Shining in the Cause of Justice

CUA Law’s Commitment to Pro Bono Service
Dear CUA Law School Community:

I write to you from a desk that I haven’t seen much of lately. The past several months have been busy with travel as I continue to reach out to as many of you as I can. So far, alumni chapter dinners, receptions and other events have taken me to locations across the nation and even to London. I have met personally with more than 2,000 alumni, and more trips are planned in the coming months. My contact with CUA law school graduates has reaffirmed my conviction that our alumni are making positive contributions to their respective communities, as well as to our law school. Last year our supporters were more generous than ever, with nearly 15 percent of alumni contributing to our Law School Annual Fund and other scholarships and programs. We are deeply grateful for your support, and I am pleased to recognize it with the Honor Roll of Donors in this issue. I am continually inspired by your work and achievements, and I hope I am successful in conveying all of the exciting events and developments at the law school.

One of my top priorities as dean has been to ensure that our graduating students benefit from the best possible preparation for the bar exam. We have made some curricular adjustments to better achieve this goal, and I am happy to report that according to recently released results, Catholic University law school graduates demonstrated significant improvement on the 2006 state bar exams of Maryland, Virginia and New York, the three most popular jurisdictions for new CUA law alumni. The most dramatic progress was demonstrated in Virginia, where the pass rate for first-time test takers from CUA (85.5 percent) was nearly 20 percentage points higher than the previous year. Collectively, CUA students also exceeded the state average pass rate of 77.5 percent for first-time test takers from all ABA-accredited law schools. The bar exam test scores from New York (87.5 percent) and Maryland (79 percent) each showed a 7 percent rise over those of 2005. Overall, CUA law alumni exceeded their bar performances from last year in nine of the 10 jurisdictions from which results are available so far.

Another development of which I am particularly proud is the establishment of our new Legal Services Society. After recognizing a need for our students to participate in pro bono work before graduating, a current third-year student collaborated with the faculty and administration to develop an organization that will coordinate all of the law school’s pro bono activities. The society will assist both students and alumni with identifying meaningful and beneficial pro bono opportunities that can make a lasting impact on all involved.

This Legal Services Society is a means for the law school to reinforce and expand our proud history of commitment to giving back to society. It also enables our community to help meet the ever-growing needs of individuals seeking free legal help. With the Legal Services Corporation estimating that 50 percent of this group is turned away from legal help for lack of resources, we must recognize our role in the collective difference that law schools and legal clinics can make toward the solution of this problem. Our students were treated to an expert’s perspective on the need for expanded pro bono services during an October lecture from Rawle Andrews, honored by the 83,000-member D.C. bar as its 2006 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year.

This commitment to reaching out and helping others through pro bono services has become a key theme of our current academic year as well as the theme of this issue of CUA Lawyer. While my second year as dean has already been filled with a flurry of activity between travel and exciting law school events, it has become obvious to me that so many lives are changed for the better because a CUA lawyer, student or alumnus cared enough to help. It is my hope that the articles in this issue of CUA Lawyer will convey the dynamic commitment to service that has always been a core value at Catholic, as well as the newly inspired energy we are experiencing in this inaugural year of our Legal Services Society.

Veryl V. Miles
Dean and Professor of Law
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Spring 2007 Program Calendar

The Office of Legal Career Services needs your help! If you are interested in participating in mock interviews, being a mentor or serving on a panel, please e-mail Jessica Heywood at jobs@law.edu.

January 2007

What I Did Last Summer  Thursday, Jan. 25  4 p.m.
Internship Opportunities at the DOJ  Monday, Jan. 29  4 p.m.

February 2007

Securities Law Panel  Wednesday, Feb. 7  5 p.m.

March 2007

Military and National Security Law Students Association  Tuesday, March 13  4 p.m.
Navigating the Path of the Summer  Monday, March 19  4 p.m.
Introduction to Fall Recruiting  Monday, March 26  4 p.m.
Central Intelligence Agency Informational Session  Thursday, March 29  4 p.m.

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Students for Public Interest Law present:

16th ANNUAL SPIL AUCTION

Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, February 9, 2007

Louise H. Keelty and James Keelty Jr. Atrium, Columbus School of Law

Special Feature This Year:
Items Donated by Mr. Pat Petit from his Extensive Collection of Baseball Memorabilia

Like you and those who came before you, these students help distinguish the Columbus School of Law as a truly special place through their volunteer efforts. Please help continue the tradition and consider making a tax-deductible donation to support those who want to make a difference.

Jessica Groppe, Jillian Landin, Elizabeth Pugliese
Co-chairs, 16th Annual SPIL Auction

For more information on attending, donating an item or making a contribution, contact us by telephone, 202-319-5143, or by e-mailing David Schrock, director of financial aid, at schrock@law.edu.

A Time for Giving

As the holidays are upon us and the year quickly comes to an end, we are thankful for all those who have supported the Columbus School of Law throughout the year. Annual gifts assist the law school in providing scholarships; increasing library resources; and supporting faculty research, our institutes, law clinics and other exceptional programs.

In this season of generosity, we hope you will add the Columbus School of Law to your year-end giving list. A contribution to the Law School Annual Fund will be used where it is most needed—to provide more scholarships to current and prospective law students.

Please consider making a gift today. Your tax-deductible contribution will truly make a difference for our students and our entire law school community.

