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Dean's Message



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Law College is going through two important transitions, and you will see evidence of both of them in this issue.

First, we are continuing to work on our facilities to prepare them for the next generation of students and scholars. McCollum Hall was initially constructed three decades ago, and it has been a remarkably versatile and durable facility. But, yes, those chairs in the pie rooms really are 30 years old, and it does not take an interior designer to determine that the red carpets still present in some parts of the building saw their best years decades ago. So we have been working to improve our facilities and continue to do so. The improvements include new furniture and carpets, of course, but they also include modern courtroom and teaching technologies, wireless networks, power and data outlets for laptop computers, and an array of other features that students and faculty have come to expect. This is a major transition to a new world, and a necessary one. We were not able to do it all in one fell swoop but, as you know, we completed a major portion of it two years ago and another set of major improvements this summer, and there is only one major part of the building yet to improve before we have a completely renovated facility ready for the next generation of law students. We describe all this later in this issue.

The other major transition is occurring within our faculty. As you may have heard, two long-time members of the faculty have decided to retire at the end of this academic year. Steve Kalish, who joined the faculty in 1971, and John Snowden, who joined the faculty the following year, taught their final classes as regular members of the faculty this spring. (The TRANSCRIPT will have articles about Steve and John in its next issue.) They join others from that generation of faculty who have departed in the last few years: Peter Hoffman, Norm Thorson and, sort of, Harvey Perlman. The Law College has begun to replace these faculty with a new cohort of promising scholars. Last year we had three new faculty members at the College, this year another joined us, and we have also hired one of our own graduates who will join us in August 2006, after teaching at the Cornell Law School as a visiting professor. This is a transition and it will bring changes to the culture and offerings of the Law College. But it is also a natural and, indeed, exciting part of the evolution of the institution.

But, of course, *plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*. These are important changes, but they do not change our general mission. They merely help us to continue to do what we have always done: provide a rigorous and well-rounded education for our students; participate actively and productively in scholarly debates; and use the faculty's considerable expertise to serve the nation, the state and the University.

Steven L. Willborn

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

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Five New Faculty Members Bring Variety of Experiences

A Gator fan who grew up in Gainesville, Fla. A Kansan who keeps a basketball autographed by Roy Williams in her office. A person of the water. A former Fulbright Scholar at the University of London. And soon, a farmer's son and former prison guard from Elwood, Neb.

The College of Law has added five new faculty over the past two years. They bring a wide variety of experiences and interests to the College. Some of these interests even demonstrate how open the current faculty is to different views (a Gator fan? A Roy Williams-autographed basketball?). But all of these faculty bring absolutely sterling academic records to their new positions, a commitment to top-notch teaching and scholarship and an eagerness to contribute their knowledge and expertise to Nebraska and the world.



Colleen Medill teaches her class in Real Estate Transactions.

Richard Moberly is the Gator fan who grew up in Gainesville. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School where he graduated *magna cum laude* and was on the law review. He comes to Nebraska after practicing in Atlanta. He is beginning his second year at the College this fall teaching Employment Law, Evidence, and in the Civil Clinic. He is joined in Lincoln by his wife, Laura, and two young sons. We are eagerly watching to see what colors his boys wear on Saturday afternoons.

Colleen Medill is the Kansan who keeps a basketball autographed by Roy Williams in her office. She graduated first in her class at the University of Kansas School of Law and clerked for the Honorable Deanell Reece Tacha, chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit (who will be a Cline Williams Jurist in Residence at the College in the spring). The College hired Medill laterally from the University of Tennessee where she won best professor and best researcher awards. She is already one of the country's leading scholars on the law of pensions and employee benefits. Medill and her husband, Steve, have four children whom we expect to wear blue during the basketball season, but who, we are confident, will wear a different and more pleasing color most of the year.

Sandi Zellmer is the person of the water. She graduated first in her class at South Dakota before receiving an advanced law degree at George Washington University. She is one of the leaders of the University's large, ambitious and very interdisciplinary Water Resources Research Initiative (which is quite



Richard Moberly meets with students in his office in the Civil Clinic.

a mouthful, hence the alternative “people of the water”). The College also hired Zellmer laterally, from the University of Toledo, where she had already established a strong reputation in water and environmental law. Zellmer’s husband is Randy Mercural, who teaches at Northeast High School.

Susan Franck is the former Fulbright Scholar at the University of London. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School (*magna cum laude* and Order of the Coif), where she was an articles editor of the law review. She comes to us directly from the University of Minnesota where she was a visiting professor last year, but prior to that she worked for Allen & Overy in London and Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C. She teaches courses in International Arbitration, Conflicts of Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation. It was daring of the faculty to hire a new person who shared a first name with one faculty member (Susan Poser) and a last name with another (Alan Frank). But the faculty has been living up to the challenge with nary a mistake. (OK, with only a few mistakes here and there.)

Anthony Schutz is the farmer’s son and former prison guard from Elwood. Schutz is a graduate of the Law College, where he graduated first in his class and was editor-in-chief of the NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW. Following a long-standing tradition when the College hires its own graduates, Schutz is teaching at another law school this year before returning to Nebraska. He is a visiting professor at the Cornell Law School, joining Dean Stewart Schwab there who was a Perlman distinguished visiting professor at Nebraska during the Spring 2003 semester. When he returns, Schutz will teach Agricultural Law, Land Use Planning and other courses yet to be determined. Professor Peter Longo, a political science professor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and a 1983 graduate of the College, is one of Schutz’s mentors. Longo has sent many wonderful students to the Law College, but Schutz is the first one to join the faculty.

These new faculty have already brought changes to the culture and offerings of the Law College. We expect more new faculty in the next few years. Who knows, maybe in the future we’ll even end up with an Oklahoma fan. ■



Susan Franck teaches her Conflicts of Law class.



Sandi Zellmer prepares for her Environmental & Water Law Seminar.



Anthony Schutz (left) with Cory George, '03, at the 2003 Alumni Council Awards Banquet.

Career Transitions

Tasha Everman Replaces Notre-Dame-Bound Carla DeVelder as Career Services Director

Tasha Everman is the College of Law's new assistant dean and director of career services. Everman is a 2002 graduate of the College, but seems to have spent a lifetime preparing for the position. She literally has had a world of experience in dealing with people from different walks of life and helping them make the transition to new lives.

Before law school, she was a resettlement trainer at the Phanat Nikhom Refugee Processing Center in Thailand. In this job, she prepared people who had been approved for resettlement in the United States for the new and different culture they were about to enter. Later, for four years, she taught English to children, high school students and businessmen in Tauchung, Taiwan. Finally, immediately before law school, she worked for Nebraska Wesleyan University as a student life assistant and, once again, as a teacher of English to foreign students who were preparing for their new lives as American college students.

Since law school, she has clerked for Justice Kenneth Stephan of the Nebraska Supreme Court and Judge Frankie Moore of the Nebraska Court of Appeals. She has also been a mediator affiliated with the Mediation Center in Lincoln.

Everman brings great energy and enthusiasm to the position. She says that the first order



Everman



DeVelder

of business is to make sure the office continues "without skipping a beat" so that this year's students get the service they expect and deserve. Then she plans to build on the firm foundation laid by Carla DeVelder and her predecessors. As part of her planning, she plans to visit the Career Services offices of other law schools in the region.

DeVelder has moved on to Notre Dame Law School as the school's director of career services. During her two years at the College of Law, she reinvigorated the office, was the driving force behind a new loan repayment program and worked hard to meet each student individually and to attend to their particular circumstances.

Dean Steve Willborn takes a philosophical perspective on DeVelder's departure: "Obviously, we want everyone who works at the Law College to do such a fabulous job that they get noticed by others who then want to hire them themselves. That's what Carla did during her time here. At the same time, we'd rather have them continue to do a fabulous job for us!"

If the Career Services Office is about anything, it is about transitions. At the Law College, we are all confident that the office is in good hands with Tasha Everman and we all wish Carla DeVelder the very best in her new life at Notre Dame. ■

College Has New Look

Classroom, Student Lounge Improvements Follow Library Renovation; 'Pie Rooms' to Come Next

The major effort to completely update and renovate the Law College's facilities is continuing. "In two or three years, I hope and expect that the Law College will have a completely modern and attractive facility for the next generation of law students," said Dean Steve Willborn. The College is well on its way to achieving that goal.

As has already been reported in the *TRANSCRIPT*, the College has completed major portions of these improvements over the past two years. In April 2003, the College celebrated the official opening of the completely renovated and expanded Schmid Law Library, including its spectacular centerpiece, the M. Brian Schmid Reading Room. That celebration also included completion of the new Harold W. Kauffman Legal Writing Suite. In May 2004, on a festive and beautiful spring day, the Richard S. and Catherine Stuart Schmoker Courtyard was dedicated.

Over the past two summers, the renovation process has moved onto other parts of the building. During the summer of 2004, Rooms 121 and 124 were completely renovated and updated. Room 124 is the U-shaped classroom on the south side of the building; Room 121 is the Simmons

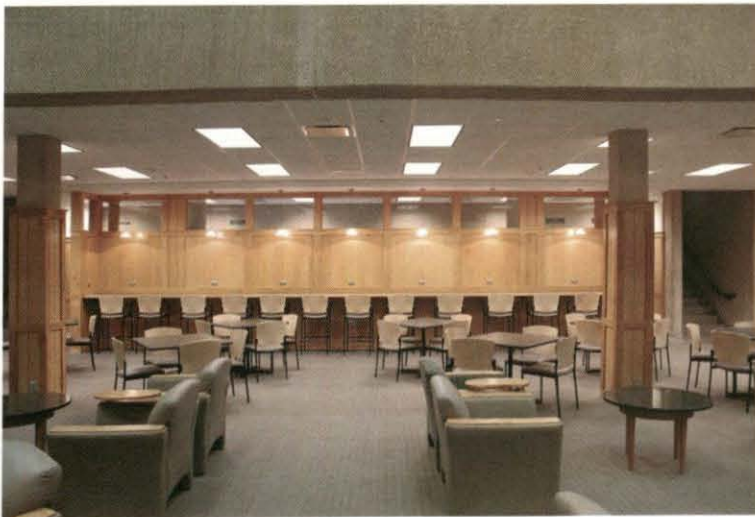


Room 125

Seminar Room in the southwest corner of the building. These improvements, as well as all the others discussed below, extended the beautiful wood-and-light motifs of the library to the rest of the building; included new chairs and desks; and incorporated the latest teaching technology.

The renovations to Room 124 were made possible by a generous donation by the major Omaha law firm, McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz. In addition to its donation for the classroom, the firm also established a generous scholarship in its name. Room 124 has been renamed the McGrath North Mullin & Kratz Classroom in recognition of this generous support. Roger Miller, a senior member of the firm and 1973 graduate of the College, said that the firm was "pleased to support the Law College's efforts to continue its tradition of providing a top-notch legal education to Nebraska's youth."

This past summer, the improvements continued. Major work was completed on Rooms 122 and 125 on the south side of McCollum Hall; on Room 113, which is the large classroom, commonly called the "hanging room" because it extends over the student



Student Lounge

lounge; and on the Courtroom. The Courtroom was still a beautiful room, 20 years after its initial construction, but it had no modern courtroom technology and its furniture and accouterments were becoming outdated. All that was fixed with the improvements completed last summer. Finally, the student lounge and locker areas were updated and improved. Amazingly, the student lounge still contained the original furniture and, even though it had been astoundingly durable, it was time for an update.

The improvements to Room 113 were made possible by very generous bequests from the estates of Maurice and Dorothy Hevelone. Mr. Hevelone was a 1928 graduate of the College. He had a



Room 113



Room 121

very distinguished career in Beatrice and was always a tremendous supporter of the University. His support for his alma mater included service as president of the Alumni Association, charter member and director of the Touchdown Club and trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation. Mrs. Hevelone was also tremendously public spirited. She had an active, vibrant interest in the arts and was one of Nebraska's great art patrons. Room 113 has been named the Maurice and Dorothy Hevelone Classroom in recognition of their generous support.

A substantial contribution to these improvements was also made by generous bequests from the estates of Merle S. and Francis C.



The Courtroom

Jones. Mr. Jones was a 1929 graduate of the College who became president of CBS Television and a member of the CBS Board. (See the Winter 2004 TRANSCRIPT for an article on Mr. and Mrs. Jones.) When the renovation of the College's auditorium (commonly called the "pie rooms" because it can be divided into three rooms like slices of a pie) is completed, a new classroom in that section of the building will be named after the Jones, in recognition of their generosity.

The pie rooms are the only portion of the building that still need to be upgraded to complete this major, multi-year renovation of the College's facilities. The pie rooms present major challenges, and the improvements will be quite expensive. But Willborn is hopeful that the College will be



Students prepare for class in the McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Classroom (124).

able to renovate them within the next two years.

But that is for the future. For now, the College has a wonderful new set of classrooms, a sparkling and technologically up-to-date courtroom and an attractive new student lounge. Willborn wants to make clear who is responsible for all these improvements. "We have only been able to do this with the great generosity of our alumni and friends,

to whom I extend thanks from our current students, faculty and staff, and from all those who will benefit from these improvements over the next 20 years." ■



Room 122

McHenry Landscapes Show 'This is Nebraska's Law School'

On April 8, the College of Law celebrated the unveiling of four new oil paintings created for the Law College by Nebraska artist Nadine McHenry. The paintings celebrate the Nebraska landscape and remind visitors that this is Nebraska's law school. They also serve to bring closer together the separate buildings and wings of the expanding Law College facilities.

The reception on April 8 brought together the legal and artistic communities of Nebraska. In addition to the artist herself, the art community was represented by three directors of the Sheldon Art Gallery: Janice Driesbach, the current director, and former directors Norman Geske and George Neubert. In addition to several people from the law school, the legal community was represented by two members of the Nebraska Supreme Court: Justices John Gerrard and Kenneth Stephan.

Nadine McHenry is a significant Nebraska artist who grew up on a cattle ranch in western Nebraska and reflects that experience in her artwork. She has an intimate knowledge of the rolling hills, waving grasses and expansive skies that distinguish our state, and the rich colors



and textures of her paintings celebrate this heritage. McHenry graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in art and journalism, and received a master's degree in Education from Kearney State College. Her husband, John, is a 1973 graduate of the Law College.

The largest of the four paintings, "Getting There From Here," hangs in the center of the Law College in the Kauffman Legal Writing Suite. Another painting, "Black Acre," is located in the Wittmann Lounge, which is a new part of the Welpton Courtroom Building. A third painting, "Blue Skies Ahead," is located at the top of the new grand staircase in the center of the Schmid Law Library. The final painting, "Make Hay While the Sun Shines," hangs in the Dean's Office. ■



"Getting There From Here"



"Black Acre"



"Blue Skies Ahead"

*"Make Hay While
The Sun Shines"*



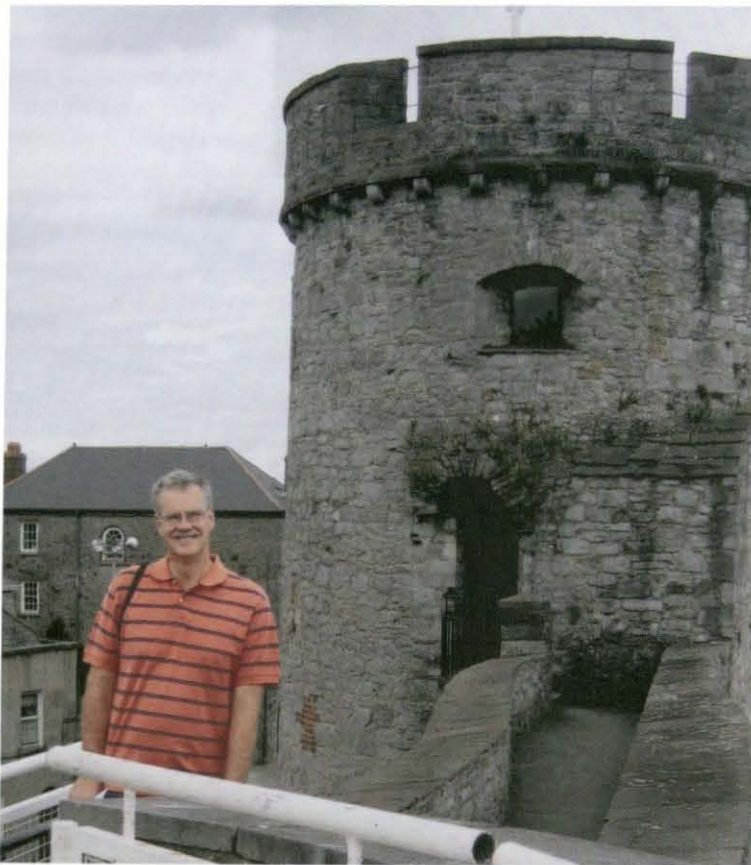
Limerick Summer Program Gives Students Opportunity to Study Comparative Law in Ireland

During the fall of 2003, the College of Law and the University of Kansas School of Law, in partnership with the University of Limerick (Ireland), announced creation of a summer study program in Ireland. The program, which enrolled its first students for the summer of 2004, operates on the campus of the University of Limerick and offers United States law students the opportunity to take a variety of courses with a comparative law focus. Professor Bill Lyons taught in the program in the summer of 2004, and Professor John Lenich participated in the summer of 2005, teaching a course entitled *Proof of Damages: A Comparative Perspective*. Lyons supplied *THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT* with this review of his experiences teaching in the program:

Initial Thoughts

Being the first to do anything creates a certain amount of apprehension. Thus, when I agreed to be the first member of the College of Law faculty to teach in the newly established summer study in Ireland program, I had some concerns about how the program would function. We recruited students primarily from the University of Kansas School of Law and the College of Law. How many students could we attract, given competition from many established summer study abroad programs? What sort of administrative support would I find at the University of Limerick?

As it turned out, most of my worries were groundless. We had 17 highly motivated students, two from the College of Law, one from the University of West Virginia School of Law and 14 from the University of Kansas School of Law. Although the group was small, it was incredibly diverse.



John Lenich at King John's castle built in 1215 in Limerick.

The group included a medical doctor who had escaped from Pakistan several years ago during a time of great political turmoil, a student who grew up in Bosnia, two Hispanic students and a black American. The diverse backgrounds of the students greatly enhanced the discussions in the class that I taught. The Faculty of Law at the University of Limerick provided marvelous administrative and collegial support. There were a few inevitable problems, but faculty and students alike returned to the United States with an overwhelmingly positive story to tell.

The University of Limerick Campus

Because physical location does make a difference to students and faculty, my initial reaction to the possibility of teaching in Limerick was ambivalent. I'm of Irish descent, had heard stories about the sad state of Limerick and had read Frank McCourt's book, *Angela's Ashes*, a memoir about

growing up in poverty in the slums of Limerick. Once I arrived in Limerick and had walked many miles in Limerick City and its environs, I realized that whatever Limerick's past, it is now a very livable city.

The University of Limerick, located on the Shannon River several miles outside of Limerick City, is relatively new. Founded in the 1960s, the university has developed quickly into a major Irish academic institution. The campus incorporates significant green space, including beautiful gardens and a walking trail along the Shannon. The classrooms we used were modern and offered everything the three faculty members required. As seems to be true of all newer buildings, keeping an even temperature was sometimes an issue, so the students and I quickly learned to dress in layers, giving us the ability to respond to temperature changes. The university library's physical book collection is small in comparison to the collection of most research universities in the United States. The physical collection of law books was, in relation to what we have at the Law College, very small. However, as the University of Limerick librarians explained, they use on-line research resources as an alternative to an extensive physical book collection.

The social center of the campus was a pub called The Stables that served breakfast, lunch and supper. Although the pub seldom had live entertainment (a staple at most of the pubs in Limerick), it provided a comfortable place for faculty and students to meet.



University of Limerick campus

Teaching a Comparative Law Course

Although I try to include comparative law material in the courses I teach at the Law College, of necessity such material is only a small part of what we cover. Teaching Comparative Estate Planning in this summer program was a wonderful opportunity to explore issues I can only mention in the usual law school course. We began our class with an exploration of the civil law concept of the "legitimate," a forced statutory share of a decedent's property set aside for the decedent's children. Although Louisiana retains a limited statutory forced share for children, no other United States jurisdiction has such a rule. Indeed, the general rule in this country is that it is very easy to disinherit children. In contrast, in civil law countries such as France, disinheriting a child is difficult if not impossible without the child's consent. This topic provoked good class discussion about the social and cultural reasons for the differences between United States law and civil law both in this specific area and in general.

