Press* in September.



**David Jacobson**, '74, was inducted into the Omaha Central Hall of Fame in October. He is chairman of the Omaha-based law firm Kutak Rock.

**Stephen A. Spitz**, '74, has joined the Stevens & Lee in the law firm's Charleston, South Carolina, office as of counsel. Spitz previously was a professor of property law at the University of South Carolina School of Law and the Charleston School of Law.





**Matt Williams**, '74, has been selected to the Nebraska Legislature representing District 36. He is president and chairman of Gothenburg State Bank. He was the 2014 recipient of the Bruning Award, presented by the American Bankers Association for outstanding leadership in agricultural banking.

**Kathryn Braeman**, '75, has been appointed chair of the board of advisors at the George Washington University Institute for Spirituality & Health. Braeman is owner and life coach at the Katalyst Connection in Washington, D.C.



**Brian K. Ridenour**, '75, has joined the Lincoln law firm Kinsey Rowe Becker & Kistler as an of counsel attorney. He retired as vice president, associate general counsel at Fiserv, Inc. in April. Ridenour's practice includes the formation of new business entities, mergers and acquisitions, commercial contracts, computer law and international trade.

**Daniel J. Wintz**, '75, has joined Koley Jessen law firm in Omaha in its employment, labor and benefits practice group and its business succession planning team.



**Gene Crump**, '76, and his wife **Linda Crump**, '90, were awarded the MLK Fulfilling the Dream Award by UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman at the Chancellor's Program during Martin Luther King Jr. Week at UNL. The award honors the couple's advocacy that has spanned several decades. Gene Crump is the retired associate general counsel for UNL.

**Paul D. Merritt, Jr.**, '77, has resigned as district judge for Nebraska's Third Judicial District that covers Lancaster County effective March 31, 2015. He was appointed to the court by Gov. Kay Orr in October 1988. In 2013, Merritt was awarded the Distinguished Judge for Service to the Judiciary Award for his years of committee work and volunteer teaching.



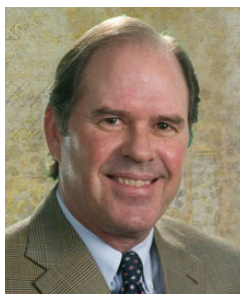
**Robert Nefsky**, '77, an attorney with the Lincoln law firm Rembolt Ludtke, was featured in a "Business Minute" in *The Midlands Business Journal*.

**Jack Zitterkopf**, '78, has been named Hall County attorney by the Hall County Board of Supervisors in Grand Island. Zitterkopf had been chief deputy county attorney.



**Ron Depue**, '79, a partner in the law firm Shamberg, Wolf, McDermott & Depue, has been elected to the Grand Island Public Schools board of directors.

**John L. Strobe, Jr.**, '79, has been appointed to the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission and serves as the commission's secretary.



**Timothy Engler**, '79, assumed the role as chair of the Nebraska State Bar Association House of Delegates at the NSBA's annual meeting in October. Engler is a general litigation and commercial litigation attorney at Rembolt Ludtke in Lincoln.

## 1980s

**Steven A. Brewster**, '80, a partner with Krotter Hoffman with offices in Atkinson, O'Neill, Norfolk and Stuart, has been elected to



the board of directors of the Nebraska Community Foundation.



**Thomas M. Maul**, '80, was elected president-elect designate of the Nebraska State Bar Association at NSBA's annual meeting in October. Maul is a

solo practitioner in Columbus working in the areas of real estate, probate, estate planning and guardianship/conservatorship.

**David Pederson**, '80, senior partner with the North Platte law firm Pederson & Troshynski announced that the firm has opened an office in Gothenburg.



**Joan Cannon**, '81, has joined the employee benefits and executive compensation practice with the Omaha law firm McGrath North.

Cannon has specialized in employee benefits law for over 14 years.

**Greg Thomas**, '81, has joined the Omaha- and Lincoln-based law firm Dyer Law. He represents victims of negligence and work-place accidents, including automobile accidents and medical insurance claims.

**David Beggs**, '82, retired as a captain with the Lincoln Police Department after serving on the force for 46 years. He started as a cadet when he was 17, before graduating from high school. He patrolled the streets as a beat cop, worked as an investigator and in narcotics and lead the southwest Lincoln team. When he retired he was duty commander, the officer in charge of all operations during a shift including doing the roll call or lineup several times a day to start officers' shifts.

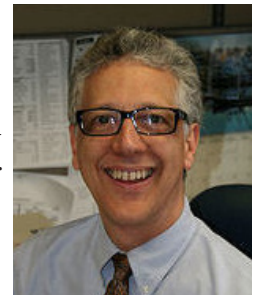
**Glenda J. Pierce**, '82, was the recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Contributor to Women in the Law Award presented by the Women and the Law Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association. The Outstanding Contributor to Women in the Law Award recognizes the recipient's lifetime achievements as a person who has directly contributed to the active integration and participation of women in the Nebraska system of justice. Pierce served for 23 years as the associate dean of academic and student services at the College of Law.

**Mark Young**, '82, was appointed a district judge for the Ninth Judicial District, which consists of Hall and Buffalo counties. Young has served as Hall County attorney since 2004.



**Frankie J. Moore**, '83, has been appointed chief judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals by the Nebraska Supreme Court. Moore has served on the Court of Appeals since 2000.

**Joe Nigro**, '83, has been elected Lancaster County public defender.



**Bryan Slone**, '83, an attorney serving of counsel with the Omaha law firm Koley Jessen, has been elected to the board of directors of Ameritas Mutual Holding Company.

