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DO THE RIGHT THING

LAW STUDENTS PASSIONATE ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICE

In its first 120 years, most things about the law school have changed — where once visiting lecturers talked to a handful of young men in rented rooms, now a full-time faculty teach 500 worldly students in an art-filled law center.

But one thing remains the same. Remarkable numbers of University of Oregon law graduates, teachers and students use their law degrees in the public interest and in the public service.

In 2003, for example, 112 law students donated more than 11,000 hours pro bono to crime victims, children and the poor in Oregon and seven other states. At law clerk wages, that amounts to \$135,000 of free legal help.

For the third year in a row, UO law students aced the Oregon State Bar's New Lawyers Division Pro Bono Challenge and were recognized by OSB president-elect **Nena Cook** at a Portland ceremony on March 4.

But when bar courses and legal writing and law review and trial practice and career planning make up more than a full time job — why do students get so passionate about service? Bottom line: They enjoy it.

David Eder, a second year UO law student from Portland, received the state individual pro bono student award in 2003 for his 531 volunteer hours for the Multnomah County District Attorney. "Why did I put in so many hours?" Eder said. "I did it because I really liked the job."

Jane Steckbeck, faculty chair of the law school's Pro Bono Executive Board, said, "It's hard to overestimate the importance of pro bono legal work to our state, particularly when our diminishing tax base cannot even fund the basics. Our students take their responsibilities as future lawyers seriously, and, in fact are helping to fill the gap in defender and prosecutor offices and legal services."

In many cases, they do more than fill the gap. Last year, for example, **Sarah Drescher '04**, the daughter of an Ashland attorney, represented Jackson County inmates in an ACLU jail overcrowding case. After writing the brief and negotiating with county counsel, Drescher successfully settled the federal lawsuit and the U.S. district judge signed off on the stipulated agreement — a remarkable achievement for a law student. She received the law school's Outstanding Service Impact Award at the April 8 Pro Bono Recognition ceremony.

"I recently read that the jail has installed fifty new bunk beds and prisoners are no longer sleeping on the floor," Drescher said. "Knowing that I helped make these changes... it's an experience I will never forget."

The law school's pro bono committee was created in



response to student demand in 1996. It is only one of the many related programs operated under the umbrella of PIPS — or the Public Interest Public Service Program. No matter which practice area interests a student — from tax law to battered women's defense — PIPS can help tie it in to a public service opportunity. Established and led this year by longtime professor **Dominick Vetri**, career services assistant director **Jane Steckbeck** and student chair **Kristen Parcher '04**, PIPS is a clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities and externships and the sponsor of a number of events and awards.

In 2003-04, PIPS sponsored speakers such as Human Rights First executive director **Michael Posner**, who visited law classes and delivered

a public lecture in September. And they organized the first-ever Public Service Day — seventy law students and faculty made compost, cleared trails, cared for wounded birds and painted walls for eleven local non profit organizations in April.

Dom Vetri, who weeded Mt. Pisgah nature trails on Public Service Day, said, "Law is like gardening — it's all about separating the relevant from the irrelevant, kind of like separating native plants from weeds. And both law and weeding are a necessary public service!"

In addition to Pro Bono, programs operating under the PIPS umbrella include:

■ **STREETLAW** students lead community seminars

on landlord-tenant law, simple wills and basic legal rights.

■ **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS** Land Air Water, Criminal Law Association, Phi Alpha Delta and the American Constitution Society work closely with PIPS.

■ **OLSPIF** Oregon Law Students Public

Interest Fund, whose popular winter auction raises summer stipends for public interest student jobs and volunteer positions.

■ **PORTIA PROJECT** Each semester, ten students work with Oregon women prisoners on custody and family issues.

■ **LRAP**, the Loan Repayment Assistance Program for graduates who accept low-paid public interest jobs.

The **Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics** contributes funds and administrative support.

PUBLIC SERVICE

PIPS student chair **Kristen Parcher '04** (top) shovels gravel on Public Service Day. She helped a Lane County nonprofit that rehabilitates eagles, owls, falcons and other birds of prey. (Photo by Tim Bobosky, *Oregon Daily Emerald*.)

HUMAN RIGHTS

Michael Posner (far left), Executive Director of Human Rights First, speaks on international law during his fall visit to the law school as a guest of the Public Interest Public Service Program.

AWARDS NIGHT

The Pro Bono executive board (center) gathers: Front row: **Joe Jenkins '04**, Faculty chair **Jane Steckbeck**, **Jaclyn Rudebeck '05** and **Dan Peterson '06**. Second row: **Melissa Seifer '06**, **Jessica Hendricks '05**, **Carey Mougey '06**, **Mary Carter '05**, **Nicole Richardson '04** and **Kyoko Wyse '04**.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Eugene's **Spencer Butte Middle School** sixth graders (bottom) learn how to resolve disputes from **Street Law** students, a pro bono group, and **Appropriate Dispute Resolution Advocates**.