Following the comparative estate planning theme, I covered a number of topics, including recognition of durable powers of attorney, recognition of trusts, validity of spendthrift trust provisions, ability of beneficiaries to modify or terminate trusts and validity of purpose trusts. The students were surprised to find that many of the estate



University of Limerick Law Faculty Building

planning tools that we take for granted in the United States either are not recognized or are severely limited in civil law countries. For example, civil law countries generally do not recognize the trust and its essential element, the splitting of ownership of property. We also had good discussions on points on which English and American law diverge, such as whether to recognize spendthrift trusts and the extent to which a testator or settlor should be able to control property from beyond the grave.

Excursions

The program included a trip to Dublin to tour the Four Courts, a major center of legal activity in Dublin. Construction of the original building, designed by James Gandon, Dublin's most famous 18th century architect, began in 1786 and ended in 1802. Although it escaped damage in the 1916 Rising, the building suffered extensive damage during the Civil War of 1922-1923. In April 1922, soldiers of the Irish Republican Army seized control of the building. When they refused to surrender, the provisional government shelled the building. Restored in 1932, the Four Courts building now houses a number of judicial offices including the High Court of Justice, the second highest court in Ireland. Our tour of the Four Courts included a presentation by a Barrister and the opportunity to sit in on court proceedings.



Four Courts Building in Dublin

In addition to the formal trip to Dublin, the students took advantage of relatively inexpensive bus and rail travel to visit other parts of Ireland. Some of the students used weekends to travel to Europe.

Professor Ray Friel of the University of Limerick Faculty of Law and his spouse generously opened their home in Birdhill, County Tipperary (several miles outside of Limerick)

for an informal Fourth of July celebration. We spent a good part of the day there, enjoying good food and a lovely day in the country. Although we had rain at some point during a majority of the days we spent in Ireland, the weather cooperated nicely for this outing.

Concluding Observations

The initial offering of this summer study program was a very positive experience for faculty and students. The students, although from different schools and widely differing backgrounds, quickly formed a cohesive and supportive group. They studied and traveled together and have stayed in close touch with each other since returning to

the United States. From my perspective, the program was wonderful from many perspectives, including, but certainly not limited to meeting and getting to know many of the members of the law faculty at the University of Limerick, teaching a comparative law course for the first time and getting to know a great group of students, most of whom I would otherwise never have met. ■

Harris: 'Why *Plessy v. Ferguson* Is Still Good Law'

BY SUSANNE NOVAK

Law students are taught not to rely upon holdings of overruled cases. Winthrop and Frances Lane Foundation lecturer, Angela P. Harris, professor of law at Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California-Berkeley, attempted to challenge students to do just the opposite in her presentation "Why *Plessy v. Ferguson* is Still Good Law."

Acknowledging that *Brown v. Board of Education* overruled *Plessy* on the point that racial segregation violates the Equal Protection Clause, Harris focused on three related areas, which, she argued, were left untouched by the overruling: The divide between legal and social equality, the concept that race is a natural and not a social fact and, finally, the use of racial classification by the government to define what people pose a threat or are potentially criminals.

In approaching the difference between legal and social equality, Harris argued that *Plessy* held that in the social realm the Constitution does not protect anyone from racial discrimination. Rather the Fourteenth Amendment requires equality before the law. This equality can be satisfied by state action that separates the races but does not elevate one race above another. Harris noted that *Brown v. Board of Education* did not completely overrule *Plessy* in that regard. Rather, the distinction between societal and legal discrimination still exists because legislatures are not allowed to address societal discrimination with effective affirmative action programs.

Moreover, Harris argued, despite *Brown*, there is still the problem of economic justice – discrimination effectuated by the market. Failing to recognize the effects of private discrimination in the labor market continues to shield the effects of white supremacy.

Harris also contended that the *Plessy* construction of race as a natural fact continues today. As support, she

noted the Supreme Court's tendency to describe race as well as gender as immutable traits so that all racial identities are the same and all racial distinctions are prohibited whether for good or bad reasons. The Court's holdings in voting support her theory, as a majority of the justices insist that race is a meaningless biological category.

The last aspect of *Plessy* that Ms. Harris argued remains good law is the deference given to the government to use racial classifications reasonably to preserve public peace and good order. Instead of being overruled by *Brown*, Harris believes there has been a shift in what is considered reasonable. Harris argued that this position manifests itself through racial profiling. On a national level race, ethnicity and religion are part of the profiling effort designed to increase national security in determining who poses a threat. On the local level, law enforcement officials are able to use race as a factor in deciding who to stop for investigation of crimes as long as they are able to articulate a colorable objective justification for the stop.

Students, faculty and others participated in discussion following the conclusion of Harris' lecture, meeting the ultimate goal of the Lane Lecture program of facilitating understanding of and compliance with the law, promoting the study and research of law, as well as the diffusion of knowledge of the law. The Lane Lecture funded by the Winthrop and Frances Lane Foundation, established in the name of Omaha attorney Winthrop B. Lane and his wife Frances. Previous Lane lecturers at the Law College include professors Deborah Rhode, Kent Greenawalt, Robert McCrate, Judge Abner Mikva, and National Public Radio correspondent Nina Totenberg. ■





Congratulations, Class of 2005!

Members of the College of Law's Class of 2005 received their J.D. degrees on May 7, 2005, at a ceremony held at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts.

The commencement address was delivered by Fred D. Gray. After Gray received his law degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1954, he returned home to Montgomery, Ala. He was the first African American president of the Alabama State Bar Association and in the summer of 2004 received the American Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award in recognition of his distinguished career as a civil rights lawyer.

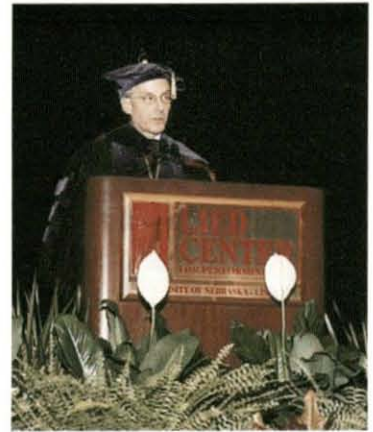
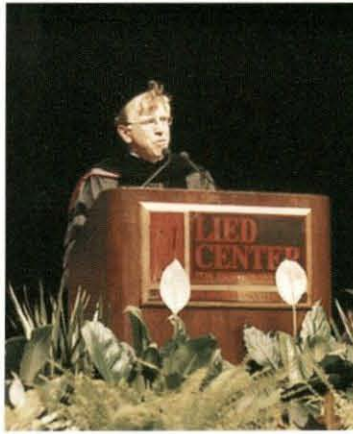
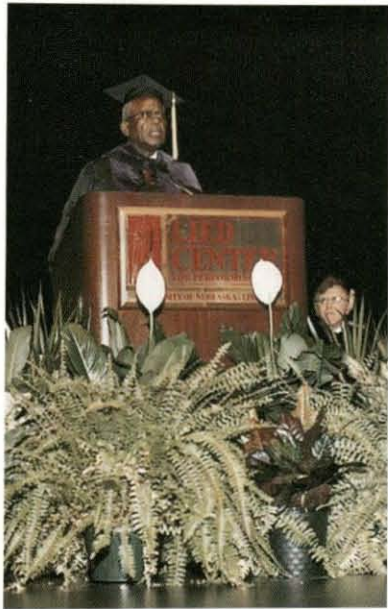
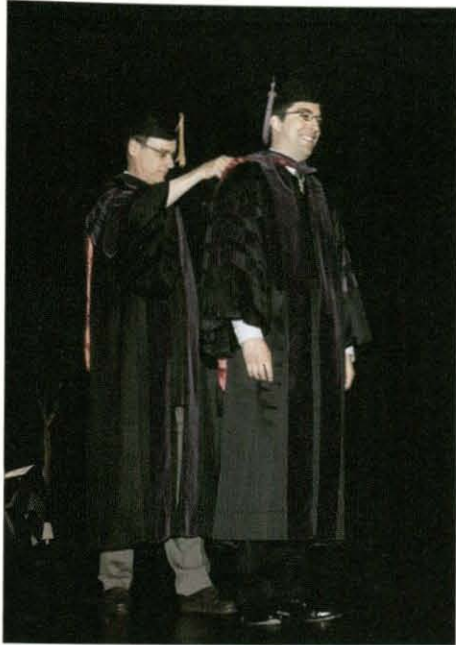
Among his many accomplishments in his notable career, Gray represented Rosa Parks when she was arrested in December 1955 and was one of the organizers of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Gray filed the lawsuit that led to the Supreme Court's decision in *Galye v. Browder*, which struck down the Montgomery bus segregation ordinance. Gray also represented the victims of the infamous Tuskegee syphilis project. He was one of the first two African Americans elected to the Alabama legislature since Reconstruction.

Morgan A. White, president of the Class of 2005, delivered remarks on behalf of the class.

John O. Sennett, '72, president of the Nebraska State Bar Association, and John V. Hendry, '74, chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, welcomed the new graduates to the legal profession.

Jeffrey B. Kadavy, '02, sang The National Anthem. Processional and recessional music was provided by the Plymouth Brass. ■





Opposite page from top: Morgan A. White, president of the Class of 2005; students enjoy the commencement address; graduates move their tassels to the left side. This page, top row: David L. Olson, II, is hooded by Prof. Roger Kirst; students enjoy remarks of class president White. Middle row: Fred D. Gray delivers the commencement address; Dean Steve Willborn; Chancellor Harvey Perlman confers the degrees. Bottom row: student processional



Rosales Leaves Law College With Mission To Help Others

BY SUSANNE NOVAK

This article features one of the students who graduated with the Class of 2005.

Alisa M. Rosales was the 2005 recipient of the Woods & Aitken/Alumni Council Outstanding Student Award. The award recognizes students who exemplify the qualities of loyalty, service and achievement at the College of Law.

Alisa's involvement at the Law College includes serving on the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women, acting as a student liaison to the Family Law Section of the ABA, serving as the co-lieutenant governor of diversity for the Eighth Circuit of the Law Student Division of the ABA, serving as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyer's Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association, presiding as president of the Multicultural Legal Society and presenting arguments on behalf of the College at the first National Animal Advocacy Moot Court Competition.

THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT interviewed Rosales following her graduation.

What is your background?

I grew up in Ralston, Neb., attending Catholic and public schools, the eldest of two children, with a multitude of cousins. I'm a first generation college graduate, but I don't remember ever thinking that I wouldn't go to college. It was expected of me and my younger brother. When I was at the University as an undergraduate, I was involved with the founding of LUPAE (Latinos United in Pursuit of Academic Excellence) and teaching sexuality classes at the University Health Center. I kept changing my major, so after four years, I ended up leaving with two majors and three minors! I worked at ShopKo and then Qwest Communications before returning to law school.

Why do you think it is important to contribute to the Law College outside of the classroom?

I've always enjoyed being involved. I try to be involved with activities for which I have some degree of passion. I also work to make sure that everyone who wants his or her voice heard is given that opportunity. I was raised in a family that constantly volunteered, and still does, so I was instilled with a sense of obligation to give of my time and talents in a way that creates a stronger community. Taking part in activities outside the classroom is important because this is what I intend to continue to do after law school. As lawyers, we have tremendous potential to impact our communities through leadership opportunities.



Alisa Rosales and her parents, Mary and Cesar Rosales, Jr., at the College of Law Alumni Council Banquet where Rosales received the Woods & Aitkin Outstanding Student Award.

Personally, I feel called to use the skills and talents I have developed during law school to help our communities become stronger.

What are your thoughts about your years at the Law College?

These three years have been the beginning of a fantastic opportunity. I have made the best friends of my life, been inspired to make the most of my abilities to enhance the legal profession and the lives of my clients, and begun a vast network of connections that I plan to continue to cultivate throughout the rest of my life. Though it has been frustrating sometimes, the realization of how much my perspective and thought processes have changed absolutely stuns me. These three years have enforced my values of serving the greater good and I can't wait to become a productive alumnae of this University. I may not be able to afford to have my name ever added to a wing, but I do hope to pay forward all the support and assistance others have provided me. We are so lucky to have alumni who care about our success and give of their time and talents without complaint or reward, just to see that the next generation of lawyers is prepared and ethical.

How has your involvement enhanced your Law College experience?

By being involved, I have begun to realize how the actions of lawyers affect people every day. Some people are afraid of the courthouse because they don't understand the legal processes or they don't see enough, if any, faces that they feel they can identify with. I feel as if I will be leaving with my Juris Doctor, an accomplishment in and of itself, and a sense of mission to give my time and talents to others to strengthen our society. My involvement also helped me see the ways that attorneys affect society outside the traditional practices of law, which helped me in developing and accepting the leap of faith it took to pursue my Master of Public Service.

What are you doing now that you've graduated?

I am a member of the inaugural class at the Clinton School of Public Service, so I'm living in Little Rock. I took the Missouri bar, and I was recently sworn in. I had planned on pursuing a career with the Missouri State Public Defender, which is still a possibility, but I'm trying to keep

my options open. I'm going to continue to work on diversity and mediation issues with the ABA Section of Family Law and volunteer with the new community mediation center that has been recently founded in Little Rock. After I receive my Master of Public Service, I don't know what I'll do for sure. I could practice, try to work for a professional bar association or maybe even work as an executive in the non-profit sector. I believe this experience will give me great exposure and skills and opportunities that I haven't realized yet, so I'm trying to keep an open mind. I've already met great minds such as Charles Ogletree, Suzanne Morse and Gillian Sorenson, and I will be meeting John Edwards, Bill Clinton and John Lewis by the end of the semester. We're averaging two to three speakers per week, so we've been busy, but we're engaging our minds to try to address policy and social issues, and how we can be agents of change to address those issues. It's extremely challenging, extremely terrifying and extremely exhilarating all at the same time!

What was the most meaningful experience out of the many activities for which you have been recognized?

The experience of working within the 8th Circuit Law Student Division has been the most powerful because it gave me an opportunity to push aside barriers and open the discussion about diversity. Diversity is often seen as a discussion about affirmative action, but that has never been my focus, and I have been able to help people understand why diversity in the profession is important and show them why the ABA as a whole has embraced diversity as a value. In light of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the volunteer work I was able to do in Little Rock with the Red Cross day shelters, I've been renewed in my enthusiasm to discuss racial issues. I think our country has come a long way in terms of combatting discriminatory practices, but I feel that there is still a lot of ignorance out there regarding institutionalized racism and poverty. We talk about equality of opportunity, yet American children don't receive equal educational opportunities – we need to look at why that is at the systemic level. ■

Family Tradition Ceremony

Fourteen Graduates, Family Members Honored

At its 2005 graduation, the College of Law continued its recent tradition of recognizing the significant contributions that family loyalty makes to the Law College. At the Family Traditions Ceremony prior to the graduation, 14 graduates were joined by family members who had also graduated from the Law College. The alumni were each presented with a plaque in the shape of the state of Nebraska with their names inscribed alongside the name of their current graduating relative.



Shannon K. Brennan and her aunt, Coleen J. Nielsen '82 and her uncle, Sean J. Brennan, '79.



John A. Cunningham and his father, James R. Cunningham, '75.



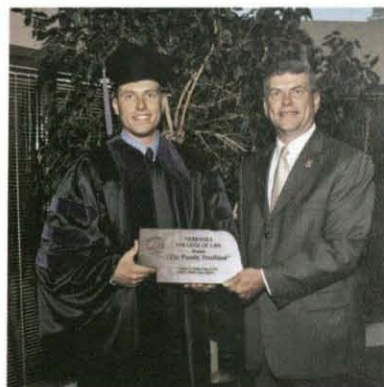
David A. Froscheiser and his father, Harvey G. Froscheiser, '70.



Jill K. Hamer and her father, Robert J. Hamer, '72.



Laurie E. Hellbusch and her grandmother, Dorothy Leigh, accepting on behalf of her grandfather, Lewis Ruthben Leigh, '39.



Shon T. Lieske and his father, Thomas G. Lieske, '77.

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Stephanie A. Mattoon and her father, Steven F. Mattoon, '76, her sister, Kendra J. Ringenberg, '03, and her brother-in-law, Scot Ringenberg, '03.



Joshua D. McMahon and his aunt, Carole J. McMahon-Boies, '82.



Sarah P. Newell, and her father-in-law, Roger S. Keetle, '72.



Nicole L. O'Keefe and her father, James O. Spitzenberger, '77.



Amy L. Parker and her grandfather, F. M. (Jack) Parker, '47.



Natalie E. Quick and her aunt, Janice S. Satra, '84.



John L. Selzer and his father, John A. Selzer, '77.



Erin M. Urbom-Karmazin and her grandfather, Ward C. Urbom, '48, aunt, Dwana Mues, accepting on behalf of her uncle, The Honorable Wesley Mues, '72, and uncle, Kevin Urbom, '88.

In Brief

■ Duff: Rehnquist's Legacy Is Restoration of Federalism

James C. Duff, managing partner of the Washington, D.C., law firm Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, and former administrative assistant to the Chief Justice William Rehnquist, spoke October 29, 2004, at the Law College. Duff graciously offered to speak in the absence of Rehnquist who was unable to attend due to his diagnosis of throat cancer.



Duff praised the chief justice as a "family man" possessing a "wonderful and rare combination of great intellect and common sense." Duff noted that legal historians are likely to describe the legacy of the Rehnquist court as one where restoration of balance between state and federal power occurred.

To support his view, he spoke of the 1976 case, *National League of*

Cities v. Utery. Rehnquist wrote a 5-4 opinion invalidating a statute passed by Congress pursuant to the Commerce Clause. The opinion concluded that Congress' extension of federal minimum wage and

maximum hour provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act to state government employees exceeded Congress' power under the Commerce Clause and intruded on state sovereignty.

The case, although reversed nine years later by *Garcia v. San*

Antonio Metropolitan Transit Authority, signaled that the Court was taking a closer look at Congressional exercise of power under the Commerce Clause. The *Garcia* case arose out of a Labor Department opinion that the San Antonio Metropolitan Transit Authority operations were not exempt

from the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Duff also noted that in 1990 the shift in the makeup of the Court revived the effort to restore and recognize the balance in federalism. In 1995, the Court confronted the issue of Congressional power under the Commerce Clause in a challenge to the Gun-Free School Zone Act in *U.S. v. Lopez*. The chief justice's opinion held that the act neither regulated a commercial activity nor contained a requirement that the possession be connected in any way to interstate commerce. Five years later, the Court struck down a portion of the Violence Against Women Act in *U.S. v. Morrison*, using analysis similar to that which decided the *Lopez* case.

Duff, also addressed the recent increased attention to presidential appointments to the Court and urged reading the chief justice's book, *The Supreme Court*, adding that there is a very interesting chapter addressing the subject. Additionally, Duff spoke of the other books the chief justice



Lierman

■ Law College SALDF Chapter Works to Protect Animals

The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) started as one chapter at Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College in 1993. Now more than 50 law schools have SALDF chapters for law students who are interested in animal law. Animal law is defined as the body of statutory and case law related to non-human animals.

SALDF chapters operate as an offshoot of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF). Attorneys seeking stronger enforcement of anti-cruelty laws and more humane treatment of animals founded ALDF, which boasts more than 100,000 members. ALDF focuses on protecting animals by providing free legal assistance to prosecutors handling animal cruelty cases, maintaining a database of animal abuse crimes across the country, working to strengthen state anti-cruelty statutes and educating the public through seminars, workshops and other outreach efforts.

Sarah Lierman, '05, founder of the College of Law SALDF said, "The area of animal law is growing and deserves further exploration and exposure. Starting a SALDF chapter at the Law College was a way to get the word out and educate students, faculty and the community about this exciting area of the law."

The Law College's SALDF chapter was proud to sponsor a team for the first annual National Animal Advocacy Competition at Harvard in 2004. Three students were able to compete against schools from around the country in the appellate advocacy competition. SALDF also sponsored a three-person team at the February 2005

has written since in office, and how they are relevant to current events. Those books include *Centennial Crisis: The Disputed Election of 1876*, *All the Laws but One: Civil Liberties in Wartime*, *Grand Inquests: The Historic Impeachments of Justice Samuel Chase and President Andrew Johnson* and *The Supreme Court: How It Was, How It Is*.

-Susanne Novak

■ Civil Clinic Students Help Immigrants Apply for 2006 Diversity Visa Lottery Program

Shannon Brennan, '05, and Raul Guerra, '05, while students in the Civil Clinic under the supervision of Professor Kevin Ruser, took part in an Immigration Project helping approximately 55 immigrants apply for the 2006 Diversity Visa Lottery Program. The students' help was needed because applications must be submitted on-line to the State Department. Applicants must submit selected personal and family information as well as digital

photographs of all immediate family members. Because most low-income applicants do not have access to the technology necessary to complete the application, the students' help was vital.

In preparation for the project, Brennan and Guerra compiled an information packet explaining the lottery process. Nearly 200 packets were distributed to various community groups and organizations throughout Lincoln that have contact with immigrant populations. "I really enjoyed holding the clinic," Brennan said. "I think that the U.S. benefits greatly from its immigrant communities, and I was happy to have the opportunity to help people pursue legal channels of immigration."