Gifts of $50,000 or more allow you, the donor, to establish an endowed named fund at the school to live on in perpetuity.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about making your gift to CUA law school, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 202-319-5670.

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Credit Card: Use the enclosed envelope or contact the law school at 202-319-5670 to make a credit card gift via phone.

Matching Gifts: If you work for a firm or company that matches gifts from employees or their spouses, you can double and sometimes triple your gift to the school. Contact your human resources office to see if your employer has a matching gift program.

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Planned and Testamentary Gifts: Wills, living trusts or life insurance beneficiary designations are an incredible way to make an outstanding impact on the well-being of the school. Gifts such as Charitable Remainder Trusts, Pooled Income Funds and Gift Annuities can help you make a gift to the school today, receive a substantial tax benefit and in some instances allow you or a beneficiary to continue to receive income for life.
How to Honor a Scholar
Professor Kenneth Pennington Receives a Festschrift on His 65th Birthday

By Richard Wilkinson

How do you honor a scholar who has been one of the leading figures in his field for decades and who has mentored a couple generations of younger scholars? In academia, the answer to that question is: Present the scholar with a Festschrift, i.e., an anthology of new scholarly essays written in his or her honor. It’s a big moment for a scholar, and it’s an honor that Kenneth Pennington, CUA’s Kelly-Quinn Professor of Ecclesiastical and Legal History, received on his 65th birthday, Oct. 6, 2006, in Erice, Sicily, at an annual international school on medieval law that he has co-directed since 1993.

Derived from German, the word Festschrift translates to “celebratory writing,” and the essays in such a book tend to be on a topic that the honoree himself has specialized in. The book that Pennington received on his birthday is titled “Medieval Church Law and the Origins of the Western Legal Tradition: A Tribute to Kenneth Pennington,” edited by his former students Wolfgang P. Müller and Mary E. Sommar, who are now professors at Fordham University and the Stephan Kuttner Institute of Medieval Canon Law in Munich, Germany, respectively. The book is published by The Catholic University of America Press.

“Arguably the premier figure in the United States in the field of the history of canon, or Church, law, Ken Pennington is also widely known and respected as one of the foremost authorities in Europe,” write Sommar and Müller. “Ken was clearly very grateful and deeply moved, not only by the Festschrift itself, but also by the fact that many of the contributors to the collection had traveled from all over Europe and the United States for the sole purpose that they might be a part of the presentation ceremony.”

The 26 essays in the 400-page hardcover show Pennington’s international influence, as some are written in English and others in German, Italian, French and Spanish.

“What a great honor this is for Ken, and thus for the law school as we shine brighter by the light that Ken reflects upon us,” said his colleague Professor William Kaplin.

Professor Pennington teaches in three schools within The Catholic University of America: the Columbus School of Law, the School of Canon Law and the School of Theology and Religious Studies.

“We shine brighter by the light that Ken reflects upon us,” wrote Professor William Kaplin about his colleague Ken Pennington, shown at left accepting his award in Italy.
The Word is Consummate

H e has served 13 CUA law school deans, more than half of all those who ever held the job. He has also served under two directors of the Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library. Now, after 34 years as associate law librarian and head of public services for the library, Pat Petit is finally done.

At an Oct. 3 retirement luncheon in his honor at the law school, speaker after speaker rose to praise one of Catholic University’s longest-serving employees. Each focused on a different aspect of Petit’s character — his humor, professionalism and collegiality.

“When I think of Pat, the word that always comes to mind is consummate,” said library director Steve Margeton, who has worked side-by-side with Petit for 18 years. “He is the consummate professional, consummate colleague, consummate Christmas-party Santa, consummate baseball scholar and consummate in everything he does.”

The retiring librarian’s many friends fondly and teasingly recalled his unique personality, his breathtaking collection of baseball memorabilia, his encyclopedic knowledge of old-time radio programs and his unforgettable Santa Pat, the staple of decades of law school Christmas parties.

“Thank you for all of your help to us over these many years,” said professor and former dean Ralph Rohner, speaking on behalf of the faculty.

When his turn came to speak, Petit reflected on “how our lives have intertwined” over the years of his CUA career, beginning in 1972. Addressing a question many have speculated about, he announced that his singular collection of baseball mementos will be donated to the 2007 SPIL auction, where many of the items are certain to spark bidding wars.

Pat Petit will continue at CUA law as an adjunct instructor, but his retirement from full-time librarian marks the end of an era. Realizing that, he saved a few of his most precious knick-knacks as goodbye gifts to his closest friends. One item, given to Steve Margeton, was a ‘retirement clock.’ Originally a gift to Petit himself, it sat on his desk for many years, steadily ticking down the years, days, months and hours to the end of his full-time career.

Now, said Petit, the clock shows 00:00:00.

Pat’s distribution of his unique office collection began with the presentation of an Abbott and Costello “Who’s On First?” figurine to long-time colleague Phil Venable (right).
In Good Company

You can trace the history of the buildings that have housed it. You can name its institutes and special programs and recite the school’s motto in its original Latin. But even if you carry around a head full of facts about the Columbus School of Law, this one will likely still come as a surprise:

“…From 1882 to 1940, only twelve law schools placed graduates at the Supreme Court as law clerks: Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Georgetown, U. of Penn, Catholic University…”

This fascinating tidbit comes from a new history, “Courtiers of the Marble Palace: The Rise and Influence of the Supreme Court Law Clerk” (Stanford University Press, 2006). In the book, author Todd Peppers peels back the layers of mystery that surround the real role that law clerks have played in the functioning of the nation’s highest court. He spent a couple of years poring over the court’s employment records and in the end was able to assemble a very interesting picture.

