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Nebraska Law has had an eventful few months since the last edition of The Nebraska Transcript landed on your desk. Most recently, National Jurist magazine named us the #1 Best Value law school in the United States for the second year in a row. This ranking takes into account the statistics that should matter most to law students: bar passage, job placement and overall tuition and debt. In other words, this ranking recognizes that our students pay a reasonable price for a legal education and then have great success after they graduate. Indeed, 94% of our May graduates passed the Nebraska bar this summer, well above the statewide average. Ten months after the Class of 2015 graduated, 88% of them had jobs in which a JD was required or preferred.

In August, we welcomed a wonderful class of first-year students. At a time when law school applications have been shrinking nationwide (a 40% decrease since 2011), our first-year class of 132 students increased 27% from the previous year, and they had stronger entering LSAT scores and GPAs. When they arrived, one-third of them asked for and received an alumni mentor to help guide them through learning how to be a professional.

We are making connections to build on these successes. In September, we announced the Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP), which will increase the number of lawyers in rural Nebraska. Through the RLOP, rural high school seniors can receive full-tuition, four-year scholarships to attend Chadron State College, Wayne State College or the University of Nebraska at Kearney, after which they are automatically accepted into Nebraska Law, provided they meet certain program requirements. After attaining their law degree, they are expected to return to Greater Nebraska to practice law. We hope this will add fifteen lawyers per year to the bar in rural Nebraska counties.

We also have developed a relationship with the legal services magnet program at Omaha Northwest High School and with student groups at the University of Nebraska Omaha, so we can build a pipeline of Omaha students to the Law College as well. Much of our success in these areas, of course, is due to our strong alumni base. You provide scholarships that help keep our tuition low. You hire our students, which makes our job placement outstanding. You help us recruit great students, and you serve as mentors for them when they arrive. Thank you so much for all you do!

To celebrate what you have helped us achieve, I want to invite you to a very special day at the College of Law in the spring. On March 31, 2017, we will have our annual Alumni Council Awards luncheon. That afternoon, we will dedicate the new Marvin and Virginia Schmid Clinic Building and we will unveil former Dean Susan Poser’s portrait in the Hall of Deans near the Welpton Courtroom. It will be a wonderful day and I hope you can join us to celebrate past accomplishments and look ahead to future successes.

Richard Moberly
Interim Dean and Richard C. & Catherine Schmoker Professor of Law
Professor Jack Beard was invited to speak on legal issues related to autonomous weapon systems at the First Annual Conference on International Humanitarian Law at the University of Minnesota Law School. He also gave an invited talk, "International Cyber Security: The Challenges of Cyber Crime, Mischief and Warfare," at the 7th U.S. Army Signal Command Cyber Law Senior Leader Professional Development Session at Headquarters, NATO Allied Transformation Command, Norfolk, Virginia. He served as a panelist discussing legal requirements governing responses to hostile state-sponsored cyber actions as part of the U.S. Strategic Command’s first Advanced Operations Law Conference at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. As part of a podcast series sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association, he was interviewed at the University of Alabama School of Law, discussing his scholarship related to proposed legal regimes to regulate military and civilian activities in outer space.

Professor Eric Berger published his article, “Gross Error” in the Washington Law Review. The article critiques the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Glossip v. Gross, which upheld Oklahoma’s lethal injection procedure. He presented "Justice Thomas’ Originalism and the Future of Conservative Judging” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference in Amelia Island, Florida. He also presented several times, including for CLE credit, a talk entitled, “The Supreme Court in Transition: Justice Scalia’s Legacy, Judge Garland’s Nomination and the Future of the Court.” Berger is currently chairing the Law College’s Appointments Committee.

Professor Kristen Blankley published “The Ethics and Practice of Drafting Pre-Dispute Resolution Clauses,” at 49 Creighton Law Review 43. The article considers lawyers’ ethical duty to advise clients of ADR options even before disputes occur and gives practical advice on how to draft an effective ADR clause. Another of her articles, “Is a Mediator Like a Bus? How Legal Ethics May Inform the Question of Case Discrimination by Mediators,” has been accepted for publication in the Gonzaga Law Review. Blankley has been appointed as a council member to the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution.

Professor Eve Brank started in August as the director for the Center on Children, Families and the Law, a research center through the College of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Rick Duncan has published by invitation “Justice Scalia and the Rule of Law: Originalism vs. The Living Constitution” in the Fall 2016 issue of the Regent Law Review. He participated in a debate at the University of Denver Sturm School of Law on “How an Obama-Clinton SCOTUS Will Impact Constitutional Law.” He argued that, including the Scalia seat, the next president may have as many as four, or even five, vacancies to fill on SCOTUS. The impact on constitutional law will be enormous.
Justin (Gus) Hurwitz  
Assistant Professor of Law  
Comments submitted by Professor Gus Hurwitz in the FCC’s Open Internet proceeding and an amicus brief he co-authored were cited and discussed by Judge Williams in his partial dissent to the D.C. Circuit’s opinion affirming the FCC’s order. Hurwitz’s article on a peculiar aspect of FCC procedure, “Blacklining Editorial Privileges,” is forthcoming in the *Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review*, and he has a chapter appearing in a forthcoming book on international perspectives in telecommunications law and policy. Hurwitz addressed the Second International Congress on Telecommunications Users Protection in Bogota, Colombia. His ongoing work is increasingly focusing on cybersecurity, and includes recent talks at George Mason University, MIT, the Army 7th Signal Command, and upcoming talks at the annual Telecommunications Policy Research Conference, the Universities of Connecticut and Pittsburgh and the Nebraska State Bar Association. His current article, “Encryption Congress mod(Apple+CALEA),” which uses the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act and last year’s conflict between the FBI and Apple over the decryption of the San Bernardino shooter’s iPhone to consider approaches Congress may take to regulating the use of encryption technologies, will be forthcoming in late 2016 or 2017. He is also organizing a conference on state, local and regional issues in cybersecurity to be hosted at the College of Law in March. He organized a workshop that brought a half-dozen law and technology scholars to the College of Law to discuss the interface between law and technology, and is co-organizing a similar workshop at the Ohio State University. At that conference, he will present ongoing work that uses concepts from computer science (the “explore/exploit tradeoff”) to consider the relationship between antitrust and consumer protection law. He is also co-authoring a chapter for a forthcoming volume published by Cambridge that considers classical liberal perspectives on the regulation of technology, based on his participation in a conference at the University of Chicago on that topic.

Richard A. Leiter  
Director of Schmid Law Library and Professor of Law  
Richard Leiter was elected to the Faculty Senate’s Executive Committee and began his term as chair of the American Association of Law Libraries’ Government Relations Committee. He also made a presentation to faculty at Doane University about copyright in the classroom.

Brian D. Lepard  
Harold W. Conroy Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the LL.M. Program in Global Legal Practice  
Professor Brian Lepard taught a one-week course at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on “New Trends in International Human Rights Law.” He was also able to share information about the College of Law with students there. At a major conference held at the Palais des Congrès in Montreal, Canada, he helped unveil a “Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the World’s Religions.” The conference was entitled “Third Global Conference on World’s Religions after September 11.” Lepard assisted in drafting the document, along with many other scholars and religious leaders.

Colleen E. Medill  
Robert and Joanne Berkshire Family Professor of Law  
Professor Colleen Medill’s article, “ERISA Subrogation after Montanile,” has been accepted for publication by the *Nebraska Law Review*. She is currently writing new editions of her casebooks on employee benefits law and property. Medill was a featured presenter at the “Experiential Innovation Summit: Incorporating Skills Throughout the Law School Curriculum,” an invitation-only conference sponsored by West Academic Publishing, held at West’s corporate headquarters in St. Paul,
Minnesota. Her presentation focused on overcoming the perceived obstacles to incorporating legal skills exercises in large-section doctrinal courses. It explained various techniques that can be used to assess student performance on negotiation, drafting and client counseling skills exercises for first-year law students.

Richard E. Moberly
Interim Dean and Richard and Catherine Schmoker Professor of Law
Interim Dean and Professor Richard Moberly was awarded the Nebraska State Bar Association’s President’s Professionalism Award for his efforts in creating the Rural Law Opportunities Program, which provides high school seniors from Greater Nebraska the opportunity to receive full-tuition, four-year scholarships for undergraduate education at either Wayne State College, Chadron State College or the University of Nebraska at Kearney, along with automatic admission to the College of Law. He also presented a CLE, “Whistleblowing and Ethics,” at the NSBA Labor & Employment section seminar in Omaha.

Stefanie S. Pearlman
Professor of Law Library and Reference Librarian
Professor Stefanie Pearlman began her term as chair of the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries in July 2016.

Harvey S. Perlman
Harvey and Susan Perlman Alumni Professor of Law
Professor Harvey Perlman stepped down as chancellor of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in May 2016. After a year’s sabbatical, he will return to teaching at the Law College. He continues his service on the Council of the American Law Institute and as a Commissioner of Uniform State Laws. He was appointed to the Roundtable of the Council of the Confucius Institute Headquarters and attended its annual meeting in Urumqi, China. He was also reelected to the board of directors of MENA Network, a collaboration of research centers in the Middle East that address water scarcity in that region.

Sandra B. Placzek
Professor of Law Library and Associate Director, Schmid Law Library
Professor Sandy Placzek co-presented “Mentoring: How Giving Back Moves Your Career Forward” with Candle Wester, ’04, and Michelle Hook Dewey at the joint meeting of the Southeastern Chapter American Association of Law Libraries/ Southwestern Association of Law Libraries in Dallas, Texas.