Brennan



Guerra

The purpose of the lottery is to provide an opportunity for permanent resident visas, known as green cards, to immigrants from countries with historically low rates of immigration to the U.S. In order to be eligible to receive a visa, applicants must be from an under-represented country, as determined by the State Department, and possess a high school diploma or two years of work experience within the past five years in a field that requires at least two years of training experience. If an applicant is selected through the lottery, he or she still

competition that included Jacqueline DeWisperlare, '06, Janet King, '06, and Bart Sturdy, '06. The team received very favorable comments from the judges but did not advance to the final round.

SALDF has also hosted several animal experts including Steve Ann Chambers, president of ALDF, and has raised money for several local animal shelters through "Puppy Chow" drives and a "Cutest Law School Pet" contest.

-Susanne Novak



DeWisperlare



King



Sturdy

must comply with procedures to become a permanent resident.

The project was a success with lottery applications submitted by immigrants from various countries including Nigeria, Cameroon, Togo, Congo, Tajikistan, Krygyzstan, Peru, Honduras, Ukraine and the Czech Republic, among others.

-Susanne Novak

■ Ambassadors Use Personal Attention to Promote Law College

During the Spring 2002 semester, a new program was created to enable upper-class law students to help shape the incoming first-year class. The program, known as the College of Law Ambassadors, helps generate awareness about obtaining a legal education while promoting the College of Law. In order to be selected to serve as an Ambassador, a student must apply and demonstrate knowledge of academic and extracurricular activities offered; exhibit excellent leadership and speaking skills and possess enthusiasm, sincerity and dedication to the College of Law.

“Admitted students often mention that the Ambassadors, through personal attention at events and through phone

calls or e-mails, make the difference when choosing where they will attend law school,” Denise Archer, program coordinator said. “These students also share that few, if any, of the other law schools they have applied to have current law students contact them to answer questions and alleviate concerns. The prospective students believe that this personal contact reflects the College’s supportive, student-centered atmosphere and indicates that they are an important part of the future of the Law College.”

Currently, there are 37 Ambassadors working to ensure the success of the program. Their duties include assisting in the recruitment of prospective students by guiding visitors on tours during visitation days and

during the Fall Pre-Law Open House, the annual Open House for admitted and prospective students, Diversity Law Day for both college and high school students and Admitted Student

Visitation Day. Additionally, Ambassadors take prospective students to classes with them, maintain contact with admitted students and participate in orientation in the fall.

Overall, Archer said, “The College of Law

Ambassador program has been very successful in accomplishing its goals of generating awareness about legal education, promoting the College of Law and assisting in the recruitment of prospective students.”

-Susanne Novak



Denise Archer



On January 19, 2005, at the College of Law’s courtroom, Mark Klemetsrud, a native of North Dakota and 1994 graduate of the University, portrayed one of America’s most well known attorneys, Clarence Darrow. The one-man play, written by David W. Rintels, had previously been presented at the Haymarket Theatre in Lincoln. Klemetsrud is the managing director of the Magi Theatre in Devils Lake, N.D.



Seeking Justice:

A Clinical Professor's Reflections

On Charging Her Bottom Line in Minor Cases

BY ALICIA B. HENDERSON

ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL CLINIC LAW PROGRAM

In keeping with a College of Law tradition, the College celebrated Professor Alicia Henderson's tenure and promotion to associate clinical professor of law by inviting her to give a lecture based on an aspect of her research. This article is an abbreviated version of that lecture, which Henderson delivered on October 27, 2003.

I've been charging people with crime for 16 years now. At least half of each of my days is spent reviewing criminal charging decisions in one way or another. In my role as the director of the Criminal Clinic, I do, of course, teach my students the rules concerning charging to my students each semester.

They learn that a prosecutor's duty is to seek justice. They learn that this is so the filing of a criminal charge is an incredible display of the power of the sovereign, which should be exercised with restraint. They also learn that it is unethical to file a criminal charge against someone unless it is supported by probable cause. We also read the Nebraska cases that say the choice of a criminal charge belongs to the prosecutor, and that, as long as the charges selected are supported by probable cause, and were not selected for some impermissible reason, such as resulting from purposeful discrimination based on race or sex, etc., that a prosecutor's choice of charges is largely unreviewable.

Then the students enter the county attorney's office and encounter real cases to which they must apply these rules. They think about "probable cause." They contemplate "proof beyond a reasonable doubt." They think about "seeking justice." They ask what is to be gained by filing this charge. They ask, "Why?" And they want answers. And that is when it really gets exciting to be a teacher!

I've titled this tenure talk "Reflections of a Clinical Professor" because that is exactly what it is. What you are going to hear today are really just some beginning reflections

concerning the charging of infractions and misdemeanors.

First of all, you need to know something about what I mean by "infractions" and "misdemeanors." Infractions in Nebraska are punishable by a fine of zero to \$100. Misdemeanor penalties range from zero to \$1000 fine and zero to one year in jail.



In addition to these criminal penalties, it is also important to know the collateral consequences that can be imposed on people as a consequence of their "minor" criminal behavior. For instance, having a possession of marijuana conviction, which is an infraction, can get you kicked off of federal housing assistance. According to the *Lincoln Journal Star*, 17 families in Lincoln have lost their housing assistance since April of this year because of drug-related issues. Also, federal law provides that any student who has been convicted of possession of a

controlled substance (which could be an infraction if it involves marijuana) is not eligible to receive any Pell grant, student loan or work assistance for one year for a first offense, two years for a second offense and indefinitely for a third offense.

And what happens if you are convicted of prostitution in Omaha? Apparently a new citizens group is going to be watching the court cases and will be putting your name on a billboard, even if it is your first offense and the court fined you only \$100 or less. Not to mention the fact that a conviction for crimes such as theft or indecent exposure can keep you out of consideration for many jobs. Or if you are convicted of third degree sexual assault (touching of the sexual parts of someone else without that person's consent), you must register as a sex

offender. Or if you are convicted of misdemeanor child neglect, you are listed on the child abuse and neglect registry and are thereafter excluded from certain types of employment, unless you can get that indication expunged. Or if you are convicted of a crime, even a misdemeanor, involving moral turpitude, you are subject to deportation if you are not a United States citizen.

A prosecutor also has to consider the effects not only of convictions, but also of her charging decision. What effect is there on the life of a married man who is charged with indecent exposure for alleged lewd behavior with another man in a city park? What about the effect on the children of a parent who remains incarcerated because he is unable to post bond prior to a trial? Or what happens to a defendant who loses his job simply because he has been charged with a

Now, if you want to get a prosecutor excited, accuse her of overcharging! I've always been curious about what was meant by that allegation, so I've gone looking.

A very influential article written published in 1968 for the *University of Chicago Law Review* by then United States Department of Justice attorney Albert Alschuler describes what is meant by "overcharging." Horizontal overcharging, as Alschuler describes it, is when a prosecutor piles on the charges with no intention of actually seeking convictions on all of those charges. Vertical overcharging is when a prosecutor files higher charges than seem warranted by the circumstances of the case. The defense bar argues that the only reason the prosecutor files all of those charges or those higher charges is to leverage a defendant into a plea agreement, instead of a trial.

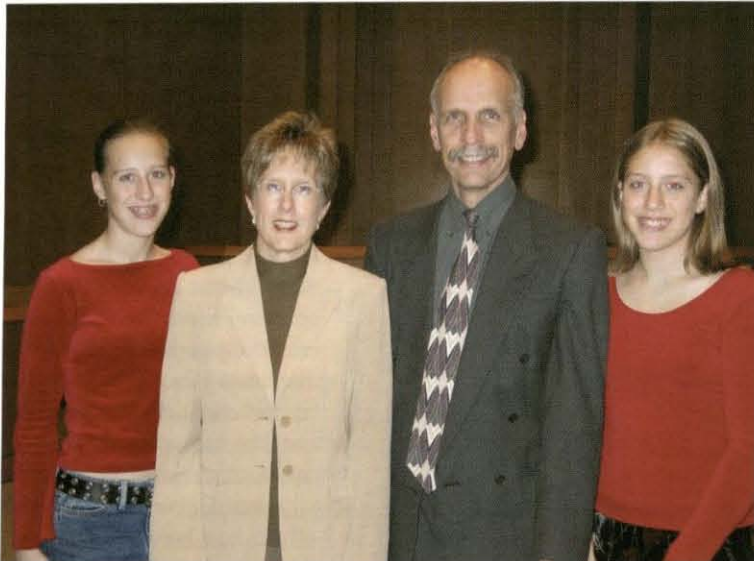
It is generally practical considerations that keep us from holding all offenders accountable for all of their detected criminal behavior. It is just too expensive to hold people responsible for all of the crimes they commit. Americans are just not willing to fund the system that they have set up. In other words, the assertion is that, without plea bargaining, the system would come to a grinding halt.

Despite this, many scholars and commentators conclude that plea bargaining should be abolished. Those commentators conclude, among other things, that plea bargains produce erroneous convictions, as well as give defendants undeserved "breaks." Others argue that plea bargaining is something which strikes at the heart of our adversarial system. In other words, when there is plea bargaining, it is prosecutors who decide the fate of accused persons, not juries. Others argue that plea bargains are not honest because they are conducted outside of the public's view and they

don't send a consistent message to the public about what a case is worth.

Even some prosecutors have begun to prohibit plea bargaining. One of the longest running experiments with a "no plea bargaining" policy is the one implemented in New Orleans by Harry Connick, Sr. A recent article by Professors Marc Miller and Ronald Wright sheds some light on that policy and its consequences to criminal prosecution in the city of New Orleans.

Miller and Wright say that this "no plea bargaining" policy has generally been very successful in New Orleans because it has not significantly increased the number of trials held. To what do they attribute this success? To the "hard" screening of those criminal cases. This "hard" screening consists of early, accurate assessment of criminal charges; a reasoned selection about which charges to pursue; the placement of both tangible and intangible barriers to



Alicia with her husband, Steve, and their daughters, Becky (left) and Meghan (right)

particular type of crime?

All of that is in an attempt to let you know that when I say "infraction and misdemeanor" or "minor" offenses, the consequences are not always minor.

So what, you may say. If you can't do the time, don't do the crime. But this is one prosecutor who believes that people can be erroneously accused and convicted. Some people, especially young people, don't always get started off on the right foot. And sometimes the law operates too harshly, given the circumstances.

Not to suggest that I am an old softy. My students and the defense bar in Lincoln would tell you otherwise.

So this is the journey my students and I embark on every day. What does seeking justice require? When are we exerting too much zeal? When are we overcharging? When are we undercharging? When should we negotiate a plea on a case? When should we stand firm?

negotiated settlements; and actual enforcement of the ban.

New Orleans did not institute this policy for minor cases, however.

Should the same “hard” screening system/no plea bargaining system be considered for minor offenses? Are there enough similarities between the prosecution of minor cases and the prosecutions of felonies to consider implementing such a policy?

First, are the same practical considerations of expense to the system at play in the prosecution of minor cases in Nebraska? I would suggest yes! Defendants have a right to a jury trial in any case for which jail is a possible penalty. Eighteen jurors are called up for voir dire at the cost of \$20 apiece. After the jury is selected, six jurors serve for the remainder of the trial, which usually last two or three days.

Add to that the cost of police officers being paid overtime for non-shift testimony, judge time, prosecutor time and court-appointed counsel time. Now, it is clear that felony cases have more jurors and take more time to prosecute than most misdemeanor cases, but, misdemeanor cases vastly outnumber felonies. For instance, the Lancaster County Attorney’s office filed roughly 15,000 serious traffic and misdemeanor cases in 2002. During that same year, only 1700 felonies were filed. Thus, it is still fair to predict that a sudden ban on plea bargaining in misdemeanor cases would cause a large increase in prosecution expenses if the number of trials increased in any significant way.

The second question that needs to be asked is whether prosecutors actually engaging in overcharging of misdemeanors in order to get the leverage that they need if a case is contested? Although I couldn’t prove it in any scientific way, I would suggest that such “overcharging” is even more rampant in misdemeanor prosecution than it is in felony prosecution. And, most of it is not “intentional leveraging.”

My experience tells me that given the volume of cases that a misdemeanor prosecutor encounters, she barely has time to read the police reports for a probable cause determination, let alone engage in a reasoned consideration of what justice requires. Charge what you can prove and hopefully the defendant will plead guilty at arraignment. If not, hopefully you have charged enough things that you can offer a deal at the trial setting, and that will settle the case. You can then move on to the other 20 cases you have scheduled for that trial setting, and when you get back to the office you can actually read the hundreds of cases sitting on your desk that need to be charged.

In addition to this “overcharging” due to work load, sometimes prosecutors intentionally “pile” on the charges simply as a way to communicate the seriousness of the case to the judge. After all, in the treadmill-like environment of the arraignment court, a prosecutor has to communicate that a particular case is serious somehow!

The third question to be asked is whether “overcharging” misdemeanors has significantly smaller consequences to defendants than it does in felony prosecutions. It certainly does, if one looks only at the length of incarceration. But, as I stated earlier, those consequences, both criminal and collateral are nothing to sneeze at.

Just looking the sentence differential is not sufficient, however. In felony cases, most, if not all of the defendants have benefit of the advice of counsel prior to making a

decision in a case. But is that the case for minor charges? No. The vast majority of people appear in court without an attorney, and plead guilty to all of the charges that are filed, whether they have an arguable defense or not – most without an adequate understanding of what rights they have waived upon the entry of their pleas of guilty, and even more without an adequate understanding of the collateral consequences of their guilty pleas.

Now, the courts could do a better job of informing defendants

of their rights, but I am not sure that the number of guilty pleas at arraignment would be significantly reduced. The fact of the matter is that many people plead to everything simply because they do not have advice of counsel. And they do not have counsel because it is expensive to hire an attorney!

So, defendants charged with infractions and misdemeanors face serious consequences, of which they are largely unaware. Their cases are “overcharged” due to lack of time and thought by prosecutors, and due to intentional message sending by prosecutors to judges. Many have no attorneys and plead straight up to multiple charges, receiving sometimes more lenient, sometimes harsher treatment than is warranted by the situation. Persons who have attorneys usually fare better. But, given this system of some persons having attorneys and most not having attorneys, gross inequities occur between similarly situated defendants.

Given all this, it seems that a hard-screening/no plea bargaining is perhaps even more warranted in minor cases than in felony cases.

If a prosecutor were to implement such a system, there are many further questions that would need to be answered, but those will have to wait for another day. For now is the time to eat, drink and be merry. ■

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Faculty Notes



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

■ Prof. Rob Denicola published the ninth edition of his casebook *Copy-*

right, Unfair Competition and Other Topics Bearing on the Protection of Literary, Musical and Artistic Works, published by Foundation Press. Last spring he published an article entitled "Fair's Fair: An Argument for Mandatory Disclosure of Technological Protection Measures" in the *Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review*. He also received the Professor of the Year Award from the Student Bar Association.



Susan C. Franck
Assistant Professor of Law

■ Prof. Susan Franck joined the College of Law from the University of Minnesota, where she was a visiting professor.

She has recently written two articles that will be published in the *American Journal of International Law* and the *U.C. Davis Journal of International Law and Policy* on topics related to investment treaty arbitration. Last summer, Franck was invited to speak at the Seventh Hague Joint Conference on Contemporary Issues in International Law, as well as to the South Eastern Association of Law Schools on the topic of international institutional reform and dispute resolution. This fall, she spoke at the International Law Weekend in New York about the independence of arbitrators in international dispute resolution and at McGeorge School of Law's symposium on Judicial Independence and Legal Infrastructure.

Remembering Don Shaneyfelt

Donald L. Shaneyfelt passed away on May 23, 2005. Shaneyfelt was a long-time associate dean and faculty member at the College of Law. He also served as interim dean of the College immediately before Harvey Perlman became dean in 1983.

Shaneyfelt's contributions to the Law College were many and varied. As associate dean in an earlier era, he was practically a one-man band. He worked on admissions, helped students find jobs, set class schedules, maintained contact with alumni, determined financial aid – in effect, he covered duties that are now spread across many people in several different offices. He also found time to teach Corporations, Local Government Law, International Trade and Conflicts of Law. At least one product of his efforts is still very visible at the College of Law. During his time as interim dean, he broke ground for the Welpton Courtroom and was in charge during its construction.

Despite all these contributions, Shaneyfelt spent only half his career at the Law College. The first half of his life was spent in the military. He served in the European theatre during World War II and earned the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Legion of Merit Medal. He

then returned to the University, finished his undergraduate degree and graduated from the Law College in 1950. Shortly after, he was recalled into the Army during the Korean War. In 1968, he retired from the Army as a colonel and returned to the Law College. He remained at the Law College until 1988 when he moved permanently to his hometown: Long Pine, Neb.

Shaneyfelt learned to fly after retiring from the Army, and he loved it. For a period during his time as associate dean, he would offer faculty candidates the opportunity to go up with him in his plane for an aerial view of Lincoln. He made it clear that this was up to the candidate and entirely voluntary, but candidates sometimes have an expansive view of what might affect their prospects of a job offer. So many, including some on the faculty today, got to view firsthand Shaneyfelt's joy of flying. Shaneyfelt also clearly holds the record, and undoubtedly will always hold the record, for the longest commute to work at the Law College. During his last year at the College, he lived in Long Pine and commuted to his classes at the Law College each week.

After his years at the Law College, Shaneyfelt was a public-spirited member of the Long Pine community. He served on the school board and was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. He also flew regularly, of course; tended to his Morgan horses; played golf at the nearby Bassett Country Club; and traveled widely with his wife, D. Lynn Robertson, '79. ■





Martin R. Gardner

Steinhart Foundation Professor of Law

■ Prof. Marty Gardner has completed work on the second edition of his casebook, *Children and the Law: Cases and Materials* to be published by Lexis/Nexis. Last summer he taught Criminal Procedure at the University of Iowa College of Law and Family &

Juvenile Law at the University of Tulsa College of Law.



Alicia B. Henderson

Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Criminal Clinical Law Program

■ Prof. Alicia Henderson continues to teach the Criminal Clinic, but this past spring she also taught Criminal Law to first year students. Also, this past spring, Henderson was awarded the

“Star Award” by the UNL Division of Student Affairs for her work with Student Judicial Affairs. She once again taught “Courtroom Testimony” to the new recruits for the Lincoln and UNL Police Departments and the Lancaster County Sheriff’s office, and was a member of the Nebraska High School Mock Trial Competition’s Case Committee, which developed the 2005-2006 high school mock criminal homicide trial.



Roger W. Kirst

Henry M. Grether Professor of Law

■ Prof. Roger Kirst presented the opening address at a national conference at Brooklyn Law School that examined the right of confrontation after the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Crawford v. Washington*. His analysis of *Crawford* has been published in the conference proceedings in the *Brooklyn*

Law Review. He has also discussed the interpretation of *Crawford* at a CLE program presented by the National Criminal Defense Attorneys Association.



John P. Lenich

Ross McCollum Professor of Law

■ Prof. John Lenich is currently writing a treatise on Nebraska Civil Procedure. He remains active in the bar, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln Bar Association and of the House of Delegates of the Nebraska State Bar. He also served as a judge for various high

school law-related competitions and organized the Regional Rounds of the 56th Annual National Moot Court Competition. The Regional Rounds were held at the Law College in Novem-

ber 2005. Fifteen teams from seven law schools in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska competed.



Brian D. Lepard

Professor of Law

■ Prof. Brian Lepard recently completed a book, *Hope for a Global Ethic: Shared Principles in Religious Scriptures*, which was published by Bahá’í Publishing and is available through commercial booksellers. He has also

authored three Tax Management Portfolios on the allocation of income and deductions among related corporations. His article “Jurying Humanitarian Intervention and the Ethical Principle of Open-Minded Consultation” will appear in the book *Humanitarian Intervention*, which will be published by New York University Press in December 2005. He also published an article entitled “Iraq, Fundamental Ethical Principles, and the Future of Human Rights,” in *The Journal of Human Rights*.

Lepard has also given a number of speeches. He spoke on the occasion of Human Rights Day at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. His subject was “Eradicating Violence Against Women: The Need for Local Solutions to a Global Epidemic.” Approximately 400 individuals attended and his talk was broadcast on cable television. Lepard also spoke at Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., and delivered a talk at the University of Haifa in Haifa, Israel. He also participated in a panel on “Experiencing Peacemaking as a Vocation” held at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.



William H. Lyons

Richard H. Larson Professor of Tax Law

■ Prof. Bill Lyons was a visiting professor at Boston College Law School during the spring 2005 semester. At the 2005 Estate & Business Planning Conference sponsored by the College of Law, Lyons spoke on “Is the Sky Really Falling – the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code and

“Special Needs’ Trusts.” Lyons and Professor John Gradwohl are currently working on a law review article on the same topic. Lyons has also been appointed to the American Bar Association Tax Section’s Hurricane Katrina Taskforce, which is reviewing and drafting proposals for using the Internal Revenue Code to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.