• The first law clerk was hired by a Supreme Court justice 124 years ago, in 1882. Today, approximately 1,870 people have served as clerks, representing 81 different law schools.
• Harvard Law School is by far the biggest supplier of law clerks to the high court. Nearly one-third (29 percent) of all law clerks have come from there.
• Eighty-five percent of all Supreme Court law clerks have been male. The first female law clerk, Lucile Lomen, was hired by Justice William O. Douglas in 1944.

Considering the long record of the Supreme Court law clerks, it is remarkable that for a 58-year stretch, or nearly one half of the whole history of the program, Catholic University was among a very small and select group of law schools to provide the legal talent to assist the nine justices of the court. The court’s own record of its law clerk history is incomplete and does not provide documentation all the way back to the 1880s.

Twentieth century records are available, however, and list the following CUA alumni as former Supreme Court law clerks:

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With a writer’s flair for the unusual, Peppers also sketches what the Supreme Court’s law clerking program has produced over the years:


While Catholic University law graduates join this impressive list of achievers, so too do a few members of the faculty—four, to be precise. They are Peter “Bo” Rutledge (Justice Thomas), Heather Elliott (Justice Ginsburg), Scholar-in-Residence Elizabeth Porter (Justice Ginsburg) and spring 2007 Visiting Professor Stephen F. Smith (Justice Thomas).
The CUA Law Firm Challenge is a program designed to engage alumni with the law school and to encourage giving to the Law School Annual Fund and other programs. Any law firm with more than five alumni nationwide is invited to participate in the challenge. Volunteer chairs at each firm are asked to encourage their colleagues to make a gift to the law school between May 1 and April 30 of each year. All gifts to the law school count toward the firm’s total percentage of participation. Each year, the firm with the highest percentage of alumni participation will be recognized in *CUA Lawyer* and on a plaque displayed in the law school building.

We extend our thanks to the firms listed below who participated in the first annual CUA Law Firm Challenge. A special thanks to all the firm chairs who solicited support from their colleagues.

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**FIRM CHALLENGE CHAIRS**

- David A. Donohoe Sr., 1962, and Charlie W. Johnson, 1994
- Robert E. Mannion, 1969
- Siobhan C. Rausch, 1997
- Christopher H. Collins, 1978
- John F. Ring, 1989

For more information about this program or how to get your firm involved, please contact Sara Goldberg, annual fund coordinator, at 202-319-4637.
In the next few pages you will meet some remarkable members of the CUA law community — men and women of all ages, from highly diverse backgrounds and different stations in life, who have made a common personal choice: to give of themselves to better the lives of their fellow human beings.
Eighty-five years is a long time to wait for justice, and the end is not yet in sight. But that hasn’t stopped Associate Professor Suzette Malveaux, one of the law school’s newest faculty members, from devoting countless hours to what may yet turn out to be an unwinnable case.

The Tulsa, Okla., race riots of 1921 have largely been forgotten by Americans now. The scenario was depressingly familiar at that time in our nation’s history. A young black man was accused of inappropriate or disrespectful conduct toward a white woman. He was hauled off to jail. Word spread quickly, an angry white mob formed, and very soon open violence flared up, engulfing the entire thriving community of African-Americans in Tulsa. Their entire section of the city was burned to the ground, killing at least 300 people and leaving thousands homeless.

Nobody was ever convicted of arson or murder, nor were reparations provided to the survivors. The entire horrific incident was buried in the historical record. Eight decades passed before the state of Oklahoma finally launched a multi-year review of the race riots in 2001. The resulting report found clear complicity on the parts of both the city and state, which were accused of “deputizing” citizens and arming the mobs with guns. Yet, its damning conclusions bumped up against a wall of indifference.

That’s when survivors finally sued. Professor Malveaux, then in private practice, knew immediately she wanted to offer her services pro bono. “The legal system is not really operating on a level playing field. So when we can help equalize things, we should. I felt personally obligated to do that,” she says. A legal dream team was assembled that included the late Johnny Cochran. But the lawyers’ collective talents have so far been stymied. Three different courts have ruled that the statute of limitations prevents counsel from recovering compensatory damages for victims of the Tulsa race riots. The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear the case, and its run in American courts appears to be over. Cases litigated pro bono do not always have a happy ending. That is an especially painful message for Malveaux to impart to plaintiff Otis Clark, who was but a teenager when he witnessed his world reduced to cinders.

“It breaks my heart to meet with my client, who is now 104 years old, who still has a lot of faith in our system and expects that there is going to be some kind of relief provided for him when there’s a wrong that’s been done,” says Malveaux. “Still, I don’t regret any time spent working on this case. I feel enriched.”

Of all of the venerable Latin phrases that lawyers bandy about in courtrooms and in briefs—nolo contendere, delictum, habeas corpus and many others—there is none that resonates so well in heart as pro bono publico: for the public good. Professor Malveaux’s work is a perfect example.