Matthew P. Schaefer
Veronica A. Haggart & Charles R. Work Professor of International Trade Law and Director of Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law Program
Professor Matt Schaefer organized and co-moderated two public panels and moderated the government-industry roundtable at the Law College’s 9th Annual Washington, D.C., Space Law Conference, titled “New Space Technologies and Business Models: Perspectives on Regulation,” held at the National Press Club. His white paper of the same title was used for the government-industry roundtable portion of the conference and will be included by the White House’s Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the transition documents for the new administration. Schaefer organized and spoke as a member of a panel on new satellite technologies’ impact on international and U.S. regulatory regimes for the American Branch of the International Law Association’s International Law Weekend at the Fordham University School of Law in New York City. He also gave a space law talk at his alma mater, the University of Michigan Law School.
Anthony B. Schutz
Associate Professor of Law
Professor Anthony Schutz published “Defining Sustainability in Nebraska’s Republican River Basin: The LB 1057 Task Force,” 3 Texas A&M Law Review 771. This piece was a contribution to the Fall 2015 Texas A&M symposium “Farm to Table: Agriculture Law in the Era of Sustainability.” He contributed to the recent debates on a proposed state constitutional amendment creating a “right to farm” through his writing, through his work with the Agriculture Committee in the legislature and through speaking engagements with farm groups across the state. He spoke at the American Agricultural Law Association’s annual meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and he provided a two-hour CLE in Ogallala. Schutz also organized and spoke at the day-long Water Law CLE that the Law College sponsored at Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln with the Nebraska Water Center. He continues to teach agricultural and natural-resources subjects, including a two-credit summer short course in the law and policy of livestock production. He also taught a session at the Food Law Student Leadership Summit at Drake Law School, which was hosted by Harvard Law School’s Food Law and Policy Clinic and Drake University Law School’s Agricultural Law Center.

Jessica A. Shoemaker
Assistant Professor of Law
Professor Jessica Shoemaker presented her ongoing research on complexity and adaptation in American Indian land tenure at workshops at both Princeton University and Queen’s University Belfast. She also gave invited talks on themes related to sustainable tribal development, food sovereignty and American Indian land use needs at the Indian Land Working Group Symposium held at the Oneida Indian Reservation in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and a public lecture at the Pawnee Art Center in Dannebrog, Nebraska. Shoemaker has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Center for Great Plains Studies. She is currently working on a long-range research project related to tribal property jurisdiction and strategies for grassroots change in Indian land tenure systems.

Brett C. Stohs
Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Cline Williams Director of the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic
Professor Brett Stohs published the article, “Oh What a Tangled Web We Weave: Mind Mapping as Creative Spark to Optimize Transactional Clinic Assignments”, in Volume 61 of the New York Law School Law Review. After outlining the importance of client assignments to achieving positive outcomes in a live-client, transactional law clinic, the article provides an introduction of mind mapping and a detailed framework for clinical faculty to use electronic mind mapping to optimize client assignments in their clinics. Stohs was also invited to speak about his scholarship and experience using mind mapping in a clinical setting at the Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference in Tucson, Arizona, which was themed “Exchanging Ideas that Work”.

Ryan P. Sullivan
Assistant Clinical Professor of Law
Professor Ryan Sullivan published a chapter in the National Survey of State Laws, which included a 50-state survey and comparative analysis of civil shoplifting statutes. He gave a presentation to the Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation Office on the topic of post-conviction relief and re-entry programs for veterans. During the summer, Sullivan organized and supervised two Estate Planning Clinics, one in Scottsbluff and one at the Veteran’s Medical Center in Lincoln.
Adam Thimmesch  
**Assistant Professor of Law**  
Professor Adam Thimmesch presented “A Tax Privacy Framework” at multiple conferences this summer and fall, including at the University of Washington’s Fourth Annual Tax Symposium. Thimmesch took time from his normal research this summer to analyze the legal implications of the popular PokemonGo application in blog posts for UNL and for the *Surly Subgroup Tax Blog*. He also appeared on the Legal Talk Network’s podcast, *Lawyer 2 Lawyer*, to discuss the legal issues raised by augmented reality gaming.

Frans G. von der Dunk  
**Harvey & Susan Perlman Alumni/Othmer Professor of Space Law**  
Dr. Frans von der Dunk has worked as advisor to the Luxembourg government on the development of national legislation addressing the harvesting of asteroid resources, while continuing his engagement as senior advisor with the United Arab Emirates on a full-fledged national space law. On the space mining issue, he presented, “Who Owns the Moon? Space Law and the Billion Dollar Question,” at the PINC (People, Ideas, Nature and Creativity) Conference in Zeist, the Netherlands, and spoke at several other conferences in Abu Dhabi, Paris, Lincoln and Luxembourg. He published several articles in various journals, including “Legal Aspects of Navigation – The Cases for Privacy and Liability: An Introduction for Non-Lawyers” in *Coordinates* (May 2015), and “The U.S. Space Launch Competitiveness Act of 2015” in *Jurist*, accessible at http://go.unl.edu/jurist. Finally, he gave a guest lecture on “The Exploitation of Natural Resources in Outer Space” at the Lazarski University of Warsaw, Poland, as part of the ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy.

Follow the faculty at  
http://law.unl.edu/faculty-administration
The Nebraska Law community congratulates Professor Kristen Blankley on receiving promotion to associate professor and tenure. Blankley, an Ohio native, joined the faculty in 2010. She received her B.A. in History and Political Science and graduated summa cum laude from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio. Blankley went on to receive her J.D. from Ohio State University, Mortiz College of Law, and graduated first in her class. Following law school, Blankley clerked for the Honorable Eugene E. Siler on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Honorable Kermit E. Bye on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Blankley then practiced at the Columbus, Ohio, office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP, working on a variety of civil litigation matters. Blankley primarily focused on First Amendment, trade secret, contract and product liability issues.

At Nebraska Law, Blankley teaches Alternative Dispute Resolution, Advocacy in Mediation, Mediation, Arbitration and Professional Responsibility. Blankley first became interested in alternative dispute resolution during her own law school experience. “Ohio State’s law school is one of the best for alternative dispute resolution.” As a student there, Blankley excelled in the field, earning a Certificate in Dispute Resolution.

As a scholar, Blankley is very active in her area of expertise. A member of the American Bar Association’s Section of Dispute Resolution, Blankley regularly speaks at their annual meeting and serves on the ABA Law School Division Arbitration Competition Committee. The committee oversees the annual law school Arbitration Competition. As a practicing mediator in Nebraska, Blankley can provide a practitioner’s perspective to students.

“My teaching, writing and community service all tie together,” said Blankley. “I write and teach about mediation and arbitration, and I also have the opportunity to mediate, arbitrate and inform policy and best practices for these procedures.”

Now that she has received tenure, Blankley can turn to some new projects. “I’m very excited about receiving tenure, as it brings with it a certain freedom. I am excited about pursuing some non-traditional projects, such as writing a treatise and engaging in empirical...
A Uniform Theory of Federal Court Jurisdiction Under the Federal Arbitration Act

By Kristen M. Blankley - 23 George Mason Law Review

Abstract

The Federal Arbitration Act (FAA) is considered an anomaly among federal statutes. The protections of the FAA are substantive law, yet citing to the FAA is insufficient to invoke the federal courts’ jurisdiction. Instead, parties seeking federal court assistance on arbitration matters must have independent jurisdictional grounds, usually federal question or diversity jurisdiction. This requirement stems from FAA Section 4, which states that jurisdiction lies in any district court which, “save for the agreement, would have jurisdiction under title 28 . . . of the controversy.” Courts across the country are encountering serious difficulty interpreting this language and have created upwards of a dozen different legal tests for jurisdiction.

These tests turn largely on a handful of non-salient factors, notably the presence or absence of underlying state court litigation. Some courts interpreted the “controversy” language as requiring courts to “look through” the federal court motion to the substance of the arbitral controversy. Other courts “look through” only to the subject of underlying state litigation. Still other courts refuse to “look through” to anything at all, relying solely on the pleadings before them.

In 2009, the Supreme Court’s decision in Vaden v. Discover Bank determined that FAA Section 4 required the district courts to “look through” the federal court documents, consider the merits of underlying state-court litigation, and apply the well-pleaded complaint rule. The Vaden decision, however, is both incorrect and imprudent. The decision was incorrect on its merits under both a textual and policy analysis. The Court was imprudent because it only addressed a small portion of cases falling under the FAA’s jurisdiction. Significant questions and circuit splits still plague the courts.

A simplified, uniform test would greatly alleviate all of this confusion. Specifically, a test interpreting Section 4 to allow a “look through” to the arbitral controversy in all instances would best serve the intent of the FAA, the courts, and the litigants in streamlining litigation issues. While this change could be accomplished statutorily or through the common law, a common law change is proposed to shortcut congressional inaction on arbitration issues.

It is inconceivable that Congress intended the [arbitration] rule[s] to differ depending upon which party first invokes the assistance of a federal court.¹

Justice Brennan described the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA) as an “anomaly” among federal statutes because its protections are substantive, but the statute cannot be invoked as the basis for federal court jurisdiction.²

To seek the protections of the FAA, parties must also invoke diversity or federal question jurisdiction. This interpretation stems from FAA Section 4, which states that jurisdiction lies in any district court which, "save for the agreement [to arbitrate], would have jurisdiction under title 28 in a civil action or in admiralty of the subject matter of a suit arising out of the controversy between the parties." Determining the "controversy" between the parties has proved particularly problematic. In some instances, the "controversy" only entails litigation activities already instituted by the parties. In other instances, the "controversy" is the matter to be arbitrated.

In 2009, the Supreme Court’s decision in *Vaden v. Discover Bank* attempted to answer some of these questions but the opinion lacks critical guidance and philosophical underpinnings necessary for a consistent rule interpreting the FAA. The limited nature of the decision has led to additional circuit splits. The complexities multiply as one considers the different intersections of arbitration law and federal court, primarily on the “front end” of arbitration (such as compelling a motion to arbitrate) and the “back end” of arbitration (such as challenging an arbitration award).

A new, uniform standard for federal court jurisdiction under the FAA would better serve the text and goals of the statute, as well as the courts and parties to arbitration agreements. Specifically, the courts should apply a uniform rule to consider the arbitrable controversy for jurisdictional purposes. If the arbitral controversy would otherwise give rise to federal court jurisdiction, then the federal court should have jurisdiction. Since *Vaden*, no other article has considered these jurisdictional complexities, and none of the existing scholarship has dealt with federal court jurisdiction on issues other than motions to compel arbitration. These gaps in the scholarship are filled here.