Colleen E. Medill

Professor of Law

■ Prof. Colleen Medill was promoted by the University to the rank of full professor. She also was elected a member of the American Law Institute. Together with Professors Richard Weiner and Brian Bornstein of the University’s Law and Psychology Program, Medill obtained a

research grant from the Employee Benefit Research Institute and the Commonwealth Fund to study the readability of summary plan descriptions for health care plans. Her article, "Resolving the Judicial Paradox of Equitable Remedies Under ERISA," has been accepted for publication as part of the annual ERISA symposium issue for 2006 published by the *John Marshall Law Review*. Medill was an invited speaker at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of American Law Schools, where she moderated a panel discussion on legal scholarship for junior faculty members. Medill has also become the faculty advisor to a new student organization, the St. Thomas More Society.



Susan Poser
Associate Professor of Law

■ Prof. Susan Poser was elected a member of the American Law Institute. She has been named director of the University's Center for the Teaching and Study of Applied Ethics. She was a reviewer and panel member at the National Science Foundation. The panel evaluated proposals concerning the incorporation of ethics into graduate engineering curricula.



Kevin L. Ruser
Professor of Clinical Legal Education and Director of the Civil Clinical Law Program

■ Prof. Kevin Ruser served a presenter on legal issues to the Asian Community and Cultural Leadership Program in Lincoln; a trainer on immigration law to local attorneys and immigration advocates for the Equity-In-Nebraska Immigration Project in North Platte; a trainer on law school teaching methods to law faculties in Belgrade, Niš and Kragujevac, Serbia, and in Montenegro for the Serbia Rule of Law Project of the National Center for State Courts; a trainer on legal issues in long-term health care for the 36 Hour Social Services Course of the Nebraska Health Care Association in Lincoln; and as a continuing legal education trainer on Nebraska landlord and tenant law at the Larabee School of Real Estate in Lincoln.



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

■ Prof. Bob Schopp presented "Two-Edged Swords: Supreme Court Doctrine, Risk Assessment and Expert Testimony" to the Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society in La Jolla, Calif., and "Two-Edged Swords: Integrating Expert Testimony, Risk Assessment Research and Supreme Court Sentencing Doctrine" to the Annual Con-

ference of the Western Society of Criminology in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Anna Williams Shavers
Professor of Law

■ Prof. Anna Shavers spoke on "Have We Moved From the Tokens of the Desegregation Movement to Tokens in Predominantly White Institutions" at the Ninth Annual Conference of People of Color in Predominantly White Institutions: 50 Years Since Brown – Are We There Yet? sponsored by the University in Lincoln. She also presented a paper entitled "Domestic Reception of Public International Law and the Development of Immigration Law and Policy" at the Canada-UK Perspectives on Public International Law Conference, which was sponsored by British Association for Canadian Studies: Legal Studies Group Annual Conference, at the Canada House, in London, England. Shavers has also been reappointed a commissioner on the American Bar Association's Commission of Law and Aging.



Brian D. Striman
Professor of Law Library

■ Prof. Brian Striman is the 2005-2006 president of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL), an 19-member consortia of law libraries from Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota. He was also the 2005 MAALL annual meeting education chair. Striman is also the editor-in-chief of *Technical Services Law Librarian*, the quarterly publication of the Technical Services Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries.



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

■ Dean Steve Willborn has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Law College Admission Council, the group that administers the Law School Admissions Test. He has also been named chair of the steering committee responsible for preparing the Self Study for the NCAA accreditation of the University's Athletic Department. Willborn has published: "Onward and Upward: The Next 25 Years of Comparative Labor Scholarship," 25 *Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal* 183; "Workers in Troubled Firms: When Are (Should) They Be Protected," 7 *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Labor and Employment Law* 35; and "A Lawyer's View of the Statistical Expert," 4 *Law, Probability & Risk* 25.

Alumni Council Awards Honor Distinguished Achievements

The College of Law Alumni Council presented four Distinguished Achievement Awards at a dinner at the Lincoln Country Club in April 2005. The awards recognized the many outstanding contributions made to the College by its alumni, faculty, students and friends.

■ **Distinguished Alumni Award** was awarded to Donald C. Farber, '50. The award recognizes an outstanding alumnus or alumna of the College who brings credit to the College by his or her recognized professional success.

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



2005 University of Nebraska College of Law Alumni Council Award winners (left to right): Alisa Rosales, '05 (Woods & Aitken Outstanding Student Award); Alan Frank (Outstanding Service Award); Robert Schopp (Distinguished Faculty Award); Donald C. Farber, '50 (Distinguished Alumni Award).

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

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

■ **Woods & Aitken/Alumni Council Outstanding Student Award** was presented to Alisa Rosales, '05. This award recognizes a third-year student who exemplifies the qualities of loyalty, service and achievement and who benefits the College community through his or her actions and commitment.

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

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Nominating Form: Please respond by January 31, 2006.

Candidate Name: _____

Outstanding Service Award Distinguished Alumni Award Outstanding Student Award

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

Your Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Address: _____
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City

State

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

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

Introducing Angie Hohensee and Connie Pejsar

The University of Nebraska Foundation and the College of Law are pleased to announce that Angie Hohensee has joined the Foundation and the Law College as director of development. She is assisted by Connie Pejsar, the director of sustained giving. Hohensee and Pejsar wrote these letters of introduction for THE NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT as a way of introducing themselves to the College's friends and alums.

From Angie Hohensee:



My first thought in writing this introduction is to say thank you. Thank you to all of you who are committed to ensuring that the College of Law remains one of the finest in the nation. That being said, my name is Angie Hohensee and I am proud to represent both the University of Nebraska Foundation and the College of Law as the director of development.

My main goal is to give you a resource through which you can explore your philanthropic options, organize your contributions effectively and enable you to donate your resources of time or money to that which gives you the most impact and personal satisfaction.

After I received my degree in Journalism from the University, I took a position as an advertising representative for the *Kansas City Star*. Later, I moved back to Nebraska to become the director of marketing for Nebraska Educational Telecommunications. My most recent position was in private banking at Union Bank in Lincoln. I am married and have two children.

During my 15 years in marketing, I worked with tangibles and intangibles, for profits and non-profits, and public and private institutions, and have found that

the foundation for all transactions is trust. The same is true in fundraising.

I take very seriously our commitment to be a trustworthy steward of your charitable gifts. And, I will help to advance your desires to sustain the College of Law as a leader in legal education. ■

From Connie Pejsar:

I have been with the University of Nebraska Foundation for 22 years. During my tenure, I have served as director of annual giving and started a new program for Leadership/Sustained Giving to benefit all of the colleges in helping their donors reach new levels of giving.

As director of sustained giving for the College of Law, I will coordinate the Class Agent program, class reunions and alumni events. I also will help with donor relations and work on increasing giving levels. One of my goals is to invite alumni into higher recognition giving levels at the College.

My husband, Steve, and I are Lincoln natives and have two children and one grandchild. ■



Class of 1955 50-Year Reunion Features Camaraderie, Memories

The Class of 1955 celebrated its 50-year reunion on June 12 and 13, 2005, at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City. And what a class it is! For one thing, this was about the 50th time the class has held a reunion. Instead of waiting for “big” anniversaries, the Class of ’55 tries to get together every year to remember good times, to celebrate each other’s accomplishments and to have some good old-fashioned fun and camaraderie.

This year, the festivities included an appearance and personal congratulations from Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman; a tour of the Lewis and Clark Visitors Center, guided by former University regent and Nebraska City mayor, Nancy Hoch; and a closing dinner speech by former Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Norman Krivosha, ’58. But the highlights of the reunion, as always, were the informal conversations at breakfast and lunch and the time spent together as a group remembering times together. And what remarkable memories there were!

The memories began from the class’s first years together: Memories of classes with Belsheim, Beutel, Axelrod, Dow and Lake; memories of a national moot court championship; memories of early jobs and the beginnings of marriages. The stories continue through active and productive careers: Deposing Jimmy Hoffa; exposing a completely fake expert witness; representing ConAgra; central roles with important companies, such as Crete Carrier, Northern Natural Gas and UNOCAL. Public service was clearly a deep and important aspect of their life work: several state and federal judges; several past presidents of the Nebraska State Bar Association; many, many hours of service on local school and church boards. Finally, for many, stories of well-deserved retirements with summer or permanent homes in Lincoln or Omaha, Minnesota or Montana, Pittsburgh or Los Angeles.

This was also an occasion to remember the University and Law College and to reflect on how much has changed, and remarkably how much has stayed the same. Much has changed, of course. The Class of 1955 had 34 graduates and no female graduates; the College’s most recent graduating class had 130 members, including 61 women. Tuition in 1955 was \$160/year for residents and \$320/year for non-residents; this year tuition and fees were about \$9,000 for residents and \$21,000 for non-residents. The Class of 1955 went to 10th and R to attend classes in “Old” Law, which contained 50,000 volumes with nary a computer in sight (or, indeed, hardly even imagined); now the building is on the East Campus, contains more than 350,000 volumes, and more than 90% of incoming students bring their own computers to connect to the wireless network available everywhere in the facility.

But much has remained the same, too, including the most important parts. Then and now, the heart of the first-year curriculum consists of year-long courses in Contracts, Torts, Property, and Legal Research and Writing. Then and now, the faculty was accomplished and memorable. (No doubt we will remember current faculty 50 years hence, just as we remember today people such as David Dow, Alan Axelrod, Henry Grether



Members of the Class of 1955, friends and spouses gathered in Nebraska City this past June.

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and Jim Lake.) Then and now, the curriculum extended well beyond traditional law courses to expose students to public law and interdisciplinary studies. (In 1955, this was highly innovative and widely noticed in the academic world.) Then and now, the football team, sadly, was about the same. During the Class of 1955's last year, the team won 6 games and lost 5; last year, as we all remember so painfully, the team won 5 games and lost 6.

Because things were different then, the Class of 1955 contains members who did not actually graduate in 1955. The bulk of the people in the "Class of 1955"

were in the College's 2-4 program, which no longer exists. Thus, they started law school in 1951 after completing two years as undergraduates, and graduated in 1955 after four years at the Law College. But some in the "Class of 1955" were in the 3-3 program, so they began with the class in 1951, but graduated in 1954. A few others began at other times or graduated later, mainly because of the Korean War. Finally, these days, the class includes spouses of members who are no longer with us. At the reunion, this group was well represented by Marlene Otte and Jean Cambridge. The members of the class who actually graduated in 1955 were:



Daune Acklie



Frank Balderson



Robert Berkshire



Alfred Blessing



Mark Buccholz



Charles Burmeister



William Cambridge



Robert Camp

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Guy Curtis



J. Arthur Curtiss



John Futcher, Jr.



Gilbert Gunderson



Robert Hinds



Ronald Hunter



Robert Johnson, Jr.



Paul Johnston



John Knapp



Charles Lacy



Robert Lammers



William Lowe

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Jeremiah Massie



James Norton



Norman Oliver



Robert Otte



Bernard Packett



Edwin Perry



David Tews



Lawrence Wilson



Lawrence Yost



Gladwyn Youngs

Not Pictured:

- Ben Anderson*
- Allan Decker*
- William Hein*
- William Stewart, Jr.*

All of these people, of course, look exactly the same now as they do in their pictures above! ■

White Collar Crime Specialist Founds Global Pro Bono Initiative

BY MARY GARBACZ

Sheldon Krantz, '62, may be one of the most renowned white collar criminal defense attorneys in the world. Practicing with DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary in Washington, D.C., he is also the founder of New Perimeter, a global pro bono nonprofit affiliate of DLA Piper, which provides legal support for projects of global concern, including health care, hunger, housing, economic development, law reform and human rights.

And he credits his education at the College of Law with providing the foundation for his success.

"I have never found my education to have put me at a disadvantage with lawyers from Harvard, Yale, the University of Chicago – any of them. My view is that my education has been equal to theirs. Wherever I've been in my professional life, I've been prepared to take on the challenges," the Omaha native said. "I take pride in having a law degree from the College of Law and being a native Nebraskan."

Krantz said Professor Henry Grether, who taught Criminal Procedure, first sparked his interest in criminal law. "It's particularly fascinating now," he said. "There's been such a focus on criminal law in the last 10-15 years."

Krantz started his legal career in the organized crime and racketeering area, moved into academic life as a law professor at Boston University, then became dean of the University of San Diego Law School. He returned to private practice when he joined Piper & Marbury to start a white collar practice group. The DLA Piper practice now has about 3,000 lawyers worldwide, the result of recent mergers. "We now have a very large white collar criminal defense group – one of the largest in the country," he said. DLA Piper now has 53 offices in 20 countries.

"We represent a lot of companies who might be under investigation for violation of regulations such as health care, environmental concerns or government contract fraud, for example. In many instances, the investigations or scrutiny might not be warranted. We assist clients in getting to the bottom of the allegations and in getting information to the government that we hope will convince

a federal agency that it's going down the wrong path," he explained. "We also give preventive advice to companies so they can avoid problems. In many instances, it's the most valuable thing we do," he added.

Krantz divides his time between his private practice and New Perimeter, which provides legal support for five major pro bono projects. "We are working with the U.N.

peacekeeping mission and government in Kosovo in developing a new legal system; we have been helping with the Global Fund, which is a major new initiative to provide drugs to deal with HIV AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, and making sure the funds are not misappropriated; and we are one of three joint venture partners in creating a human rights resource center for southern Africa," he explained. There is a budget of \$6 million in pro bono time for this, he added. The initial contribution is 13,000 hours of billable time from 21 DLA Piper lawyers who were selected from the 100 who applied. Each attorney is devoting 500 to 1,000 hours to one of these projects. Some even work full-time on a New Perimeter project.

"Nebraskans may be interested to know that the director of the Department of Justice within the U.N. Peacekeeping Mission in Pristina, Kosovo, is Tom Monaghan," Krantz said. Monaghan, '72, was U.S. attorney for Nebraska before he accepted this position. New Perimeter, Krantz pointed out, is assisting the U.N. Peacekeeping Mission, the interim government and the National Center for State Courts in forming a new justice system.

Krantz is pleased with his career choice. "An important message is that there have been a lot of critical things said about the legal profession, and some are justified. But there are extraordinary opportunities for lawyers, and they should never lose sight of their dreams. You can get buried in a practice you find tedious, and a lot of people leave the practice of law and pursue other things. But I am really convinced that, with a legal education, there are a lot of things you can undertake," he said. ■



From Chappell to San Diego, Wertzes Inspire Each Other

BY MARY GARBACZ

There's a lot of difference between Chappell, Neb., and San Diego, Calif., but a father's law practice in Chappell and his son's practice in San Diego have similar roots – and a foundation of mutual admiration.

John D. Wertz and his son, John R. Wertz both graduated from the College of Law – John D. in 1942 and John R. in 1972.

"To me, it's really significant that together we're in our 100th year of being in the legal profession," said John R. Wertz in a recent telephone interview. John R. is in the firm of Sullivan Wertz McDade & Wallace, P.C.

John R. said his father was a great inspiration to him when he decided to become an attorney. "I got to see firsthand what a lawyer did, and how a lawyer could contribute to the betterment of the community," he said. "I got to watch my father's involvement as he did good things in the city of Chappell." John D. Wertz and his law partner, Ray Smith, formed a trust for a client that has provided more than \$1 million per year in funding for the community good in western Nebraska. Another trust John D. helped establish has provided substantial academic scholarships for high school seniors so they can attend college.

"My motivation for going to law school was my mother and father, and the community service they did. My mother started the Meals on Wheels program in Chappell and was instrumental in forming a lot of the senior services there. She also volunteered at the assisted living and nursing home in Chappell," John R. said. His father, John D., served on the Chappell city council and was the city attorney for five mayors.

John D. retired two years ago from the active practice of law. "If I hadn't gotten glaucoma, I'd still be practicing. It was a wonderful 54 years of practice in Chappell," he said, "and I'd do it all over again. It's a great profession." Until he and his wife, Carol, moved into an assisted living facility in Chappell recently, he had lived in the same brick house in which he was born in 1915.

"My own father persuaded me to go to law school, even though I always thought I'd be a sports writer," John D. said. John D.'s father came to Nebraska from Pennsylvania in 1890 and established a hardware store and a lumber store. He only completed the fourth grade himself, but came into contact with a lot of legal matters in his business – contracts, leases, deeds – and felt law school was the right direction for his son.

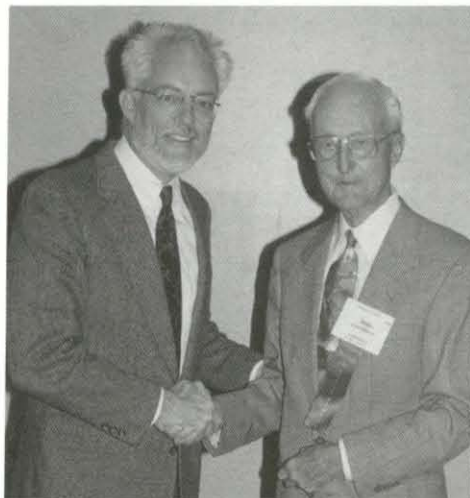
"When I graduated from law school in 1942 (those were the days when the war was on) I'd had to double up on my classes during the last semester so I could finish and get into the service. I was drafted into the Army right away," John D. said.

Fast forward to 1972. John R. was graduating from the College of Law, and determining where he wanted to practice. "I had spent the summer in San Diego between my second and third years of law school, and the positive experience of being in the big city was one that I hadn't had before," so he decided to begin his practice there.

John R. started out his legal career in California as a civil litigator, "but now I have a very broad range of things I do. I've represented the last three mayors of San Diego and a lot of other politicians," he said. San Diego,

like many other large cities, has many special interest groups. To take positive steps, litigation is often involved, as is the ballot box, and it always involves legal interests. "I've been drawn to this, and our firm is involved with the major public issues of the day," he said.

"We're also involved in entertainment and business law," he said. He's been on the board of directors of a San Diego entertainment venue for 12 years, and has helped in the legal capacity with entertainment contracts and other business. "It's basically business law with a little bit of pizzazz," he said. "It's fun to be involved in the proactive side by putting agreements together so they can be successful and avoid disputes." ■



John R. Wertz, '72, congratulates his father, John D. Wertz, '42, on the occasion of John D. receiving an award commemorating his 50 years as a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association in 1992.

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■ **Thomas E. Brogan, '43**, was recognized by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation at its annual Fellows Dinner in Omaha for his significant contributions to the profession, the Bar Foundation and the community. He has practiced in Norfolk since 1958. He has served as president of the Madison County Bar Association and as chairman of the House of Delegates of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

■ **Robert C. Guenzel, '48**, was honored with a plaque from the Lincoln Community Foundation for his significant contributions to the community foundation field and for his outstanding leadership and service to the L.L. Coryell and Son Park Foundation. The foundation provides funding to maintain Coryell Park in rural Johnson. Guenzel recently retired from the Coryell Foundation board.

■ **Daniel D. Jewel, '49**, Norfolk, was recognized by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation at its annual Fellows Dinner in Omaha for his significant contributions to the profession, the Bar Foundation and the community. He has served as president of the Nebraska State Bar Association, been elected a fellow of the American College of Trial Attorneys and is listed in the personal litigation section of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

■ **R. Stanley Lowe, '49**, Casper, Wyo., received an Honorable Mention Award by the Wyoming Press Association for his bi-weekly column in the *Casper Journal*.

1950

■ **Donald C. Farber, '50**, received the Distinguished Alumni Award "for rare distinction in professional achievement" from the College of Law Alumni Council.

■ **Theodore (Ted) Sorensen, '51**, special counsel to former President John F. Kennedy, gave the commencement address at New School University in New York City, where former U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey is president. Sorensen, whose practice focuses on international business and governmental transactions, is a senior partner with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, a prominent New York law firm.

■ **Bevin B. Bump, '52**, Chadron, former president of the Nebraska State Bar Association, the Western Nebraska Bar Association and the Nebraska Bar Foundation, is serving a three-year term as a member of the board of governors of the American Bar Association. As governor for the ABA's 10th District, he will represent Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

■ **Wilfred W. (Bill) Nuernberger, '52**, Lincoln, retired judge of the Separate

Judge Gradwohl Recognized for Her Contributions to Women



The Women and the Law Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association presented its first Outstanding Contributor to Women and the Law Award to **Judge Janice Gradwohl, '54**, at the Bar's 2004 annual meeting in Omaha.