It is a simple concept as old as the legal profession itself. Lawyers have always been encouraged, even expected, to share for free with the indigent and less fortunate their monopoly on the right to provide legal services. Pro bono services can be proffered to advance the social good, or lawyers can donate their time and expertise simply because a client cannot afford his day in court. Whatever the reason, the need for pro bono representation, and the need for lawyers to work in general on behalf of a better society, has never been greater than now. And on both counts, the students, faculty and alumni of the Columbus School of Law have stepped up to the plate, over and over again.

Otis Clarke, a 104-year-old survivor of the 1921 Tulsa riots, holds a copy of a brief being filed outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington on behalf of the remaining riot survivors.
The Meaning of Pro Bono

The pro bono activities of the law school community run on parallel tracks. In some cases they meet the strict definition of the term by offering the free provision of legal services on behalf of others. As practitioners and members of the bar, faculty and alumni are in the best position to extend this kind of help. But the Columbus School of Law also pursues a broader, more sweeping vision of pro bono outreach and effort. It seeks to instill in students a sense of responsibility and obligation to provide pro bono service through community volunteerism and involvement. Some students find avenues to do this through the various branches of the law school's legal clinic, Columbus Community Legal Services. Others extend a helping hand through student organizations or simply find a way to contribute on their own.

Whether one defines pro bono with a micro or macro understanding of the term makes little difference to people whose burdens have been lightened by the kindness and caring of a CUA lawyer. The emphasis on service to others is incubated in the classroom, where faculty often set the example.

House Calls

Mail carriers, plumbers and electricians still come to your home to ply their trade, but lawyers? Well, Fred Woods is one lawyer who does. An instructor in the Columbus School of Law’s lawyering skills program, Woods devotes a great deal of his time outside of the classroom to pro bono causes. He is a hearing committee member for the D.C. Court of Appeals Board on Professional Responsibility, and he also helps mediate attorney-client fee disputes for the D.C. Bar, where he has helped settle fee amounts up to $65,000. But the free sharing of his legal expertise that gives him the most satisfaction, says Woods, is the stride-up-the-sidewalk, knock-on-the-front-door style of work he does regularly, free of charge for the elderly residents of Washington, D.C.

“I am a house-call lawyer. I actually go to them,” says Woods. “I don’t ask them to come out on the train or by car. I meet them at the dining room table.”

Most of the legal work involves wills, property transfers and other issues that grip people later in life. It is often highly personal and involves sharing confidences that people aren’t comfortable disclosing to a lawyer picked at random from the Yellow Pages. In fact, most of these cases are referred to Woods from either Catholic Charities or the D.C. Bar. Woods treats every client as if they were paying top dollar for his time. “I always treat people like it’s an emergency. Normally problems related to legal action are very emotional, and so it’s very important, I think, to put people at ease.” There are few lawyers anymore who proffer their services with Fred Woods’ emphasis on the personal touch. His work and his unique style have been recognized by colleagues: Woods was the recipient of the 2001 John Carroll Society Pro Bono Legal Service Award.

One case that sticks in his memory illustrates a reality that pro bono lawyers often encounter: Just because you take on a case for free, it doesn’t necessarily mean your client deserves to win. A few years back, Woods accepted representation of a homeless man who claimed that hospital doctors deliberately broke his arm while he was in their care, simply because they didn’t respect him. Intrigued, Woods quickly delved into the facts of the case. He soon established that the plaintiff was in fact in a psychotic state when admitted to the hospital and that his arm was accidentally broken while he twisted away from being restrained on a gurney. However, it didn’t matter to Fred Woods that his client’s story didn’t hold water. The real point was that he needed a pro bono lawyer and someone responded.

“It’s about dignity. I loved that case and letting him know that he mattered in this society, and that he still should be

Professor Fred Woods has fought for the rights of the homeless.
treated like everyone should be treated if they were seeking medical attention,” says Woods.

**The Timing of Rights**

Timothy Hairston was just 18 years old when he was arrested and charged with first-degree murder of a neighborhood rival on the streets of Washington, D.C., during the summer of 1997. Chained to the floor, he waited by himself in an interrogation room for 90 minutes. When the case detective finally arrived, he commanded Hairston to “listen, not speak” while he outlined the details of the incident and the evidence against the young man. After approximately another hour and a half, the detective formally read the suspect his Miranda right to remain silent and to have an attorney present during questioning. Hairston was eventually convicted of the crime in D.C. Superior Court.

He appealed on the grounds that his constitutional rights had been violated by the detective’s delay in getting around to the Miranda warning. Professor Peter “Bo” Rutledge, then an attorney with Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (now WilmerHale) got involved in the case on a pro bono basis. Not only was such work encouraged by the firm’s partners, it also made excellent anecdotal material when Rutledge made his eventual transition from private practice to classroom. “Pro bono work teaches students practical aspects of how to run a case, write a brief and make an argument. It instills values in students and gives them good stories to share on the job interview market,” says Rutledge. Catholic University law students from several different class years helped Rutledge prepare briefs and oral arguments during the two-year appeals process of the Hairston case. In August of 2006, however, the D.C. Court of Appeals upheld the lower court’s conviction of Hairston, ruling that he had not given the equivalent of a confession prior to his Miranda advisement.

