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This year, 643 alumni and friends made a lot of good people very, very happy.

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You’re glad you did it.

And best of all, there’s still time for your 5,128 classmates to join in!
2006 Commencement

Two law professors win teaching awards, Oregon Supreme Court Justice and domestic-violence activist honored, Portland congressman speaks

One hundred and seventy-seven University of Oregon law graduates celebrated three years of hard work on Sunday, May 14, at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Eugene.

United States Congressman Earl Blumenauer, a Lewis and Clark law school graduate, delivered the commencement address.

The 2006 Meritorious Service Awards were given to outgoing Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace P. Carson, a Willamette law graduate, and to Phyllis Barkhurst, an Oregon leader on issues of violence against women.

The awards are given by the law school each year to recipients who have made extraordinary contributions to legal education and the law.

The graduating class elected Assistant — now Associate — Professor Tom Lininger to lead the procession as their commencement marshal. In 2006, Lininger won the coveted Crystal Apple — the Eisted Award — one of the university’s highest awards for teaching. He teaches evidence and ethics, chairs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, and directs the law school’s Public Interest/Public Service Program.

The faculty selected Assistant Professor Joe Metcalfe for the prized Orlando Hollis Teaching Award. He teaches criminal law and procedure and trial practice, leads the law school’s clinical programs, and spearheaded the new Oregon Innocence Project, the first in the state.

Al Kim was selected by the Class of 2006 to give the class speech. The Lancaster, California, native clerked for the Oregon Department of Justice Family Law Section; learned Muay Thai boxing, the Thai national sport; and had his first fight while he was in law school.

The top student was Caleb William Langston, who now clerks for Ninth Circuit Court Senior Judge Ted Goodwin.

Coming right up...
Law Class of 2009

This fall, the law school welcomed its 122nd entering class — including two new students who were contestants on “The Price is Right”!

Of the 178 1Ls, thirty-nine percent are Oregonians, forty-two percent are women, and twenty percent are ethnic minorities (compared to 13.6 percent for the UO as a whole).

“Applications to our law school went up four percent, even though they were down at law schools all over the country,” said Larry Seno, assistant dean of law admissions. “As always, the entering class shows a distinct personality — they are strong academically, and they seem to be cohesive and civic-minded, a group that understands the importance of working for the good of the community.”
“Warm and upbeat” event honors Clifford Freeman ’76

The judge receives the 2006 Frohmayer Award shortly before his death

Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Clifford Freeman was honored by 225 Oregon judges, attorneys, and friends from his 1976 law class at the Frohmayer Award banquet held last April 21 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Portland.

Freeman, who had been seriously ill, managed to attend the banquet and hear colleagues sing his praises. He died August 21 at age 62 from complications of cancer.

“Judge Freeman was just home from the hospital and quite nervous about the event,” said event organizer Colleen McKilip. “But the mood was warm and upbeat, and he was overcome by emotion. ‘The Oregon bench lost a great deal when they lost Clifford.’"

His high school classmate and college roommate Ancer Haggerty, Chief Judge for the District of Oregon, spoke at the banquet, as did Haggerty’s wife, Julie. Joyce Benjamin ’74 of Eugene, a law classmate of Freeman’s who retired from the Oregon Department of Education, and Multnomah District Attorney Michael Schrunk ’67 also spoke. Freeman, a native of Portland, earned three degrees from the University of Oregon, in economics, education, and law. A circuit court judge since 1996, he was in at the beginning of Portland’s Community Courts and presided over them from 1998 until 2002. During his career, he defended the poor and mentally ill; developed education policy for the state; advocated for minority-owned, women-owned, and small business; and advanced the welfare of Oregon youth. He was a member of many local, state, and national boards and commissions. At the time of his death, he was Oregon’s only African-American state judge.

Each year, the UO law alumni association selects a Frohmayer Award recipient whose public service brings honor to the school. Past recipients include University of Oregon President Dave Frohmayer, Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Senior Judge Alfred “Ted” Goodwin, and Lare Aschenbrenner, Oregon’s first public defender. The 2007 Frohmayer Award banquet takes place in Portland on Friday, April 13.

Red Carpet Treatment

Lawyer princess visits the law school

Red carpets spangled with yellow rose petals greeted Royal Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand at every turn on the occasion of the first visit of royalty to the University of Oregon in over forty years. One of those red carpets led from Agate Street to the Knight Law Center, where the princess was welcomed in a formal receiving line by local judges and law school faculty and staff on Saturday, July 15.

The princess, who holds two law degrees from Cornell University and is interested in becoming a judge, took time out from her official state visit to meet privately with law faculty. Law professor Suzanne Rowe, who attended the reception, said they talked about trends in legal education, nuances of Thai and American legal systems, and how culture influences law. “The princess said it is impossible to separate culture from law — that, in reading law, you naturally learn the culture of another nation,” said Rowe. In a smaller side conversation, said Rowe, the princess “made clear she had not liked the Socratic method in law school! A common idea from a royal princess!"

The princess was visiting as part of the celebration of her grandfather’s 60th anniversary on the throne. She donated 1,700 books to the UO library. One is a rare volume of nineteenth century photographs taken by King Chulalongkorn with his handwritten comments. The revered Chulalongkorn (1853–1910), the princess’ great great grandfather, abolished slavery, founded the country’s first university, and introduced Siam to the West while protecting it from colonization.