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PUBLIC INTEREST PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

www.law.uoregon.edu/org/pips/

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www.law.uoregon.edu/org/lrap/

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

LAW SCHOOL ADOPTS COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROGRAMS, CONNECTS WITH SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, STRENGTHENS WAYNE MORSE CENTER TIES



SMALL BUSINESS CLINIC: Vicki Rees '04 advises Rachel Ortiz and friend. Ortiz owns and operates Mujeres Boutique and Tanning.

than 20,000 Oregonians resolve conflicts every year," Carmichael said. "As part of the law school's ADR program, I believe we can help make these centers even more vital than they are today."

The local volunteers Carmichael mentioned are trained to mediate a wide range of conflicts — from barking dogs and rental repairs to disputes between parents and teens, victims and offenders, merchants and customers, as well as city code enforcers and violators. Some centers work

with local courts to settle small claims and other referred cases.

Carmichael, a Creswell city councilor, most recently was administrative manager of the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.

ers — from a small tanning boutique to a landscaper to a television producer. The Small Business Clinic advised its clients on business formations, stock sales, leases, contracts and other legal issues.

"The clients were appreciative of the high quality of our service, said Fetherstonhaugh, "In fact, many said that it exceeded their expectations!"

The clinic is a program of the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship, which is directed by law professor **Barbara Aldave** and funded by a 1995 gift from Chambers Communications CEO **Carolyn Chambers**.

ANGRY NEIGHBORS AND 1,000 VOLUNTEERS

During last summer's legislative budget-cutting session, the fourteen-year-old Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission lay on the chopping block. Among other tasks, the commission disbursed funds collected from a surcharge on court filing fees to 23 county community mediation programs. Associate Dean **Jane Gordon**, who directs the law school's **Appropriate Dispute Resolution Program**, fought hard to adopt that part of the program for the law school — and won.

With \$125,000 in state funding, the law school has set up an office and hired a new administrator. **Jenny Carmichael** will manage the nearly one million dollars that is disbursed every two years to community mediation programs all over the state.

"Oregon has a rich resource of over 1,000 volunteer mediators who help more

TANNING SALONS AND TV PRODUCTIONS

The new small business clinic started off with a bang spring semester — and no wonder.

Clinic director **Jill Fetherstonhaugh '98** practices business and employment law locally and has owned and operated two entrepreneurial businesses. Clinic administrator **Laurie Strother** and her husband ran a wholesale building supply company in Bend, Portland, Medford and Eugene for eight years.

This spring, Fetherstonhaugh supervised four third-year law students who worked with eleven local business own-

PATENTED SEEDS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

"The Morse Center Rocks!" said **Caroline Forell**, a longtime faculty member who will step down as interim director of the Wayne Morse Center at the end of the semester. "It's been the best job I've ever had!"

Forell said the independent center and the law school link up in ways that strengthen ties with the university and the community: "So many things happen that bring in the community, and create good will for the law school."

The center's new resident scholar program includes law faculty — **Keith Aoki**, who worked on issues of patented seeds and genetically modified organisms this year and **Ibrahim Gassama** who will write on the future of the United Nations in 2004-5.

And, Forell said, "Our Wayne Morse Fellows have been omnipresent in the formation of the Public Interest Public Service Program — they've had their fingers in every public interest project this year. Morse Fellow **Kristen Parcher '04** was the key student player in getting PIPS underway."

DEAN'S MESSAGE

A Faculty That Shines

By Laird Kirkpatrick, Philip H. Knight Dean



The heart of any law school is its faculty: Here, in particular, our school shines.

Seven of our tenured faculty are elected and lifetime members of the prestigious American

Law Institute. The 2800 judges, lawyers and law professors who constitute the ALI have drafted model codes and restatements of law that have been adopted by virtually every state. I have been honored to be elected to ALI, as have **Leslie Harris, Maury Holland, Jim O'Fallon, Gene Scoles, Rennard Strickland** and **Dom Vetri**.

As I write, the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy report is in the news. ENR director **Richard Hildreth** is a consultant on coastal zone management law for this historic presidential commission and was also a consultant for last year's major ocean report by the PEW Commission.

Assistant Professor **Robert Tsai** just received word that his paper, "Fire, Metaphor & Constitutional Myth-Making," has been selected as one of only two papers in constitutional theory to be presented at the prestigious Yale-Stanford Junior Faculty Forum in New Haven this June.