In another case from Missouri, Fitzpatrick v. State, Rutledge enlisted the CUA Criminal Law Society, as well as a dozen other students, to work on a pro bono criminal appeal that has recently had a certiorari petition filed with the Supreme Court. A big believer in practice in realistic settings, Rutledge has also organized moot courts for lawyers arguing before the Supreme Court. Again, CUA students pitched in to help, and in all three cases the attorneys went on to win their cases before the nation’s highest court, thanks in part to the preparation provided by the moot setting.

Examples of important pro bono work by the law school’s faculty could fill a small book. Directly and indirectly, CUA professors contribute to a better society by the extension of their own talents and dedication. It may be hands-on casework, or, equally important, it may be equipping others with the skills and passion for effective pro bono work in the future.

The entire clinical faculty of Columbus Community Legal Services, which includes Margaret Barry, Faith Mullen, Catherine Klein, Ellen Scully, Mike McGonnigal, Alvita Eason and Stacy Brustin, spend their professional lives training students in the art of helping others. For more than 35 years, CCLS has been like a pebble tossed into a pond, the effects of its good works gently rippling outward in an ever-growing circle, touching countless lives and making a profound difference. Ranked 11th among the nation’s law school clinics, CCLS offers students hands-on lawyering skills by assigning them real cases, worked under the supervision of a professor. Five of its eight programs emphasize case planning and strategy, trial or administrative advocacy, and work with clients in real situations. The clinic has allowed Catholic University law students to litigate thousands of pro bono cases over the years, uncompensated except for class credit.

Professor Lisa Lerman donates time to serve on an advisory committee for a national network of disability rights lawyers who require guidance on ethical issues. In 2005, she filed a pro bono amicus brief in a case that involved the protection of clients from dishonest billing practices by lawyers.

Professor Karla Simon co-directs the Center for International Social Development, which is focused on relieving poverty and other problems in countries around the world. The center offers its students certification, and many of them end up working for relief and development agencies and NGOs.

Professor Sarah Duggin has spent part of each summer for many years working with two small cooperatives in Honduras, concentrating on education and health issues. She has also served as a volunteer for the Until There’s a Cure Foundation in a program with the Washington Nationals baseball team.

The list goes on and on. One of the most gratifying aspects of the law school faculty’s extensive pro bono work is its multiplier effect. Students notice what their professors are doing and respond with creative and life-changing pro bono endeavors of their own.
Sean Mahoney (3D)

As students from law schools in hurricane-stricken New Orleans temporarily relocated to continue their studies, Sean Mahoney did exactly the reverse. Moved by the plight of its desperate citizens, Mahoney left CUA law to spend an entire semester at Tulane Law School. “Whether by getting involved in aid programs, helping a neighbor pound some nails, or even just spending money at local stores, I wanted to be a part of the process of healing and rebirth,” says Mahoney. He credits CUA law school’s administration and the student body’s passion for helping those in need with providing him the opportunity to volunteer. During his several months in New Orleans, Mahoney got involved in both the Student Hurricane Network, a group of law school students and legal practitioners from across the country who worked to bring legal aid to residents of the Gulf Coast, and Tulane Law School’s criminal law clinic. The clinic assisted public defenders in representing thousands of criminal defendants in prison who had basically been abandoned by their lawyers in the aftermath of the monster storm. A year later, the experience is seared into his memory. Mahoney says nothing short of an actual trip to the Big Easy can make Americans understand what happened there and how bad things still are. He can still smell the stink of the ubiquitous mold, yet he wouldn’t have traded the chance to make a difference for anything. “What made me feel good was seeing the transformation in students who were coming to New Orleans to help. They saw that they can really make a difference in the lives of those who had lost so much.”

“The volunteer work on behalf of a better society continues stronger than ever today. Many of the approximately two dozen student organizations within the law school require public service as a component of membership. During 2004-2005, students continued their pro bono efforts on a variety of fronts, including clothing and food drives, hosting a Halloween party for a local infant and maternity home, and collecting personal items such as toiletries, candy, socks, batteries, calling cards and games to send to U.S. soldiers in Iraq. Other items such as games, stuffed animals, pencils, paper and notebooks also went to the troops for their distribution in turn to Iraqi children. Sometimes, the needs are so great that CUA students are moved to help regardless of whether the task at hand has any group or institutional backing.”

Associated Press

Above right: Sean Mahoney
Above: The view from the front door of this FEMA trailer looks out at the debris in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
through involvement in pro bono work,” says Mahoney.

Kristin McGough (2D)

One of her clients was a 4-year-old girl, recovering alone in a hospital from severe abuse by her foster parents. By that tender age, the child and her 5-year-old brother had already lived in a homeless shelter and three foster homes. For Kristin McGough, spending the summer of 2005 working on child abuse and neglect cases for the American Bar Association’s Center on Children and the Law was a reminder of the awesome importance of pro bono work. “Someone asked me how I was spending my summer,” recalls McGough. “When I told my little girl’s story, I was asked what it was that made me want to get into this line of work. I surprised myself with the answer: ‘If I don’t, I’m not sure anyone else will.’” McGough has an admirable history of devotion to pro bono causes stretching back to her undergraduate days at William and Mary, where she was recognized with the President’s Award for Service to the Community. She has volunteered at a juvenile detention center, worked with poor families in a remote area of the Dominican Republic and served as an investigator with the District of Columbia’s Public Defender’s Service. McGough is currently putting in time twice a week with the ACLU’s National Prison Project, which has convinced her more than ever that no one is born to a life of crime. “I don’t believe we deserve the situations we’re born into,” she muses. “When we find ourselves blessed with qualities like intelligence and determination—and upper-middle class parents to help with the rent—we are obliged to aid those who haven’t had it so easy.” McGough says she is encouraged that pro bono work, traditionally one of the legal profession's most underrated endeavors, is beginning to become trendy.