Oregon Child Advocacy Project

Duncan Campbell ’73 shares a moment with 2005-6 Campbell Fellows Tehan Wittemyer ’06 and Molly Allen ’06. Campbell funded the project in 2005. It gives law students the chance to work with lawyers and policymakers on complicated cases in which the child’s interests have fallen between the cracks. “Nobody says they’re against children,” says law professor Leslie Harris, the project director. “But it’s easy for children’s needs to get lost in complex cases because parents’ lawyers are obviously advocating for what those parents want, which may not be consistent with what the child needs and wants.”
Out of the Mists: Native Americans today

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Morse Professor Rick West is the founding director of the National Museum of the American Indian, the newest museum on the Washington Mall. His approach to museums puts Indians squarely in the present day, not “shrouded in mists.”

“The museum is about living cultures,” West said in a 2005 interview in American Indian Quarterly. “[We assumed from the very beginning that we were talking about an immense time span… from the far distant past, through the present, and into the future. There are thirty to forty million Indigenous people in this hemisphere. The museum had to be about them too, not just our ancestors or ancient cultural patrimony.”

West is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and a peace chief of the Southern Cheyenne. He is also an attorney who has devoted his professional life to working with American Indians on cultural, educational, legal, and governmental issues. West is the 26th occupant of the Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics and is co-teaching a class with law professor Rennard Strickland on “Native American Cultural Rights and Intellectual Property.”

In September, he was a featured guest at a UO symposium, “Preserving Our Past, Telling Our Stories,” about the troubled history of museums and native peoples.

He was joined by Seattle architect Johnpaul Jones and author and policy advocate Susan Shown Harjo. Jones, a UO graduate, was the lead design consultant for the new museum building. Harjo has helped develop key Indian law, including the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. She was the lead party in the long-running trademark litigation against the Washington Redskins football team.

On October 3, West delivered a public lecture at the law school on “Native America in the 21st Century: Out of the Mists and Beyond Myth,” where he explored the complexity, breadth, and depth of the Native American cultural experience from before European contact to the present.

These activities are part of the second year of the Morse Center’s two-year theme on “Indigenous Peoples: National Policy and International Human Rights.”

Northwest Tribal Water Rights Conference

Top Interior Department official Michael Bogert speaks on “Sovereignty, Certainty, and Opportunity”

Michael Bogert, counselor to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, discussed Kempthorne’s vision for tribal water rights settlements in the West at a two-day conference held at the law school on October 26 and 27.

Disputes over the allocation of water blanket the western landscape. In various basins, the Secretary of the Interior has initiated a process for negotiated settlement. These negotiated settlements have enormous implications for tribal people, water users, fish stocks, hydropower generation, and environmental quality.

By Ed Dorsch

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Cocoa Bay public defender Stacey Kay Lowe ‘03 and Sadowski received the first two LRAP loans last year.

When Sadowski got the news about the LRAP award, “it was like a huge burden had been lifted from my shoulders. Regardless of how much I was going to make this year, I would be able to start making a small dent in a very large pile of debt.” That pile is $60,000 — a typical amount for law school graduates and an even greater burden for those who pursue public interest law.

“I think a lot of people have every good intention to go into public interest work,” Sadowski says. They went into law school thinking, “This is what I want to do, this is the kind of lawyer I want to be.” They come out and they realize the reality of it. If they are going to be that lawyer they want to be, it’s going to be hard to pay all their bills.”

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Defending the Defenseless

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Portland: Representing Oregon Small Business

Entrepreneurs, lawyers with small business clients gather at annual business and law conference

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Biz Law
Business law program emphasizes entrepreneurship and deal-making skills

The law school’s new business law website lists our strengths right upfront, starting with entrepreneurship and deal-making skills — including our experimental transactional practice laboratory.

The lab introduces business law students to the process of doing a deal and the relationships among the various parts. They draft, negotiate, and close a simulated contract — one based on a successful real-world deal.

The law school is partnering with a number of Oregon firms for this new two-part course. A law professor teaches doctrine and legal theory in Eugene, while business attorneys teach practical skills in the one-credit in-person laboratory.

“I think like a transactional attorney,” said law professor Rob Illig, “along with some coaching beforehand, and feedback afterwards. Much of the learning, in fact, will arise from their mistakes!”

Next semester, the laboratory topic is real estate. Future transactional practice labs may include employment law, complex CEO agreements, prenuptial agreements, and employment law.

Portland. This semester, the topic is mergers and acquisitions. Business law professor Rob Illig, who developed the concept, teaches the academic course. Attorneys Tom Tongue ’99 and Dave Koplik ’94 teach the laboratory portion — both are with Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt in Portland.

“These labs give students the experience of taking each step on their own,” says Illig. “Last summer, I worked on cross-border transactions in New York, Washington, D.C., and Bangkok for an international law firm. I even attended a closing in London! My internship succeeded because our business law program gave me a firm understanding of the legal issues involved and taught me to think like a transactional attorney.”

ADR
Conflict resolution master’s degree program welcomes new director

The law school’s Appropriate Dispute Resolution Center welcomes Tim Hicks, the first director of the new interdisciplinary master’s degree program. He has been in private practice since 1993 and has mediated hundreds of cases in California and British Columbia, including family, workplace, and multiparty public disputes.