Also this year:

- Associate professor **Merle Weiner**, a pioneer in international family law, co-authored the very first casebook on the subject.

- NYU Press published *Greasers and Gringos: Latinos, Law and the American Imagination*, on how law and culture interact to reinforce stereotypes, by Portland programs director **Steve Bender**.

- ADR associate director **Michael Moffitt's** national reputation is growing with major law review articles and the forthcoming *Handbook of Dispute Resolution*.

- Former ENR director **Mary Wood** is working

to protect the nation's natural heritage as a leading scholar of Indian trust doctrine and other common trust law theory.

- Constitutionalist **Garrett Epps** continues to write both for the scholarly and popular press. His last book on religious freedom was short-listed for the ABA Silver Gavel Awards and he is completing his next book, *Second Foundation: How The Framers Of The Fourteenth Amendment Transformed American Democracy*.

And that is just the beginning. In short, our Oregon law faculty helps contribute to legal scholarship and shapes the law far beyond Oregon's borders.

Read more about faculty achievements at www.law.uoregon.edu.

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KNIGHT PROFESSORSHIP GOES TO LAW PROFESSOR KEITH AOKI

Internet and copyright law expert Keith Aoki is the sixteenth UO faculty member to be named "Knight Professor."

"I felt extremely lucky 10 years ago when Dave (Frohnmayr) hired me," Aoki said. "Since then, I've tried to keep up my side of the bargain to be a good scholar and a good teacher. I think this sends the message that law faculty scholarship is very important to the university."

Aoki is teaching and writing on such varied topics as patented seeds, the power of cities over their own affairs, and Asian American political influence. He spearheaded a successful April conference for the Wayne Morse Center called "Malthus, Mendel and Monsanto: Intellectual Property and the Law and Politics of the Global Food Supply."

The Knight Professorships are funded through a 1996 challenge gift to the UO from Nike CEO Phil Knight. He gave \$25



New Knight Law Professor Keith Aoki (L to R) UO Vice President Lorraine Davis, Provost and Senior Vice President John Moseley, Aoki, University President Dave Frohnmayr and Dean Laird Kirkpatrick

million of which \$15 million was dedicated to the creation of endowed professorships across campus. The rest helped build the William W. Knight Law Center, named in memory of Phil Knight's father.

FIND OUT MORE

Keith Aoki's web page:

<http://www.law.uoregon.edu/faculty/kaoki/>

Endowed chairs and professorships:

<http://giving.uoregon.edu/opportunities/faculty.html>

THE PUSH TO DIVERSIFY THE BAR

NEW VICE PROVOST GREG VINCENT REACHES OUT TO MINORITY LAW STUDENTS



According to *U.S. News and World Report*, 92.6% of lawyers in America are white. Twenty-nine percent are women, less than 5% are African-American, and even fewer are Hispanic. To complicate the picture, typical law graduates start their careers carrying \$84,000 in debt, and cost is an added burden for many minority students.

With 19% of our 2003 entering class members of racial or ethnic minorities, our law school is pushing back against those statistics. To lead that push university-wide, the UO has appointed its first vice provost for equity and diversity, Gregory J. Vincent.

Vincent is a law professor, a mediator, and a former civil rights and labor law attorney. "Oregon is an overwhelmingly white state and it's hard to attract minority students," he said. "But we have to change that – after all, our graduates will live in a diverse world where employers expect to hire new lawyers who can work effectively with people different from themselves."

Since he moved to Oregon from Louisiana State University in January, Vincent has set up office hours at the law school and hosted several brown bag lunches and many more informal meetings with current and prospective minority law students. He will teach an employment discrimination law class next year. Contact Greg Vincent at vpdivers@uoregon.edu.



OREGON SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RIVES KISTLER, shown here during the court's annual spring visit to the law school, will speak at the law school's 2004 commencement ceremonies for 160 law students on May 16 at the Hult Center in Eugene. Meritorious service awards will go to U.S. Senator Ron Wyden '74 and Ninth Circuit Court Judge Stephen Reinhardt. Assistant Professor Michael Moffitt will receive the Orlando Hollis teaching award.

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THE EUGENE F. SCOLES FUND FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

During his long and distinguished career, Gene Scoles was always most passionate about teaching. He designed an interactive method for class discussion and instruction based on role-playing, and this pedagogical innovation was the basic format for the estates and trust course book that he coauthored with Berkeley's Ed Halbach. The book is now in its sixth edition.

"The heart of pedagogy is a joint effort between faculty and students as peers," Scoles said, "After all, faculty members are not oracles bringing down the word from on high."

Gene Scoles was dean of the law school from

1968 to 1974, is still an active member of the faculty and the author of the law school's 21st Century Task Force Report on issues for legal education during the next 50 years.