Women’s Law Caucus

They’re not just for kerchief-tying or identifying animal tracks anymore. Today’s Girl Scouts can earn merit badges by learning about the laws of negligence in a real trial setting, thanks to the efforts of the law school’s Women’s Law Caucus. Each spring, the group hosts about 50 Girl Scouts from the D.C. area who spend part of a Saturday at the law school. They are welcomed by the dean, shown the library and the courtrooms, and are then broken into teams to handle a mock trial. (The most recent one involved a negligence case against the owner of the Titanic.) It’s a thrill for the youngsters and a pleasure for members of the caucus, says President Amanda West (2D). “Catholic seems to attract students who value community service and pro bono work. It’s a great law school for students who want experience in pro bono work because of the school’s emphasis on giving back to the community.”

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Mary Card, 1996

“Every lawyer regardless of their field can find a way to donate their talents, from corporate law to copyright law, military lawyers and everyone in every area. It is about making a personal choice,” says Card. She would know. Now a JAG officer in the U.S. Army and currently stationed in Iraq, Card is responsible for the delivery of legal services to 4,000 soldiers. Her entire life is filled with examples of dedication and service to others. She was Student Bar Association president and active within the Families and the Law clinic. She was involved in distributing food to the hungry, worked on outreach programs to reduce incidences of violence in teen dating, and spent a great deal of time as a volunteer tutor and mentor to immigrant and low-income children enrolled in nearby Brookland Elementary School. Not only did CUA students expand the children’s horizons by taking them to the zoo, or on tours of the Pentagon, White House and FBI, they also tracked their progress individually, grading them much like a teacher would. “I still remember their bright shining faces and their incredible eagerness to learn,” recalls Card 10 years later. “The immigrant kids went from shyly speaking English to chatting up a storm in no time.”

Joseph Gorrell, 1968

The 2005 winner of the Virginia State Bar’s Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award, Gorrell had 42 years of service with various federal agencies under his belt by the time he offered to volunteer for Rappahannock Legal Services Inc. A novice at legal aid work, he was quickly dubbed “Joe Monday” for his chosen day of service. The county agency became dependent on his presence. “Remarkably, he was willing to take almost any kind of case and learned to do it well, whether it involved family, housing, public benefits, consumer or elder law,” wrote William L. Botts III, executive director of Rappahannock Legal Services. Gorrell also established himself as a guardian ad litem for indigent children and adults, and he now represents petitioners who are trying to become guardians and conservators. Gorrell also contributes his time to Lawyers Helping Lawyers, an organization that helps people with substance abuse and mental health problems. He is part of a Fredericksburg, Va., group that works with the local juvenile and domestic relations court’s drug court program, and he mentors juveniles with substance abuse problems.

The holder of an LL.M. in military law, Mary Card keeps a quote from Mother Teresa posted above her desk: “The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.”
Kristina Pervi Ayers is fortunate, and she knows it. Her natural inclination toward pro bono service is strongly supported by her employer, Jones Day, where she recently transferred from the Washington, D.C., office to its counterpart in Los Angeles. The firm’s commitment to giving back to its community is not an empty promise: The hours spent on pro bono work count toward overall billable hours. In Ayers’ case, it allowed her to literally save someone’s life. She was deeply involved in the ultimately successful pro bono representation of “client K,” an Angolan citizen who sought political asylum in the United States. “K” was accused by his government of affiliation with a banned political movement. He denied any membership, and it fell to Ayers and her Jones Day associates to convince the U.S. government that their client was telling the truth and that forced repatriation to his native country amounted to digging his grave. “If our client had been denied asylum, he would have been sent home to the very government that was persecuting him. This would have resulted in prolonged torture and death. We were fighting for his life,” Ayers remembers.

Franklin Kang is teaching his sons the value of volunteerism.
A NOBLE OBLIGATION

A Six-Figure Victory

A five-member team of Catholic University law students won a $100,000 judgment on behalf of its client in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in September 2006. In an opinion released on Sept. 6, Judge Lawrence M. Baskir awarded the amount to plaintiff Charles Bice as government compensation for the death of his wife a decade ago.

Bice was successfully represented pro bono by students Kelly Loud (2006), Kelly Belli (3D), Sarah Lacey (2D), Peggy McWhorter (3E) and Jonathan Coy (4E), who worked under the direction of Professor Mike McGonnigal through Columbus Community Legal Services.

The summary facts are these: In October of 1996, Martha Bice, a volunteer firefighter in Altoona, Ala., responded to a call. After prolonged exposure to smoke, she suffered a heart attack, was hospitalized and died about a month later. While in the hospital, however, doctors discovered that she had a pre-existing heart condition. This fact set up a 10-year court battle that centered around a basic question: Did firefighter Bice die of undiagnosed severe coronary artery disease, or did smoke inhalation kill her during the course of her duties, in which case the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (a division of the Justice Department) owed her husband survivor benefits?