Hicks worked with CONCIR, a California natural resources dispute resolution firm, on a number of major cases, and with the California Center for Public Dispute Resolution on water management negotiations in Yolo County. He holds an M.A. in conflict resolution from Antioch University.

Hicks greeted a strong entering class of master’s degree students, whose interests range from public health, real estate development, and entrepreneurship to public safety, to higher education, law, and the social reconstruction of Lebanon.

“Each year, students start new projects, join existing organizations, and donate hundreds of hours, all while balancing their full-time class schedules,” said Pro Bono program director Jane Stockbeck. “This is the essence of pro bono and public service. Their passion to contribute their legal skills continues to astound me.”

Stockbeck accepted the 2006 award on April 6 in Portland. University President Rob Frohmayer gave the keynote at the awards ceremony, which also honors all of the Oregon lawyers and law firms who contributed a total of more than 86,000 pro bono hours this year.

Pro bono projects include the UO site of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, offering tax preparation help for low and moderate income community members. This year, law students joined forces with business students. The project is completely student run and the only freestanding VITA site in Oregon.
$250,000 federal grant saves law school’s Domestic Violence Clinic

The Lane County Domestic Violence Clinic, which had been teetering on the edge of closure this year, received good news on September 15 with the announcement of a $250,000 federal grant. The funds give the clinic some breathing room, said law professor Merle Weiner, one of the founders of the clinic. “Because of our domestic violence clinic, many abuse victims in this county can get free legal help when they need it,” said Weiner. “This grant secures the clinic until at least 2008 and allows us time to raise funds this service desperately needs for the long term.”

Since 1999, the clinic has provided legal services to low-income victims of domestic violence and their children. Third-year UO law students, two supervising attorneys, and several advocates represent more than 400 clients each year who seek physical protection, child custody, exclusive use of their residence, and emergency support.

The legal clinic is a collaboration of the University of Oregon School of Law, Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center, and two Eugene/Springfield nonprofits:

- Women’space and Sexual Assault Support Services. It is part of the local Stop Violence Against Women Project.
- The clinic has received federal grants since it was founded eight years ago. The new grant will make up half of the clinic budget.

The rest must be raised through other grants and private donations.

The U.S. Department of Justice’s Legal Assistance to Victims grant program awarded the funding again this year, but warned that continued help is not guaranteed.

In a 2003 study published in Contemporary Economic Policy journal, researchers found that in counties where battered women can easily find legal help for protective orders, custody, divorce, child support, and public assistance, there is a “significant, negative effect” on the overall incidence of domestic violence.

See related story on page 22: Cassie SkinnerLopata ‘06

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January-May

PORTLAND EXHIBIT
Photography by Eugene artist Gary Topfer in the law school’s second floor gallery. INFO: devetz@law.uoregon.edu

Friday, January 26

SYMPOSIUM
At a Crossroads: In Search of Sustainable Solutions in the Klamath Room 175. Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation. INFO: nporter10@law.uoregon.edu, or law.uoregon.edu/leg/jell/klamath.php

Friday, February 2

O’CONNELL CONFERENCE
Knight Law Center. Keynote speeches by Richard Painter, White House associate counsel and chief ethics advisor to President Bush, and by Robert Bennett, former attorney for President Clinton. INFO: lininger@law.uoregon.edu

March 1-4

PUBLIC INTEREST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CONFERENCE
Twenty-fifth anniversary celebration at the Knight Law Center. Connecting Corridors for the People: The Next 25 Years. INFO: askpiede@uoregon.edu, or piede.org

April 6-7

OREGON CHILD ADVOCACY PROJECT CONFERENCE
Nurturing Teens Aging Out of State Programs Knight Law Center. law.uoregon.edu/org/child/events.php

Friday, April 13

PORTLAND BANQUET
2007 Frohnmayer Award banquet sponsored by the UO Law Alumni Association. INFO: (541) 346-3970

Saturday, May 12

COMMENCEMENT
Ceremonies will be held at the Hult Center on SATURDAY this year, followed by a reception at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center. INFO: mbecker@law.uoregon.edu, or law.uoregon.edu/commencement.php

Nominations

Tell us about the graduate, faculty member, or friend you think should receive the next Frohnmayer Award. The award recognizes those whose public service brings honor to the school. The achievements of the winning nominee will be celebrated on April 13 at the 2007 Frohnmayer Award Banquet in Portland.

How to submit your nomination

Email your nomination to Rachel Johnson at raj@uoregon.edu. Please include your name and address, your class year, and a daytime phone. Include the nominee’s name and address, his or her relationship to the law school, and a brief statement about why you believe that person should receive the 2007 Frohnmayer Award for Public Service. Include news articles, letters, or other supporting material if you like. You may also send your nomination by mail to Frohnmayer Award, Alumni Relations, School of Law, 1221 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97401-1221.
AN HISTORIC FIRST: Women lead the law school
For the first time in 122 years, women fill senior leadership positions

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Associate Dean and Professor Susan Gary teaches trusts and estates, estate planning and nonprofit organizations. As reporter for the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act, she drafts legislation that guides investment decision making for universities and large charitable institutions.