According to Susan Strong, president of Women and the Law Section, "The award annually recognizes an individual who has directly contributed to advancing the rights of women in the law by advocating for women's issues, being a pioneering woman in the law, acting as a mentor or role model for women in the law or advancing gender equality in the justice system." She added, "Judge Gradwohl was chosen as the first recipient because she has excelled in each and every criterion for the award."

Gradwohl was the fourth woman judge in Nebraska and the first in Lancaster County. Since retiring from the bench in 1990, Gradwohl has served as an adjunct faculty member at the College of Law and has taught in the People's Republic of China, Japan and Sri Lanka. ■

Juvenile Court of Lancaster County, was presented the The Legal Pioneer Award from the Nebraska State Bar Foundation at its annual Fellows Dinner in Omaha. The award is given to honor past or current accomplishments of a lawyer who makes innovative contributions to the improvement of justice. Nuernberger was also honored at a breakfast by Lincoln's Child Guidance Center for his progressive approach in his courtroom, which set an example for the judges who followed him.

■ **John C. Dean, '54**, Glenwood, Iowa, was named Iowa Horseman of the Year by the 2005 Iowa Hall of Fame, Iowa Horse Council.

■ **Don W. Pederson, '54**, North Platte, was chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Nebraska Legislature during the 2005 legislative session.

■ **Duane W. Acklie, '55**, was awarded the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln's Award for Distinguished Service.

■ **Ronald W. Hunter, '55**, Omaha, received the Alumni Achievement Award from Wayne State at the college's May 7, 2005, commencement.

■ **James W. Hewitt, '56**, Lincoln, was recognized as the Nebraska State Bar Foundation's Outstanding Legal Educator. The presentation was made by his daughter, Mary Hewitt Jones, '90, at the foundation's annual Fellows Dinner in Omaha. The award is given in recognition of significant contributions to the field of legal education by a legal educator or lawyer who serves in continuing legal education capacities. Having retired from the active practice of law, Hewitt teaches American History and Constitutional Law at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Hewitt earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in American Legal History. His Ph.D. dissertation, "Slipping Backward: The Nebraska Supreme Court 1938-1995," will be published by the University of Nebraska Press.

1960

■ **Herbert J. Friedman, '60**, was honored by the National Crime Victims Bar Association at its national conference in Washington, D.C., for his work representing plaintiffs in the case of *Branson v. County of Richardson*. He is the senior trial attorney with Friedman Law Offices in Lincoln.

■ **Don H. Sherwood, '61**, was awarded the Clyde O. Martz Teaching Award for meritorious teaching in Natural Resources Law by the 50th Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute. He was an adjunct professor of law from 1964-1984 at the University of Denver College of Law and subsequently a visiting lecturer for mining and public land law. He was the first Distinguished Natural Resources Practitioner-in-Residence in the program that is now in its 18th year.

■ **Clayton Yeutter, '63**, former secretary of agriculture and CEO of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, was featured speaker for the annual meeting of the Red Meat Club in Denver, Colo.

■ **Mohammed Sadden, '66**, South Sioux City, presented "A Dialogue on Islam" as guest speaker at the Wayne State College Multicultural Center.

■ **Richard Spencer, '66**, is central regional membership director for the Reserve Officers Association in Washington, D.C.

■ **Richard Jungck, '67**, retired with a presentation in his honor by the partners of the accounting firm BKD, LLP in Kansas City, Mo.

■ **Alan E. Peterson, '67**, Lincoln, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Membership in the college is limited to a maximum of one per cent of lawyers of any state or Canadian province. Peterson is a member of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather.

■ **William D. Sutter, '67**, has associated with the Lincoln law firm of Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson & Endacott.

■ **Mike Alesio, '68**, Lincoln, was awarded the Grace Abbott Award from Nebraska Children and Families Foundation for his outstanding advocacy for children and families.

■ **Kent A. Schroeder, '68**, Kearney, won his second six-year term as a University of Nebraska regent.

■ **Sam Baird, '69**, Superior, retired as director of the Nebraska Department of Banking & Finance. He had served in the position since 1999.

■ **John K. Boyer, '69**, was recognized as Citizen of the Year at the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts of America 34th annual luncheon in Omaha. He is the chair of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce for 2005. He is a partner with the Omaha law firm, Fraser Stryker.

■ **Kermit A. Brashear II, '69**, Omaha, was elected speaker of the Nebraska Legislature for the 2005 legislative term.

■ **William A. Harding, '69**, was recognized as a CFI Visionary at the First Annual NSBA/CFI Barristers' Ball in Omaha. He was honored for serving as a co-chair of the NSBA commission that established the Nebraska Lawyers Trust Account Foundation (NLTA), which administers the Interest On Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) Program. These programs have generated significant funds that are used to help support the provision of legal services for low-income people throughout Nebraska.

■ **Gilbert G. Lundstrom, '69**, was elected a trustee of the Nebraska Arts Association. Lundstrom is chairman/CEO of TierOne Bank.

■ **Gale D. Tessoroff, '69**, has joined Ryan Tessoroff, '99, to form the law firm Tessoroff & Tessoroff in Columbus.

■ **L. Bruce Wright, '69**, has been named 2005 chairman of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. He practices with the Lincoln firm of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather.

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■ **Curtis A. Bromm, '70**, Wahoo, former state senator and speaker of the Unicameral, has become an independent lobbyist.

■ **Everett Inbody, '70**, Wahoo, has been named chief judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals.

■ **Stephen L. Muehlberg, '71**, Woodbury, Minn., retired as a Washington County judge. He was first appointed to the bench in 1989.

■ U.S. District Court Judge **Richard G. Kopf, '72**, Lincoln, was named the recipient of a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Nebraska at Kearney Alumni Association.

■ **David M. Landis, '72**, Lincoln, a senator in the Nebraska Legislature, was presented the Erasmus Correll Award by the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission for his work in advancing equality under the law.

■ **Gregory C. Malhoit, '72**, wrote "Fulfilling the Promise of *Brown*: The Experience of Lawyers Challenging State School-Funding Systems," 83 NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW 830. Malhoit is director of the Rural Finance Center, a project of the Rural Community School and Community Trust, based in Raleigh, N.C.

■ **John Sennett, '72**, Broken Bow, served as the 2005 president of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

■ **Richard D. Sievers, '72**, who served as the first chief judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals, was recognized, along with the court's other former chief judges, by Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hendry, '74, for Sievers' extraordinary

commitment and exceptional contributions to the Court of Appeals.

■ **Alan M. Wood, '72**, a partner in the Lincoln law firm of Erickson & Sederstrom, has been elected a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

■ **Michael Tavlin, '73**, has been elected president of the Woods Charitable Fund of Lincoln.

■ **Richard Wegener, '73**, contributed a number of sections to the ALI-ABA Course of Study on Product Distribution and Marketing on March 17-19, 2005. Wegener is a partner at Fredrikson & Bryan, an international law firm with offices in London, England; Minneapolis, Minn.; and Monterrey, Mexico.

■ **Michael J. Whetstone, '73**, Woodbury, Minn., was elected to a three-year term on the Faculty Council of the National Judicial College, which is located on the campus of the University of Nevada-Reno.

■ **William Ditrack, '74**, Omaha, was elected president of the Nebraska State Bar Association at its 2005 annual meeting.

■ **James R. Ganz, Jr., '74**, and **Dale A. Romatzke, '74**, have recently formed the Kearney firm of Ganz, Romatzke & Stamm. The firm focuses on plaintiffs' personal injury cases, domestic relations, bankruptcy, workers' compensation, real estate, business, probate and estate planning.

■ **Stanley C. Goodwin, '76**, was elected vice chair of the board of directors of the McCook Community Foundation.

■ **Ward F. (Fred) Hoppe, '74**, Lincoln, is the outgoing president of the Nebraska State Homebuilders Association. He is a national director from the Central Nebraska Homebuilders Association and, for 2005-2006, the regional vice president. He is the founding and current director of Nebraska Housing Resource, a nonprofit corporation that

creates opportunities for low-income people to obtain affordable housing. He is a partner in the Hoppe & Harner law firm.

■ **James H. Truell, '74**, was recognized by the Grand Island Little Theatre Group for his contribution to the community theater. He is with Truell, Murray & Maser.

■ **Walter E. Zink II, '74**, co-wrote, "Eliminating a Most Convenient Forum: The Case for Restricting the Extraterritorial Operation of Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 48-114(2)(b)," 38 *Creighton Law Review* 1, for the law review's "Annual Survey of Issues Affecting Nebraska Law." Zink, has been promoted to the rank of major general and is one of two army National Guard deputy commanding generals in the 5th Army. Zink is a partner with the Lincoln law firm of Baylor, Evnen, Curtis, Grimitt & Witt.

■ **Penny Berger, '75**, is the dean of the University College at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

■ **Alan G. Gless, '75**, was named to the editorial board of the *Justice System Journal*, an interdisciplinary publication of the National Center for State Courts. He presented "Nebraska Trial Records as Political Science Research Sources" to the Great Plains Science Association's 2005 Annual Conference. Gless, district court judge for Nebraska's 5th Judicial District, has also published "A Simple Country Judge's Musings on the Use of History by Trial Lawyers," 7 *Green Bag* 2d 343; "Appreciating the Changing Factual Meaning of 'Verbatim,' or Battling the Curse of the 'Verbatim' Assumption," 25 *Justice System Journal* 1; "Self-Incrimination Privilege Development in the Nineteenth Century Federal Courts: Questions of Procedure, Privilege, Protection, Immunity & Compulsion," 45 *American Journal of Legal History* 391.

■ **David H. Ptak, '75**, served as emcee at a tribute to the late entertainer Johnny Carson in Norfolk.

Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellows

The following alumni of the College of Law have been named Fellows by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation for 2005. Fellows are selected based upon their dedication to improving the administration of justice in Nebraska, their leadership in the legal profession, their civic service, their integrity and their support for the Foundation.

Ralph M. Anderson Jr., '65, Tekamah
 Jon C. Bruning, '94, Lincoln
 Janet L. Krotter Chvala, '84, O'Neill
 Gary N. Clatterbuck, '80, Omaha
 Dale C. Crandall, '78, Burwell
 Alan L. Everett, '77, Lincoln
 Karen A. Haase, '96, Lincoln
 John C. Hewitt, '85, Omaha
 Thomas E. Keefe, '83, Lincoln
 Robert M. O'Gara, '64, Lincoln
 Stephen G. Olson, '66, Omaha
 Hon. Michael J. Owens, '72, Aurora
 Julie L. Pokorny, '74, Lincoln
 Karen M. Shuler, '81, Omaha
 Susan M. Ugai, '81, Lincoln
 Bradley J. White, '86, Hastings
 Jeffrey M. Wightman, '93, Lexington

■ District Court Judge **Steven Timm, '75**, Beatrice, was named recipient of the Nebraska Chief Justice's Distinguished Judge for Improvement of the Judicial System Award for his work teaching and mentoring young lawyers and judges.

■ **Robert F. Bartle, '76**, was awarded the Robert Spire Founders Service Award at ACLU Nebraska's 2005 Bill of Rights Dinner. The award recognizes ongoing and long-term involvement with ACLU Nebraska's struggle to promote civil liberties in Nebraska. Bartle is a partner with Bartle & Geier in Lincoln

■ **Lauren J. Caster, '76**, has been elected vice chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. Caster practices with Fennemore Craig P.C. in Phoenix, Ariz.

■ **Tom Cullinan, '76**, Elkhorn, was named to the national board of directors of the National Committee on Planned Giving's Assembly of

Delegates in Indianapolis, Ind.

■ **E. LaVerne Epp, '76**, has resigned as president of Bethel College in Newton, Kan. He became president in August 2002.

■ **Thomas Hagel, '76**, created a new criminal misdemeanor clinical program at the University of Dayton School of Law, where he is a professor of law. He also wrote *Ohio Criminal Practice and Procedure* published by LexisNexis. Hagel has been appointed to a three-year term to the Section Board of Governors (litigation) by the president of the Ohio State Bar Association.

■ **Keith A. Prettyman, '76**, has been named vice president-ASG at Work in charge of the work site division for Assurity Security Group Inc. in Lincoln.

■ **Kenneth Lang, '77**, has become managing attorney for the Wichita, Kan., office of Cozen O'Conner.

■ **Jill Beckoff Nagy, '77**, has become attorney-of-counsel with Bartle, McGrane, Duffy & Jones of Troy, N.Y.

■ **Robert L. Nefsky, '77**, has been elected president of the Nebraska Art Association. Nefsky is a partner with Rembolt Ludtke in Lincoln.

■ NSBA Charitable Funds Inc (CFI) recognized the contributions of **Patricia Marie O'Roark, '77**, Denver, Colo. O'Roark has been the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Mercy Housing since 1997. Mercy Housing develops affordable housing for families, seniors, formerly homeless populations, people with HIV/AIDS and individuals with chronic mental illness and physical impairment. As executive director of Legal Aid of Omaha, O'Roark helped establish the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Foundation.

■ **Toni G. Thorson, '77**, Lincoln, judge of the Lancaster County Separate Juvenile Court, was honored at a breakfast by Lincoln's Child Guidance Center for her progressive approach in her courtroom.

■ **Lynn P. Hendrix, '78**, a partner in the Denver law firm of Holme, Roberts & Owen, prepared the paper, "Use and Misuses of Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreements" for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's course "Oil and Gas Agreements: The Exploration Phase."

■ **Nancy Ziegler Peetz, '78**, has joined Ruff, Lindemeier, Gillett & Wadewitz of North Platte.

■ **Barb Schaefer, '78**, Omaha, was recognized by the Wellness Council of the Midlands with the William M. Kizer Light of Wellness Award for her leadership with the Union Pacific Railroad.

■ **Christine Schwartzkopf Schroff, '78**, has been elected chair of the Lincoln Community Foundation Board of Directors. She is with the Scudder Law Firm.

■ **Dennis Arfmann, '79**, Boulder, Colo., moderated an ABA panel discussion "Western Air Quality Trends" in March 2005.

■ **Marie Ashe, '79**, professor at Suffolk University Law School, authored "Limits of Tolerance: Law and Religion after the Anti-Christ," 21 *Cardozo Law Review* 587.

■ **Ronald Depue, '79**, is president of the American Legion Baseball Board in Grand Island. He also serves on the Stuhr Museum Board.

■ **David J. Stoyanoff, '79**, has opened a law practice in Richmond, Va., specializing in tax planning, estate planning, business and financial transactions, incorporation and employee benefits.

■ **Thomas J. Von Riesen, '79**, Omaha, has been elected chairman of the Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants.

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■ **Debora S. Brownyard, '80**, Lincoln, has been named dispute resolution and rural court services director by the Nebraska Supreme Court. She serves as general grant developer and programmer for rural court services and will be responsible for organizing and supporting the statewide dispute resolutions services.

■ **Joan M. Cannon, '80**, has become a shareholder of Koley Jessen of Omaha.

■ **Therese Bollerup, '81**, Lincoln, has been selected chief deputy clerk for the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska.

■ **Scott R. Cook, '81**, has joined the firm of Gordon & Rees in Las Vegas, Nev. His practice focuses on civil and complex litigation, professional negligence and representation of health care professionals, institutions, manufacturers and health care facilities.

■ **Jerome Janulewicz, '82**, has joined

Mayer, Burns, Ahlschwede & Koenig of Grand Island.

■ **Donald L. Kahl, '82**, has been named senior counsel for the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs in Washington, D.C.

■ **Max Kelch, '82**, Nebraska City, was appointed judge of the Nebraska's Second Judicial District.

■ **Donald L. Schense, '82**, Bellevue, has been promoted to the grade of colonel. He is a senior judge advocate with the Nebraska Air National guard.

■ **Mark Young, '82**, Grand Island, is Hall County attorney. He was previously chief deputy county attorney.

■ **Linda Caster-Sneff, '83**, Aurora, was appointed judge of Nebraska's Fifth Judicial District.

■ **Thomas E. Geu, '83**, professor at the University of South Dakota School of Law, is an advisor from the ABA Real Property and Probate Section to three Uniform Laws drafting committees. He is also reporter for the Uniform Cooperative Associations Act. Geu is board member of the Business Section of the State Bar of South Dakota.

■ **Peter J. Longo, '83**, was elected chairman of the Nebraska Humanities Council. Longo is a professor of Political Science at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

■ **David Koukol, '84**, Omaha, is a member of the Subdistrict 11 NRD Board.

■ **Major Leslie A. Nepper, '84**, Milan, Ill., has retired from United States Army. He served in the Nebraska National Guard and the United States Army Judge Advocate Corp.

■ **Sandra Henandez Frantz, '85**, Lincoln, helped form the Nebraska Hispanic Bar Association.

■ **David Grant, '85**, Bellingham, Wash., has been appointed to the District Court of Whatcom County.

■ **Peter W. Katt, '85**, a partner with the Lincoln law firm of Pierson, Fitchett, Hunzeker, Blake & Katt, is the 2005 president of the Lincoln Independent Business Association.

■ **Ann Holan Meyer, '85**, has been named mediation program coordinator for The Mediation Center in Lincoln. She is completing her master's degree in Mental Health Counseling at Doane-Lincoln.

■ **C. Jo Petersen, '85**, Beaver City, joined the Hamilton County Attorney's Office as deputy prosecutor.

■ **Kim Robak, '85**, Lincoln, has joined Ruth, Mueller & Robak, a lobbying firm. Robak was recently elected to the board of directors of Union Bank. She also was a speaker for the Women's History Month at Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

■ **Randy Stevenson, '85**, presented the employment case law update at Baird Holm's Labor Law Forum. Stevenson is chairman of the labor and employment law section at Baird Holm in Omaha.

■ **David K. Arterburn, '86**, Papillion, has been appointed Second Judicial District Court judge.

■ **Michael D. Munro, '87**, Lincoln, has been named general counsel for Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital.

■ **Mark Quandahl, '87**, Omaha, has been named chairman of Nebraska Republican Party.

■ **Bruce Bohrer, '89**, has been named vice president for public policy for the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

■ **Timothy E. Brogan, '89**, has formed the Norfolk law firm of Brogan & Gray.

■ **Steve Grasz, '89**, has been elected a partner in the Omaha firm of Blackwell, Sanders, Peper & Martin. His focus is on commercial litigation and governmental affairs, as well as governmental compliance and litigation. He was Nebraska's chief deputy attorney general for more than 11 years.

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■ **Linda Crump, '90**, Lincoln, was elected president-elect of the Nebraska State Bar Association at its 2005 annual meeting. She joined some 300 other emerging leaders of lawyer organizations from across the country at the American Bar Association's Bar Leadership Institute (BLI). The BLI is held annually in Chicago for incoming officials of local and state bars, special focus lawyer associations and bar foundations.

■ **Kathryn J. Derr, '90**, has joined the Omaha firm of Howell Wilson Derr as a shareholder. Derr focuses her practice in the areas of bankruptcy, creditors' rights and general business and corporate law.

■ **David A. Miller, '90**, a partner in Ernst & Young's national tax department in Dallas, Texas, wrote, "Section 752(c): A Riddle Wrapped in a Mystery Inside an Enigma" for "Tax Planning for Domestic & Foreign Partnerships, LLCs, Joint Ventures & Other Strategic Alliances 2005," part of the Practising Law Institute's *Tax Law and Estate Planning Handbook Series*.

■ **Jason S. White, '90**, Broken Bow, spoke on the topic of religious freedom in the United States at the first National Day of Prayer in Thedford.

■ **Rena Y. Kim, '91**, has been appointed senior general law attorney with the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency. She is the senior attorney advising FEMA program offices on the Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act and related information access litigation matters.

■ **Marlon M. Lofgren, '91**, was honored at the Ten Outstanding Young Omahans Annual Awards by the Omaha Jaycees. Lofgren is a partner with Abrahams, Kaslow & Cassman in Omaha.

■ **Riko E. Bishop, '92**, has been elected vice president of the Lincoln Bar

Association.

■ **Mark A. Fahleson, '92**, was program chair for the 29th National Employment Law Seminar in Scottsdale, Ariz. The seminar was sponsored by the Defense Research Institute, an organization of lawyers involved in the defense of civil litigation. At the seminar, Fahleson also presented on the topic "Assessing and Reducing Risk in Terminating Employees." Fahleson is a partner with Rembolt Ludtke in Lincoln.

■ **Shirley Mora James, '92**, Lincoln, was a leader in the founding of the Nebraska Hispanic Bar Association.

■ **Chip Maxwell, '92**, has been elected to the Douglas County Board. He formerly served in the Nebraska Legislature. Maxwell also has been named the first executive director of the Nebraska Coalition for Ethical Research

■ **Dennis J. Moynihan, '92**, was named a partner with Kutak Rock in Omaha in the litigation department.

■ **Andrew S. Pollock, '92**, has been elected president of the Lincoln Bar Association.

■ **Kenneth Vampola, '92**, Arlington, was appointed county court judge in the Sixth Judicial District.