After six years of rejected claims, widower Charles Bice filed an administrative complaint challenging the BJA’s determination that his wife died of natural causes and that he was owed no compensation. In the case’s first appearance before Judge Baskir in 2004, he ruled that the government had made several key errors in the application of its regulations. The matter was remanded back to BJA for reconsideration of Mr. Bice’s claims.

Nothing changed, however. Essentially ignoring the remand order, the BJA again denied survivor’s benefits to the husband of the stricken firefighter. By this time, the plaintiff’s original attorney had passed away. Columbus Community Legal Services, the law school’s legal clinic, then stepped in to provide Bice with pro bono student assistance.

Kelly Loud and Kelly Allison Belli dug into eight years worth of court records, resulting in a 45-page brief that accused the BJA of ignoring statutes and regulations and dismissing pertinent prima facie evidence. As their internships within the law clinic ended, the women passed the baton to fellow students Lacey, McWhorter and Coy. The students offered this account of what happened next.

“The day finally came and we all met at the Court of Federal Claims in the District of Columbia. The judge came in and started the hearing asking our side to present our argument first. We were very nervous, but once we shook the initial jitters we proceeded with our argument. The foundation of our argument was based on the brief from Ms. Loud and Ms. Belli; we focused heavily on demonstrating the BJA was acting in an arbitrary and capricious manner and how it basically ignored the court’s earlier opinion. Judge Baskir was very nice. He asked a lot of questions, and we were able to present our entire argument. The DOJ attorney presented his case after our argument and Judge Baskir again asked a lot of questions. The gist of his questioning was inquiring why the BJA was applying tougher standards for approving the claim than the law called for. From the beginning of the argument the DOJ attorney was on the defense since Judge Baskir’s questions were illuminating the weaker points of his case. The hearing started at 10 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m. The experience for everyone involved was quite gratifying, especially due to the nature of the case. Once the hearing ended we felt confident that the judge would issue an opinion favorable to our side.”

And so Judge Baskir did. The student team’s stellar legal work resulted in a different outcome the second time around. The more closely they reviewed the facts, the more convinced they became that the government’s foot-dragging would be overturned once and for all, said Jonathan Coy. “The government has been incredibly unfair to this family. This has dragged on for years,” he said.
In the fall of 2005, Dean Veryl Miles appointed a task force to consider a student-initiated proposal to create the first-ever pro bono service program at the Columbus School of Law. Its mission was to design a program to complement the current opportunities at CUA and to enrich the learning environment of the law school. “This program will help to instill in our students the values of a lifetime commitment to community service and pro bono representation,” said Miles.

Bill Edwards (3D) undertook the task of writing the proposal for the Legal Services Society (based in part on the work of a recent alumnus), lobbying for it and seeing it to fruition. It was a natural outgrowth of his public service ethos, absorbed through many years of Jesuit education. “Outside of participation, the true sign of the success of this program will be an alumnus, a law student and a professor standing for a picture with someone they collectively helped,” he says.

Edward’s drive to establish the new organization, which made its official debut in the fall of 2006, was also in response to external factors. Across legal higher education in general, there is increasing sensitivity to the unmet needs for pro bono services. One recent study, for example, determined that for every client that receives representation from a Legal Services Corporation grant program, someone else is turned away due to lack of resources, leaving half of those seeking assistance without representation. Organizations such as the ABA, the Association of American Law Schools, Equal Justice Works and many others have strongly urged all of the nation’s legal academies to institutionalize pro bono programs if they haven’t already done so. The Columbus School of Law’s new program is on track with what many other law schools are doing, including most in the Washington, D.C., area.

Carefully designed not to encroach into areas of service already well covered by the legal clinic and student organizations, the new Legal Services Society hopes to engage a far greater number of CUA students into doing pro bono work that meets the accepted definition: legal work performed for neither money nor

Hilary Abell Bednarz, Pro Bono Coordinator for the Columbus School of Law

Hilary Abell Bednarz, 2004, jumped at the chance to return to the law school as the pro bono coordinator for the law school. She was more than familiar with the concept: She wrote the first blueprint for it while still a student and member of the Law and Public Policy Institute. “Now that the pro bono program has been adopted, the Columbus School of Law will be better able to fulfill its mission as a Catholic institution with unique responsibilities of service. I am thrilled to be joining the community in such an important venture and look forward to the challenging and rewarding work that lies ahead,” says Bednarz.

Bednarz received her bachelor’s degree from Colgate University in 1998, and after working at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government and the Smithsonian Institution, graduated cum laude from CUA law. An exemplar of the ethos she hopes to help instill in others, Bednarz has always found the time to serve with a variety of public service groups in the Washington, D.C., area. She has received the Extra Mile Award for outstanding service to the law school community, as well as the First Lap Community Service Award. Most recently, Bednarz served as a staff attorney for House of Ruth Maryland, where she represented victims of domestic violence in court proceedings. Prior to that, she was of counsel to Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, where she focused her work in the public policy practice area.
class credit. “At this stage, your first contact with pro bono service to others should be for moral reasons,” says Edwards. The society will strive to link students with alumni and other outside practitioners who are working on pro bono cases and need the extra help. The society’s mission is serious enough that the law school took the rare step of creating and funding a new part-time position to nurture and oversee its success.