In addition to student affairs and communications responsibilities, Associate Dean Jane Gordon teaches the Mediation Clinic, directs the law school’s Appropriate Dispute Resolution Center, and co-founded our new interdisciplinary master’s degree program in dispute resolution.

Associate Dean Jamie Moffitt previously worked as a consultant with McKinsey & Company. She has also held several senior management positions with small technology companies.

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—Stories by Eliza Schmaulkana

NEW LAW FACULTY 1970: (L to R) Peter Swan, Fred Merritt, Barbara Aldave, Joe Grodin, and George Dawson
Law professor Keith Aoki is a serious academic. And seriously worried that documentary filmmakers, screenwriters, and producers are hamstrung by hyper-aggressive copyright holders. Filmmakers are increasingly being forced to pay for such ambient stage business as a street musician singing “Pretty Woman” or a barfly looking blearily at “The Simpsons.”

Luckily, Aoki is also a cartoonist — so he decided to fight back using a more popular medium than the average law journal article. Enter his new superheroine, Akiko: “By day a filmmaker, by night she fought for fair use.”

Akiko is introduced in Bound by Law, possibly the first comic book on the topic. Aoki worked with the creative team of James Boyle, a Duke law professor, and lawyer Jennifer Jenkins, director of the Duke Center for the Creative Commons. They have put together a short and snappy guide for documentary filmmakers with the help of a Rockefeller Grant.

The trio want to reinvigorate the idea of “fair use” — balancing the rights of copyright owners and the public’s access to information.

Aoki spent most of last summer in a carrel on the law school’s fourth floor, hand-drawing Akiko and her friends. It was a labor of love.

“I fell in love with Marvel comics when I was 7 or 8 years old. I went to the drugstore and found Spiderman and Fantastic Four, and I was hooked forever,” he said in an April 24 Register-Guard article. “We could have written a dry, boring legal article, but we wanted something that would reach other types of people.”

The medium in this case makes the serious message behind it easier to swallow. Akiko speaks for the Bound by Law creators when she says artists like herself need to understand the law: “Remember, the copyright system allows you to protect your work, but also has important limitations that allow you to create in the first place. FAIR USE — USE IT OR LOSE IT!”

Thankfully, the authors did not include footnotes in their comic book — but they are available upon request. Bound by Law is available free in a number of digital versions — plain html, 8 or 16 MB PDF, and virtual magazine format. Download them at www.law.duke.edu/cspd/comics. (Or, if you’re addicted to the look and feel of oldtime comix, you can pay $5.95 and get a 66-page print version from Amazon.com.)

–Eliza Schmidkunz

“The thing is, the music is an important part of these scenes. Replacing it would really disrupt the film.”

“Could the sax player in the subway be playing ‘Moon River’ instead of ‘I Love New York’?”

“An indispensable guide for the perplexed (ain’t we all!) in this postmodern information age — and all in easy-to-read comics format, a stunt far more difficult than you’d think!”

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art spiegelman

Pulitzer Prize winner and comic creator of Maus: A Survivor’s Tale and In the Shadow of No Towers
Beyond the Walls

3,000 attend Land Air Water conference, moot court teams go national, new advanced degree approved, new director succeeds in building a center

The Environmental and Natural Resources Law program has officially become a center, a university-wide recognition of stature and capacity. Assistant Professor Adell Amos, who has just finished her first year as director, said, “We’re building on a thirty-year legacy in which our faculty has gone far beyond these walls to affect law and policy all over the world. We all find it exciting and energizing.”

A sampling of this year’s achievements:

The Place to Be

Several years ago, Outside Magazine called the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference the place to go for environmental networking. Three thousand participants tell us it’s still true — that’s how many showed up at the March 2006 event, “Towards A Global Public Trust,” held at the Knight Law Center. Eighty students from Land Air Water, the 24-year-old student group that organizes the conference, participated this year.

Three Sierra Club leaders attended the annual reception held for ENR alumni at the conference. Former executive director Mike McCloskey ’61, whose memoir In The Thick of It about his life in the Sierra Club had just been published, received the David Brower Lifetime Achievement Award. Aaron Isherwood ’94 now heads the litigation department at the Sierra Club’s San Francisco office. Laura Hoehn ’97 of Bozeman, Montana, serves as the club’s general counsel. They are typical of so many of our ENR alumni, who find themselves “in the thick of it” wherever environmental issues arise.

International Attraction

The law school’s first master of laws program, an LL.M. in environmental and natural resources law, was approved this year and will accept its first students in fall 2007. Svitlana Kravchenko, who taught law in Ukraine for 25 years, founded the country’s first public interest law firm, and now teaches two classes at the law school, will serve as interim director.

Testing Our Skills

Last February, law students Austin Williams ’07, Patricia Bradwell ’06, and Lindsay Key ’06, coached by Pete Frost ’94, advanced with eight other teams out of a field of sixty-nine to the national semifinals of the top-rated Environmental Law Moot Court Competition at Pace Law School in White Plains, New York. They tested their skills in appellate brief writing and oral advocacy on an actual environmental citizen suit.