The fund honoring him will be used to pay for faculty education and training.

"This is already a popular fund," said external relations dean Matt Roberts. "Everyone respects Gene because he is a great teacher who knows how to educate great lawyers."

Give to the Gene Scoles Fund for Teaching Excellence online at www.law.uoregon.edu or call (541) 346-3865.

THANK YOU!

We have had a variety of wonderful gifts donated to the school these past several months – several brand new scholarships and a donation to the Loan Repayment Assistance Fund, significant gifts to the library and the dean's fund. And we have just established a special fund to honor Gene Scoles – with a touching response from alumni and friends. Thanks to all of you!

Jane Gary

GIFTS

WK&G FELLOWSHIP

A new \$2,500 annual fellowship for a second or third year student who has a strong interest in public service. Established by the Seattle law firm **Williams, Kastner & Gibbs**, which recently merged with Portland's **Duden Neiman** to form an expanded WK&G with offices in three cities. A wonderful example of how law firms can make a difference to law students and the law school!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Tom Dempsey '68 \$25,000 scholarship endowment in memory of his parents, Rose Mary and Thomas Dempsey, Sr. for students interested in trial work.



CHRIS DECATUR

Mark E. Johnson '73 \$25,000 scholarship endowment for first-year students from outside Oregon.

Jason Lee '83 \$25,000 scholarship endowment for high-achieving students in financial need whose first language is not English.

LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

\$10,000 from the **Thanksgiving Foundation**, a family foundation based in Millbrook, New York.

LAW LIBRARY

George J. Tichy II \$5,000

RENNARD STRICKLAND'S GIFT

The "Rock Star" of federal Indian Law – according to his students – accepted applause and honor for his gift of 500 books and a cash donation to the law library last February at a reception for Oregon tribal officials and friends of Indian law. The former dean's donation, plus the existing Indian law collection of 2000 volumes, will be known as the Rennard Strickland Indian Law and Culture Collection.



1967 REUNION CHALLENGE GIFT

Ken Stephens and **Laurence Janssen**

pledge \$50,000 as a challenge to their entire class for a 40th reunion gift. All 1967 alumni gifts and pledges over the next three years will count toward the challenge. Mark your calendars for 2007!

CLASS NOTES

THE 'FIFTIES

Don Dunn '54 completed an eight-year term on the Columbia River Gorge Commission, which administers the Gorge Scenic Act passed by Congress in 1986. The Wasco County commissioners appointed him as that county's representative. Dunn's service was recognized with a plaque, presented by the commissioners and staff.

THE 'SIXTIES

Robert A. Bennett '60 of Portland has returned to his family law practice, Bennett Hartman Morris & Kaplan LLP, after an extended family leave of absence. Bennett is available for referrals in all areas of family law, mediation, arbitration, and for service as a reference judge in family law matters.

THE 'SEVENTIES

Barry Maulding '70 has become general counsel of Isomedia, an Internet service provider in Redmond, Washington.

Bennett L. Cohen '77 is a partner with Cohen, Salk & Huvad, PC in Northbrook, Illinois. He represents bank and finance companies and practices in the areas of secured lending and equipment

lease financing. He served as general counsel to the Midwest Association of Secured Lenders, a Chicago-area trade association of over 90 banks and finance companies.

Milton Jones '77, of counsel in the Portland office of Perkins Coie, has been appointed by the director of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services

to serve on the state's advisory committee on regulatory streamlining. This committee advises the governor and legislature on business regulation.

CORRECTION: Pat Sullivan '78 was incorrectly listed in the last *Oregon Lawyer Update* as a new Oregon Women Lawyers board member who lives in Pendleton. In fact, Judge Sullivan lives in Ontario and is a former OWLS board member. We apologize for the error.

THE 'EIGHTIES

Scott Markus '80 was named by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as one of the Top 50 Mediators in California, and only one of two San Diego mediators to receive that distinction. He is also the only San Diego mediator appointed by the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution (New York) to its Panel of Distinguished Neutrals. Markus is president of Markus Kruis Mediation.

Marilyn O'Dell '80 has been ap-

Power and Conservation Council (formerly Northwest Power Planning Council). She served six years on Oregon's Environmental Quality Commission and chaired the five-member citizen panel from 1999 until her appointment to the council in 2002. Eden practiced hazardous substance law in Portland and Eugene before she moved to the dry side in 1992. She and her attorney husband, Ray Williams, grow wine grapes, wheat, sheep, border collies and dairy replacement heifers.