**Patty Pansing Brooks**, '84, has been elected to the Nebraska Legislature representing District 28. She is a partner in the Lincoln law firm Brooks, Pansing Brooks.





**Daniel B. Goldman**, '85, has joined the New York office of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel as a partner in the firm's litigation department. Goldman has substantial experience litigating high-stakes disputes throughout the country and regularly handles multimillion-dollar securities, merger and contract cases.

**Kay Maresh**, '85, has retired after 15 years of service on the Raymond Central School District Board of Education.

**Kim Robak**, '85, was elected to the Nebraska State Bar Association's executive committee at the NSBA's annual meeting in October. Robak is a senior partner at Mueller Robak in Lincoln.



**Michael K. High**, '86, retired as a judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court on November 30, 2014, after serving nearly 17 years on the bench.

**J.L. Spray**, '86, stepped down as chairman of the Nebraska Republican Party in March.

**David Cookson**, '87, a former Nebraska chief deputy attorney general, has joined Bruning Law Group in Lincoln.

**Meredith Oakes Peterson**, '87, served as Laramie, Wyoming, Municipal Court judge for a one-year term.



**Mark C. Quandahl**, '87, has been named director of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance by Gov. Pete Ricketts. He is a former member of the Nebraska State Board of Education and a former Nebraska state senator.

**Greg Heier**, '88, has been appointed athletic director at Presentation College in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He came to Presentation after serving for eight years as athletic director at Doane College in Crete where he was a two-time Great Plains Athletic Conference Athletic Director of the Year.



**Stephen J. Henning**, '89, announced the opening of the Florida office of Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman. Florida is the eighth state where the firm maintains an office. Henning is based in the Los Angeles office. He was honored by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* for corporate leadership.

**Robert Parker**, '89, was named chair elect of the Nebraska State Bar Association's House of Delegates at NSBA's annual meeting in October.



**Beth Townsend**, '89, of Granger, Iowa, has been appointed director of Iowa Workforce Development by Gov. Terry Branstad. She formerly was director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.

## 1990s

**Linda Crump**, '90, and her husband **Gene Crump**, '76, were awarded the MLK Fulfilling the Dream Award by UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman at the Chancellor's Program during Martin Luther King Jr. Week at UNL. The award honors the couple's advocacy that has spanned several decades. Linda Crump is the retired director of Equity, Access and Diversity Programs at UNL.

**Dave Bydalek**, '91, has been appointed chief deputy to Attorney General Doug Petersen. Bydalek previously served as an assistant attorney general and as policy director for the Nebraska Family Alliance.

**Todd L. Bice**, '92, co-founding partner of the Las Vegas, Nevada, law firm Pisanelli Bice, was profiled in the *Business Press* of Las Vegas.



**Jane Jeffries Richardson**, '92, has been elected to the Hall County Board of Supervisors. She and her husband own Balz Banquet and Reception Hall and Balz and Whitey's restaurants and bars.

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**Allen Wilson**, '93, a special agent with the FBI's Dallas division and one of several employees of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas who were members of the prosecution team in what came to be known as the Dallas City Council public corruption case, was recognized for his work by Attorney General Eric Holder and Executive Office for the U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) Director Monty Wilkinson at the 30th Annual Director's Award Ceremony in September in Washington, D.C.

**Jon Bruning**, '94, former Nebraska attorney general and state senator, has opened Bruning Law Group in Lincoln.



**Melanie A. Knoepfle**, '94, has joined Thrivent Financial as a financial associate in Columbus.



**Amie Martinez**, '94, assumed the duties as president of the Nebraska State Bar Association at the NSBA's annual meeting in October. She was also selected to be a member of the American Law Institute. Martinez is a shareholder with the Lincoln law firm Anderson, Creager & Wittstruck.

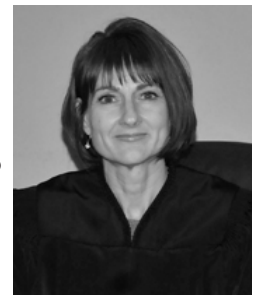
**Michelle Chaffee**, '95, has been appointed director of the new Office of Public Guardian by the Nebraska Supreme Court.



**Ruth Sorensen**, '95, has been reappointed property tax administrator at the Nebraska Department of Revenue by Gov. Pete Ricketts.

**Tony Urban**, '95, has been elected to a four-year term on the board of directors of McGladrey, a provider of assurance, tax and consulting services. Urban leads the firm's national state and local tax planning practice, as well as serving as the Nebraska tax practice leader for the firm's offices in Omaha and Lincoln.

**Linda Bauer**, '96, has been appointed county court judge in Nebraska's First Judicial District by Gov. Dave Heineman. Bauer previously was a partner at Schwab & Bauer in Fairbury and served as Jefferson County attorney.



**Robert E. Caldwell II**, '96, has joined NEBCO as director of corporate development. His first priority is working on NEBCO's Fallbrook commercial and retail development in northwest Lincoln. Caldwell led the construction of Lincoln's Pinnacle Bank as CEO of Hampton Enterprises. He was also re-elected to the board of directors of the Topeka Federal Home Loan Bank where he serves as vice-chairman,

**Carl Eskridge**, '96, has been elected to the board of directors of the Woods Charitable Fund. Eskridge is deputy ombudsman in the Office of Public Counsel and serves as a member of the Lincoln City Council.



**Karen Haase**, '96, has opened, with **Steve Williams**, '96, and **Bobby Truhe**, '11, KSB School Law, a Lincoln law firm focused on school law and related issues. Haase presented "Parenting in a Digital World" at two Grand Island high schools in October.