■ **James M. Worden, '92**, Scottsbluff, was appointed district court judge in the Twelfth Judicial District.

■ **Mark L. Andrews, '93**, has joined First Source Bank of South Bend, Ind., as a vice president and personal account administrator.

■ **Jamie Mues Jankovitz, '93**, is an associate attorney with Tom Emerton of the Grand Island firm of Bradley, Elsbernd, Emerton & Anderson, focusing on estate planning and administration. She is also assistant vice president of special projects at the State Bank of Cairo.

■ **Jennifer Tejral Lilliedahl, '93**, has joined the Boucher Law Firm in

Lincoln, practicing personal injury and civil and criminal litigation.

■ **Trent D. Reinert, '93**, has been named shareholder and principal at Lieben, Whitted, Houghton, Slowiaczek & Cavanagh in Omaha.

■ **Steven M. Thomas, '93**, has been named partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Mo.

■ **Tania Diaz, '94**, Lincoln, helped form the Nebraska Hispanic Bar Association.

■ **Bryan Hill, '94**, opened a law practice in Omaha concentrating on advocacy for individual investors who have been wronged by financial advisors and institutions. He has successfully completed the Securities Industries Institute at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

■ **Anne N. Hobbs, '94**, Lincoln, has been named executive director of the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission. The commission has the power to investigate charges of discrimination related to employment and housing.

■ **Robert W. Hotz, '94**, Lincoln, has been named general counsel to the Nebraska state treasurer.

■ **Julie A. Jorgensen, '94**, has joined the Omaha law firm, Erickson & Sederstrom. She specializes in health care law and related litigation.

■ **Kurt D. Maahs, '94**, has opened the Omaha office of the Kansas City, Mo., based law firm, Morrow, Willnauer & Klosterman. Maahs practices in the areas of product liability defense, civil litigation and insurance law.

■ **Amie Martinez, '94**, received the ABA Young Lawyers Division Star of the Year Award for her leadership and contributions to the Young Lawyers Division National Public Service Project, "One Child, One Lawyer." The project is aimed at providing a voice for children who are involved with the legal system because of abuse or neglect. It includes training for people

to serve as guardians ad litem and as pro bono counsel. Martinez is a shareholder in Anderson, Creager & Wittstruck in Lincoln.

■ **Carol L. Mutz, '94**, co-wrote "Jury Nullification: An Annotated Bibliography," 39 *Valparaiso University Law Review* 393. Mutz is the owner of Mutz Legal Research Services in Lincoln.

■ **Shawn P. Nowlan, '94**, has become an associate with Baker & Hostetler in its Denver, Colo., office.

■ **Bradley Philson, '94**, has been promoted to first vice president and senior trust officer by Union Bank in Lincoln.

■ **Vikki S. Stamm, '94**, has recently formed the Kearney firm of Ganz, Romatzke & Stamm. The firm focuses on plaintiffs' personal injury cases, domestic relations, bankruptcy, workers' compensation, real estate, business, probate and estate planning.

■ **Julie A. Hogg, '95**, was promoted to assistant vice president and trust officer with Union Bank & Trust in Lincoln.

■ **Ross Buntrock, '95**, has been elected partner with Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice in its Washington D.C. office.

■ **Scott A. Gray, '95**, has formed the Norfolk law firm of Brogan & Gray.

■ **Stacie A. Neussendorfer, '95**, has been promoted to vice president in the trust department of Great Western Bank, an Omaha based business.

■ **John Nownes, III, '95**, has become vice president in the retirement plan services division of Union Bank in Lincoln.

■ **Christine Abraham, '96**, Lincoln, was married June 12, 2004, to Mark Weddleton.

■ **Matthew J. Bock, '96**, has been named partner in the Omaha firm of Lamson, Dugan & Murray. He

practices in the business counseling practice group, including corporate business planning, taxation, mergers, acquisitions and reorganization.

■ **Kara Brighton, '96**, Cheyenne Wyo., was selected as one of the "40 under Forty" entrepreneurs recognized by the *Casper Star-Tribune* because of her practice with Harriet Hageman, focusing on water and natural resource issues. Brighton and Hageman are co-directors of the Wyoming Conservation Alliance (WCA). Brighton was a panelist for the Annual Wyoming Stock Growers Association and Wool Growers Association Convention in Casper.

■ **Robert E. Caldwell, '96**, Lincoln, has been elected vice chair of the board of directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka.

■ **Kathleen R. Dent, '96**, has been elected president of Oregon Lawyers Against Hunger. Dent is a partner with Davis Wright Termaine in Portland, Ore.

■ **Sam Houston, '96**, has joined the firm of Moore & Associates in Eugene, Ore, practicing primarily in the areas of business litigation and bankruptcy.

■ **Darren C. Huskisson, '96**, wrote "The Air Bridge Denial Program and the Shootdown of Civil Aircraft Under International Law," 56 *Air Force Law Review* 109. Major Huskisson is chief of space law for the United States Strategic Command located at Offut Air Force Base in Nebraska.

■ **Jason Mielak, '96**, has formed the firm of Fehringer, Mielak & Fehringer in Columbus.

■ **Robert Schafer, '96**, has been named city attorney for the city of Beatrice.

■ **Peter H. Barlow, '97**, has been made a shareholder in the Salt Lake City, Utah, law firm of Strong & Hanni. He is a member of the firm's auto/premise practice group.

■ **James C. Bocott, '97**, has been named a partner with McCarthy, Moore &

Hall in North Platte. He practices in the areas of personal injury, workers' compensation, criminal defense, domestic relations and bankruptcy.

■ **Kyle J. Gilster, '97**, is with the law firm of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Washington, D.C.

■ **Steven L. Meints, '97**, was promoted to captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps. He is a member of the 174th Legal Support Organization based in Orlando, Fla. Meints is an attorney with Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy, Graham & Ford in Orlando.

■ **Corey Stull, '97**, has become a shareholder with Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford in Lincoln. His primary areas of work are railroad litigation, employment law and general civil litigation.

■ **Clarissa Suarez-Russell, '97**, Omaha, helped form the Nebraska Hispanic Bar Association.

■ **William R. (Russ) Barger, '98**, Lincoln, is a senior claim examiner for Fidelity & Guarantee Life Insurance Co.

■ **Scott C. Berryman, '98**, has joined the Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin law firm of Omaha as a member of the firm's governmental affairs practice unit.

■ **Kathryn A. Flaherty, '98**, has become a partner with Blackwell Sanders in its Omaha office. She practices in the area of energy and public utility regulation.

■ **Ronald P. Kallemeyn, '98**, has opened a firm in Mount Carroll, Ill. He will handle wills, estate, divorce, adoption and family cases, as well as business planning and taxes.

■ **Todd W. Lancaster, '98**, Norfolk, has joined McGoughlaw P.C. as an associate. Lancaster's practice focuses on criminal defense and litigation.

■ **Patricia Ryan-Westpfahl, '98**, has become a partner with Kutak Rock in Omaha in the housing finance group. Ryan serves as underwriter's counsel

2000 Alumnus, Future Student Meet in Port of Spain, Trinidad

The following note was emailed to Associate Dean Glenda Pierce, '82, from Tim Swanson, '00, on July 27, 2005:

I was working the visa line in the Consular Section at the Embassy in Port of Spain today and adjudicated a visa application for a Trinidad national, Julius Clarke, who will be studying at the Law College this year. He mentioned to me that he met you last summer at a pre-law academy, and he showed me his schedule of classes. I, of course, gave him some pointers on his professors and what to watch out for. Seeing the schedule of classes and the different professors' names again brought back a flood of memories, even though I haven't been back to the law school campus in five years. . . .

Other than adjudicating visas, I've been well. I've been married for one year, but no kids yet. My wife is from Iowa and we met in Washington. I've been in Trinidad for the past year working in the visa section and will be here for one more year in the Economic section before I get a new assignment. I spent the previous two years (2002-2004) in Moscow working as an Economic officer. Going from the cold Russian winters to the warm Caribbean has been an interesting, but nice, change.

All the best,

Tim Swanson
U.S. Embassy
Port of Spain, Trinidad.

and bond counsel for multifamily and single-family housing bond transactions and for a variety of state and municipal bond issues across the country.

■ **Matthew K. Stadler, '98**, has been promoted to tax manager with Lutz & Co. of Omaha.

■ **Ann C. Todd, '98**, has been named executive director of the North Mecklenburg Youth Soccer Association in Davidson, N.C.

■ **Daniel J. Fischer, '99**, has joined Koley Jessen of Omaha as an associate. He practices in the litigation and trial practice groups.

■ **Michelle Garner, '99**, Lincoln, married Cameron Lepin in Sedona, Ariz.

■ **Paul D. Heimann, '99**, Omaha, has become a partner at Erickson

& Sederstrom, with a practice in corporate and securities law.

■ **Ryan J. Reis, '99**, has become a partner in the Beatrice law firm of Dalke, Smith & Reis. His practice emphasizes business litigation, real estate, estate planning and administration and commercial law.

■ **Chad W. Swantz, '99**, has become a member of the Omaha firm Suiter-West-Swantz. He is a registered patent attorney.

■ **Ryan Tessoroff, '99**, has joined Gale D. Tessoroff, '69, to form the law firm of Tessoroff & Tessoroff, P.C. in Columbus. The law firm is a general practice firm specializing in estate planning, probate, wills, trusts, real estate and corporate law.

■ **Scott E. Tollefsen, '99**, Lincoln, has joined Morow, Poppe, Otte, Watermeier

& Phillips. His practice focuses on trial work, with an emphasis on civil litigation.

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■ **Damon O. Barry, '00**, married Heather Manon Follings March 26, 2005, in Denver, Colo.

■ **Dana Kay Fries, '00**, joined Credit Management Services of Grand Island.

■ **Jeff Hill, '00**, deputy county attorney for Scotts Bluff County, was featured in an article in *The Scottsbluff Star Herald*. The story relates how before law school, Hill trained horses and that he currently judges horse events.

■ **Andrew Lange, '00**, has been named by the Nebraska County Attorney's Association as its representative on the Vehicle Registration and Title Statute Recodification Review Group. Lange is a deputy county attorney for Saunders county.

■ **Sheri A. Wortman, '00**, has become a shareholder/partner with the Lincoln firm of McHenry, Haszard, Hansen, Roth & Hupp with an emphasis in business, family and civil litigation.

■ **Elizabeth Callaghan, '01**, has joined Gross & Welch in Omaha as an associate.

■ **Michael J. Flood, '01**, Norfolk, was elected to the Nebraska Legislature.

■ **Amber Neubert, '01**, joined the Omaha law firm of Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim in the corporate section.

■ **Adam Prochaska, '01**, is an associate with the Harding, Shultz & Downs law firm in Lincoln. His practice areas include civil and appellate litigation, personal injury, insurance and construction law.

■ **Trent Steele, '01**, is an assistant principal at Kearney High School. During the 2004-2005 academic year, as assistant principal at Beatrice Middle School, Steele helped a group

of high-ability learners successfully bring a resolution to the Nebraska Legislature creating Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week. He received a master's degree in education from the University of Nebraska at Kearney at a ceremony in which he delivered the commencement address.

■ **Meera Adya, '02**, is assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Syracuse New York College of Arts and Sciences.

■ **Corey A. Burns, '02**, has joined the law office of Derel L. Mitchell in Lexington. He specializes in criminal defense, divorce and bankruptcy.

■ **Julie Karavas, '02**, has become associated with Home Real Estate in Lincoln.

■ **Susan L. Kirchmann, '02**, has opened a law office in Lincoln focusing on criminal law.

■ **Jeremiah J. Luebbe, '02**, has become associated with the Grand Island firm Lauritsen, Brownell, Brostrom, Stehlik, Myers & Daugherty. His practice focuses on personal injury and workers' compensation.

■ **Liza Miller, '02**, Denver, Colo., married Ryan Olson in August 2004.

■ **Monica Miller, '02**, wrote "Refusal to Undergo a Cesarean Section: A Woman's Right or a Criminal Act?" 15 *Health Matrix* 383 and, with Brian H. Bornstein of the Law College's Law/Psychology Program, "Religious Appeals in Closing Arguments: Impermissible Input or Benign Banter?" 29 *Law and Psychology Review* 29. Miller is assistant professor for the Criminal Justice Department and Interdisciplinary Social Psychology Ph.D. Program at the University of Nevada-Reno.

■ **Jeremy Patrick, '02**, wrote "The Religion Provisions of the Nebraska Constitution: An Analysis and Litigation History," 19 *Journal of Law and Religion* 331.

■ **Michelle Paxton '02**, married Lance

Schupbach, April 16, 2004 in City Park, New Orleans, La. Paxton is deputy county attorney in Douglas County in the Domestic Violence Unit.

■ **Nathan Schoen, '02**, has joined the Sioux Falls, S.D., law firm of Cutler & Donahoe as an associate. Schoen is a 2004 graduate of the LL.M. tax program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

■ **Wayne J. Bena, '03**, married Jill Meyer on May 14, 2004, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Omaha.

■ **Sonya K. Koperski, '03**, has joined the Grand Island law firm of Leininger, Smith, Johnson, Baacj, Placzek, Steele & Allen as an associate. She focuses her practice on workers' compensation, commercial litigation, and the defense of insurance companies and their insured.

■ **Sunah K. Lee, '03**, has become associated with the Omaha firm Suiter-West-Swantz. She is a registered patent attorney.

■ **Kendra Mattoon, '03**, Kansas City, Mo., married Scot Ringenberg on June 26, 2004.

■ **Michelle M. Mitchell, '03**, has joined Olds, Pieper & Connolly in Wayne.

■ **Glynda O. Rahn, '03**, has joined Croker, Huck, Kasher, DeWitt, Anderson & Gonderinger of Omaha as an associate practicing in the areas of business and commercial law.

■ **Cheri S. (Olinger) Raymond, '03**, has joined the Sioux Falls, S.D., law firm of Woods, Fuller, Shultz & Smith as an associate. She specializes in general civil litigation.

■ **Joann M. Ross, '03**, co-wrote "Jury Nullification: An Annotated Bibliography," 39 *Valparaiso University Law Review* 393. Ross is working on her Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska.

■ **Michelle M. Baumert, '04**, Norfolk,

has joined the firm of Copple & Rockey as an associate.

■ **Stanton Beeder, '04**, has become an associate with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln. He married Jill Adams of Lincoln on September 4, 2004, at Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

■ **Carly J. Beusch, '04**, has become an associate with Knudson, Berkheimer, Richardson & Endacott in Lincoln. She practices in family law, estate planning and general litigation.

■ **Chris F. Blomenberg, '04**, has become associated with the Lincoln firm of McHenry, Haszard, Hansen, Roth & Hupp. His practice emphasis is estate planning, corporations and family law.

■ **Jennifer Boring, '04**, married Tino Martinez on September 18, 2004, in Grand Island. She is associated with Vince Powers & Associates in Lincoln.

■ **Carrie Boyles, '04**, has joined Kelley, Scritsmier & Byrne in North Platte as an associate.

■ **Brett Dae, '04**, has joined Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne in its Omaha office as an associate in the labor and employment practice group.

■ **Shane R. Deaver, '04**, has joined Kutak Rock in Omaha as an associate. His practice focuses on tax credit transactions.

■ **Nicholas Froeschl, '4**, has joined Morrow, Poppe, Otte, Watermeier & Phillips in Lincoln. His practice focuses on family law, estate planning, business planning, business collections and criminal defense.

■ **Stephanie Frost, '04**, married John Zulkoski on May 15, 2004, at the Grand Island Women's Club.

■ **Jeff A. Gaertig, '04**, is an associate with the Crosby Guenzel law firm in Lincoln.

- **Jennifer (Eklofe) Growcok, '04**, joined the litigation department of the Springfield, Mo., office of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin.
- **Darla J. Harms, '04**, married Benjamin D. Johnson on April 30, 2005, at Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln.
- **Laura Hegge, '04**, has become an associate with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in Lincoln.
- **Todd J. Hepler, '04**, has joined the Madison, Wis., and Poynette, Wis., offices of Lathrop & Clark as an associate, focusing on real property, estate planning, trusts, business law and litigation.
- **Sara S. Hertz, '04**, has become associated with the Kansas City, Mo., law firm of Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne. She will work in the environmental, litigation and dispute resolution areas.
- **Heather M. Holland, '04**, has joined Kutak Rock in Omaha as an associate. She is a member of the litigation department and concentrates her practice in commercial litigation.
- **Amanda J. Karr, '04**, has become associated with Allan J. Eurek of Lincoln. She focuses her practice on divorce, bankruptcy and probate matters.
- **Stacey Miller, '04**, is an associate with the York firm of Svehla, Barrows, Thomas & Rauert. She concentrates her practice in litigation, family law and estate planning.
- **Todd R. Mulliner, '04**, joined Jeffrey, Hahn, Hemmerling & Zimmerman of Lincoln as an associate with a focus on estate planning, employment law, litigation, bankruptcy and creditor rights.
- **Erin M. O'Gara, '04**, has become an associate with Kutak Rock in Omaha. Her specialty is real estate.
- **Karen L. O'Hara, '04**, has opened a practice in Lincoln.
- **Aaron M. Popelka, '04**, has joined the Grand Island law firm of Leininger, Smith, Johnson, Baacj, Placzek, Steele & Allen as an associate. He focuses his practice on agricultural law and litigation.
- **David W. Rasmussen, '04**, has become associated with Jeffrey, Hahn, Hemmerling & Zimmerman of Lincoln. His practice focuses on business and corporate law, estate planning, bankruptcy and creditor rights.
- **Jess Roberts, '04**, is a captain with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps.
- **Andrew D. Romatzke, '04**, has joined the Kearney law firm of Ganz, Romatzke & Stamm. His practice focuses on real estate transaction, business and estate planning and general litigation.
- **Kerrie J. Snowden, '04**, has joined Crawford Law Offices in Lincoln as an associate attorney.
- **Julianne McHale Spatz, '04**, has joined the Lincoln law firm of Kinsey, Ridenour, Becker & Kistler as an associate. Her practice focuses on general litigation and business law matters.
- **Abigail M. (Beethe) Stempson, '04**, is controller for the Lincoln headquarters of Associated Management.
- **Tobias Tempelmeyer, '04**, married Amber Eklund on May 29, 2004, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Lincoln. They now reside in Beatrice where Tempelmeyer works for John W. Carlson. He was also named deputy city attorney with the city of Beatrice.
- **Jennifer D. Tricker, '04**, has become an associate with Baird Holm of Omaha in the litigation section.
- **Anastasia Mettenbrink Wagner, '04**, has become an associate with Lamson, Dugan & Murray of Omaha, practicing in the firm's litigation department.
- **Karen K. Weinhold, '04**, has joined Engles, Ketchem, Olson & Keith in Omaha as an associate.
- **Stephanie Ann Zeeb, '04**, has been named Nebraska assistant attorney general in the inmate litigation division.
- **Jovan Lausterer, '05**, Omaha, has joined Erickson & Sederstrom. She practices in litigation and estate planning.

In Memoriam

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

1930

■ **Bert Lyle Overcash, '30**, died August 5, 2004, in Lincoln at the age of 97. Overcash was a partner with the Woods & Aitken Law Firm. He served as president of both the Lincoln Bar Association and the Nebraska State Bar Association. As president of the state bar, he initiated a continuing legal education program, a disciplinary program for enforcing ethics and a reimbursement fund for clients whose attorneys misappropriated funds. For these and other services, he received the Legal Pioneer Award from the Nebraska State Bar Association.

■ **Loren Gates Olsson, '37**, died on April 17, 2005, at the age of 91, in Fort Collins, Colo. Olsson began his career in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he worked for the American Law Book Co. and Root Clark. He moved to Scottsbluff in 1945 where he worked as the head of the rent control office and began his private practice. He served for many years as the city attorney for Scottsbluff.

■ **Joseph J. Shramek, '37**, died March 7, 2005, at the age of 93 at his home in Prairie Village, Kan. He served in the United States Army Counter-intelligence Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He had a 37 year career with the Hartford Insurance Company before joining Blackwell Sanders where he worked for 10 years as senior staff attorney.

1940

■ **James R. Leffler, '41**, passed away on December 13, 2004, at the age of 85 in Sugar Land, Texas. He served in the Pacific in World War II and earned a Bronze Star. His career specialty was workers' compensation insurance, and he rose to vice president of Employers Insurance of Wausau, Wis.

■ **Edwin T. McHugh, '49**, died December 3, 2004, at the Madonna Care Center in Lincoln, where he had lived since 1990. He served two years in the Nebraska Legislature, where he gained attention for sponsoring a bill to outlaw the death penalty in all cases except for killing a law enforcement officer. He served in World War II and in 1949 founded the Corn Growers State Bank in Murdock.