Roger D. Mellem '82 serves on the leadership council of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. The council assisted the nation's oldest forestry school – founded in 1900 by the legendary Gifford Pinchot and Henry S. Graves - to become the first global school of the environment. Mellem is a litigation member with the Seattle firm of Foster Pepper & Shefelman, whose practice emphasizes securities and real estate litigation. In 2002, he climbed 14 peaks during a sabbatical spent mainly in the Swiss and French Alps.

Gail Small '82 was featured in the January/February 2004 issue of *Sierra Magazine*. Small, a Northern Cheyenne, was her tribe's first J.D. Her childhood home is the site of some of the world's richest coalfields and she has spent years fighting for the Cheyenne and against stripmining. According

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pointed as a senior assistant attorney general in the civil recovery section of the civil enforcement division of the Oregon Department of Justice.

Bill Cramer '81, 24th District Circuit Court Judge, Harney County, was elected secretary of the Oregon Circuit Court Judges Association at their annual meeting in September 2003.

Melinda Eden '81 of Milton-Freewater was reappointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski to a three-year term as one of two Oregon members on the Northwest



MULTIPLE SENTENCES

Balancing Acts

By Heather Decker '96

Balance: We all say we want it but no one will say they actually *have* it. But a few of our alumni admit they are trying...

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

In a battlefield populated by prisoners of the billable hour and AWOLs from the legal profession, **Darien Loisele '92** is a warrior. Darien practices in commercial and construction litigation and serves as the hiring partner at the Portland firm of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt. Darien juggles challenges in a family with dual legal careers, and he talked with me from his office at 7:30 am on a Saturday.

Darien says, "It is difficult to measure one's value through success or failure at work because in the legal profession, there is plenty of both. You have to determine what makes you happy in your personal life and make a commitment to pursue it." Delegation is one key to achieving more balance, even though he says it can be harrowing at times. Darien carves out time several times a week to exercise, and he makes a conscious effort to keep most of his weekend time free to spend with his two young children. He also serves on the boards of several nonprofits and in construc-

tion industry groups. If Darien is trying, then so can you. Read on.

BABIES AND BALANCE

Chris McCracken '89 is another satisfied lawyer. He is a six-year partner at Davis Wright Tremaine in Portland, where he practices commercial and construction litigation. For many years, Chris has enjoyed road biking at lunch and on weekends. He takes two to three weeks of vacation a year, golfs about once a week and enjoys reading books that are not law-related. Chris is also a new father, so he is seeking both more sleep and more balance!

Margie Schroeder '02 is also parenting an infant these days in addition to her land use, litigation and business transactions practice at the Portland law firm of Black Helterline. Margie works full time with a 1500-hour annual billing requirement while her husband stays home with their eight-month-old son. Margie says, "The struggle for balance is a daily challenge." It is hard for her to feel that she doing a good job both at work and at home. One of her biggest challenges as a first year associate is the lack of control over her work load, which she hopes will improve with time and experience.

RECHARGING THE BATTERIES

"Balance for me entails providing dedicated service to our clients and maintaining a good quality of life outside of work. While I am very devoted to my work, I do not let it consume my entire life," says **Connie Speck '96**. Connie is a senior associate at Arnold, Gallagher, Saydack, Purcell, Roberts & Porter in Eugene, where she practices commercial and employment litigation. For Connie, maintaining quality relationships with her high school and college-aged children, hiking, skiing and taking vacations are important tools in the pursuit of balance. She also tries to reserve weekend time to recharge her batteries so that she is energized for the week ahead.

CORRECTION

In my last column I wrote about **Eric Tenbrooke '97** who served on the USS Harry S. Truman as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His dates of service were from mid-March through the end of April 2003. He returned home in May 2003.

In service to my own balancing act, it is time for me to say goodbye. I hope you have enjoyed reading this column, as I have enjoyed writing it. Thanks to all of you who have shared your stories with me for publication.

to the article, “That she would later win a landmark lawsuit giving her people equal voting rights, or bring to heel a powerful regional bank that wouldn’t lend to Indians, or organize a voting bloc that elected U.S. senators—for this and more she could probably thank coal. Coal taught her generation of Cheyenne to fight.” Small practices with Native Action in Lame Deer, Montana. Read the full text of “Small Wonder”: <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200401/profile.asp>.

Brent G. Summers '82, of the Portland firm Tarlow, Naito & Summers, has successfully completed the requirements for recertification in business bankruptcy. Summers was initially certified in 1994. Additionally, he has been elected the 2004 president-elect of the Clackamas County Bar Association.

Karsten Rasmussen '83, of Eugene, was elected vice president of the Oregon Circuit Court Judges Association at their annual meeting in September 2003. He is a Lane Circuit Court judge, a former state senator and a member of the Oregon Council on Court Procedures.