Global Influence

Far beyond law school walls, the faculty continues to make a global impact on environmental law. Mary Wood spent her sabbatical year in Idaho, working on a major natural resources law book with three coauthors. Cases and Materials on Natural Resources Law has already been described as “the next likely ‘bible’ of the field.”

Richard Hildreth, who has teleconferenced his coastal and ocean law courses to marine resources management students at Oregon State University since the 1970s, continues his interdisciplinary work on international ocean policy.

John Bonine continues his focus on international networking for environmental lawyers, with United Nations meetings in Europe and assistance to a Filipino lawyer who received death threats for his work.

Hari Osofsky, an expert in international and environmental justice issues, joined the law faculty this year. Her book on adjudicating climate change will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2007.

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Rennard Strickland
Forty books and forty years of teaching

Law professor Rennard Strickland knows everything about movies and tells wonderful stories. For that alone, he deserves honor and glory. But that’s not all you need to know about the law professor and former dean. He is a legal historian of Osage and Cherokee heritage who has helped resolve a number of significant Indian law cases. He pioneered the introduction of Indian law into the mainstem law curriculum. He is frequently cited for his work in 1982 as the revision editor of Cohen’s Handbook of Federal Indian Law, the bible of the field. He weaves Indian culture and tradition into academic works and rituals in a seamless way. His students have called him the “rock star of federal Indian law.” And now the rock star intends to retire — 2005-6 was his last year as a full-time professor of law. Strickland’s friends, colleagues, and fellow Native American activists honored him at an April 14 CLE symposium at the law school, “From the Warrior Viewpoint: The Next Generation of Indian Law and Policy.”

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Martha Walters ’77

First woman to lead national law reform organization named to Oregon Supreme Court

On October 9, Martha Lee Walters ’77 was sworn in as Oregon’s newest Supreme Court justice. Governor Ted Kulongoski appointed her to serve the remainder of the term of Associate Justice William R. “Bill” Riggs ’68, who resigned effective August 30.

Walters will be the first woman to serve on the court since Sue Leeson resigned in 2003. She is the founder and president of Walters and Zennache, a Eugene firm specializing in employment, civil rights, and family law.

Dean Margie Parks said, “Martha is an extraordinary lawyer and will be an extraordinary Supreme Court justice. She is known across the state for her tireless devotion to justice. We are so proud to claim her as one of our own!” To the public, Walters is a professionally modest and personally helping type of lawyer who has made a career helping the little guy — including, most famously, disabled professional golfer Colin Montgomerie. She headed the Oregon Trial Lawyers public justice award in 1998.

Behind the scenes, Walters is an equally tenacious leader in a distinguished national law reform organization, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) and a member of the American Law Institute (ALI).

She is chair of the executive committee of NCCUSL, which drafts legislation to promote uniformity in state law. Walters is the first woman chosen for this position in the organization’s 115 year history. She has served as one of Oregon’s four delegates since 1992.

This year, Walters said that one of the most urgent drafting projects has been an emergency volunteer health care licensing act. Last year, a number of health care workers from other parts of the country who responded to the Hurricane Katrina emergency were turned back because their licenses were not valid in other states.

“We completed the act in one year — everyone was in a big hurry to do something,” Walters said. “We are one entity that actually managed to complete an important, concrete fix by the first anniversary of the disaster.”

“The conference is really helping to preserve our public system of government” she said.

Her Supreme Court term expires in January 2009. She will be eligible for election to the court in 2008.

Steve Blackhurst ’73 represents businesses in commercial litigation with Wynns LLP, in Portland. He was included in the Chambers USA America’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2006 Client’s Guide in the general commercial litigation area.

The publication ranks top law firms and top attorneys based on the results of in-depth client and attorney interviews.

Mark Johnson ’73 of Johnson, Renshaw & Leachman-Su (Portland), serves as Oregon’s new state delegate to the American Bar Association. Johnson will chair the delegation and sit on the ABA’s nominating committee.

Jody Stahancyk ’73 of Stahancyk, Kent, Johnson and Hook, shared the 2005 Large Business of the Year award with the Portland Final Finishers, a running club from Southwest Washington with partner Ronald Johnson ’74.

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Stahancyk also spoke on “How to Avoid the Pitfalls of Divorce” on KATU’s program, AM Northwest, last January. She was also a presenter in the 2006 Women of Strength—Women in Transition Workshop in Portland last January.

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Family Values

Cass SkinnerLopata ’06 blends family, career, and fight against domestic violence

Cass SkinnerLopata ’06 clerks for Lane Circuit Court Judge Charles “Chuck” Carlson ’79 — a job she loves. In June, she was appointed to a three-year term on the Governor’s Council on Domestic Violence — an additional service that dovetails perfectly with her clerkship, her law school experience, and her personal history.

“Our vision is to keep all Oregonians safe from domestic violence and make sure they have the resources to stay safe,” SkinnerLopata said. “We meet in Salem and in communities around the state — this month, it’s John Day. I am still in awe of the fact that Governor Kulongoski appointed me, and that I have a seat at this table!”

The Council_coordinates a community, county, and statewide response to the growing crisis of domestic violence. It was created by the Judicial Department in 1994, as the state became increasingly concerned that a large number of criminal offenses stemmed from domestic violence — 95 percent directed against women — and that the usual enforcer, contributing to family homelessness, lost work time, addiction, poor maternal and child health, and other problems.