Part I herein considers the jurisdictional default rules as well as the structure and history of the FAA. Part II details the *Vaden* decision and the myriad of post-*Vaden* complications. Part III sets forth and supports a new proposal, namely that the courts consider the arbitrable controversy for jurisdictional purposes. Part IV then explores the implications of the proposal, and Part V proposes that the courts or Congress to adopt the proposal and simplify the current jurisdictional quagmire.

(2009); see also Cammey St. Bank v. Strong, 651 F.3d 1241, 1252 (11th Cir. 2011) ("It is a long-accepted principle that the FAA is non-jurisdictional: The statute does not itself supply a basis for federal jurisdiction over FAA petitions."); Northport Health Servs. of Ark., LLC v. Rutherford, 605 F.3d 483, 486 (8th Cir. 2010) (same). Certainly, other statutes exist that are anomalies in their own right. For example, Section 301 of the Taft-Hartley Act grants federal court jurisdiction for breach of contract suits for violations of labor management agreements in industries affecting interstate commerce. The Act itself, however, does not create federal substantive law. *See Textile Workers Union v. Lincoln Mills*, 353 U.S. 488 (1957). The Declaratory Judgment Act, discussed below, is another similar statute.

3 Parties could also invoke admiralty law, but this paper only considers federal question and diversity jurisdiction because they are the grounds most often used for jurisdiction.


6 Additional issues may arise when the underlying dispute is international in nature and the controversy is governed by the New York Convention. 9 U.S.C. §201 et. seq. This Article deals exclusively with domestic arbitration and does not explore the additional complexities in international cases.


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Larry Berger, a beloved professor at the College of Law for 42 years, passed away on May 22, 2016, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the age of 88.

In 1960, Larry and his wife Betsy arrived in Lincoln with their three young children. At the time, they were uncertain how long they would stay. Larry had only a one-year appointment at the Law College. He was filling in for Professor Allan Axelrod, who was away as a visiting professor at Rutgers-Newark School of Law. If Axelrod had returned, there may not have been a permanent position for Larry. However, Axelrod never returned, and Larry and Betsy stayed in Lincoln. Forty-two years later Larry retired.

During more than 20 of those years, from the time I arrived in 1979 until I became dean, I shared an office wall with Larry. During that time and beyond, he taught me much of what I know about how to be a productive and responsible faculty member. And he became a good and trusted friend.

When I was asked to write this piece for The Nebraska Transcript, I thought I would write about my own memories of Larry and Betsy. But as I looked through the records of Larry’s time at the Law College, I realized that my recollections alone would be too narrow a view. Larry played many roles at the Law College beyond mentor and colleague. He was also a teacher, scholar, advisor to deans, humorist, and dearest friend, among others. I hope that these snippets from Larry’s life will provide a fuller picture of a life well-lived.
5th Grade Report Card

Feb. 15, 1939

Dear Mrs. Berger,

Lawrence completes tasks attempted with good results. Does superior work. Good study habits.

Arithmetic: Uses fundamental processes with skill and ease.
English: Spells with ease. Work shows careful planning.
Writing: Admirable effort to write with correct position of hand.
Reading: Wide reading interests. Fluent and comprehensive reader.
Other comments: Good sport.

A Schaefer, Teacher

1946 Mirror, Columbia High School Yearbook

LAWRENCE BURGER (SIC)

42 Midland Blvd, Maplewood (N.J.)

Fire Committee (2, Captain 3,4); Math Club (3, 4); Homeroom Football (2,3); Homeroom Vice-President (3); Intramural Basketball (3)

Letter of Recommendation

May 18, 1960

Dear [Dean] David [Dow],

I have your telegram concerning Lawrence Berger now on our faculty. . . .

Larry is a very high type of individual. He is patient and sweet-tempered. . . . I know that it is a burning ambition with him to teach. I feel quite confident that he will fit in at Nebraska and that this will be the very best thing that could happen to Larry.

Allen Smith . . . says that Larry would benefit immensely by a position with a stimulating group. Allen adds that he also has an unusually charming wife . . . I don’t think you need to worry about his character. I am sure it is of the finest.

Thomas A. Cowan
Professor, Rutgers School of Law
Promotion and Tenure

April 2, 1962

Dear Chancellor Hardin:

I take pleasure in sending to you herewith our recommendation to promote Professor Lawrence Berger to the rank of Associate Professor with Tenure….

In short, I and the faculty are convinced that Professor Berger has shown the talent, initiative, and professional qualifications for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor and he is certainly the type of person we hope to attract and keep on our faculty.

David Dow, Dean

Letter of Recommendation for Distinguished Teaching Award

March 6, 1973

Dear [Dean] Henry [Grether]:

It is not only a great pleasure, but also a great honor to write this letter on behalf of Professor Lawrence Berger….

Without going into a long list of superior attributes, suffice it to say that Professor Berger is the best teacher I have ever had throughout my schooling. He is absolutely dedicated to his profession…. He is a demanding taskmaster but this is tempered by the knowledge that he works harder than the student in preparing for class…. It is my opinion that the vast majority of Professor Berger’s student would say that he is their finest teacher….

Professor Berger is a “teacher” in every sense of the word and a most “distinguished” one.

Jeffre P. Cheuvront [Class of 1964]
Lancaster County Judge

Letter of Recommendation

May 18, 1960

Dear Dean Dow:

It would please me very much if our own Law School would keep Larry Berger here. I have suggested that we do so. At the present time, I believe that Larry could “grow” very well at Nebraska, too. His choice of the opportunities is the one which would control with me, of course.

Last year, we chose Larry as one of our Teaching and Research Associates. Larry was one of five chosen from some fifty-eight applicants. We have been very pleased with our choice. The students at the Law School have found Larry an approachable advisor, as well as a fine teacher. He is also a stable personality without being dull – that’s quite a combination!

Malcolm D. Talbott
Professor, Rutgers School of Law

Initial Appointment Letter

June 7, 1960

Dear Mr. Berger:

This will advise you that I have today received confirmation that your appointment for next year has been approved by the Board of Regents. The recommended salary of $8,000 was also approved which, as you know, takes into consideration the fact that your appointment was for one year.

David Dow
Acting Dean
**Reactions to UCLA, NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT, October, 1975**

Professor Larry Berger returns this year to the Law College after a year at UCLA Law School.... In a recent interview he responded to the following questions:

[James] Rawley [Class of 1977]: Why did you go to California?

Berger: It’s useful for people to change their environment. I regard myself as having a great tendency towards complacency. About every five years I can use a change of scene to stir me up, to stimulate me with new ideas and new approaches...

R: Did you adjust easily to your new environment?

B: The smog is rather noxious but it’s ok – one gets used to it. The first few weeks I was coughing.

R: Did you find Californians terribly different from Nebraskans?

B: Californians are very conscious that they think they are different. There is less formality, but basically the people seemed the same.

R: How would you compare the two law schools?

B: I prefer an institution of this size (Nebraska). There is something that gets lost when the place gets much bigger.... [A] teacher knows [only] a small proportion of the students. He doesn't get to know his colleagues individually as well.... On the other hand, the anonymity of a large city like Los Angeles I find congenial.

R: In closing, is there some one particular incident that stands out in your mind that you might want to relate, something unique and fascinating?

B: All you can say is that I’m a very unremarkable person, nothing happened to me.

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**Congratulations for Receiving Distinguished Teaching Award**

May 11, 1973

Dear Larry:

I was elated to see ... the announcement of your distinguished teaching award.

For you to become the first recipient of the Chancellor’s Award was certainly fitting. As a perpetual student in most of Nebraska’s degree programs, I should have achieved some degree of expertise in evaluating teachers! As you already know, I consider you to be the most outstanding of all the teachers under whom I was privileged to study in more than 20 years of education. (I came to that conclusion a dozen years ago. What I cannot understand is why it took the University that long to vindicate my judgment?)

Clayton Yeutter [Class of 1963]
Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

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**The Learned Hand (Student Underground Publication), 1974**

GENESIS v. STATE
1 B. Bartle 24 (1974)

IN THE BEGINNING God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters....

And God said, “Let there be firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God called the firmament HARNSBERGER and the water, of course, LAKE. And it was so....

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. And it was Property. (For Water Law, see Exodus.) And God separated the HARNS and called the dry land BERGER. And that was the WILL(iams) of God, and it was good....

And on the seventh day, God rested and watched a football game. But after all, he’d done one hell of a job, on all of us.
Larry Berger, Responding to a Survey About Good Teaching

January 25, 1977

Dear Professor [Allen] Smith:

I am not sure I agree with what seems to be the premise of your letter – that those whom students identify as “good teachers” are. If “good teachers” are those who expand the minds of their student or even efficiently impart information to them, it is my view that there are many teachers whom students say are not good who really are….

I am reasonably convinced that it is mostly matters of personality that make students perceive a teacher as very good. I tend to try to have a light touch in the classroom, to joke around a bit but not for very long and certainly not every day. But students know that I enjoy a good joke, and I am not above trying to make the class amusing. I am not one who can tell a joke at all – rather my humor centers around playing around with what students have said in the classroom. I am very careful not to give the impression, however, that I think a student or what he has said is stupid. I try to take reasonably seriously most questions except those that are clearly absurd.

On the substantive side, I tend to mix questioning students and lecturing to them depending on whether I think one or the other is likely to be more effective. I generally tend to lecture where the material is purely informational but question where I am trying to delineate policy or where the doctrinal areas are complex. I am not one of those who try to hide the ball completely. After an extended discussion, I tend to give my view of what the law ought to be, or what it is, or both. I also prepare for my class very carefully, spending a substantial number of hours, and try not to be disorganized in a presentation.

Lawrence Berger

A Student’s Memories

May 1, 1983

Dear Professor Berger,

No doubt you’ve forgotten me – understandably but I was a student of yours in the mid-sixties… I’m writing because I’ve wanted to for many years but didn’t, and because today I must.