Carolyn Wade '83, of Hershner Hunter Andrews Neill & Smith in Eugene, has been elected chair of the debtor-creditor section of the Oregon State Bar. Wade’s practice focuses on creditors’ rights, debtors’ remedies and bankruptcy.

Scott A. Jonsson '83 has joined Dunn Carney Allen Higgins & Tongue in Portland, Oregon, where his practice will focus on complex civil and commercial litigation, business litigation including class action cases and employment litigation and counseling. Scott previously was a partner with Gordon and Polsker LLP.

Kurt Hansen '84 has returned to his Portland law practice at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt after serving in the war in Iraq.

Judith Rosa '85, Staten Island, New York, writes, “As my 50th birthday approached, I was reevaluating my life and decided that I wanted to practice law after all. I sat for the New York and Connecticut bars and was scheduled to be sworn in on September 12, 2001 in New

York. Now I work helping terminally ill HIV/AIDS clients make permanent arrangements for their children at two different agencies. I love New York! “

Bob Horvat '86 recently left Davis Wright Tremaine, where he was a partner for many years, to form his own firm with a long-time friend and former colleague, Jonathan Barg. The new firm, Barg Horvat PC, is located in the Bank of America Financial Center in Portland, Oregon and focuses on business and real estate transactions.

Lisa Rycus Mikalonis '86 joined the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, of counsel. Mikalonis is an intellectual property and commercial litigator specializing in copyright and media law. Her media law practice includes privacy and First Amendment issues. Previously, Mikalonis was with law firms in metro Detroit and Washington, DC. She is also an adjunct professor of law at Wayne State University Law School.

Bruce Neuling '86 writes “I’m a foreign service officer at the U.S. Consulate in Johannesburg, South Africa. I spent the summer of 2003 in Kabul, Afghanistan on a temporary assignment. I was the economics officer at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, doing economic reporting and analysis. My ‘portfolio’ of issues included banking reform, opium production and the reconstruction of the power sector. That said, I was really only ‘holding down the fort’ until the permanent economics officer arrived in September for her one-year assignment. My wife, Peggy, and I have three kids, Alex, Hope and Will.”

Marsha R. Skudlarek '86 announced the opening of her law practice in Medford, Oregon. She will emphasize appellate law, domestic relations, torts, consumer law, land use planning and zoning law.

Keizer city councilor **Richard Walsh '86** was honored in January, 2004 with the Gwen VanDenBosch Regional Leadership award for his work coordinating leaders from the Oregon cities of Salem, Keizer and Independence to carve out an 85-acre park on the bank of

the Willamette River, just outside Keizer city limits. The award is one of three regional awards given each year by the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments.

Craig Sheffer '87 has been named president elect of the Sacramento Consumer Attorneys Association (formerly Capitol City Trial Lawyers), and continues to serve on the board of governors of the Consumer Attorneys of California (formerly California Trial Lawyers Association). He is a partner with Dreyer, Babich, Buccola and Callahan LLP in Sacramento, where he practices personal injury litigation. Sheffer writes that he has resumed competitive swimming after a 25-year lay-off, and was honored as a United States Masters Swimming ‘All-American’ in 2002.

Chris Gilmore '89 has joined the Office of Washington County Counsel to fill the spot left by the appointment of **Alan Rappleyea '89** as Beaverton city attorney. Gilmore will be responsible for land use, assessment and taxation and other matters.

Hugh Duvall '88 and **Laurie Clark '88** would like to report to fellow classmates that a miracle will occur in Southern Oregon this summer – **Charles Kochlacs '88** is getting married!

Deborah Napier '88 writes “We have moved. We are ‘adjusting’ to life in Grand Junction, Colorado. It’s great to be back in the West again!” Deborah will be continuing her work with recreation management and environmental issues on the public lands.

Jim Dole '89 has been elected to a four-year term on the board of education of Rogue Community College. RCC, based on Grants Pass, has two campuses in Jackson County. Dole, also a member of the law school’s alumni board, is a partner in the Grants Pass firm of Cauble & Dole.

THE 'NINETIES

Eileen Koehler '90 has joined the business affairs office at the University of Oregon as the contract administrator. She previously practiced in Vermont.

Timothy Sturm '90 writes: “After spending most of the last five years involved with various energy technology ventures and the better part of 2002-2003 as a consultant on the Enron bankruptcy, I have gone back in-house with Dynegy, a merchant energy company in Houston, Texas.” Dynegy owns and operates electrical power plants, gas processing plants and electric transmission and distribution lines nationwide.

Todd E. Schwartz '91 and partner John T. Carr have formed Carr & Schwartz. They specialize in regulatory and compliance matters facing SEC and state-based registered investment advisory firms. Schwartz has served as corporate counsel for Inteliant Corp. and as an administrative law judge for the Oregon employment department.