1950

■ **Clyde F. Starrett, '50**, died at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook on February 28, 2005. He was 83. He served as a cryptographer during World War II in the United States Army, stationed in India. He worked for Arthur Anderson in Kansas City as an accountant and as an attorney with partner Bill Lyons in McCook before opening his own practice. He served as Red Willow county attorney during the early 1970s.

■ **Edward Gallagher, '52**, died October 25, 2004. He was 80 years old. He was a U.S. Army, World War II veteran and a member of the Army National Guard. He was a published poet and

worked as a claims adjuster for State Farm Mutual Insurance Co.

■ **James Ross Harper, '52**, died January 28, 2004, in Beaver City at the age of 77. During World War II, he saw active duty in the Philippines and was part of the occupation force in Japan after the war. He practiced law in Beaver City until his retirement in 1989.

■ **Byron Johnson, '52**, died February 20, 2005, in Scottsbluff at the age of 84. He was a decorated World War Navy pilot, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and Gold Star. While deployed on the USS Enterprise, he was the subject of one of the most famous photographs in naval aviation history. He returned to Sidney after the war and started a local flying service with former Army pilot Keith Swartz. Byron was instrumental in having the municipal airport built in Sidney. He had a successful 35 years in private practice and was elected to three successive terms as Scotts Bluff county public defender.

■ **Vincent J. Coffey, '53**, died at the age of 80 on August 30, 2004. Coffey was a World War II veteran and a longtime employee of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

■ **Lloyd W. "Bill" Kelly, Jr., '53**, died April 29, 2004, in Lakewood, Colo., at the age of 77. He practiced law in Grand Island and Lakewood and served as a Nebraska district judge from 1970 through 1979. He retired from the practice of law in 1991.

■ **William G. Cambridge, '55**, retired U.S. district judge, died September 30, 2004, at the age of 72, in Omaha. After 24 years of private practice in

Hastings, Cambridge was appointed a Nebraska district court judge in 1981. Former President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the federal bench in 1988. Cambridge retired in 2000.

■ **Richard L. Huber, '56**, died, June 5, 2005, at the age of 76, in his home in Grand Island. He was a police court judge and deputy county attorney and city attorney.

■ **Willard Dean Lorenson, '57**, former dean of the West Virginia University College of Law, died October 26, 2004, in Morgantown, W. Va., at the age of 74. After graduating from the College of Law, Lorenson obtained a LL.M. degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In 1959, he began teaching at West Virginia, where he taught Criminal Law, Local Government Law and Federal Courts. He served as dean from 1972 until 1978. He retired in 1996. In 2000, he was awarded the prestigious *Justicia Officium* award, which recognizes outstanding contributions and service to the legal profession.

1960

■ **John S. Mingus, '60**, died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney at the age of 72. He practiced law with Mingus & Mingus in Ravenna.

■ **Gerald "Jerry" Schleich, '62**, former chairman of the board of Home Real Estate, died February 24, 2005, at the age of 72, in Lincoln. He and his wife

were collectors of Red Wing Pottery. Their pottery museum housed about 4,500 pieces of pottery, 99 percent of which was made at Red Wing Pottery in Red Wing, Minn., from 1877 to 1967. Schleich was a member of many boards and organizations including serving as a trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation, president of Cornhusker Place and president of the Cornhusker Better Business Bureau. He was named Nebraska Realtor of the Year in 1985.

■ **C. G. Wallace III, '64**, died August 8, 2004, in Kimball at the age of 66. He began his law practice in Hartford, Conn., but relocated to North Platte and then to Omaha, specializing in bankruptcy law. In 1988, he was appointed county judge for Kimball, Cheyenne, Duel and Banner counties. He held that position until his death.

■ **Jesse T. Adkins, '65**, died February 27, 2005, in Minden at the age of 65. He moved to Minden after his graduation from the College of Law and practiced first with Meier & Adkins and later with Adkins & Wondra. He was the Kearney county attorney from 1967-1975. He founded the Kearney County Community Foundation from which came the seed idea and funding for the Minden Opera House.

1970

■ **James Murray Shaeffer, '75**, died May 6, 2005, at the age of 63, in Alexandria,

Va. He was a former Marine Corps reservist and a member of the Lincoln Police Department for seven years. He worked in the Lancaster County Attorney's office and for the Nebraska Attorney General's office, as well as being assistant attorney general of Wyoming. He practiced law in Lincoln and Alexandria, Va.

■ **Stanley Foster, '76**, died in October 2004 in Lincoln. He served as a consumer attorney for the National Bank of Commerce in Lincoln.

1980

■ **Dean Sukup, '82**, died in Los Angeles, Calif. on November 10, 2004, at 47 years of age. Sukup, who was known as the "Iceman" during his 1975-79 University of Nebraska football years, was an All-Big Eight kicker and academic honoree. He kicked game winning field goals against Missouri and Iowa. He also loved the sport of golf and became a golf pro. During the last seven years, he managed the driving range at Citrus College, Azusa, Calif., making it one of the best ranges in the San Gabriel Valley.

■ **Dorothy (Dicke) Schinzel, '86**, died November 25, 2004, at age 68, as a result of a car accident in Lancaster County. She practiced law in Loup City and Sutton.

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**Justin R.
Adin**

HOMETOWN: Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
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EDUCATION: University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Conn. – Psychology: Academic Excellence & Leadership Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; ATLA (executive advisory committee); Scholarship for New Nebraskans.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Professor John Snowden, University of Nebraska College of Law; Teaching Assistant-Dr. Kurt P. Frey, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Conn.



**Sophia M.
Alvarez**

HOMETOWN: Fort Worth, Texas
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Masters of Science Degree in Agronomy with a specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics; NIH Training Fellowship; Graduate Research Assistantship. Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas – Biology (magna cum laude): Outstanding Senior Award; Golden Key National Honor Society; MARC-AIM Summer Research Fellowship; Multi-Ethnic Biomedical Research Student.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: College of Law Ambassador; Animal Legal Defense Fund; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Black Law Students Association; Delta Theta Phi (bailiff, vice-dean); First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Mediation Club; Multi-Cultural Legal Society (president); SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Jefferson H. Broady Scholar; Jacob Warren Cohen Scholar; Harold & Helen Felton Scholar; Donna Karnes Scholar; Ivan & Hester Van Steenberg Memorial Scholar; Richard M. Van Steenberg Memorial Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Advocacy Services, Lincoln, Neb.; Mediation Intern-U.S. Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.; Assistant Director-Upward Bound Math/Science Project, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



**Jeff M.
Bateman**

HOMETOWN: Scottsbluff, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Utah State University, Logan Utah – MBA: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – Business Management.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Federalist Society (treasurer).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Policy Clerk-USDA Rural Development, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Colleen Medill, University of Nebraska College of Law; Analyst-LDS Foundation, Provo, Utah.



**Kevin S.
Bessant**

HOMETOWN: Detroit, Mich.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Wayne State University, Detroit Mich. – Criminal Justice/Political Science: Wade H. McCree Scholarship; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (president).
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: ATLA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Black Law Student Association.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship for New Nebraskans; Roscoe Pound Scholar; William M. Holt Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Federal Defenders Office, Detroit, Mich.; Law Clerk-Missouri State Public Defender System; Jackson, Mo.



**Kimberly
(Peschka) Bilder**

HOMETOWN: Great Bend, Kan.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. – Political Science/Marketing: Student Governing Association; Student Ambassador Finalist; Summer Orientation & Enrollment Leader; University Experience Instructor; Leadership Studies Ambassador.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Equal Justice Society; First-Year Orientation Leader; Project Wishlist; Women’s Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Clerk to General Counsel-University of Nebraska Foundation, Lincoln, Neb.; Coordinator of Graduate Admissions-Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.



**Aaron
Bishop**

HOMETOWN: Grant, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Psychology (with honors): Regents Scholar; University Honors Program; Residence Hall Senator; University Singers; Varsity Men’s Choir; Bathtub Dogs (founding member).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; International Law Society; SBA; Phi Alpha Delta International; Project Wishlist.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Berens & Tate, Omaha, Neb.; Research Assistant-Professor Richard Moberly, University of Nebraska College of Law



**Mary K.
Blecha**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas – Communications/Philosophy/Communications Management: Commencement Speaker; Study Abroad University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Mediation Club (vice president); Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (grant recipient); SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk/Policy Intern-Voices for Children in Nebraska, Omaha, Neb.



**Jeffrey A.
Bloom**

HOMETOWN: Elkhorn, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Journalism News-Editorial/Political Science (with high distinction): Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society; Golden Key Honor Society; University Honors Program.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; ATLA; LSD/ABA; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Dowding, Dowding & Dowding, Lincoln, Neb.



**D. Brandon
Brinegar**

HOMETOWN: Irvine, Ky.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Centre College, Danville, Ky. –
History/Secondary Education.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: LSD/ABA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Keating, O’Gara,
Davis & Nedved, Lincoln, Neb.



**Amy C.
Brooks**

HOMETOWN: Laurel, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb. – MBA.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Marketing.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister
Program; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Marketing Operations Officer-First
National Bank of Omaha; Law Clerk-University of Ne-
braska Foundation, Lincoln, Neb.



**Michelle
Broyhill**

HOMETOWN: Dakota City, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Political
Science/International Studies (with high distinction): Phi
Beta Kappa National Honor Society; Omicron Delta Kappa
National Honor Society; UCARE Research Grant Recipient;
Study Abroad-Universidad de Costa Rica in San Ramon,
Costa Rica; Study Abroad-Universidad Catolica in
Valparaiso, Chile.
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: International Law Society;
SBA; Project Wishlist; Program of Concentrated Study in
International Law; Second-Year Class Vice President;
CLEP.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County
District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney
General, Criminal Prosecution Division, Lincoln, Neb.; Law
Clerk-Fortunati y Lucero, Buenos Aires, Argentina.



**Jameson C.
Brummond**

HOMETOWN: Holstein, Iowa
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2005
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln –
Finance.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: LSD/ABA; Legal
Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska
Moot Court Board (Grether problem editor); SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Harvey
& Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar; Regent’s
Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in
Torts.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Kinsey,
Ridenour, Becker & Kistler, Lincoln, Neb.



**Colleen M.
Bylick**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln –
Business Administration.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Phi Alpha Delta
International (secretary); SBA; Women's Law
Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Anderson,
Creager & Wittstruck, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jason M.
Caskey**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, Calif. –
Communication Studies (emphasis in Television Production).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: College of Law Ambassa-
dor; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA; Nontradi-
tional Law Students Group; SBA; Program of Concentrated
Study in Business & Estate Planning; St. Thomas More
Society (founding member); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of
Court.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Robert K.
Andersen Memorial Scholar; Harold & Helen Felton Scholar;
Eastman Memorial Scholarship.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Berry & Kelley, Lincoln,
Neb.; Director of Marketing Communications-Sacred Heart /
CUES, Omaha, Neb.; Director of Business Development &
Marketing Communications-Ateonix, Inc., Fremont, Calif.;
Public Relations, Account Executive-A&R Partners, Inc., San
Mateo, Calif.



**Eric R.
Chandler**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2005
EDUCATION: University of Kansas, Lawrence,
Kan. – Business.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills
Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big
Sister Program; LSD/ABA; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Judicial Clerk-Lancaster
County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jennifer L.
Coe**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Political
Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client
Counseling Competition (first place); College of Law
Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Client
Counseling Competition Board; Equal Justice Society;
First-Year Orientation Leader; Nebraska Fund for
Clerkships in the Public Interest (grant recipient); Project
Wishlist; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Bartle & Geier, Lincoln,
Neb.; Law Clerk- ACLU Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.



**Sean M.
Conway**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney – Political Science (magna cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Moot Court Team; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Allen Moot Court Competition (first place); Kenneth L. Noah Memorial Award (best brief, Allen Moot Court Competition); Outstanding Oral Advocate-Allen Moot Court Competition; Outstanding Oral Advocate-Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); SBA.
AWARDS and ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Administrative Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Douglas County Public Defender's Office, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Crosby Guenzel, Lincoln, Neb.



**Brian A.
Coon**

HOMETOWN: Carlisle, Iowa
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Ph.D. in Engineering; Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society; Fulbright Scholarship-Linköping, Sweden; Licensed Professional Mechanical Engineer; Licensed Professional Civil Engineer. University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Master of Science in Civil Engineering; Chi Epsilon. University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa – Mechanical Engineering; Undergraduate Collegiate Senate (executive officer).
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Delta Theta Phi (master of the rolls); CLEP.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Woods & Aitken, Lincoln, Neb.; Accident Reconstructionist-Midwest Roadside Safety Facility, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Member-National Council of Examiners for Engineering & Surveying; Lecturer-University of Nebraska-Lincoln; State Representative-Iowa House of Representatives.



**Ryan P.
Correa**

HOMETOWN: Bozeman, Mont.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, S.D. – Business Administration.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; VITA (co-director).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Financial Representative-New York Life, Sioux Falls, S.D.



**Allyson V.
Crossman**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas – Master of Accounting; Schumacher Scholarship for Outstanding MAc Student; Texas Society of CPAs Educational Foundation Scholarship; Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas – Accounting and Finance (magna cum laude); Mortar Board; TCU Emerging Leader Scholarship; Published in the *Fort Worth Business Press*; Communicator of the Year Award; Chi Omega (president); TCU Student Ambassador.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: College of Law Student Ambassador; Women's Law Caucus; Student-Faculty Grade Appeal Committee; Student-Faculty Student Awards & Assistance Committee.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Koley Jessen, Omaha, Neb.; Assurance & Advisory Services Intern-KPMG, LLP, Fort Worth, Texas; Securities Analyst Assistant-Westchester Capital Management, Omaha, Neb.



**Daniel E.
Dawes**

HOMETOWN: Miami, Fla.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – Business Administration/Psychology: Harcourt Scholar; NSU Honor Award; Business Ethics Scholar; Psi Chi, Alpha Chi; Presidential Knight; Pan African Student Association; Student Government Association Minority Senator.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: College of Law Ambassador; Black Law Students Association; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; SBA; Program of Concentrated Study in Health Care Law and Labor and Employment Law.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship for New Nebraskans; William M. Holt Scholar; Richard & Judy Weill Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Corporate Legal Intern-Florida Hospital, Orlando, Fla.



**Jennifer R.
Deitloff**

HOMETOWN: Mitchell, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Communication Studies/Spanish: Golden Key Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Mediation Club (founder; president); Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz, Omaha, Neb.



**Jacqueline M.
De Wispelare**

HOMETOWN: Schuyler, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz. – Political Science (summa cum laude): Phi Kapp Phi Honor Society; Golden Key International Honor Society Scholarship; National Recognition Scholarship; Pi Sigma Alpha (vice president).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA (second & third year class representative); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; National Animal Advocacy Moot Court Competition; Student-Faculty Library Committee; Animal Legal Defense Fund; CLEP.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Westlaw Student Representative-University of Nebraska College of Law; Research Assistant-University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Robert P.
Diederich**

HOMETOWN: Columbus, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Marketing (summa cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Mediation Club; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Edwin D. Beech Memorial Scholar; Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Property.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz, Omaha, Neb.



**D. A.
Drouillard**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2005
EDUCATION: Bellevue University, Bellevue, Neb. – Computer Information Systems (cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; LSD/ABA; Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Technical Analyst-Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.; Software Engineer-Northrop-Grumman, Bellevue, Neb.; Safety Supervisor-Werner Enterprises, Inc., Omaha, Neb.



**Amy L.
Eckhoff**

HOMETOWN: Minden, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Psychology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Animal Legal Defense Fund; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; International Law Society; Phi Alpha Delta International; Project Wishlist; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Nathan P.
Eilers**

HOMETOWN: Watertown, S.D.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. – Finance/Spanish (summa cum laude); Reinert Alumni Memorial Scholarship; Neil Cahill, S.J. Memorial Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Program of Concentrated Study in International Law; SBA (third year class representative); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; International Law Society (secretary).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Import Specialist-Scarborough International, Kansas City, Mo.; Research Assistant-Professor Matthew Schaefer, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Nathan J.
Evershed**

HOMETOWN: Salt Lake City, Utah
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah – History: Assembly Representative for College of Humanities; Beehive Honor Society; Golden Key International Honor Society; Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Environmental Law Society (secretary); Federalist Society; LSD/ABA; Mediation Club; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.; Marketing Specialist-Smedly Financial Services, Salt Lake City, Utah.



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EDUCATION: Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah – Criminal Justice (magna cum laude): Criminal Justice Honor Society (president); Excellence in Scholarship Award; ROTC Distinguished Military Honor Graduate.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Legal Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office (Consumer Protection & Criminal Prosecution), Lincoln, Neb.; First Lieutenant-126th Chemical BN, Neb. Army National Guard.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program.; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (managing editor); Women's Law Caucus (managing board).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; Harold I. Mosher Scholar; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar; Regents Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Woods & Aitken, Lincoln, Neb.; Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach-Lincoln Lutheran High School, Lincoln, Neb.; Runner-General Reporting Service, Lincoln, Neb.; Volleyball, Basketball, Track Coach-Scott Middle School, Lincoln, Neb.



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Fisk**

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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Intern-Buffalo County Attorney's Office, Kearney, Neb.; Law Clerk-Angle, Murphy, Valentino & Campbell, York, Neb.



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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha – International Studies with Business Management Emphasis (magna cum laude); Chancellor's List; Sigma Iota Rho (International Honors Society); German Honors Society; Golden Key National Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi (clerk of exchequer, dean); First-Year Orientation Leader; International Law Society; LSD/ABA; Women's Law Caucus; Program of Concentrated Study in International Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Berlowitz, Rouse, Ohs, Lincoln, Neb.; Library Assistant-University of Nebraska College of Law; Legal Assistant-Eric H. Lindquist, Omaha, Neb.



**Erin B.
(Nowlan) Fox**

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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allies and Advocates for GLBT Issues (vice president, secretary/treasurer); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Equal Justice Society (vice president of corporate relations); First-Year Orientation Leader; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (president); Nebraska Moot Court Board (coordinator of the Allen Moot Court Competition); Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Legal Intern-Anderson Bressman, Omaha, Neb.



**Krista
Goodenberger**

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EDUCATION: Concordia University at Nebraska, Seward, Neb. – Elementary & Early Childhood Education/Mathematics: Student Senate.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Third-Year Class Vice President; National Trial Competition; Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; NATA/ATLA (vice president, president); LSD/ABA; Phi Alpha Delta International (vice president); SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Friedman Law Offices, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Assistant-Law Offices of Kenneth C. Winston, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal/Office Assistant-Brennan & Nielsen, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Intern/Runner-Daniel Ross & Associates, Austin, Texas.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; CLEP; Federalist Society; Republican Law Student Association; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-United States Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Erin R.
Harris**

HOMETOWN: Alliance, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Business Administration.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; Phi Alpha Delta International (vice justice, justice); SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-DeMars, Gordon, Olson & Zalewski, Lincoln, Neb.



**Staci L.
Hartman**

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EDUCATION: Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb. – Speech Communications, Corporate and Community Relations Concentration: Board of Trustees Scholar; Lambda Pi Eta Honorary.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Women's Law Caucus (co-chair Susan B. Anthony Auction); Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Atwood, Holsten & Brown, Lincoln, Neb.; Account Executive-JRK Broadcasting, Grand Island, Neb.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Animal Legal Defense Fund (executive board, assistant director); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Environmental Law Society; Equal Justice Society; International Law Society; LSD/ABA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA; Women's Law Caucus; Program of Concentrated Study in Human Rights.



**Mark
Hassebrook**

HOMETOWN: Bellwood, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Diversified Agricultural Studies (honors and highest distinction); Regents Scholar; Honor Program Scholarship; Chancellor's Scholar; Honor's Program Peer Mentor; Livestock Judging Team All-American.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); First-Year Orientation Leader.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Legal Process, Natural Resources Law, Pre-Trial Litigation, Constitutional Law II; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; West Publishing Co. Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement; Lumir Otradovsky Memorial Scholar; Regents Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Skills Class Assistant-Dean Glenda Pierce, University of Nebraska College of Law; Admissions Assistant-University of Nebraska College of Law; Faculty Research Assistant-University of Nebraska College of Law.



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EDUCATION: Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb. – Business Administration/Management/Marketing.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi (president).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Corporations.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Copple & Rockey, Norfolk, Neb.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Mediation Club; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Keating, O'Gara, Davis & Nedved, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Abrahams, Kaslow & Cassman, Omaha, Neb.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allies and Advocates for GLBT Issues (president); Delta Theta Phi; Environmental Law Society; Equal Justice Society (president); First-Year Orientation Leader; NCLU; Nebraska Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest; Nebraska Moot Court Board; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Legal Profession.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-ACLU Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Lancaster County Public Defender, Lincoln, Neb.