Cass SkinnerLopata knows the territory — she left an abusive husband when she was pregnant with her third child. At law school, she was a fierce advocate for women and children. Her favorite part of law school was working with the Domestic Violence Clinic, in which advanced law students work directly with abuse victims and represent them in contested-protection-order hearings.

“Meeting with clients, learning how to advocate for them in court, and have my work help someone who desperately needed it, was beyond description,” SkinnerLopata said. “Her work at the clinic fed naturally into her clerkship with Judge Carlson. “I see the good, the bad and the ugly of Lane County attorneys and their clients. I learn what to do and what not to do, which is great preparation for practice.”


Jeffrey S. Matthews ’81 of Yates, Matthews and Associates (Portland, Oregon) was admitted to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, whose qualifications for membership recognize him as a leading practitioner in the field of family law.

Jeffrey A. Johnson ’82 is executive vice president and general counsel with Wilson Constructions, a high-voltage electrical construction company based in Canby, Oregon, with offices in Washington, Utah, California, and Arizona. He formerly was a partner with Cosgrove Vergeer Koster.

John B. Thorness ’82 has joined the Anchorage, Alaska, firm of Clapp, Peterson and Stowers, now known as Clark, Peterson, VanFleix, Tomessens and Thoress, LLC. He will continue to focus on the defense of product liability litigation.


Bert Markovich ’83 of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt in Seattle, was recently named a “Super Lawyer” by Washington Law & Politics magazine, described as a “local version of Mad magazine and Harvard Law Review.” The magazine surveys approximately 16,000 active Washington lawyers to determine appropriate candidates. Only the top five percent of Washington lawyers receive this distinction. Markovich represents manufacturers in product liability litigation, including DuPont, Bayer, Wyeth, Nacco Materials, and Volvo.

Herman Perry ’83 has been appointed as a senior assistant attorney general in the human services section of the general counsel division with the Oregon Department of Justice. He will primarily manage the DHS cases for Jackson, Josephine, and Douglas counties.

City of Angels

Nunn meet with Dean Margie Paris and Assistant Dean Merv Loyd in Los Angeles last March. Left photo: Cameron '00, David Moore '04, Tom Malaly '97, Michael Hamilton '99. Center photo: After lunch, Michael Chan '02 gave Paris a tour of his firm, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton. Right photo: Eli Morgenstern '97, Suzanne McCormick '97, Kristy Palmquist '00, Maggie Thompson '04.

Though Gary Carl ’86 retired from private practice in Eugene in 2005, he will be keeping busy. Carl has been appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski to serve as Oakridge Justice of the Peace. He will replace fellow alumus Charles Navarro ’93, who resigned in September 2005.

Hugh Duval ’88 of Clark & Duval has been elected vice president of the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association for 2006-2007.

Doug MacCourt ’88 of Ater Wynne, LLP, was included in the environmental practice area in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2006 Client’s Guide. The publication ranks top law firms and top attorneys based on the results of in-depth client and attorney interviews.

THE NINETIES

CORRECTION: Our winter/spring 2006 issue erroneously stated that Timothy De Jong ’91 was listed in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business (2005—2006). Actually, he was recognized by the Portland Business Journal as one of the “Best of the Bar” in the area of intellectual property. De Jong is a litigator emphasizing IP and complex business litigation. He is a shareholder in the Portland firm, Stull Stull Berne Leek and Schlafter.

Rebecca Hiers ’90 wrote an article for the Rutgers Law Review exploring the rapid development of mediation law and examines potential procedural and content-based exceptions to mediation confidentiality. The article can be found at 57 Rutgers L. R. 531 (2005).

Linda Kessel ’90 has been appointed as a senior assistant attorney general in the labor and employment section of the general counsel division with the Oregon Department of Justice.

William H. Sorensen ’69, his firm, Hutchinson, Cox, DuPrist, Orr & Sorensen, was selected for the third year of the Oregon 100 Best Places to Work in Oregon 2006 by Business Oregon magazine.

Nicholas W. van Aelstyn ’90 has moved his law practice to Beveridge & Diamond (San Francisco), a national firm focused on domestic and international environmental law, land use, and related litigation.

Monica Makin ’93 is assistant vice president of asset management for Home Instead Care, a Portland, Oregon, non-profit syndicator investing in affordable housing in nine Western states. The company forms investment partnerships with major corporations to fund quality multi-family housing. Makin makes sure that the properties comply with Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) regulations. Makin serves as vice chair of the Oregon State Housing Council for four years. Charles Navarro ’93 was appointed as Oakridge Justice of the Peace in September 2005. Fellow alumus Gary Carl ’86 was appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski to succeed Navarro as Oakridge’s Justice of the Peace.

Kurt E. Schuemann ’85 is vice president and general counsel of DDJ Corporation, a Nasdaq-listed manufacturer of printed circuit boards in Anaheim, California. questions? denisek@uoregon.edu

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The Lawyer Gene

Five Thomas Tongues—all of them Oregon Lawyers

In 1859, teenager Thomas Tongue emigrated from England to Washington County, Oregon, and became a lawyer. In 1896, he was elected to Congress as a Republican and was subsequently re-elected three times. He fought hard in the long campaign to make Crater Lake a national park, introducing bills in 1898, 1899, and 1901, and persevering until it became the country’s fifth national park in 1902. Both his sons also became lawyers. The younger brother, Thomas Tongue Jr., finished law school in 1903. When his father became a congressman, he was told that gentlemen have middle initials, so he started using the middle initial “H” because he thought it looked good between two “T’s.”