Bill Adams '93 was appointed deputy county counsel for Sonoma County, California, and elected as 2004 president of the Sonoma County Bar Association.

Sean Lyell '93 has been elected treasurer of the Clackamas County Bar Association for 2004.

Caroline R. Guest '94 has joined Harrang Long Gary Rudnick PC of Eugene as a shareholder in the firm’s employment law and litigation group.

Brita D. Otteson '94 writes that she was hired last November as a Department of Defense civilian for the Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. “I am now deployed to Kuwait, and practice at Camp Doha, the forward component of the Army Central Command (ARCENT). My work entails legal review of federal acquisitions contracting, relations between the USA and Kuwait, and assisting the Command Judge Advocate with legal advice to the ARCENT-KU Commander.” She adds that, as a civilian JAG, her duties don’t include military justice issues, which are reserved for commissioned officers of the JAG Corps.

Emily Jerome '95 has become a shareholder in the Eugene law firm of Harrang Long Gary Rudnick. She began working at the firm in 1994 and is an expert in land use and local government law.

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Sharonne O'Shea '96 is an assistant attorney general for the state of Washington in the department of ecology. She recently presented a noon career session at the law school, covering her journey to the ecology department from Louisiana, internship/volunteer opportunities and environmental law practice in general.

Jim Beard '97, of Eugene, was diagnosed with cancer in October 2003. He is on long term disability from his job at Johnson, Clifton, Larson & Corson. He and his wife, Bonnie Souza, would rather not have phone calls as initial contact, but they welcome cards sent to their home (3212 Onyx Place, Eugene OR 97403), and e-mails to jimbobeardski@yahoo.com.

Cindy Botsios Danforth '97 recently opened her practice in Eugene, focusing on employment and torts law, civil rights litigation, administrative appeals and special education law (www.cindydanforthlaw.com). Danforth formerly worked as an assistant attorney general for the State of Oregon.

Crystal Rutherford '97 and her husband, Ken Bergenham, welcomed a baby boy, Karl Xavier, on July 19, 2003. The happy family lives in Seattle.

Glenn Boledovich '98, of Silver Springs, Maryland, was promoted last summer to a GS-14 and is lead staff on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration efforts surrounding the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, which will release its Preliminary Report on April 20 (see <http://oceancommission.gov/> for an opportunity to comment on the report). He expects to remain engaged in the policy, legislative and legal activities surrounding implementation of these reports and tells us that he continues to enjoy his work.

Lisa Eyer '98, with the Alaska Department of Fish & Wildlife in Anchorage, was recently appointed executive director of the Great Land Trust (<http://www.greatlandtrust.org>), a local nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving the special places and signature landscapes of South Central Alaska north of the Kenai Peninsula. Her husband, **Rob Schmidt '98**, recently became a partner at Groh Eggers, LLC in Anchorage, where his practice focuses on labor and employment, commercial law and civil litigation. Their son, Galen, is two years old.

Daniel McGee '98 practices law in Tejas, Mexico. He has been married for three years and reports he is enjoying life.

Clint Feekes '99 has joined Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness, a Seattle intellectual property law firm. He is a contract

lawyer in the computer software group. Feekes began his legal career in Oregon and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Eva Shih Herrera '99 has joined Stinson Morrison Hecker in Phoenix, Arizona as an associate in the labor and employment group. She was previously with Hull Henricks & MacRae in Austin, Texas.

Tristyne Huffman '99 has opened a law practice, Adoption Options & Legal Services, in Springfield, Oregon. She provides legal services regarding adoptions for birth

THE TWO THOUSANDS

Ajay Bhatt '01 visited the law school on March 8 to talk about draft declarations now being debated in the U.N. and Organization of American States on "Indigenous Rights in a Multilateral Context." Bhatt is a human rights advisor at the State Department. His work in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor focuses on international human rights issues related to children, women, native peoples, the death penalty, detentions, disappearances and torture.

THE PROBLEM SOLVER

Bill Carter '65 is the Oregon State Bar's new president

In the Oregon State Bar's 68-year history, only four OSB presidents have hailed from the Medford-Ashland area. Meet No. 5, **William G. Carter** of Medford.

"My perspective is that of the small-firm lawyer from a small town," he says. "I understand what a lawyer in that situation needs."

Bill Carter graduated from Medford High School (University of Oregon President **Dave Frohnmayer** was a classmate) and the UO, as well as "the U of O Law School in Fenton Hall under the watchful eye of Dean Orlando John Hollis," he says.