I’ve just returned from the funeral of a dear old lady who was my fifth grade teacher. She and you were the finest instructors I’ve ever been fortunate enough to learn from. I never had the decency to tell her that, and I don’t want to fail to do the right thing again.

Just know that I think of you frequently and when I do I always say to myself that Professor Berger and Mrs. Brady were the best teachers that I knew. Thank you.

Robert Feder [Class of 1968]

Nomination for the Robert J. Kutak Distinguished Professorship

Date: March 6, 1985
To: Vice Chancellor Robert Ferguson
From: [Dean] Harvey Perlman

Twenty-five classes that have graduated since Larry Berger joined the faculty would, I predict, almost universally vote him among the best teachers they have had. He has set the standard against which all of the rest of us are measured. His student evaluations continue to this day to speak in superlatives. As one of his former students, I can attest not only to his popularity but also to the rigor of his classroom. He did not gain his reputation among students by being easy. It was secured out of respect for his ability, the clarity of his explanations, and, most importantly, by the high demands that he made on his students….

Professor Berger has also set for the Law College a very high standard of commitment to scholarship…. His articles propose solutions or approaches to some seemingly intractable problems. They are clear, creative, and insightful.
It was September, 1963, 9:00 a.m. on the Thursday morning of my first week as a law student in Room 101 of the old law school. Then [in] walked Professor Lawrence Berger for the first time. Suddenly the most important question in our lives became who was the rightful owner of a fox that hunter A had chased through the woods only to have it intercepted at the last minute by hunter B. Now, some 36 years later that fox remains branded on my memory.

During these intervening years I have been privileged to interact with Larry Berger as his student, his colleague, and his friend.… As Dean I visited alumni from many generations, and I think it is fair to say that on the spectrum of [alumni] classroom memories, this Law College has three distinct eras: The Henry Foster era, the Fred Beutel era, and the Larry Berger era.

[Larry’s] classroom was, and happily still is, an experience that changes the way one analyzes problems, that tends to grind at the sloppy edges of one’s thinking. Certainly I don’t have top of the mind recollection of most of the rules of Property or of Commercial Law which he taught in my second year. But these were not the primary gems to be discovered in a Berger classroom. No, what one took away and retained were the habits of mind, the importance of understanding rules not just remembering them, and the trick of extending an analogy to the proper limits but not beyond. Nonetheless it remains true that even now when confronted by a property rule or a feature of Article 2 or 9 of the UCC – occasions I try hard to minimize – I am often transported back to Room 101 and the image is no less clear or stimulating.
Remarks at the Dinner Commemorating the Berger-Harnsberger Wing, November 16, 2000

I have always felt fortunate that when, in 1960, having decided to go into law teaching, I was offered a position at this law school. I was 32 at the time and Betsy was 30. When we arrived in Lincoln in August of that year, we had no idea that we would spend the rest of our working lives in Nebraska. But we did. And there have been no regrets. On the contrary we have had a wonderful life here for some 40 years. We have made some lifelong friendships in Lincoln. We raised our three children here....

Over the years since my arrival, this law school has been wonderful to me. I have had splendid colleagues as friends from whom I have learned a great deal and students who were very able, hardworking, and interested in learning.... My closest friend is on the faculty here. I have had some great times in my classroom at the College and when I see alumni at our various functions, I am struck by how many of them have memories of this or that event that occurred in Property or some other course many years ago – memories which they relate to me, often with great relish. I am ashamed to say that sometimes I don't remember the particulars even that struck them as so notable....

And capping it all off, toward the end of my career, you are supporting the naming of a faculty wing in the new building addition after Dick Harnsberger and me. What could be more touching to a person in the evening of his life?

Larry Berger

Retirement Letter

February 2, 2002

Dear [Dean] Steve [Willborn],

This letter is to confirm … that I intend to retire … effective September 1, 2002....

Being part of the College has given me the greatest of satisfactions, as I have watched and participated in its progress and growth over the last 42 years. I have had the good fortune to have excellent colleagues, whose friendship I have greatly valued. In addition, I take tremendous pleasure in observing the accomplishments of the students I have taught over that period.

Lawrence Berger,
Robert J. Kutak Professor of Law
I have always been impressed by your willingness to go the extra mile in offering assistance to colleagues, especially young colleagues. I remember quite early in my career when Betsy and you invited Toni and me to go to Opera Omaha with you and John and Marty Strong. On the way back to Lincoln, after a lovely evening at the opera, you and John unselfishly devoted the entire return trip to helping us select a name for our soon-to-be-born son. Although we eventually chose not to go with your proffered favorite of “Thor,” your willingness to devote so much time to helping us with this challenging task was typical of the unsolicited support you so unstintingly offered to young faculty.

[Professor] Norm Thorson

When I think of Larry, the first thing that comes to mind is the faculty lounge. Many “do” lunch; none better than Larry. I recall a lengthy conversation about the difference between a farm and a ranch. Larry had a decided point of view but maintained an equilibrium when his view, as those of all others, came in for continued challenge and teasing. I suppose part of the reason he stayed calm is that he does not see himself as an agrarian specialist – as how could he when he hails from South Orange, New Jersey? I recall. This time, however, he became a little testy when he was challenged and teased. I suppose that is because he feels that his shore duty with the Coast Guard qualifies him as a nautical expert.

[Professor] Jo Potuto

Memories of Larry from Book Presented to Him at His Retirement Dinner, September, 2002

Sounding Block (the Student Newsletter), Spring, 2002

Professor Lawrence Berger has decided to retire after more than 40 years on the faculty. He joined the faculty in 1960 and has been here ever since, except for one-year visits to Minnesota and U.C.L.A. It is difficult for us youngsters to contemplate such a span of time:

- Professor Berger has been on the faculty for nearly 40 percent of the College’s entire history.
- Because the College grew significantly during his time here, nearly two-thirds of all the graduates in the history of the College have been here while he was on the faculty.
- More than 50 percent of all the active lawyers in this State went to a law school with Professor Berger on its faculty.
- No one on the Nebraska faculty knows what it is like to be a member of this faculty and not have Professor Berger as a colleague.

But those are mere numbers. Professor Berger has been central to this College in much deeper, more meaningful ways. When I came to this faculty more than twenty years ago, I looked to Professor Berger to determine what it meant to be a good faculty member, as did virtually every other member of the current faculty when they arrived. And in every way, unfailingly, Professor Berger was a perfect model.

Professor Berger will still be around, even though retired. He plans to be here for about half of every year. But even when he is not here at all any more, for years and years to come, you’ll see him quite clearly at Nebraska, if you know how to look – because all of us who have known him, who have learned from him, strive each day to walk these halls as he has taught us, with his style and grace and good humor.

Although Professor Berger’s retirement is a change we wish we did not have to face, this is a time to celebrate, too. For you as students and we as faculty, it is a time to celebrate our own good luck in having known Professor Berger, in having learned from him, and in having him around for all these years as a model of a good teacher, a good lawyer, and a good man.

[Dean] Steve Willborn
[I]t’s hard for me to imagine the College of Law without [Larry Berger’s] presence there. Or without Betsy as an unofficial but important figure in the history of the college….

Larry was an inexhaustible source of entertainment and diversion with his store of anecdote and ability as raconteur. Of course, this latter ability made him an extremely popular teacher and thus a great burden to the teacher of the other section of Property, who had to keep up. And, unfortunately, I was the other teacher….

And it must be said that sharing the many interests we did with Larry and Betsy was not an unmixed blessing. Larry’s cut ball serve in tennis was (is?) diabolical and a mystery I never completely solved. Possibly more distracting, however, is his tendency at the opera to support the professional cast with a pleasant hum quite audible from the adjacent seat.

But as important as Larry was to me, Betsy was perhaps more so to Marty. [It was] Betsy, who always knew everyone and everything, [who] told us of what was then Jack McBride’s house on Woodsdale. That this was the perfect choice is underscored by the fact that, after a period of retirement, it is again the law college’s deanery [as the home of Steve Willborn and family]… And just as I was a novice at being dean, Marty had no experience as dean’s wife and was accordingly somewhat concerned about what would be expected of her. Betsy solved that in short order. “You can do it anyway you want,” she said. “Breta Dow made her own mayonnaise, but that’s not a necessary part of the job.”

John Strong [Dean of the College of Law 1977-1981]

**Best Friend**

Dec. 2, 2011

Dear Dick (Harnsberger),

I write this to you with some regret over what has happened over the past five years or so. The nature of life in old age and retirement is that people are not always in the condition to travel when and where they want to. In your case and in ours this has meant that we don’t get together as we did in old times and this has been a matter of much regret for us….

I remember well the times that we spent visiting with you and your family and they were wonderful times. We also spent time together in our offices in the law school. There we talked about law school affairs about which we were usually in agreement, and we also talked about national political affairs where we were almost invariably in some disagreement. It appears that neither of us has managed to convince the other of the error of his ways over a period of the fifty-one years that we have known each other. I suspect that this situation will obtain for as long as we live….

Larry Berger

**Remarks at Larry’s Retirement Dinner, September 2002**

In 1962 the dean, I believe it was Ed Belsheim, called me in and said Larry did not want to teach Oil and Gas any more. Larry had told Ed he needed a lighter work load because he needed quiet time to reflect on breakthrough developments in connection with the Rule Against Perpetuities. I believe Larry also mentioned that there was a vast amount of new scholarship regarding the Rule in Shelley's Case. So Ed asked me to teach Oil and Gas. I resisted but to no avail. So bagged with the course I went directly to Larry’s office and asked: Larry how does one teach Oil and Gas? Without hesitation, he replied: You perspire a lot.

Now I conclude with the words used long ago by federal district judge John Delehant when he received a fifty-year pin from the Lincoln Bar Association. The words I still remember were – it has all been over in a twinkle. I feel the same. With this banquet dedicated to Larry, we end an era at the school.

Regarding that, my view is this – Don’t grieve that it’s over. Smile that it happened.

[Professor] Dick Harnsberger
On September 1, the College of Law unveiled a sort of "Fitbit" for aspiring lawyers: A smartphone app in which students track progress on skills needed for successful lawyering.