**Holly Parsley**, '96, was appointed Lancaster County Court judge by Gov. Dave Heineman. Previously she served as deputy Lancaster County attorney.





**Rob Schafer**, '96, has been elected to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents representing District 5. He was previously appointed to the board by Gov. Dave Heineman. Schafer is managing partner at the Beatrice law firm Carlson, Schafer & Davis and staff judge advocate to the 155th Refueling Wing in the Nebraska Air National guard.

**Kent Solt**, '96, has joined Guidepost Solutions Washington, D.C., office as senior director for Guidepost's diligence services group. Most recently, Solt was a senior investigative analyst with Keypoint Government Solutions. Guidepost Solutions' work involves investigations, due diligence, cyber and technology security consulting, immigration and cross-border consulting and monitoring and compliance solutions.



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**Patrick D. Timmer**, '97, has opened Endacott, Peetz & Timmer in downtown Lincoln. The firm specializes in trust and estate and community banking law.

**Genelle Bayer**, '98, has joined the Law Firm of Alex Dell and is the firm's full-time resident attorney in its new Plattsburgh, New York, office.

**Amber F. Herrick**, '98, has joined the Lincoln law firm Endacott, Peetz & Timmer. She concentrates her practice in estate planning, probate and trust administration, guardianships and conservatorships and civil litigation.

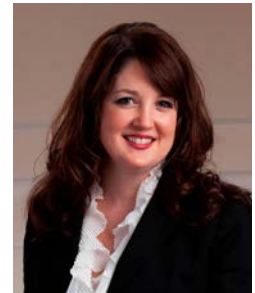
**Nate Birkholz**, '99, has been hired by Merchants Bank in Winona, Minnesota, as senior vice president and trust department manager. He was formerly trust manager at Eastwood Bank and a trust officer for Wells Fargo.

**Rich Hitz**, '99, has joined the Omaha law firm Carlson & Burnett as a partner. Hitz has represented individuals and families in nursing home abuse and neglect, medical malpractice, wrongful death, personal injury and workers' compensation cases throughout Nebraska.

**Julie Rogers**, '99, inspector general of Nebraska Child Welfare, was featured in an article in the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

## 2000s

**Angela Dunne**, '00, of Koenig/Dunne Divorce Law in Omaha has received an AV Preeminent rating through the Martindale Hubbell Peer Review ratings. She has also been named one of the Super Lawyers rising Stars for 2014.



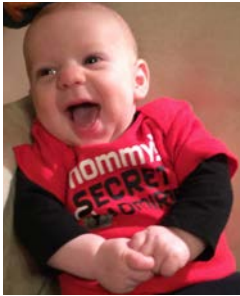
**Jodi Hoos**, '00, was appointed a circuit judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit in Illinois by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill a judicial vacancy. Her term on the bench expires in 2016, when she can run for election. Hoos was a prosecutor with the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office for nearly 15 years. In 2007 she was named chief felony prosecutor.

**Scott Grafton**, '01, has opened Grafton Law Office on the downtown square in Aurora. He has been practicing law in Aurora since 2001.

**Andy Romtzke**, '01, is the owner of Vintage Title & Escrow in Kearney.

**Scott M. Vogt**, '01, regional general counsel and vice president for CBSHome Real Estate, HomeServices of Nebraska and Nebraska Land Title and Abstract, has joined the board of directors of the YMCA of Greater Omaha.

**Michaela Buckbee Bohling**, '03, and her husband welcomed Ryan Jeffrey Bohling on September 22 at 8:50 a.m. He was 7 lbs. 15 oz., 20.75 inches long. Ryan was also welcomed by big brother Luke.



**Neleigh Boyer**, '03, and her husband Mark welcomed a son, Teague David, on October 20, 2014. Teague is also welcomed by brother and sister, Ty and Paige. Boyer is an attorney with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

**Josh Eickmeier**, '03, was reelected mayor of Seward.

**Kyle Long**, '03, has been elected to the Scottsbluff Public School Board of Education.



**Jennifer N. Rowling**, '03, has joined the Tye Law Firm in Kearney as an associate. Her practice focuses of family and juvenile law. Prior to joining the firm, Rowling practiced law in Tacoma, Washington.

**Andrea Stritzke**, '03, has been named director of regulatory compliance by the Madison, Wisconsin-based CUNA Mutual Group. She formerly was vice president of regulatory compliance for PolicyWorks in Des Moines, Iowa.



**Rick Grady**, '04, an associate in the Columbus, Ohio, office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, has been named a 2015 Ohio Rising Star in construction law.

**Katherine Gregg**, '04, gave birth to a daughter, Madeleine, on September 30, 2014. Madeleine joins big brother Grant, who is three. Gregg continues to practice juvenile law at the Adams County Attorney's Office in Colorado where she has been for nine years.

**Todd Mulliner**, '04, was recognized by the Nebraska Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO)



for his dedication to the company. As general counsel, special assets officer and senior vice president, Mulliner advises NEDCO in matters relating to secured transactions and regulatory compliance.

**Katie Spohn**, '04, former Nebraska deputy attorney general, has joined the Bruning Law group in Lincoln.

**Kevin Corlew**, '05, has been elected to the Missouri House of Representatives representing District 14. Corlew, an attorney with the Kansas City firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, previously served on the Board of Education for North Kansas City Schools.



**Kristin A. Fearnow**, '05, has joined the Omaha law firm Dornan, Lustgarten & Troia as an associate practicing immigration law. Fearnow is the chair of the Iowa/Nebraska chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, sits on the board of directors of National Justice for Our Neighbors and is a member of the American Immigration Associations committee concerning violence against women.