Thomas Tongue UO ’34, JD ’37
Thomas H. Tongue III entered the University of Oregon in 1930 and did very well, very well. Dean Wayne Morse personally praised him. He also did well in law school, he would get him a fellowship after he finished. True to his word, Morse performed. He obtained a Yale Sterling Fellowship that permitted Thomas to get a J.S.D. (Doctor of the Science of Law). Tongue then went to work in the Labor Department for the Federal Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C. From there, he went to Hawaii, where he argued several cases in the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1949 he was appointed by Governor Tom McCall to the then Oregon Supreme Court, where he served until 1982.

Thomas Tongue UD ’65
Thomas H. Tongue III named his first-born Thomas Healy Tongue, thereby eliminating any more numbers. The first Tongue with a middle initial “H” because he thought it looked good between two “T’s.”

Thomas Tongue JD MBA ’99
Thomas Healy Tongue’s children, Thomas Michael Tongue and Kathleen Anne Watts, both became lawyers. Watts clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Paul Stevens. She also teaches at Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago. Thomas Michael Tongue earned an economics degree from Vanderbilt University. He joined JD/MBA from U of Law in 1999. He practices business law at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt in Portland. This semester, he is teaching our first transactional practice lab on mergers and acquisitions.

Family Law: Kathleen Anne Watts, Thomas Healy Tongue, Jason Tongue, and Thomas M. Tongue.

The utilities

Caroline R. Guest ’94 is a shareholder at Sears, Williamson & Wyatt in Portland. Before that, she was a shareholder and leader of the labor and employment group at Harrington Long Gary Rothnick. Her practice centers on defending public and private employers in state and federal employment litigation.

David King ’94 is associate general counsel with Craig Realty Group, a real estate acquisition and development company in Newport Beach, California. He will continue to live in Newport Beach, and his practice will continue to focus on developer-side real estate financing and land sale and development transactions.

David W. Smiley ’95 announces the opening of his new law office in Bend. Smiley formerly practiced on business, corporate, tax, elder law, and complex estate planning.

Shelley Webb ’95 has joined the San Diego City Attorney’s Office in the Family and Civil division and continues to do domestic violence unit.

Matthew Johnson ’96 has opened a new law office in Eugene. He focuses on tenant/landlord, collections, employment issues, personal injury, and general civil matters.

Michael R. O’Connor ’97, a shareholder with Schubert Barer, is president of the Oregon Bar Association’s Compliance Committee. LeFever has been with the firm since 1998. His practice centers on employment, and issues related to domestic, international, and financial product tax issues. Previously, she was an attorney/advisor in the IRS Office of the Chief Counsel in Washington, D.C.

Allison S. Krueger ’96 joined Hitt Hillmer Williums, a Portland firm. Her practice centers on employment litigation, including cases involving race, gender, age, disability and injured worker discrimination, complex wage claims, wrongful discharge, non-compete agreements, and trade secret obligations.

Brian Wabnitz ’06 is an internal audit manager for the Greater Asia for Intel China Ltd. He addresses concerns on ethics in China, market, internal audit activity, Intel’s 2-OX testing, and some internal investigations. He is based in the Beijing and Kyoto Centers.

Kamata Shugar ’06 works with the Oregon Department of Justice. She is in charge of the Environmental and Human Services Section attorneys advising child welfare for central and southwestern Oregon.

Matt Longtin ’06 is a law firm in Eugene. Matt has been with the firm since 1998. He has practiced outside of real estate, business, and commercial transactions.

Patrick A. Lynd ’08 is an associate with Hershner Hunter in Eugene. He is also on the board of the Lane County Bar Association.

Karen Mcnemar ’95 joins the partnership at the Lane County Criminal Lawyer Mary Ann Bearden. For technology companies to help them grow and attract funding.

B. Scott Whipple ’98, of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt’s Portland office, has been promoted as attorney in charge to shareholders. His practice centers on securities, business, employment, and tort litigation. He is also a member of Honorary Alumni

Rachel Kastenberg ’06 spent three days at the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, last March as a public observer at the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee meeting. The convention, treaty, inspired in part by the 1985 Chernobyl nuclear disaster, gives individuals the right to bring environmental cases to court to hold governments accountable, and to play a significant role in promoting sustainable development. It is implemented by most countries in Europe and Central Asia.

“I was pleasantly surprised to see the committee members listening intently and responding directly to the public,” said Kastenberg. “At points, public comments resulted in changes to the agenda or restructured discussion.” She focused on international environmental law in her work and contracts issues. She continues to prosecute for the Multnomah Bar Association.

Misty Johnson ’00 is an associate in the real estate and litigation department at Mesirow’s Portland office. She advises clients in estate planning and business related matters.

Misty Johnson ’00 joined Johnson, Renshaw & Lechman-Stein (Portland) as an associate.