The app is the latest wrinkle in Nebraska Law’s comprehensive efforts to teach professional skills to budding lawyers. It was developed for the College of Law by junior and senior students in the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management.

“This is a way to say to students that while the analytical reasoning and writing skills you’re learning are crucial, there are many other skills you’re going to need to develop to build a career in law,” said Richard Moberly, interim dean.

“We want students to become intentional about the experiences they’re having in law school and begin building for their career while they are here.”

The app is available on the web as well as Android and iOS devices.

The app is part of a program that is helping put Nebraska Law in the national forefront of efforts to implement new American Bar Association standards for accreditation, said Colleen Medill, a professor who heads a Law College committee charged with implementing and complying with the new standards.

“It’s a component that fits into this much larger picture of educational change in the legal profession,” Medill said. “It’s student accountability – they’re keeping track of it...
themselves – and they’re doing it on their phones, that they use all the time, anyway. It’s fabulous.”

The innovative approach builds upon national research that began more than a decade ago, when University of California, Berkeley, professors Marjorie Shultz and Sheldon Zedeck conducted a ground-breaking study that surveyed thousands of lawyers to identify 26 key traits and abilities for successful lawyers.

Additionally, the College sought the input of more than 70 area attorneys and judges by conducting focus groups to learn which skills new lawyers might be missing. The resulting list included items such as listening, client counseling, time management, document drafting, public speaking and courtroom presence, and law office management, among others. They were many of the same skills California lawyers described for the Shultz and Zedeck study.

Molly Brummond, assistant dean for student and alumni relations, said the college obtained permission from Shultz and Zedeck to use their “effectiveness factors” as the basis for a new program called “Build Your Character.” Following Shultz and Zedeck’s lead, the College groups skills into eight general categories: intellectual and cognitive; research and information gathering; communications; planning and organizing; conflict resolution; client and business relations; working with others; and identity.

Law college faculty and staff two years ago conducted a comprehensive review of classes, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, tagging each item according to the skills it builds. For example, International Perspectives in the U.S. Legal System, taught by Brian Lepard and Matt Schaefer, is tagged as teaching case analysis, statutory analysis, applied problem solving, client counseling, legal drafting, negotiation, the ability to see legal problems holistically and cultural competency.

The next step was to develop a convenient and meaningful way for students to track their progress. The College turned to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Raikes School. A team of upperclassmen in the school’s Design Studio – a capstone course during which students develop software for real clients to use – created the Build Your Character app.

"We want students to become intentional about the experiences they're having in law school and begin building for their career while they are here." - Interim Dean Richard Moberly

The Raikes School is a selective program where top computer science and business students live and work together. The BYC app was one of 15 software projects developed by Raikes school students in 2015-2016, said Ian Cottingham, an assistant professor of practice who directs the Design Studio. “This project has been a great example of what can happen when Design Studio strategically partners with colleagues on campus,” Cottingham said. "It shows the University at its best, faculty across units working together to create high value outcomes for students!"

Sydney Goldberg, a Raikes School student who served as project manager for the app development team, said its features include a...
news feed of law school events and information, a fully integrated calendar that syncs with a student’s personal calendar whenever that student RSVPs attendance at an event; law-related organizations to join and classes that promote the skills a student wants to augment.

Second-year law student Megan Meyerson of Lincoln said the app makes the Build Your Character program more user friendly.

“I first learned about the Build Your Character program during orientation in my first year,” she recalled. “They were firing so much information at us, I was like ‘that sounds cool, but I don’t know if I can keep track of all of that.’”

She volunteered to help when she heard an effort was underway to build the app.

“It’s things we’re already doing – but the tracker approach forces us to recognize where our weaknesses are – and to challenge those weaknesses before people’s lives are on the line,” she said. “It also helps us to see our strengths – what we’ve been involved in, what we’ve attended and what kind of work we prefer.”

The app gives students a way to demonstrate their skills to future employers, Medill said. It also will generate institution-wide data that Nebraska Law can use to document learning outcomes for ABA accreditors.

One of Goldberg’s duties as project manager was to make sure the app met the needs of both the College of Law and its students. The senior marketing major said the app is more than a scheduler – it can help students get the most from their law school experience and prepare for their future career.

“Critics of law school say you aren’t learning to be a lawyer, you’re just memorizing the law,” Goldberg said. “The BYC program really combats that attitude.”

“We’re absolutely at the forefront of education in terms of professional skills development,” Medill said.
Neilsen wins American Bar Association Forum on Construction Student Writing Competition


Nate Bray, ’16, was named a finalist and received second place in the same writing competition with his paper, *Project Counsel in an Online Construction Industry*.

Schmidt wins 2015-16 Louis Jackson National Student Memorial Writing Competition in employment and labor law

Chris Schmidt, ’16, won the 2015-2016 Louis Jackson National Memorial Student Writing Competition with his paper *A Ticket to Free Ride? Not so Fast: Members-Only Collective Bargaining as a Possible State Response to a Judicially Recognized Right to Work*. The competition, sponsored by national labor and employment law firm Jackson Lewis, is administered by IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law’s Institute of Law and the Workplace. Schmidt’s paper is available on the competition website.
Around the College

**National Jurist** selects Schmidt as one of its inaugural Law Students of the Year

By Laira Martin, *National Jurist*

Christopher Schmidt has all the makings of an excellent law student. He is in the top 10 percent of his class and serves as the editor-in-chief of the *Nebraska Law Review*. But it is his leadership of the Community Legal Education Project (CLEP) that sets him apart from others.

“Chris exemplifies what is best about the University of Nebraska College of Law and our community of faculty and students,” said Molly Brummond, assistant dean of student & alumni relations.

CLEP is a student organization focused on teaching local elementary and middle school children about the Bill of Rights, the U.S. Constitution and other legal issues in an accessible way. Under Schmidt’s leadership, CLEP has grown and thrived. In September 2015, CLEP organized 47 law students to go into 10 schools to teach a total of 94 class periods. At approximately 24 students per class, law students taught almost 2,250 eighth-grade students that day. In September 2014, about 60 law students taught 90 U.S. history classes in eight public schools.

Not only has this particular program grown in size during his tenure, the program itself has become more accessible for its audience. A former teacher, Schmidt and his peers worked to revise the curriculum to make it current and relatable. He even incorporated social media. So, in addition to lecturing about the government, the program also includes an opportunity to debate and discuss topics such as cyberspace. Based on that discussion, each class developed a tweet expressing their opinion that CLEP then posted on its Twitter account. It garnered publicity; it garnered and teachers have been reaching out to this student organization asking for members to come to their classrooms. CLEP has received interest from college professors, high school civics teachers and elementary school teachers.

“It is my belief that CLEP’s exceptional success would not have been possible without the commitment that Chris has to that organization, the College, and more broadly, to the community,” Brummond said. “His passion for making the law accessible has reformed a student organization, provided thousands of children across Lincoln with the opportunity to learn, while at the same time providing our law students with the opportunity to step outside the walls of the College and engage with the community in a meaningful way. His leadership has been nothing short of transformational.”

Schmidt is one of 25 future lawyers honored in the National Jurist’s inaugural “Law Student of the Year” feature.
Billie Gallagher, ’17, had a summer clerkship experience that not many students have. She spent the summer clerking in the Office of Administration, Office of General Counsel for the President of the United States. Billie graciously agreed to an interview with The Nebraska Transcript to share about this once in a lifetime opportunity.

**Transcript:** We understand that you cannot share much about the work that you did this summer. What can you share?

**Gallagher:** It was a wonderful experience. I worked with an incredible group of attorneys who were all very passionate about the work they do and about our overall mission of supporting the president. Having the opportunity to contribute to the work done by the Executive Office of the President and the sense of public service that comes from such work was an incredible honor and privilege.

**Transcript:** What was the best part of the experience?

**Gallagher:** The people I worked with were by far the best part of my experience. I had the opportunity to work with incredible attorneys and staff, from whom I learned more than I could possibly recount. Everyone made sure that I got brought in on the interesting projects that came up during the summer and that I got a chance to work on a variety of different issues during my clerkship.

**Transcript:** What led you to pursue this opportunity?

**Gallagher:** Some of my most enjoyable employment experiences have been working for the government, both during college and law school. When trying to find employment for the summer after my 2L year, I pursued clerkships that would allow me to take part in government work yet again and was fortunate enough to be offered this clerkship.

**Transcript:** What did you learn as a result of this experience?

**Gallagher:** I've been exposed to several types of law that I hadn't dealt with prior to this experience. Essentially the Office of General Counsel operates the way the general counsel of a large corporation operates, so I was able to experience an entirely different type of legal practice than what I had experienced thus far in my legal education.

**Transcript:** How do you intend to apply what you've learned moving forward?

**Gallagher:** I don't necessarily intend to practice in the areas of law that I worked in during this summer, but my experiences provided me with a basic understanding of several areas of law that I had yet to be exposed to. I have no doubt that this exposure will be useful to me later in my legal career.
Lyle Denniston addressed the Class of 2016 graduates and their guests at the spring commencement ceremonies held at the Lied Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Denniston has reported on the U.S. Supreme Court since 1958. He writes for SCOTUSblog and is the constitutional literacy adviser for the National Constitution Center, contributing to its blog. He has also written for The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe, The Baltimore Sun and The Washington Star, and has contributed to National Public Radio programs. Author of The Reporter and the Law: Techniques for Covering the Courts, Denniston has taught classes at Georgetown University, Penn State University, the Massachusetts School of Law and John Hopkins University.

A native of Nebraska City, Denniston began his career working for the Nebraska City News-Press and the Lincoln Journal. He graduated from UNL in 1955 and earned a master's degree in political science and history from Georgetown in 1957. Denniston has received numerous awards, including the inaugural Burton Foundation prize for legal reporting and the American Judicature Society prize for legal reporting and writing. He has been inducted into the Society of Professional Journalists' Washington Hall of Fame and the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame.