**John Levy**, '05, executive director of the Heart Ministry Center, was featured in an article in the *Omaha World-Herald*. The Heart Ministry Center is a north Omaha nonprofit that operates a food pantry, a free clothes closet and medical clinics, among other services.



**Sarah Lierman**, '05, has joined First National Bank Wealth Management as a director of trust services in Omaha where she administers trusts, estates, conservatorships, agencies and investment management accounts. She is a certified trust and financial advisor. Lierman also serves as treasurer of the Omaha Estate Planning Council.





**Jason M. Caskey**, '06, has been named partner at Kutak Rock. He practices at the firm's Omaha office in the information technology and intellectual property group.

**Daniel E. Dawes**, '06, is the principal investigator of the

National Health Equity & Exchange Network (HELEN), a collaborative effort between the National REACH Coalition, Morehouse School of Medicine and the National Collaborative for Health Equity. The HELEN initiative includes members of various organizations, coalitions and associations committed to the elimination of health disparities, serves as a national forum for health equity champions to share information about timely, relevant and pressing policy issues impacting health equity.



**Luke T. Deaver**, '06, is a partner in the Holdrege law firm Person, DeWald & Deaver. Deaver joined the Person Law Office in 2011.



**Jill D. Fiddler**, '06, has been named a partner in the Lincoln office of Woods & Aitken. She joined the firm in 2006 and is a member of the firm's transactions department.

**Kimberly A. Jones**, '06, Has joined VanDeVoorde Hall Law of Sebastian, Florida, as an associate attorney practicing in probate and guardianship.



**Mathew T. Watson**, '06, has been appointed a shareholder in the Omaha law firm McGill, Gotsdiner, Workman & Lepp. Watson, who joined the firm as an associate in 2011, practices in a variety of areas including

commercial litigation, corporate, business, labor and employment law.

**Daniel R. Carnahan**, '07, has joined the Omaha office of Woods & Aitken as an associate. He focuses his practice on estate planning and administration, real estate and business transactions.

**Mindy Rush Chipman**, '07, is rural capacity building attorney for Justice for Our Neighbors-Nebraska, a faith-driven ministry that provides free immigration legal services, education and advocacy to low-income immigrants.



**Jason W. Grams**, '07, has been named a partner in the Omaha law firm Lamson, Dugan & Murray. His practice is focused on complex litigation, predominately in federal court.

**Zach Hemenway**, '07, has been elected partner at Stinson Leonard Street. Hemenway practices at the firm's Kansas City, Missouri, office in the firm's business litigation division with an emphasis on data law, information governance and e-Discovery and analysis.



**Brian Koerwitz**, '07, has joined the Lincoln law firm Endacott, Peetz & Timmer. He practices in all areas of civil litigation including construction law.

**Bradley Marsicek**, '07, has joined the Omaha office of the domestic litigation firm Cordell & Cordell as an associate attorney.



**Jason Cantone**, '08, a research associate at the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C., has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the American Psychological Association's Committee on Legal Issues (COLI).



**Krista M. Carlson**, '08, has been named a partner at the Lincoln law firm Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl.

Carlson, who joined the firm in 2008, concentrates her practice on civil defense litigation and appellate advocacy.

**Jerusha L. Hancock**, '08, has joined the veterans' benefit section of Berry Law Firm in Lincoln as an associate.

**Brandy Hataway**, '08, has been promoted to director of Academic and Membership Affairs for the NCAA. She previously served as associate director.

**Diane Hastings Lewis**, '08, has been named a shareholder of Brown & Ruprecht in Kansas City, Missouri. She joined Brown & Ruprecht as an associate in 2010 following a clerkship with the Honorable John F. Wright of the Nebraska Supreme Court. Hastings Lewis focuses her practice on construction law, commercial litigation, professional liability defense and appeals.



**Josh Norton**, '08, has been promoted to a shareholder in the Omaha law firm Koley Jessen. Norton's practice is focused in the areas of mergers and acquisitions and general corporate law.

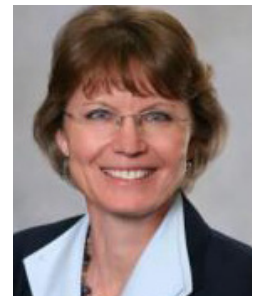
**Nic Sikora**, '08, is the owner/operator of Lichy Tubach Sikora Insurance Agency and a newly appointed real estate broker for Sikora Realty in Falls City. He is pleased to announce the birth of his family's fourth child and first daughter, Rosalin Louise Sikora.



**Amanda Engen**, '09, has opened Engen Law Office in Devils Lake, North Dakota. Her areas of practice include family law, estate planning including gun trusts, and social security appeals. She was formerly employed by the State of North Dakota as a special assistant attorney general for the child support unit.

**Laura Essay**, '09, has joined First National Bank Fremont as a senior advisor in the Wealth Management Department. Essay is chair-elect of the Young Lawyers Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

**Susan M. Foster**, '09, has been named director for Institutional Equity and Compliance at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. She serves as a member of the chancellor's senior administrative team, acting as UNL's chief civil rights officer and Title IX officer. She previously was with the Jackson Lewis law firm where she provided guidance to clients seeking advice in areas of employment law and provided training to human resources personnel and management.



**Benjamin E. Moore**, '09, has been named a partner in the Lincoln law firm Rembolt Ludtke. Moore, who joined the firm in 2009, focuses his practice on tax law, creditors' rights, real estate and business transactions.



**Laura Troshynski**, '09, announced that the North Platte law firm Pederson & Troshynski has opened an office in Gothenburg.