Carter's first job was in Roseburg as a deputy district attorney for Douglas County. He moved to Medford in 1968 as a sole practitioner, handling everything from murder cases to workers' compensation to business law. He served as Medford's municipal judge for a few years, and represented several small towns as city attorney. In 1975, Carter joined **Robert Grant '56** and **William Ferguson '61** in the trial practice firm of Grant, Ferguson, Carter, PC.

In the last few years he has limited his practice to mediation and arbitration. In 2000, Carter spent most of the year as a circuit judge pro tem for Jackson County, resigning to serve on the OSB Board of Governors.

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<http://www.osbar.org/publications/bulletin/04jan/carter.html>

From an article by Cliff Collins in the January 2004 Oregon State Bar Bulletin.

parents, adoptive parents, step-parents, and relatives. She also works for an independent adoption agency where she prepares home studies and provides post-placement services and support for adoptive families. Her web site is <http://www.ao-1s.com>.

Lance LeFever '99 will soon return to the practice of law at Thorp Dennett in Springfield, following a year of active duty in Kuwait and Iraq. He "didn't find any weapons of mass destruction but promises to look harder next time if given another opportunity to do so." His family and the firm are anxious for his safe return.

Kristina (Mason) Dosik '99, of Anchorage, Alaska, married another lawyer in the summer of 2002 and had a baby last fall. She works at a state agency that is responsible for judicial selection, judicial retention, voter information, and the improvement of the administration of justice.

Most recently, he represented the U.S. in Geneva, Switzerland as a delegate to the United Nations' working group on the Draft Declaration on Indigenous Rights.

Mark Crabtree '01 joined Aitchison & Vick, Inc. in Portland as an associate. His practice focuses on labor law.

Christi "Chris" J. Shaffner '01 has joined Sue Miller as a partner. Shaffner's areas of practice include domestic relations, bankruptcy, elder law, wills and trusts. She previously served as law clerk to the Lane Circuit Court Judge **Douglas S. Mitchell '83**.

Wendy Baker '02, of Harrang Long Gary Rudnick, has been elected chairperson of the board of the Eugene Hearing and Speech Center in Eugene.

Nathan Gerhardt '02 has joined the Portland office of Miller Nash. Gerhardt is a member of the firm's business department, focusing on business and real estate transactions, corporate law, and emerging business, technology and e-commerce. Gerhardt formerly was an officer in the U.S. Navy.

Michael W. Large '02 has joined the Portland office of Perkins Coie, where he is an associate in the litigation practice. He was most recently a law clerk to Senior Judge Procter Hug, Jr., of the Ninth Circuit.

Michael A. Thomas '02 is an attorney with the Social Security general counsel's office in Denver. He reports, "This means that I must resign my appointment as a Presidential Management Intern (now Presidential Management Fellow), but I'm okay with that because I'm finally where I want to be. At any rate, my PMI experience gave me the program background that was instrumental in helping me to get this job." His work consists primarily of disability litigation.

Nicole Bolson '03 is working for McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth LLP in Modesto, California.

Geoffrey K. Cooper '03 is an associate at Birdwell & Janke, LLP in Portland. Cooper was formerly a Senior Research Scientist in organic synthesis, pharmaceutical chemistry, biotechnology, polymer and agricultural chemistry and holds a Ph.D. in organic chemistry.

Svihwa (Hwa) Go '03 has joined Harrang Long Gary Rudnick PC as an associate. Go is a former summer associate with the firm and also clerked for the Oregon Department of Justice.

Celia A. Howes '03 has joined the Portland office of Garvey Schubert Barer as an associate in the litigation group.

Shawn N. Menashe '03 has joined the Portland law firm of Gevurtz Menashe Larson & Howe, PC as an associate.

Gabriela Sanchez-Amparan '03 joined Hershner Hunter Andrews Neill & Smith in Eugene as an associate. She will focus on creditor's rights and bankruptcy law. She clerked for Lane Circuit Judge **Cynthia D. Carlson '77**.

Anna Sortun '04 will clerk for Ninth Circuit Judge **Ted Goodwin '51** next year.

IN MEMORIAM

Leeroy Otto Ehlers '53 died January 1, 2004.

John W. Hathaway, Jr. '46 died December 31, 2003.

Charles Barry Jackson '83 died January 7, 2004.

Donald Charles McClain '66 died March 4, 2004.

Steve Allen Tyler '53 died September 20, 2003.

Thomas Graham Walker '50 died December 12, 2003.

Ronald Walro '81 died January 25, 2004.



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Mary Robinson (left) visits with law faculty, Wayne Morse Center fellows and the Women's Law Forum before her public lecture in March. Robinson was president of Ireland from 1990 to 1997, and U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights until 2002. Visiting law professor **Svitlana Kravchenko** persuaded Robinson to come to Eugene, where the former president lectured on human rights and ethical globalization.

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