Also addressing the graduates were class president John Zimmer, Chief Justice Michael Heavican, ’75, of the Nebraska Supreme Court and Thomas Maul, ’80, president of the Nebraska State Bar Association.
Mark Blazek, ’92, and Loguen Blazek, ’16

Kelsey Dawson Helget, ’14, and Thomas Helget, ’16

Jack Lafleur, ’13, and Michael Lafleur, ’16

Mark Beck, ’88, and Kramer Lyons, ’16

Graduate Blake Maaske, ’16, and his family members


Around the College
Kathleen Dougherty Saltzman, ’91, and Mary Rose Richter, ’16

Cam Moyer, ’15, Sam Moyer, ’82, and Tess Moyer, ’16

Mahlon Sorenson, ’73, and Brianna Sorenson, ’16

Doug Stratton, ’84, and Nate Stratton, ’16

John Wilson, II, ’89, and Spencer Wilson, ’16

Kathleen Rockey, ’86, and Allison Rockey, ’16

Melissa (Lang) Schutt, ’84, and Megan Schutt, ’16

Michaeleル Sholes, ’16, and Interim Dean Richard Moberly

Dean Sitzmann, ’83, and Peter Sitzmann, ’16
U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Nebraska) spoke at the College of Law on March 31, delivering a lecture titled “Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson: The Bi-Partisan Attack on the Constitution.” The event was the inaugural Attorney General Jon Bruning Public Service Lecture and took place in Hamann Auditorium with a near capacity audience.

Sasse was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2014. A fifth-generation Nebraskan, he is a graduate of Fremont High School and Harvard University. He also earned a doctorate in American history from Yale. Prior to his election, Sasse spent five years as president of Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska.

“The College of Law was honored to have Senator Sasse as the inaugural lecturer,” Interim Dean Richard Moberly said. “It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about the U.S. Constitution from the perspective of someone who is serving our state in public office.”

The Attorney General Jon Bruning Public Service Lecture was established to provide an opportunity for students to focus on the significance of dedicating all or a portion of one’s career to public service. Bruning served as attorney general of Nebraska from 2003-2015 and as a state senator from 1997-2002. Bruning graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with high distinction and graduated with distinction from the Nebraska College of Law in 1994.

Townsend turns around two Iowa agencies following successful military, legal career

Beth Townsend, ’89, has been an Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer, an employment lawyer in Des Moines, Iowa, and the head of two Iowa agencies: the Civil Rights Commission and Workforce Development. All that goes to show, Townsend said, “that you can graduate in the middle of your law school class and still have a successful career.”

Born in Sidney, Iowa, Townsend was raised in Clay Center, Nebraska. After graduating from Kearney State College with a business degree, she was dissatisfied with the employment opportunities she found and, “on kind of a whim,” took the LSAT and enrolled in the College of Law. “It was not something I aspired to, but I got in and enjoyed it even though I had to work hard at it,” she recalled. “I realize now, even though I didn’t appreciate it much at the time, that what you learn in law school is critical analysis, issue spotting and the ability to synthesize a great deal of information and come up with practical, pragmatic solutions. I relate much of my subsequent success to that process because it was a complete 180-degree turn from where I was when I started law school.”

She has fond memories of Professor John Lenich. “He was great in Civ Pro. He reminded us all of a young Dan Aykroyd. He was always bouncing around and telling funny stories. Civil Procedure is not an easy thing to understand, but he had a gift for breaking down the complex and making it more understandable.” Another favorite class was Trial Advocacy, taught by Federal Judge Warren Urbom. By the time she finished law school, she knew that litigation was the path she wanted to pursue.

An on-campus interview with an Army JAG recruiter, an interview she undertook just for the practice, led to the realization that being a military lawyer was one of the few ways in which she could immerse herself in litigation early in her law career. She subsequently contacted the Air Force JAG program and, after an interview at Offutt Air Base, was accepted into the program. She joined the Air Force in September and by January she was trying cases. Townsend began as a prosecutor doing courts martial and then became a defense counsel. “The more I did it, the more I loved it,” she recalled. “I loved being in the courtroom.”

Her years on active duty gave her not only courtroom experience, but also life experience. “I had grown up in a very small world.” Clay Center was a town of about a thousand people and there were 23 students in her high school graduating class. In the Air Force, she lived in four states and three foreign countries: Korea, England and, in support of Operation Allied Force during the Bosnian/Serbian conflict, Italy. “It gives you a perspective that you
can’t get by either visiting or watching the news or reading a magazine article. You get to see how people live on a day-to-day basis. It was just an amazing experience.”

However, after 11 ½ years of active duty, a number of things led Townsend to go on reserve status. One reason was that as she advanced in her military career, she was being moved away from the courtroom and into office managerial positions. Another was that her son, who was living in Des Moines with her ex-husband, was starting school. "My son needed both of us in one place. And that place was Des Moines," she said.

As a reservist from 2000 until 2010, when she retired from the Air Force, she did a few prosecutions and finished up her Air Force career as a military judge, which she enjoyed greatly. Finding civilian employment, however, proved to be a challenge. "It was difficult to get lawyers to recognize my experience in the Air Force. They tended to view it as not being the same as being in a courtroom in Polk County, Iowa, when actually it is exactly the same; litigation is litigation," she said. She ended up practicing employment law, which involved a lot of courtroom work and was more lucrative than criminal law. She was grateful that after more than ten years she remembered much of what she had learned in her law school employment law class taught by another "awesome" professor, Steve Willborn.

"a plodder, being very methodical and logical about my presentation, but it worked for me." The highlight of her private practice was a case that went up to the U.S. Supreme Court. While she did not do the oral argument, she was in the courtroom to hear justices and lawyers talk about a case that she had tried.

Life as a solo practitioner can be a grind, however, and Townsend realized after her father passed away in 2010, that she needed some down time. Around the same time, an attorney friend of hers recommended her for the post of director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission in the administration of incoming Republican Governor Terry Branstad because "you’re the only Republican lawyer I know." She was interviewed the day before Branstad’s inauguration and was offered the position shortly thereafter. The commission enforces the Iowa Civil Rights Act, which covers housing, employment, education, credit and public accommodations discrimination. Eighty percent of the complaints concern employment.

Townsend had practiced before the commission for ten years and was aware of some of the problems that...
would be facing the new director, but the situation she encountered was even worse. “When I got there,” she recalled, “I found out it wasn’t just one or two fixes; we had to take the commission down to the studs and rebuild it. We changed everything, from the way we answered the phones on up.” It had taken years to get one case investigated. As a result, there was a ten-year backlog that was several hundred cases long. The backlog was eliminated in two years. Cases for which probable cause was found and which did not settle after two rounds of mediation were supposed to go to an administrative hearing, but no such hearings had been held for a decade. That enforcement mechanism needed to be restarted. Furthermore, the commission had to do a much better job of being the advocate for the bulk of people who filed civil rights complaints with nobody to represent them. Said Townsend, “We did a lot of work to turn that agency around and to make it an effective and credible organization. I felt like we were pretty successful at that.”

Obviously, the governor concurred. After he was re-elected in 2014, he offered Townsend a position as director of another troubled agency, Iowa Workforce Development. This was not an area she knew much about, but she had discovered that she enjoyed being an administrator, so she took on the challenge. It was not a legal job, yet, said Townsend, “I feel that I’m representing my agency in the sense that I’m trying to make the best decision. I’m trying to spot issues, synthesize a lot of information and then come up with the most practical solution, which to me is practicing law.”

Iowa Workforce Development had developed a bunker mentality after being “beat up” by the legislature and the press. The prior administrator had been accused of bullying employees and pressuring administrative law judges to side with employers. In addition, the recession had forced the agency to close some field offices and lay off a number of people. Those areas were drawing the bulk of the attention, so Townsend worked on changing the conversation to the things the agency was doing well. “We concentrated on making sure we were providing quality and competent processing of unemployment claims, providing employment services and making sure the workforce services that we oversee are being competently administered,” she said. “We’ve put together a really good management team; we’ve got a lot of transformational leaders. My job is just to give them the tools and resources to do their jobs.”

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While she misses practicing law, Townsend says that she likes the challenge of running a big agency. When her work at Workforce Development is done, she could see herself doing something similar in the private or public sector. She is convinced that getting a law degree “is the best training that you can get for being a good manager; problem-solving and critical thinking are paramount to being a good administrator.”

No matter what the future holds, however, you can count on Townsend to continue to root for the Nebraska Cornhuskers and her beloved Chicago Cubs.
The College of Law’s Alumni Council hosted its annual Alumni Council Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 8, 2016 at Memorial Stadium. Alumni Council chair Amy Vyhlidal, ’00, served as the event’s hostess. At the event, the Alumni Council honored the accomplishments of Professor Sandra Zellmer with the Distinguished Faculty Award and of William Jay Riley, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, ’72, with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Also honored at the event were Christopher Schmidt, ’16, a third-year student as the Woods & Aitken Outstanding Student Award recipient, and Glenda Pierce, ’82, as the Outstanding Service Award recipient.
1960s

Steven G. Seglin, ’66, has been elected treasurer of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. Seglin is a senior member of the Lincoln firm Crosby Guenzel.

1970s

Lyle Koenig, ’72, along with College of Law Interim Dean Richard Moberly, received the President’s Professionalism Award at the Nebraska State Bar Association’s 2016 Annual Meeting for their work on the Rural Law Opportunities Program. Koenig is co-chair of NSBA’s Rural Practice Initiative.

Steve Burns, ’73, retired as a judge for the Lancaster County District Court. He was appointed to the court in 1979.

Stephen McCaughey, ’73, has been recognized in Best Lawyers in America for 29 years, practicing exclusively criminal defense in Salt Lake City, Utah.

William G. Blake, ’75, a partner with the Lincoln law firm of Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt, was presented the Counselor of Real Estate credential by The Counselors of Real Estate, an international group of real estate practitioners.

Tom Hagel, ’76, joined his brother, former U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel (R. Neb.), and others at the symposium “The Vietnam War: Lessons and Legacies,” sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Tom Hagel was an infantryman during the Vietnam War and is a professor emeritus at the University of Dayton School of Law.