## 2010s

**Shawn Beaudette**, '10, and his wife Andrea welcomed their second son, Deacon David, on August 25, 2014. Beaudette is with Lamml, Locke & Beaudette in Norfolk.

**Elizabeth Hurst**, '10, has been named director of advocacy by the Nebraska Hospital Association.

**Michael G. Kuzma**, '10, has joined the Lincoln law firm Johnson Flodman specializing in business and estate planning formation and administration. Kuzma also teaches Business Law II and International Business Transactions at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

**Kimberly Lawton**, '10, was featured in *InsideTrack*, the biweekly newsletter of the Wisconsin Bar Association, for her pro bono work in Ashland, Wisconsin, where she has a solo practice.

**Mitt Miltenberger**, '10, has been named chief of staff for Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts. Miltenberger managed Ricketts' gubernatorial campaign.



**Ross R. Pesek**, '10, has opened Pesek Law in Omaha.

**James Boesen**, '11, was featured in an article in *The Daily Record* for



his work with the Young Lawyers Division of the Omaha Bar Association. He was also recognized by Superlawyers as a Rising Star. Boesen is a litigation associate at the Omaha law firm Engles, Ketcham, Olson & Keith.

**Ashley Bohnet**, '11, married Justin Stark on August 23, 2014, in an outdoor ceremony held at the Bellevue Berry Farm in Bellevue. Bohnet is a Lancaster County deputy county attorney.



**Linsey A. Camplin**, '11, has joined McHenry, Haszard, Roth, Hupp, Burkholder & Blomenberg in Lincoln as an associate. Her practice concentrates on family law, criminal law, juvenile law and trial work.

**Bobby Truhe**, '11, has opened, with **Karen Haase**, '96, and **Steve Williams**, '96, KSB School Law, a Lincoln law firm focused on school law and related issues

**Joshua Wunderlich**, '11, and his wife, Sarah, welcomed

their son, Simon George, on October 15. Simon is also welcomed by his sister, Beatrice. Wunderlich is an associate attorney at Hollingshead, Paulus & Eccher in Kansas City, Missouri.

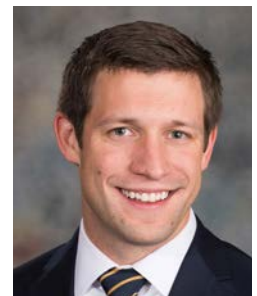


**Nicholas A. Buda**, '12, has joined the Omaha law firm McGill, Gotsdiner, Workman & Lepp as an associate. Buda practices primarily in business litigation but also works on probate matters, natural resources and water law and real estate.

**Marlo Hamrick**, '12, has married Shannon Knipp. Hamrick, an attorney with Kansas Legal Services, lives in Hutchinson, Kansas.

**Audrey A. Johnson**, '12, has been named assistant legal counsel at the University of Nebraska Foundation.

**Adam S. Morfeld**, '12, was elected to the Nebraska Legislature representing District 46. Morfeld is founder and executive director of Nebraskans for Civic Reform headquartered in Lincoln.



**Ben Murray**, '12, an attorney with Germer, Murray & Johnson in Hebron, has been named public defender for Nuckolls and Thayer counties.

**Robert Seybert**, '12, an associate attorney with the Lincoln law firm Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gritmit & Witt, has earned his human resource certificate as administered by the Human Resource Management Association.



**Nicholas Thielen**, '12, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock in its litigation department. He focuses his practice on insurance coverage, claim valuation and contractual indemnity matters.

**John Diamantis**, '13, has been promoted to an advisor role with First National Wealth Management in Omaha.



**Matt Hansen**, '13, has been elected to the Nebraska legislature representing District 26.

**Dain Johnson**, '13, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock in its real estate group.



**Patrick J. Krebs**, '13, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock where he practices with the real estate group.

**Matthew Pederson**, '13, announced that the North Platte law firm Pederson & Troshynski has opened an office in Gothenburg.



**Jasen Rudolph**, '13, has joined Munson and Peterson Law in Broken Bow where he focuses on family and agricultural law, in addition to criminal law, business law and estate planning.



**Claire Bazata**, '14, has joined Berreckman & Davis in Cozad as an associate attorney. Her practice includes family and juvenile law, criminal defense, bankruptcy, adoptions and estate planning. Bazata and her husband Bryon welcomed their son, Gabriel John Bazata, born on October 10, 2014. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long at birth. He was also welcomed by his two-year-old brother, Max.

**Nikki K. Blazey**, '14, has joined the Sioux City, Iowa, law firm Berenstein, Moore, Heffernan, Moeller & Johnson as an associate.



**Emily Blomstedt**, '14, has joined the Omaha law firm Fraser Stryker as an associate. Her practice focuses on business and corporate law, employee benefits and ERISA, and nonprofit and charitable organizations.

**Brandon Boetel**, '14, has joined the tax department of Lutz, an Omaha accounting and business solutions firm.



**Caitlin Cedfeldt**, '14, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock in its tax credit group.

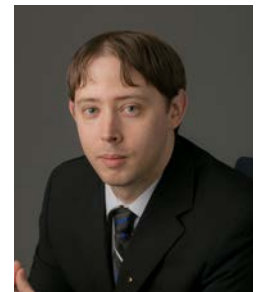
**Wesley A. Goranson**, '14, has joined the Lincoln law firm O'Neill, Heinrich, Damkroger, Bergmeyer & Shultz as an associate.



**Elizabeth Henthorn**, '14, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock in the firm's finance and restructuring group.