Rachel Johnson ’00 joined Dunn, Carney, Allen, Higgins & Tongue (Portland) as an associate in the real estate and litigation department. She focuses on international environmental law and represents clients in estate planning and business related matters.
Longest serving lawyer in the U.S.

Fred Risser ’52 (D-Madison, WI)

Out of Wisconsin’s 33 state senators, Fred Risser gets first pick — first choice of office in the minority party, and even where he parks his car at the Capitol. But Risser has earned it, serving his 49th year in the state Legislature. At 78, he is both Wisconsin’s and the United States’ longest-serving state lawmaker, in office for almost one-third of Madison’s history. Over his years in office — twenty of which included the position as President of the Senate — Risser (D-Madison), has passed hundreds of bills, championing a plethora of issues ranging from contraceptives to an overhaul of the criminal code. A stalwart supporter of tobacco control, Risser has always pushed for strong public health standards. “It was my bill that brought [that] about.”

child custody, modification of child support orders, and name changes. She is an elected member of the House of Delegates for the Oregon State Bar and assists with the State Bar’s Tri-County Legal Services.

Iza Zucker ’04 has returned to Oregon and is clerking for U.S. Magistrate Judge Paul Papak in Portland. Zucker previously worked in North Carolina as a staff attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Michael Arnold ’01, of Arnold & Associates, LLC, in Eugene, was appointed to the Creswell, Oregon, school board. He will serve through June 2007 and seek election in the May 2007 primary.

Ajay Bhatt ’01 has taken a new position at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. Bhatt focuses on immigration issues involving alleged human rights persecutors. He is also pleased to announce his engagement to

Sia Rezvani ’01 and Melanie S. Broz ’01 have opened Rezvani Law Office in Cresham, Oregon. Their practice centers on property disputes, landlord-tenant law, statewide mortgage foreclosures, and commercial contracts.

Margaret Molina ’02 is an associate at the Portland Development Commission. Molina helps low-income people buy homes and works on some of the largest real estate projects in Portland. After law school Molina clerked for an Oregon Court of Appeals judge and worked in real estate law at a large Portland firm.

Kathlyn Booth Randall ’02 of Portland has joined the Metropolitan Public Defender (MPD) and will be working in the Multnomah County ACDA.

Lane Tschuyama ’01 is a staff attorney at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in Hawaii. Tschuyama will be representing the interest of consumers before the Hawaii Public Utility Commission.

Geoffrey K. Cooper ’03 has joined Schwabe, Lundberg, Weiser & Kluft of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as an associate, specializing in the defense of governmental entities in the pharmaceutical, chemical, and biotech fields.

Michael M. Roeder ’03 has joined Arnold, Gallagher, Saydack, Perlci, Roberts & Petter in Eugene as an associate. Roeder focuses on land use, real estate, and municipal law.

Melissa Verhaag ’03 has accepted a position with the Sacramento, California, office of Wilkinson, Cohn, eigent, and Roeder in the appellate division with the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Elizabeth Ballard ’02 of the Oregon Department of Justice, was elected Morrow County District Attorney in the May primary. Ballard will take office in 2007.

Camilla Johnston ’02 is now the assistant attorney general in the human services section of the Oregon Department of Justice. Camilla will manage DHS cases in Lane, Coos, and Curry counties.

Annette McGee ’06 was honored to welcome her grandmother, Mary Anderson, to the U.S. from Liberia in time for McGee’s graduation. Mary Anderson sheltered refugees during her country’s civil war. With the current semblance of peace and a new president in the country, Anderson felt safe leaving Liberia to immigrate to a new land at age 79.

Chris Walther ’06 of Las Vegas completed a full-time externship at Knowledge Learning Corporation (KLC) last summer and has joined Lionel Sawyer & Collins, the largest private law firm in Nevada.

In Memoriam

Mary Irene Duhaime ’91, 51, died February 4, 2006, in Medford. She graduated from the UO in 1976, became Ashland’s first female patrol officer in 1979, and was promoted to detective in 1982. To further her career in law enforcement, she enrolled in law school and, after graduation in 1991, went to work in the Jackson County district attorney’s office. She was a fellow in the International Academy of Mediators and chair of the Oregon Dispute Resolution commission and a fellow in the International Academy of Mediators.

JohnLucas ’04 and Siobhan Garde ’04

Ducks in the Apple

Assistant Dean Andrea Coles Bjerre

Andrea Coles Bjerre and Judd Sniderson visited New York City alumni last June at the Divine Bar in midtown Manhattan.
For the fifth year in a row, UO law students were recognized by the Oregon State Bar for contributing more pro bono hours than students at any other law school in the state. In those photos, UO law members of the Student Hurricane Network are shown offering legal help to Hurricane Rita victims in Beaumont, Texas. Eleven students spent spring break in Texas, Florida, and Louisiana. Several continue to work on litigation, lobbying, and legislation related to hurricane relief.

2006 Pro Bono Awards

Keynote by Suzanne Chantrell ’88

“It is important to remember that while much work has been done, more than that, celebrate all the good work you have done, but much more than that, celebrate all the good work you have yet to do.”

Will Macke ‘08

Student hurricane Network typifies law student volunteers

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A Royal Visit

Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand, who holds two law degrees from Cornell, greets members of the Eugene, Oregon, Thai community in the Morse Commons last July. More about the royal visit inside …