John C. Hahn, ’76, joined the Lincoln law firm of Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl as a partner.

Barry Hemmerling, ’76, joined the Lincoln law firm of Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl as a partner.

Richard Vierk, ’76, managing partner of Vierk & Associates in Lincoln, was presented the Community Conscience Award by CenterPointe at its Discovering the Future Gala. The award is presented to a business or individual that does well in business and does good for the community. Vierk was integral to the formation of the Lincoln Public Schools Foundation.

Michael Klein, ’77, a partner with the Holdrege law firm of Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt, delivered a keynote speech at the Hastings College Artist Lecture Series Student Symposium, “Water.”

Fred Kray, ’77, was awarded the Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law Award by the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. Kray, who operates The Law Offices of Fred M. Kray in Gainesville, Florida, is the co-author of “Defending Against Dangerous Dog Classifications,” 128 Am. Jur. Proof of Facts 3d 291 and is the owner/operator of the website Pit Bulletin Legal News.

Avis R. Andrews, ’78, received the Robert M. Spire Pro Bono Award at the Nebraska Lawyers Foundation 2015 Barristers Ball.

Steven E. Guenzel, ’78, was elected vice president of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. Guenzel is a partner in the Lincoln law firm Johnson, Flodman, Guenzel & Widger.

Tim Engler, ’79, assumed the role of president-elect of the Nebraska State Bar Association at the NSBA’s annual meeting in October 2016. Engler is a partner with the Lincoln law firm Rembolt Ludtke.
1980s


Laureen Van Norman, '81, retired as a judge for the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court effective January 5, 2017. She joined the court in 1993 and has been the court's presiding judge since March 2007, as well as from December 1995 until June 1997.

Peter Longo, '82, was named interim dean at the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He is a political science professor at UNK. Longo currently serves as editor for the Great Plains Research Journal, the natural and social sciences publication of the University of Nebraska Center for Great Plains Studies.

Glenda Pierce, '82, was inducted into the Benson High School Hall of Fame. Pierce served as associate dean for academic affairs, student services and administration at the College of Law from 1990-2013. She also taught Trial Advocacy at the College. She was the 2016 recipient of the Nebraska Law Alumni Council Outstanding Service Award. In 2011, she was named one of the YMCA of Lincoln's 75 Outstanding Women.

Dean Sukup, '82, who lost his battle with alcohol addiction in 2004, was honored by his friends and family with the naming of Lincoln's The Bridge Behavioral Health's Gathering Room in his memory. The Gathering Room is home to recovery meetings, where people suffering from addiction or new to their sobriety gather to support one another. Sukup, a member of the Nebraska Cornhusker football team, was named the All-Big Eight Kicker in 1979 and was inducted posthumously into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2016.

Cathy Lang, '83, was named director of the Nebraska Business Development Center. The center, which is housed at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, aims to help small businesses. Lang worked in state government for nearly 35 years. In 2014, she resigned as Nebraska's labor commissioner and director of the Department of Economic Development.

Matt Williams, '83, King County District Court Judge was elected to the King County Superior Court for the State of Washington. Williams received the 2015 Prentice Marshal Faculty Award for the Development of Innovative Teaching Methods from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA). He volunteers most of his spare time to international rule of law initiatives.


Kim Robak, '85, was appointed a member of the Chancellor's Alumni Advisory Council at UNL. She is a partner in the Lincoln lobbying and government relations firm Mueller Robak.

Christina Carlson Dodds, '86, was named a shareholder at the Tampa, Florida, law firm of Smolker, Bartlett, Loeb, Hinds & Sheppard. Dodds represents commercial clients on both the plaintiff and defense sides, involving complex commercial litigation issues.

Dan Lindstrom, '86, the managing shareholder at the Jacobsen Orr Law Firm in Kearney, was a Leadership Kearney Distinguished Alumni Awards Recipient.

Constance A. Endelicato, '88, was named one of the Top Women Lawyers in California by the Los Angeles and San
Francisco Daily Journal. The paper noted that, after 60 trials over more than 25 years defending healthcare professionals and providers, she has never lost a case. Endelicato, who is a partner at Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman's Los Angeles office, is one of the few women in the United States who have been elected to membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Russell Harford, '88, was presented with the Distinguished Judge for Service to the Community Award by the Nebraska Supreme Court at the 2016 Annual Judicial Awards Dinner. Harford is judge of the County Court for Nebraska's 12th Judicial District. He received the award for commitment to his community and leadership in attracting young lawyers to western Nebraska.

1990s

Linda R. Crump, '90, received the Outstanding Contributions to Women in the Law Award at the Nebraska State Bar Association's 2016 Annual Meeting. Crump is the former assistant to the chancellor for equity, access and diversity programs at UNL.

Rodney D. Reuter, '90, was named a county judge for the Third Judicial District of Nebraska by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Reuter was a deputy Lancaster County attorney.

Mark Small, '90, a graduate of the UNL Law-Psychology Program, was named chair of the Clemson University Youth, Family and Community Studies Department in the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences. Dr. Small previously served as a professor in the department and associate director of the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life, which he helped establish in 1999. He also served as a Fulbright Scholar in Albania.

Roger Heideman, '92, received the Distinguished Judge for the Improvement of the Judicial System Award by the Nebraska Supreme Court at the 2016 Annual Judicial Awards Dinner. Heideman, judge of the Separate Juvenile Court in Lancaster County, received the award for his 10-year involvement in several high-profile Supreme Court committees and projects, including the Technology Committee and the Dispute Resolution Council. He has received both local and national recognition for his work with the Lancaster County Family Treatment Drug Court.

Debra S. Nelson, '92, joined the Maple Grove, Minnesota, law firm Henningson & Snoxell as a member of the business department.

Jeffrey J. Funke, '94, was appointed to the Nebraska Supreme Court by Gov. Pete Ricketts. He had been a district court judge in the Second Judicial District since 2013, presiding over Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties.

Rob Holz, '94, was designated the Lawrence Lasser 2016 Tax Judge of the Year by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and the National Conference of State Tax Judges. Holz has served on the Planning Committee of the National Conference of State Tax Judges for the last seven years. The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is an independent, nonpartisan organization with a mission to help solve global economic, social and environmental challenges to improve the quality of life through creative approaches to the use, taxation and stewardship of land. The National Conference of State Tax Judges meets annually to review recent state tax decisions, consider methods of dealing with complex tax and valuation disputes and share experiences in case management. Holz was reappointed by Gov. Pete Ricketts to continue to serve as the First Congressional District commissioner for the Tax Equalization & Review Commission.

George Thompson, '95, was appointed by Gov. Pete Ricketts to the Second Judicial District Court, covering Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties. He
previously served as deputy Douglas County attorney, from 1998. In 2012, Thompson was presented the DeMaris Johnson Memorial Award for excellence in prosecution by the Department of Justice and the Nebraska County Attorneys Association.

Eric Brown, ’97, was certified as a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won million-dollar and multimillion-dollar verdicts, awards and settlements. Brown is a partner in the Lincoln office of Atwood, Holsten, Brown, Deaver & Spier.

Kyle Gilster, ’97, was appointed a member of the Chancellor’s Alumni Advisory Council at UNL. He is a partner at Husch Blackwell’s Washington, D.C., office.

Thomas W. Fox, ’98, chose not to seek to retain his position as Lancaster County judge at the end of his term. He was appointed to the bench in 2012.

Bobbi J. Rank, ’99, was appointed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard as a judge of South Dakota’s Sixth Judicial Circuit, which includes the cities of Pierre and Winner. Previously, she was general counsel for the South Dakota Department of Education.

2000s


Kellie Harry, ’02, a federal legislative consultant for Mutual of Omaha, was selected by the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce to participate in Leadership Nebraska Class IX.

Danielle M. Conrad, ’03, executive director of ACLU Nebraska received a Visionary Award at the Nebraska Lawyers Foundation 2015 Barristers’ Ball.

Eric Johnson, ’03, was appointed by the South Dakota Supreme Court to serve as magistrate judge for the Second Judicial Circuit. He previously spent almost nine years as a prosecutor for the Minnehaha County State Attorney’s Office.

James Warren, ’03, chief financial officer for NebraskaLink, was selected by the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce to participate in Leadership Nebraska Class IX.

Renee A. Eveland, ’05, joined the Lincoln office of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather. Her general civil trial practice includes civil defense litigation, insurance defense, workers’ compensation, professional liability defense and appellate advocacy. Eveland is president of the Nebraska Defense Counsel Association for 2016-2017.

Justin Firestone, ’05, joined the Omaha law firm of Baird Holm. His practice capitalizes on his background in law and computer science.

Sophia Alvarez, ’06, joined the Nebraska Office of Public Guardian as an associate public guardian and senior legal counsel.

Joseph H. Lauber, ’06, was named chief legal officer for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Previously, he served as the assistant legal counsel to the agency.

Grant Leach, ’06, an attorney at the Omaha office of Husch Blackwell, has been selected by the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce to participate in Leadership Nebraska Class IX.
Chad Chase, ’07, started CGN Advisors, an independent, fee-only financial planning and investment management firm in Manhattan, Kansas.

Henry L. Wiedrich, ’07, joined the Omaha office of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather. His practice focuses on labor and employment law and litigation.

Kurt Hunsaker, ’08, has been appointed director of compliance by the Iowa State Athletic Department. Hunsaker spent the last three years with the NCAA as assistant director of Academic and Membership Affairs. Prior to that, he worked in the Texas Tech Athletic Department.

Angela Jensen-Blackford, ’09, and her husband Brian welcomed into the world their second daughter, Elise Simone Jensen Blackford, on September 28, 2015. Both parents are with the immigration law firm Blackford Law, in Omaha.

Joselyn Luedtke, ’10, has joined the lobbying, government relations and issue management team of Broom, Nielsen & Mines in Lincoln. She was formerly legal counsel at the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Michelle Pernice, ’10, joined the Omaha office of Kutak Rock as an associate attorney in the firm’s secondary markets working group in the public finance department.