**Matt Hinrikus**, '14, has joined the Hastings law firm Seiler & Parker. He focuses his practice in probate, estate planning, agricultural law, insurance law (with an emphasis on property and casualty claims) and litigation.

**Ryan Kapsimallis**, '14, has joined the Omaha law firm Fitzgerald Schorr. Kapsimallis practices in the areas of business planning, government regulation, tax and employment benefits.





**Daniel Leddy**, '14, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock in the firm's tax credits group.

**Barbara Masilko**, '14, has been named deputy Madison County public defender.



**Sara McCue**, '14, has joined Baird Holm in Omaha as an associate. Her practice focuses on employment, ADA and fair housing law.

**Jeffrey McGuire**, '14, has joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock in the firm's corporate department. He works primarily in the area of employee benefits.

**Andrew Rasmussen**, '14, has launched an online database of trigger warning for video games that alert players of potentially traumatic subject matter.



**Michael Rickert**, '14, has joined the Leininger, Smith, Johnson, Baack, Placzek & Allen law firm in Grand Island as an associate attorney.

**Scott Shoemaker**, '14, has opened Shoemaker Law Office, a general practice law firm located in Cedar

Rapids, Iowa.

**Kenneth M. Smith**, '14, has joined the Omaha law firm Locher Pavelka Dostal Braddy & Hammes. His practice focuses primarily on civil trial work and appeals.



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# In Memoriam

## 1940s

**Donald William Dobbins**, '41, of Fort Morgan, Colorado, died January 21, 2015, in Brush, Colorado, at the age of 97. After his graduation from the College of Law, Dobbins served in the U.S. Navy. He served as county treasurer in McPherson County in Tyron, Nebraska. For several years, he and his wife owned and operated the Park Terrace Motel in Fort Morgan. They sold the motel in 1980 and retired in Willows, California, until 2000, when they returned to Fort Morgan.

**John W. "Jack" Stewart**, '46, died on January 15, 2014, in Lincoln. He was 93 years old. Stewart practiced law in Lincoln for 42 years and was a founding partner of the Mattson, Ricketts, Davies, Stewart & Calkins law firm. For his service as an infantry rifle platoon leader in Europe during World War II, he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. After retiring from the practice of law in 1988, he wrote a book about his war experiences, including his time as a prisoner of war.

**Rollo V. Clark Jr.**, '47, of Maryville, Missouri, passed away December 10, 2013, at the age of

95. He entered World War II just before he was to begin his last semester at the Law College. He served as an officer in the Corps of Military Police and was stationed in two prisoner of war camps. At the war's end, he was sent to Japan and spent several months in the Adjutant General's Office. After law school, Clark was a special agent in the FBI, serving nine years in New Jersey. For 40 years, he worked in the contracts departments of a number of businesses, including General Dynamics, until he retired at age 73.

**James Ganz Sr.**, '49, died on January 3, 2015, in Kearney at the age of 90. As a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II, Ganz participated in three invasions in the South Pacific. He survived two typhoons that necessitated the sinking of his ship off the Philippine Deep. Ganz practiced law in Cozad and in 1956 moved to Gibbon to work at the Exchange Bank. In addition to his law practice. In 1961, he purchased the A.C. Wittera Abstract Co., and continued in the practice of law, abstracts of title and title insurance until his retirement in 2004 when he moved to Kearney. He served on the Gibbon School Board for several terms and was the Gibbon city attorney for many years.

## 1950s

**Harold W. Kay**, '52, died on September 23, 2014, in Lincoln. He was 87 years old. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After practicing law briefly in Omaha, Kay moved to North Platte in 1954 to practice with the Maupin & Dent law firm. He and his son established the Kay & Kay law firm in 1981. Kay was a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, and served as president of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation, of the Defense Counsel of Nebraska and of the Lincoln County Bar Association.

**Richard M. Duxbury**, '54, of Lincoln, passed away on November 25, 1914, at the age of 84. He served as U.S. Air Force judge advocate general, as general counsel and CEO for NMPP Energy, and as an attorney in several Lincoln law firms.

**John "Jack" Springer Schaper**, '54, passed away on December 27, 2014, of cancer. He was 82 years old. He practiced law in Colorado and Arizona, specializing in natural resources and water law, as well as civil appellate litigation. He also served as special Arizona assistant attorney general and as special counsel to the City of Phoenix.



**Ronald Wesley Hunter**, '55, died on November 6, 2014, at the age of 84. While at the College of Law, Hunter was a member of Nebraska Law's only Moot Court Competition national championship team. From 1954 to 1957, he served as special agent with the U.S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corps in Baltimore, Maryland, and San Francisco, California. From 1957 to 1961, he practiced law in Des Moines, Iowa, with Swift & Brown. From 1961 to 1964, he was attorney for Swanson Enterprises in Omaha. In 1964, Hunter represented Chicago developer John Coleman and helped expose corruption in Omaha city government. In 1975, he became president of the Western Heritage Society. He fought to save Omaha's Union Station from demolition and spearheaded the opening of the Western Heritage Museum, now known as the Durham Museum. He served as president of the museum for over a decade.

Hunter retired from the practice of law in 2013.

**Robert Eugene Roeder Sr.**, '56, passed away August 26, 2014, at the age of 86. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1946-47. Roeder practiced law in North Platte from 1956 through 2009. Over the years, he also served as county attorney in McPherson and Logan counties.

**Duane L. "Whitey" Nelson**, '58, died on December 6, 2014, from complications of dementia. He was 84 years old. Before entering the Law College, he served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He worked for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., before returning to Lincoln where he worked as an assistant U.S. attorney, director of the Crime Commission, special prosecutor for the Wounded Knee trials and in private practice.