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LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society; Delta Theta Phi (secretary, master of the ritual, Big Brother/Big Sister (coordinator); International Law Society; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus; Project Wishlist; Republican Law Students Association (secretary, president); International Law Program of Concentrated Study; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Latin American Law Summer Program, La Plata, Argentina.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in International Business Transactions.
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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Delta Theta Phi.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Stephen Speicher Law Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-South Dakota State Attorney’s Office, Sioux Falls, S.D.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: LSD/SBA; Team-mates Mentoring; Nebraska Entertainment & Sports Law Association; Cambridge University Study Abroad.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Walentine, O’Toole, McQuillan & Gordon, Omaha, Neb., Dean’s Office Assistant-University of Nebraska College of Law.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Fraser Stryker Law Firm, Omaha, Neb.



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WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Werner Enterprises, Lincoln, Neb.



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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Psychology/English.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Volunteer Clerk-American Civil Liberties Union, Lincoln, Neb.; Clerk-Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Neb.



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EDUCATION: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah – Accounting.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.; LSD/ABA; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Property.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Whitfield & Eddy, Des Moines, Iowa; Law Clerk-Nebraska Department of Banking & Finance, Lincoln, Neb; Research Assistant-Professor William Lyons, University of Nebraska College of Law; Financial Analyst-Fidelity Investments, Salt Lake City, Utah.



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EDUCATION: Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea – Philosophy; Student Association (president).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: International Law Society; Multi-Cultural Legal Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Manager-Department of International Business, Daewoo Motor Co., Seoul, Republic of Korea.



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Kim**

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EDUCATION: University of Houston, Bauer College of Business, Houston, Texas – Accounting/International Studies (magna cum laude); Beta Alpha Psi (vice president).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study; Black Law Students Association; Christian Legal Society; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Republican Law Student Association; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Intern/Editor-Nagashima Ohno Tsunematsu, Tokyo, Japan; Clerk-Edwards & George, Houston, Texas.; Finance Intern-ConocoPhillips, Houston, Texas.; Sergeant-United States Army.



**Janet Han
King**

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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – J.D./M.A. Degree in Political Science (expected May 2006). Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. – Women’s Studies.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; National Trial Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition (first place); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; National Animal Advocacy Moot Court Competition; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Women’s Law Caucus (auction co-coordinator).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: William O. Hambel Memorial Scholar; Yale C. Holland Memorial Scholar; Hymen Rosenberg Memorial Scholar; Joseph R. Webster Scholar; William F. & Jean S. Wenke Scholar; John S. Wishart Scholar; Thomas C. Woods Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA.



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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Economics: Regents Scholar; University Honors Program.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); SBA; Women’s Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Contracts, Commercial Law: Sales.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Harding, Shultz & Downs, Lincoln, Neb.



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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo. – Environmental, Population, Organismic Biology; National Greek Honor Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Equal Justice Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Krieger & Krieger, Omaha, Neb.



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EDUCATION: University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minn. – Mechanical Engineering.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Second-Year Class SBA Representative; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Student-Faculty Student Awards & Assistance Committee; Student-Faculty Courtroom Renovation Committee; Nebraska Moot Court Board (chair); SBA; Second-Year Class Representative; Third-Year ABA Representative.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Suiter West & Swantz, Omaha, Neb.



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EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. – Mathematics (cum laude); Phi Delta Theta Fraternity (historian, warden); Outdoor Adventure Club (president); Sport's Club Council (president); Student Education Association of Nebraska (treasurer).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (editor-in-chief).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Contracts.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Department of Insurance, Lincoln, Neb.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Law Office of Thomas B. Schway, Oakdale, Minn.



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EDUCATION: Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa – History: Albert Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany – Coursework in the impact of propaganda and mass media on European society; Touro Law Center Law Institute, Potsdam/Berlin, Germany – Coursework in comparative constitutional law, international human rights law, and alternative dispute resolution in the European setting.
LAW COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; International Law Society; LSD/ABA; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Law Clerk-Friedman Law Offices, Lincoln, Neb.; Customer Support Analyst-Information Technology, Inc., Lincoln, Neb.; Client Representative/Relationship Manager-IntraLinks, Inc., New York, N.Y.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Inter Alia Soccer Team (founding member); College of Law Ambassador; UNL Campus Recreation Advisory Committee; CLEP; Project Wishlist, UNL Intramural Wrestling Heavyweight Champion.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: G. Robert Muchemore Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Procedure.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.; Tax Preparation Assistant-Labenz & Associates, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.



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WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.; Student Assistant-Summer 2005 Pre-Law Institute, University of Nebraska College of Law; Summer Intern-Scotts Bluff County Attorney's Office, Scottsbluff, Neb.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Nebraska Moot Court Board (event coordinator); Health Care Law Program of Concentrated Study; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Mediation Club; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Advanced Torts, Law & Behavioral Science, Topics in Law & Psychology.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Health & Human Services System, Lincoln, Neb.



**Tracy L.
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EDUCATION: University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. – Masters Degree in Political Science. Hendrix College, Conway, Ark. – Politics (magna cum laude): Graduation with Distinction; Thomas J. Staples Political Science Award.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Student-Faculty Student Awards & Assistance Committee; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; LSD/ABA; Mediation Club (secretary); NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Regents Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Torts.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Kutak Rock, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Keating, O'Gara, Davis & Nedved, Lincoln, Neb.; Summer Associate-Rembolt Ludtke, Lincoln, Neb.; Public Information Officer-Nebraska Legislature, Lincoln, Neb.; Graduate Assistant-University of Kentucky Department of Political Science, Lexington, Ky.; Assistant to the Director of Correspondence-Clinton/Gore '96, Little Rock, Ark.



**Amanda A.
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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allies and Advocates for GLBT Issues; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Mediation Club; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.



**Allyson A.
Mendoza**

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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: San Francisco State University, San Francisco, Calif. – Political Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (first place); Kenneth L. Noah Memorial Award (best brief, Allen Moot Court Competition); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (finalist); Student-Faculty Appointments Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Black Law Students Association; LSD/SBA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Project Wishlist; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship for New Nebraskans; Harold & Helen Felton Scholar; Paul C. Holmberg Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Capital Punishment, Constitutional Law I.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Public Defender's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Andrea D.
Miller**

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EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney – Political Science/ Criminal Justice (summa cum laude): Rick Davis Scholar; Harry S. Truman Scholar Finalist; William Nester Student Leadership Award; Political Science Dept. Fellow; SKINS (Student Council of Inter Tribal Nations) (president); BSA (Black Student Association); HSA (Hispanic Student Association), Lock & Key Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Black Law Students Association (treasurer); Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: David & Breda Dow Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Criminal Appeals Section, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Rembolt Ludtke Law Firm, Lincoln, Neb.; Assistant Director-Enhancing Access to Education Grant, Kearney, Neb.



**Heather B.
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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Political Science (with high distinction); Regents Scholar; Nebraska Top Scholar; University Honors Program; Pre-Law Club; Mock Trial Team.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Phi Alpha Delta International; SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Criminal Law; G. Robert Muchemore Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.



**Sean
Murray**

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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – English: Student-Faculty Curriculum Committee.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: International Law Program of Concentrated Study; Animal Legal Defense Fund; International Law Society.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Regents Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Office of Nebraska Solicitor General, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Professor Matthew Schaefer, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Susan M.
Napolitano**

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EDUCATION: Northland College, Ashland, Wis. – Academic English (honors, magna cum laude); Secondary Education Certified; Major Merit Awards in English & Writing; Academic Excellence Scholarship; Orientation Leader.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Christian Legal Society; International Law Society; Women’s Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Atwood, Holsten & Brown, Lincoln, Neb.; Hiring & Development Consultant-Center for Sales Strategy, Talent Plus, Lincoln, Neb.; Language Arts Instructor-Grades 9-12, Watertown, Wis.



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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Utah State University, Logan, Utah – Accounting (magna cum laude); National Honor Society; Full Tuition Scholarship USU College of Business; USU Student Host.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); SBA; J. Reuben Clark Law Society.
AWARDS and ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Criminal Procedure, Corporations, Evidence, Individual Income Tax.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gruit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.; Legal Intern-Howard, Phillips & Andersen, Salt Lake City, Utah; Recruiting Agent-International Sports Specialists, Logan, Utah.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gritmit & Witt, Lincoln, Neb.; Talent Plus, Inc., Lincoln, Neb.



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COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Animal Legal Defense Fund; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Assistant to the Deputy of the Juvenile Court-Clerk of the District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.



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Peters**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio – Pre-Law.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Student-Faculty Appointments Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society (president); NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (articles editor); SBA.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar; Herman Ginsburg Memorial Scholar; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Legal Process, Constitutional Law I.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Mattson, Ricketts, Davies, Stewart & Calkins, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, Lincoln, Neb.



**Patricia A.
Peterson**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Marketing (with highest distinction): University Honors Program; *Omaha World-Herald* Distinguished Scholar; LeRossignol Scholar Award; Accountancy Honors Distinguished Student; Beta Gamma Sigma; Golden Key; UNL AMA.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Fraser-Stryker Scholar; Regents Scholar.



**Kate E.
Placzek**

HOMETOWN: Grand Island, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of North Carolina at Wilmington – Marine Biology: Honors Scholars Program; Omicron Delta Kappa; National Leadership Honor Society; Alpha Xi Delta; Gamma Chi; Pi Society.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl, Lincoln, Neb.



**Samuel R.
Randall**

HOMETOWN: Delta, Colo.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2005
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – Latin American Studies (cum laude); Marigold Saunders Academic Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Federalist Society; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (executive editor); Republican Law Student Association.
AWARDS and ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; Silver Quill Award (outstanding student in Legal Research & Writing); Scholarship for New Nebraskans; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Legal Research & Writing, Criminal Law, Civil Procedure, Property.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-United States Attorney's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Research Assistant-Prof. Martin Gardner, University of Nebraska College of Law; Adult Probation Officer-Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County, Phoenix, Ariz.; Supervisor of Corporate Clients-Embratel-Worldcom Brazil, Goiania, GO, Brazil.



**Jeremy R.
Reichenberg**

HOMETOWN: Broken Bow, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Doane College, Crete, Neb. – History: Honors Program; Phi Eta Sigma Honorary.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Class Vice-President; Second-Year Class President; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society; CLEP (president); Equal Justice Society; First-Year Orientation Leader; International Law Society; LSD/ABA, 8th Circuit Lt. Governor for Membership; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Phi Alpha Delta International; Project Wishlist (chair); SBA (executive president); Program of Concentrated Study in International Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Student Associate-Lexis Nexis; Summer Intern-Senator Chuck Hagel, Washington, D.C.; Summer Intern-Laga & Philippe Law Firm, Brussels, Belgium.



**Elaine M.
Reyes**

HOMETOWN: Springfield, Mo.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. – Exercise Science (cum laude); Alpha Phi Omega; Gallagher Hall Service Committee; Freshman Leadership Program; Lynn Award.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Black Law Students Association; Multi-Cultural Legal Society.



**Christopher J.
Riffle**

HOMETOWN: Port Angeles, Wash.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Washington, Seattle, Wash. – History/Sociology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Third-Year Class President; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Student-Faculty Honor Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; International Law Society; LSD/SBA; Legal Options Club; Project Wishlist; SBA (first year class representative).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Corporations, Mass Media Law; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Koley Jessen, Omaha Neb.; Research Assistant-Professor Susan Poser, University of Nebraska College of Law; Law Clerk-Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl, Lincoln, Neb.



**Lyndsey J.
Roggow**

HOMETOWN: North Platte, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Evangel University, Springfield, Mo. – Management (cum laude); Presidential Academic Scholarship; Endowed Scholarship; University Activities Board; Burgess Hall Council.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Christian Legal Society; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Legal & Fiduciary Services Intern-Assemblies of God Financial Services Group, Springfield, Mo.; Law Clerk-Elloit & Brouillette, North Platte, Neb.



**Kathleen M.
Saunders**

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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. – Finance/Accounting (magna cum laude); University Scholarship; Vision 2000 Scholarship; Gamma Phi Beta (executive board member, financial vice president); Student Government Association (election committee).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Environmental Law Society (treasurer); SBA; Program of Concentrated Study in Environmental Law and Business Transactions.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Research Assistant-Professor Sandi Zellmer, University of Nebraska College of Law.



**Michael L.
Schudel**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Baylor University, Waco Texas – History.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Transactional Program of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; TierOne Bank, Lincoln, Neb.



**Alan L.
Schuller**

HOMETOWN: North Bend, Wash.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wis. — Behavioral Science and Law (with distinction); Marine Corps ROTC Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award; College of Law Ambassador; CLEP; First-Year Orientation Leader; Mediation Club; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Law Clerk-Joint Legal Center, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.; Summer Law Clerk-Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, Washington, D.C.



**Christopher D.
Seifert**

HOMETOWN: Springfield, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah — Print Journalism.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Missouri Public Defender's Office, Kirksville, Mo.



**Amber L.
Shenk**

HOMETOWN: Polk, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney — Sports Administration/Business Administration (magna cum laude); Sports Administration Club (president); Volleyball; All-Academic Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; Student Athlete Advisory Committee (secretary); Skills for Success.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: College of Law Ambassador; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; Legal Research & Writing Problem Writer; Mediation Club; Nebraska Moot Court Board (secretary); Grether Moot Court Competition (co-chair).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Harding, Shultz & Downs, Lincoln, Neb.; Summer Law Clerk-NCAA, Indianapolis, Ind.



**Jeremy M.
Shorts**

HOMETOWN: Price, Utah
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2005
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah — Political Science.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: J. Reuben Clark Law Society (president).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Clinic.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Mattson, Ricketts, Davies, Stewart & Calkins, Lincoln, Neb.



**Carlos B.
Shumway**

HOMETOWN: Orem, Utah
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – Business.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: International Law Society.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Product Development-CourseWare International, Orem, Utah; Quality Assurance-CourseWare International, Orem, Utah; Manufacturing Manager-CourseWare International, Orem, Utah.



**Mackenzie J.
Sorich**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif. - Political Science/Theatre: USC Leadership Board Scholar; USC Polo Team; College Democrats (chair, treasurer); Unruh Institute of Politics (student advisor); USC Washington D.C. Semester; USC Joint Educational Project Mentor.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (semi-finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Women's Law Caucus (auction co-chair).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Dean H. & Floreen G. Eastman Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Neb.; Intern-U.S. Senator E. Benjamin Nelson, Omaha, Neb.; Intern-Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C.



**Bart M.
Sturdy**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Bellevue University, Bellevue, Neb. Masters Degree in Social Work. University of Nebraska-Lincoln – English.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; Client Counseling Competition; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; National Animal Advocacy Moot Court Competition; Student-Faculty Honor Committee; Animal Legal Defense Fund (director); Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Client Counseling Competition Board; Environmental Law Society; First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA; Program of Concentrated Study in Environmental Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.

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**Scott R.
Taylor**

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EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – History: University Tuition Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Christian Legal Society; LSD/ABA; SBA; J. Reuben Clark Law Society.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Hoppe & Harner, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Nebraska Association of School Boards, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jerod L.
Trouba**

HOMETOWN: Columbus, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Kearney – Business Administration.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Environmental Law Society; First-Year Orientation Leader; International Law Society; Project Wishlist; SBA (executive treasurer).
WORK EXPERIENCE: Nebraska Community Improvement Program Assistant-Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Lincoln, Neb.



**Kristin M.
Tyler**

HOMETOWN: Auburn, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: December 2005
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – JD/MBA Joint Degree (expected December 2005). University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Marketing.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Republican Law Student Association; SBA; Women's Law Caucus (charity auction co-chair).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Winthrop & Frances Lane Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Government Relations-American Cancer Society, Lincoln, Neb.



**Angel
Velitchkov**

HOMETOWN: Kostenetz, Bulgaria
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa – International Studies.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: First-Year Class President; Client Counseling Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Black Law Students Association; International Law Society; LSD/ABA; Multi-Cultural Legal Society; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Project Wishlist; Republican Law Student Association; SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: College of Law Centennial Scholar; Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni Scholar.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Kinsey, Ridenour, Becker & Kistler, Lincoln, Neb.



**Melissa R.
Vincent**

HOMETOWN: Springfield, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha – Criminal Justice (cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (first place).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz Excellence in Legal Writing Award.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-United States Attorney's Office, Omaha, Neb.



**Zoë R.
Wade**

HOMETOWN: Vancouver, B.C.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha – Economics/History: Outstanding Undergraduate in Economics; Barbara Miller Scholarship for Economics; Outstanding Undergraduate in History; Shuflata Award for History; University Honors Program.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: National Moot Court Team; Allen Moot Court Competition (finalist); Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition (first place); NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW; Nebraska Moot Court Board.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Baird Holm, Omaha, Neb.



**Mathew
Watson**

HOMETOWN: Bellevue, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha – Criminal Justice.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Student-Faculty Appointments Committee; Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Neb.; Law Clerk-Crosby Guenzel, Lincoln, Neb.



**Joshua W.
Weir**

HOMETOWN: Columbus, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska at Omaha – Political Science (magna cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Program of Concentrated Study in Litigation Skills and Business Transactions.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Summer Associate-Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Moyer, Moyer, Egley, Fullner & Warnemunde, Madison, Neb.



**Elise M. W.
White**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – English (with distinction and honors): David Memorial Scholar; Honors Program Scholar; Cather Circle; Pre-Law Club (vice president); Mock Trial Club (vice president); Midwest Regional Mock Trial Competition (outstanding attorney).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program of Concentrated Study; First-Year Client Counseling Competition; Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; ATLA; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; First-Year Orientation Leader; LSD/ABA; SBA.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Cada, Froscheiser, Cada & Hoffman, Lincoln, Neb.; Type II Law Clerk-Lancaster County Attorneys Office, Lincoln, Neb.



**Angelica L.
Wichman**

HOMETOWN: Alliance, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. —
Entrepreneurship (magna cum laude); Alpha Phi Omega
(secretary); National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Pep
Band (vice president); Collegiate All American Scholar;
Presbyterian Church USA Scholarship; Mary Hixon Scholar.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Litigation Skills Program
of Concentrated Study; Big Brother/Big Sister Program;
First-Year Orientation Leader; SBA; Women's Law Caucus
(vice president); Program of Concentrated Study in Family Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Legal Aid of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Neb.; Administrative Assistant-Gene Eppley
Salvation Army Camp, Omaha, Neb.; Law Clerk-Kyle
Doviken Law Offices, Alliance, Neb.



**Joel L.
Wiegert**

HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln —
Marketing; Omaha Law League Scholarship.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: NEBRASKA LAW
REVIEW.
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: CALI
Excellence for the Future Award in Property,
Payment Systems, Insurance Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Lending Analyst-TierOne
Bank, Lincoln, Neb.



**Jessica S.
Wieland**

HOMETOWN: Omaha, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.
— Psychology (summa cum laude).
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Mediation Club;
SBA; Women's Law Caucus.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Health &
Human Services System, Lincoln, Neb.; Law
Clerk-Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the
Public Interest, Lincoln, Neb.



**Benjamin J.
Wilton**

HOMETOWN: York, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln —
Chemical Engineering.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big
Sister Program; Environmental Law Society
(president); First-Year Orientation Leader; Inter-
national Law Society; Mediation Club (treasurer);
SBA.



**Jamian J.
Wobig**

HOMETOWN: Valentine, Neb.
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Psychology.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Henry M. Grether Moot Court Competition; Big Brother/Big Sister Program; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus (Susan B. Anthony Charity Auction co-chair, president); Program of Concentrated Study in Environmental Law.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Intern-Cherry County Attorney at the Eric Scott Law Office, Valentine, Neb.



**Lani H.
Wright**

HOMETOWN: Spanish Fork, Utah
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: May 2006
EDUCATION: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah – Philosophy.
COLLEGE OF LAW ACTIVITIES: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Nebraska Moot Court Board; SBA; Women’s Law Caucus (secretary, first year representative).
AWARDS & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship for New Nebraskans; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Contracts.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Law Clerk-Honorable John A. Colborn, Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln, Neb.; Loan Consolidation Processor-Nelnet Loan Corp, Lincoln, Neb.

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Matthew Braig
Jerry Brooks
Bruce Carden
Matthew Connealy
Mathew Dalton

Luke Deaver
Luke DeLay
Nathaniel DeWald
Margaret Haeger
Julie Jochum
Matt Naden

Ann O’Connor
Paul Payne
Justin Poots
Mark Porto
Justin Quinn
Brenton Stanfield

Matthew Stein
Lee Timan
Andrew Wilcox
Steven Woolfer
Conly Wythers

The Graduates

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The general policies of THE SENIOR TRANSCRIPT are as follows:

1. No dates are included, except for expected graduation date.
2. Undergraduate Dean’s List information is not included.
3. All resumes are in standard format consisting of hometown, expected graduation date, education, Law College activities, awards & academic scholarships and work experience.
4. Information was current as of September 1, 2005.

5. Abbreviations include:

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