Melanie Kirk, ’11, joined the Lincoln law firm of Johnson, Flodman, Guenzel & Widger as an associate attorney.

M. Thomas Langan II, ’11, joined the Dvorak & Donovan Law Group in Omaha. Langan specializes in the areas of business entity formation and structuring, intellectual property law, securities law and corporate governance.

Justin Swanson, ’11, and his wife Mandy welcomed their son, Ernest Henry, into the world on July 28, 2016. Justin Swanson is a fundraiser for the University of Nebraska Foundation.

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2010s

Lincoln Arneal, ’10, was appointed the inaugural foundation executive director of Launch Leadership, which provided financial support to leadership programs and student leaders in Nebraska.

Patrick A. Tefft, ’11, joined the Omaha law firm Dvorak & Donovan Law Group. Tefft specializes in business transactions and corporate counsel, including business entity formation and structuring, corporate governance and business succession planning.

Tom Venzor, ’11, was selected by Nebraska’s three Catholic bishops as executive director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference. He was previously the conference’s associate director for Pro-Life and Family.

Breanna Anderson, ’12, Platte County chief deputy attorney, received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award at the Nebraska State Bar Association’s 2016 Annual Meeting.

Nick Buda, ’12, joined the Omaha law firm Baird Holm as an associate attorney. His practice primarily consists of commercial litigation in the areas of creditors’ rights, business and corporate transactions and contract disputes.

Vanessa A. Silke, ’12, joined the Omaha law firm Baird Holm. Her practice encompasses real estate development, real estate law and water, energy and natural resources law.

Mark A. Grimes, ’13, joined Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in its Lincoln office. His practice focuses on litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Grimes was a judicial law clerk to Nebraska Supreme Court Justice William Connolly.
Stanley Odenthal, ’13, was appointed executive director of the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission. He previously worked for the Nebraska Department of Labor.

Lindsay Belmont, ’14, joined the Omaha law firm Koenig/Dunne Divorce Law as an associate attorney. She previously worked for the Nebraska Child Support Enforcement Office.

Kate Geyer Johnson, ’14, joined the litigation department of the Omaha law firm of Lamson, Dugan & Murray as an associate attorney. She previously served as a judicial clerk to Nebraska Supreme Court Justice Michael McCormack.

Ellen McKittrick, ’14, and her husband Tim welcomed their daughter Aurora (Rory) into the world.

Christopher J. Preston, ’14, joined the Omaha office of Jackson Lewis as an associate attorney. His practice focuses on representing employers in workplace law matters.

Scott A. Shoemaker, ’14, is now a contracts analyst in Pearson Education’s North American Contracts division, working in the Iowa City, Iowa, office. He provides legal support to the School Assessments team. Prior to joining Pearson, he owned and operated a solo practice in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Julie Wagner, ’14, and Jordan Mruz, ’14, were married on June 4, 2016, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The couple, who met each other at the Law College, practice in Holdrege, Nebraska. Wagner is the deputy Phelps County attorney and Mruz is an associate at Fye Law.

Nick Holle, ’15, a legal and regulatory affairs associate for Great Plains Communication, was selected by the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce to participate in Leadership Nebraska Class IX.

Dale Callahan, ’15, was appointed deputy county attorney for Labette County in Kansas. Previously, he was an assistant county attorney in Montgomery County.

Hannah Putz, ’15, was named an attorney for Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation, headquartered in Lincoln. She was formerly a legislative and contracts consultant for Ameritas.

Michael L. Sholes, ’16, joined Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in its Omaha office. His practice focuses on general litigation.

John F. Zimmer, V, ’16, joined Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather in its Lincoln office. His practice focuses on creditors’ rights and litigation.

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In Memoriam

1940s

Paul W. Deck, ’41, passed away on August 31, 2016, at his Sioux City, Iowa, home at the age of 101. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army in the African and Italian campaigns. A lifelong resident of Sioux City, Deck practiced at Sifford & Wadden, Paul W. Deck Law Office and Deck & Deck. He continued to put in full-days’ work until he reached the age of 100, when he cut back to half-days.

William Franklin Ginn, ’49, passed away on June 3, 2016, at the age of 92. Ginn was drafted into the Army specialized Training Program (ASTP) during World War II. Shortly after his law school graduation, he opened his first Ginn Oil Company gas station in Rockport, Missouri. During his leadership of Ginn Oil Company, he built about 17 gas stations, buying and selling along the way. Many of the stations were subsequently converted or rebuilt into convenience stores called Goodies Mini-Marts. The company was sold in 2003.

1950s

Donald C. Farber, ’50, passed away on July 29, 2016. Farber was one of the foremost theatre, film and entertainment attorneys in New York. Among his clients were author Kurt Vonnegut and the original production of The Fantastics, about which he wrote the 1990 book, The Amazing Story of “The Fantastics.” His other books include Producing Theatre: A Comprehensive Legal and Business Guide; From Option to Opening: A Guide to Producing Plays Off-Broadway; Producing, Financing, and Distributing Film: A Comprehensive Legal and Business Guide; Common Sense Negotiation and I Hated to Do It: Stories of a Life. Farber also taught a course on producing theatre at the New School in New York City for more than 20 years and served as executive producer of the short-lived Broadway musical Metro. In June 2016, his portrait was added to the walls of Sadri’s theatrical restaurant in Times Square, a rare honor for a non-performer.

Duane Acklie, ’55, passed away on September 17, 2016, at the age of 84. Acklie was chairman of Crete Carrier Corp. Until 1991, he was the company’s CEO. He was an attorney with Nelson, Harding, Acklie & Tate when he helped Crete Carrier founder Ken Norton incorporate the trucking company. He and his wife Phyllis later purchased the company. Acklie was heavily involved in Republican politics, serving as a longtime national committeeman from Nebraska and as vice chairman of the Republican National Committee. He was an advisor to both Presidents Bush. He was chairman or board member of the American Trucking Association, the Lincoln and Nebraska Chambers of Commerce, the Nebraska State Highway Commission, the American Transportation Research Institute, the University of Nebraska Foundation and the George W. Bush Presidential Center. His awards included the U.S. Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service. A classroom wing at the Law College is named in honor of Duane and Phyllis Acklie.

Glenn A. Rodehorst, ’58, died on April 18, 2016, in Genoa, Nebraska, at the age of 85. His studies at the Law College were interrupted for three years of service in the U.S. Navy. After his graduation in 1958, Rodehorst began his private practice in Genoa.

1960s

Soren S. “Sam” Jensen, ’61, died on September 17, 2016, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A longtime Omaha attorney and community leader, Jensen was affiliated with a variety of law firms where he specialized in labor relations law.
William James Gourley, ’63, passed away on July 3, 2016, in Aurora, Colorado, at the age of 85. He was senior vice president with the brokerage firm, RBC Dain Rauscher. He retired in 1990, after which he spent the majority of his time living in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Fredric H. Kauffman, ’64, passed away on July 27, 2016, at the age of 77. Kauffman practiced law in Lincoln for more than 50 years. He was a partner at Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, where his work focused on medical and legal professional liability, antitrust cases and the arbitration of complex business disputes. He was president of both the Lincoln Bar Association and the Nebraska State Bar Association. Kauffman also served as a Trial Advocacy instructor at the College of Law.

Donn K. Bieber, ’66, passed away on September 6, 2016, in Lincoln, at the age of 81. He practiced law in Schuyler, Nebraska, from 1966 until his retirement. He moved to Lincoln in 2015.

Leland K. “Lee” Kovarik Jr., ’66, of Scottsbluff, died June 10, 2016, at Heritage Estates in Gering. He was 78 years old. Kovarik practiced law in Gering for 50 years. During his career, Kovarik served as city attorney for the City of Gering, Nebraska, from 1986 to 2000. Memberships included Scotts Bluff County Bar Association (secretary 1974, president 1975), Nebraska State Bar Association, American College of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates (advocate), Defense Counsel Association of Nebraska. Kovarik’s areas of practice included products liability, personal injury, insurance, insurance defense litigation and consumer law.

William L. Howland, ’67, died on July 11, 2016, in Lincoln. He was 74 years old. During his career, Howland was in private practice in Lincoln and served as assistant Grand Island city attorney, deputy Hall County attorney, deputy Scotts Bluff County attorney, assistant Chadron city attorney, Dawes County attorney, assistant Nebraska attorney general and general counsel for the Nebraska State Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

John G. Liakos, ’67, died on September 27, 2016, at his home in Omaha. He was 76 years old. He spent several years practicing in New Orleans before moving to Omaha in 1971. In1973, he founded Liakos & Associates, later Liakos & Mutukewicz. He spent much of his life working with nonprofits and was dedicated to improving Nebraska's organ donation process.

Carroll L. Lucht, ’73, died on July 3, 2016, at the age of 74. He was a clinical professor emeritus of law and professorial lecturer in law at Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut. Lucht worked with legal services organizations in Colorado, Nebraska, Georgia and Iowa and was a clinical professor of law at the University of Iowa before joining Yale Law School in 1989. At Yale, he taught the Advanced Immigration Legal Services Clinic, the Community Lawyering Clinic, Advocacy for Detained Refugees, Advanced Community Lawyering and Immigration Legal Services among others. In 2013, Lucht won a Community Advocate Award for his dedication to serving New Haven's most vulnerable communities. In 2009, he was honored by the Arthur Liman Public Interest Program for helping to build Yale's clinical program.

Gregory Gene Jensen, ’74, died on May 24, 2016, in Ord after a pickup-bicycle accident. He was 67 years old. Jensen practiced law in Ord.
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Lincoln Alumni Holiday Party
5:30-7:30 p.m.; Van Brunt Visitors Center

December 16
Winter Commencement
1:00 p.m.; College of Law

February 2017
February 8
The Baylor Even Build Your Character Program on Communications
12:00-1:00 p.m.; College of Law

February 23
Omaha Area CLE and Reception
4:00-6:00 p.m.; Happy Hollow Country Club

March 2017
March 3
Women Leading in Law, Business and Philanthropy Conference
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; College of Law

March 31
Alumni Council Awards Luncheon
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