## 1960s

**Leonard Paul Vyhnalek**, '61, passed away January 1, 2015, in North Platte. He was 79 years old. He was a lieutenant and captain in the Army JAG Corps before beginning his career in private practice in North Platte. He was an attorney with Beatty & Morgan from 1967 to 1976, serving as Lincoln County attorney from 1969 to 1975. He was with McCarthy, McCarthy & Vyhnalek from 1976 to 1986, before beginning a solo practice.

**Michael L. Lazer**, '62, passed away on October 28, 2014, at the age of 76. He began his career doing criminal and divorce cases and then moved to commercial and real estate law. He worked for many firms, spending the last 20 years of his legal career at Smith Gardner Slusky Law in Omaha until he retired in 2013. In 1992, he received the State of Nebraska's Governor's Award for Philanthropic Planning.

**G. Bradford Cook**, '62, passed away on August 28, 2014, in Woman Lake in Longville, Minnesota. He was 77 years old. After his graduation from the College of Law, Cook practiced law with Winston, Stawn, Smith & Patterson in Chicago, Illinois, where he specialized in corporate and securities law. He was the youngest attorney in the firm to make partner. Later, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he was appointed general counsel and director of the Security and Exchange Commission's Division of Market Relations. On March 3, 1973, he was sworn in by President Richard Nixon as the youngest chairman in history of the Securities and Exchange Commission. After his term with the SEC, he returned to private practice, served on various boards and as general counsel for a handful of companies. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2000.

**Harold I. Mosher**, '62, passed away October 18, 2014, at the age of 89. He served the State of Nebraska, its officers and agencies for over 30 years retiring as senior assistant attorney general in 1994. Mosher briefed and argued three cases before the U.S. Supreme Court including the landmark case, *Nebraska Press Assn. v. Stuart*. He was instrumental in the legal work establishing the Nebraska Educational Television and Radio Network (NET) and in obtaining a negotiated settlement with the NBC television network that resolved NBC's infringement of the NET logo on terms very favorable to NET.

**Eber Cooper**, '66, of Schuyler, passed away on October 2, 2014, in Omaha. He was 73 years old. Cooper was a claims adjuster for several insurance companies, retiring from Continental Western Insurance when he was 63.

**Richard Voss**, '66, passed away on January 20, 2015, in Lewistown, Illinois. He was 71 years old. From 1975 until he retired in 1998, Voss taught marketing and finance as an assistant professor at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. He taught classes in banking, corporate finance and real estate law. Before joining the faculty at Western Illinois, Voss taught at Fort Hays Kansas State College and at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

**Merlin Everett Remmenga**, '68, of Kingwood, Texas, passed away on December 13, 2013. He was 69 years old. After he graduated from the Law College, Remmenga served two years in the Army during the Vietnam conflict. From 1970–1979, he worked as an attorney for the Metropolitan Utilities District in Omaha. He spent 45 years practicing law in Nebraska and Texas where he was counsel for power and pipeline companies.

## 1970s

**Gary F. Hatfield**, '72, of Wahoo, passed away on May 13, 2014, at the age of 74. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years. After graduating from the Law College, Hatfield practiced at Phfries & Torpin Law Firm in Central City. He served as a county judge in Nebraska's Fifth Judicial District until he retired in 2005.

Offner practiced law in Red Cloud from 1979 until Gov. Mike Johanns appointed him to serve as a county judge in Nebraska's 10th Judicial District in 2001. He served as Webster County attorney for 18 of those years. Beginning in 2005, he served as lead judge for the 10th Judicial District's National Adoption Day celebration. In 2009, the Nebraska Supreme Court presented Offner with its Outstanding Judge for Service to the Judiciary Award.

**Michael L. Offner**, '78, died on December 27, 2014, in Red Cloud. He was 62 years old.

## 1980s

**Corliss G. Young**, '80, passed away on April 30, 2014, after a long battle with M.S. and a brain trauma injury from a fall from a bike years ago. She was 58 years old. She served as an aid for Nebraska State Senator Jerome Warner.

recent job was working for the Department of Transportation as the division counsel attorney for Western Federal Lands Highway Division in Vancouver, Washington.

**Timothy J. Binder**, '81, passed away on December 5, 2014, at his home in Vancouver, Washington, after a long battle with cancer. He was 57 years old. After his graduation for the College of Law, he clerked for U.S. Magistrate Judge David L. Piester in Lincoln. He then moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the Department of Transportation in the Office of Counsel. He later transferred to the Department of Agriculture as counsel for the Pacific Northwest in Portland, Oregon. While working in Portland, Binder graduated from Western Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree and pastored a Portland church. His most

**Martha W. Hopkins**, '89, passed away on November 12, 2014, at the age of 79.

**Robert Ervin Peterson**, '89, died on February 12, 2015, at the age of 82. Before enrolling at the Law College, Peterson worked for and eventually ran Peterson Construction Company in Lincoln. After his law school graduation, he began his second career at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Omaha until he retired in 2000. His third career was founding a non-profit organization to provide affordable housing and providing job training to inmates, called Prairie Gold Homes/Bar None Housing.

## 1990s

**William "Bill" Wroblewski**, '93, of Lincoln, passed away November 5, 2014, at the age of 52. He was a seasoned marathon runner and a Boston Marathon qualifier.

# Annual Report on Giving



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**We are grateful for the approximately 1,900+ hours that these individuals gave the College between January 1 and December 31, 2014.**

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Each spring, THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT recognizes alumni and friends who have made given their time to the College of Law during the previous year. This Annual Volunteer Report recognizes the time given to the College between January 1 and December 31, 2014. We are pleased to report that more than 1,900 volunteer hours were given to the College and its students in 2014. This is an increase of approximately 500 hours from the previous year. The time and talent that our alumni and friends give make a tremendous impact on the student experience and education. Thank you for your commitment to the College of Law.

Considerable care has gone into the preparation of this report. Each friend's time is valued and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the Annual Volunteer Report. Please bring any errors or omissions to the attention of Molly Brummond at 402-472-8375 or [molly.brummond@unl.edu](mailto:molly.brummond@unl.edu).

For this publication, we have honored individual requests from donors as to how they wish their names to appear on annual reports. If you would like your name to prefer in way different from how it appears in this report, please contact Denise Donovan at 1-800-432-3216 or [denise.donovan@nufoundation.org](mailto:denise.donovan@nufoundation.org).

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## May 2015

May 7

Omaha #Throwback Thursday Coffee,  
7:30 a.m., Delice European Bakery & Cafe

May 9

Family Tradition Ceremony, Lied Center for  
Performing Arts, 1:30 p.m.  
Commencement, Lied Center for  
Performing Arts, 3:00 p.m.

May 14

Omaha Alumni FAC, Crave, 5:30 p.m.

## June 2015

June 4

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## July 2015

July 2

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## August 2015

August 6

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August 19-21

New Student Orientation

August 25

1st Day of Class

## September 2015

September 2

On-Campus Interviews begin

September 3

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September 4

NSBA YLS Annual Institute

## October 2015

October 1

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October 23-24

Alumni Reunion Weekend

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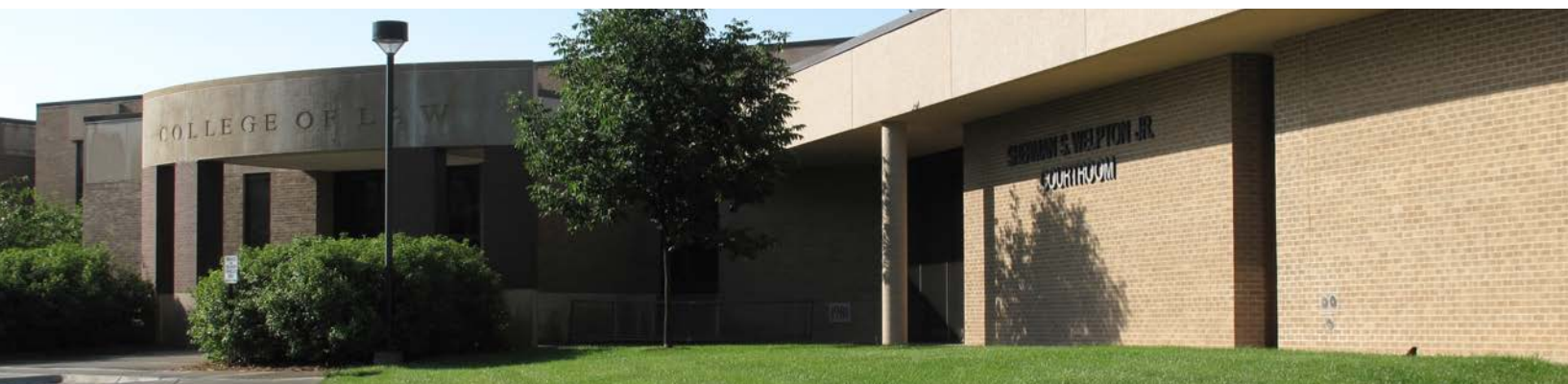
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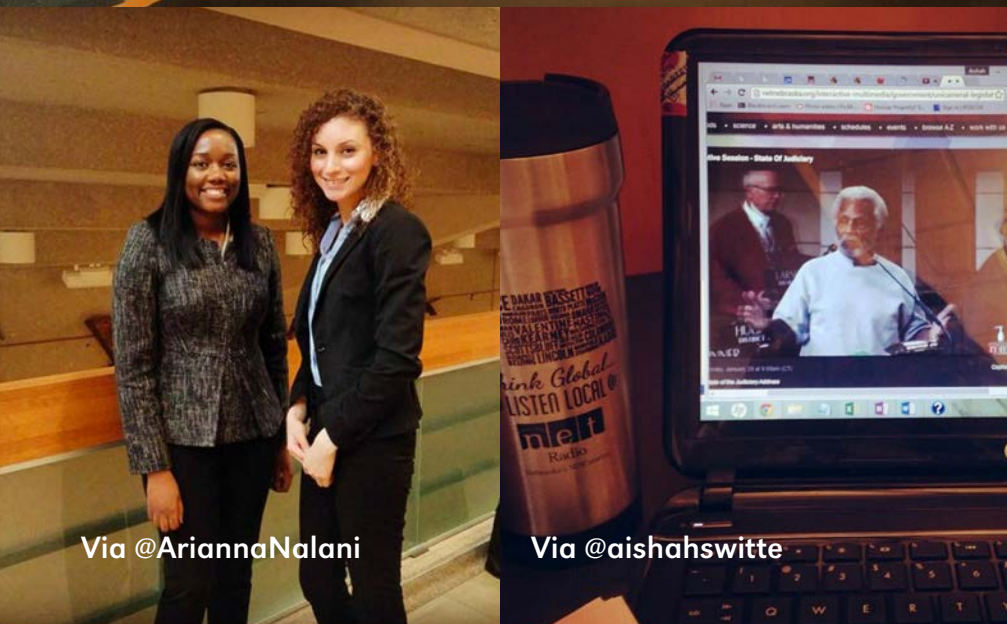
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