The Legal Services Society is now up and running, guided by second-year members of the executive board, including Kristin McGough, Niki Moghbeli, Megan Roach and Susan Toth. Membership is open to any CUA law student, alumnus or faculty member. Students must pledge to complete a minimum of 30 hours of service, which can be performed at any time during their law school career. The program will also offer a certificate-track option which requires the completion of 75 hours of pro bono service over the course of the student’s law school career.

“My goal is to reach a point where nearly everybody in the law school is doing pro bono work,” says LSS program adviser Professor J.P. “Sandy” Ogilvy. “We need to stress that the obligation falls on each one of us that no matter how busy our lives are we must find the time to discharge our obligation to provide pro bono service to the poor.”

Certainly, Professor Ogilvy is doing his part as an educator. As the long-time former coordinator of clinical programs for the law school, he has put on a new hat this year as director of Law and Social Justice Initiatives. Among his chief duties in his new role will be the organization of an ambitious conference set for the fall of 2007 that will help establish the Columbus School of Law as a national resource on the subject of pro bono activities. “Law Schools and their Role in the Provision of Pro bono Legal Services” will invite judges, practitioners and law school faculty members from across the nation to explore how law schools can participate more fully in making access to justice a reality. Speakers and panels will discuss the role law schools have to play in teaching students about their professional obligation to provide pro bono legal services to the poor.

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How an attorney translates faith into action and compassion into concrete deeds is up to each and every individual. But there is no question that it is a path worth traveling. On Oct. 18 of this year, the new Legal Services Society was launched with an inaugural address delivered by Rawle Andrews, recognized by the D.C. Bar among all of its 83,000 members as the 2006 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year.

He reminded his audience that most of them had cited a desire to help others as a fundamental reason for even applying to law school. “Was that an empty promise? Or, could it be you just needed a sturdy vessel to donate your time and special skills? CUA’s Legal Service Society is the answer: a modern day Ark of service,” Andrews said.

He left the audience with a final thought, “When all things are said and done, let more things be done than said.”
Nearly four years old now, the ongoing conflict in Iraq has touched countless lives in America as well. The Columbus School of Law is no exception. Alumni and even some current students have answered the call to serve. No newspaper or television news program can fully convey the wartime experience. It has to be tasted firsthand for real understanding. Following are two recent accounts of what wartime Iraq is like, seen through both a soldier and a civilian’s eyes. The first is from Patrick Campbell, (2D) who took an entire year off from law school to serve as a combat medic with the Louisiana Army National Guard. Campbell’s narrative is condensed from a long letter he sent home shortly after his arrival. The second is from Dan Keister, 2004, who is in Iraq as a civilian contractor. Keister omitted some details of his employment for security reasons.

From suffering and destruction to praying and friendship, Patrick Campbell saw and documented the full range of human experience during his time in Iraq.
Tomorrow, we are having a ceremony for our first fallen soldier in our battalion. It is a sad day, and I have no idea what tomorrow is going to be like. Unfortunately, I doubt this will be our last ceremony of this type. I do not know his name, but I still feel like I have lost a friend. … If you are the praying type, please say a prayer for him and his family.

My first medical patient was a couple of days ago. We were at the tail end of a long patrol, when we were hit by an improvised explosive device (IED). It struck the Humvee in front of me, which quickly started bellowing with smoke. The soldiers quickly dismounted, and I squinted to see if any of them looked like they had been hit. One soldier stumbled out, and I was sure he had been hit by shrapnel. As they got to a safe distance, I noticed that same soldier make the sign of “Father, Son and Holy Spirit” and I knew he was OK.

Moments later, I got “the call.” There was an injured soldier on the other side of the burning Humvee. The lieutenant looked at me, and in his eyes I could see him remembering his promise to the families of all his soldiers. He ordered the driver to speed past the smoldering Humvee that was chock full of live ammunition.

Once we cleared the Humvee I grabbed my aide bag (about 50 lbs. of medical supplies) and ran down a ditch to the soldier. Thankfully, there were no shrapnel wounds, just a possible fracture of the arm from the concussion of the IED. Oddly enough, earlier in the day I had been reviewing in my head how I would treat this exact injury.

I was so focused treating his injuries that I missed two very memorable sights. The first was a Blackhawk helicopter that happened to see the IED explode. It landed in the middle of the street and its crew chief came running up the road with his pistol asking if we needed anything. The second was when all the rounds in the back of the Humvee cooked off, setting off the grenades, which in turn blew up the gas tank. The explosion sent the Humvee flying into the air.

When we finally got back to base, all of us counted our blessings because God had definitely looked after those soldiers. After an x-ray, my patient only had a soft tissue wound and no fracture. He returned to duty in about a week and earned his Purple Heart. Experiences like that make one take stock of their life. I have been doing a lot of reflecting lately; I live a very blessed life. We are all truly blessed!

My last story is a little different from the rest. We were patrolling one night when we noticed some peculiar/suspicious activity. We decided to investigate and came upon a house. We ordered everyone out of the house while we searched it. After being nice but firm with the family, coupled with giving them a little care package after we knew they were safe, we went from house raiders to guests.

They insisted that we come in and share tea with them. It was so odd sitting cross legged in their living room in my body armor and helmet, with my M-16 laying across my lap, sipping a small cup of chai and watching an Arabic version of MTV. We happened to have a woman with us on this particular patrol (the only time ever), and all the women gathered in the back room while the men sat in the living room. She gave a little one a glow stick (a chemical light), and soon we had every little kid in the neighborhood coming to meet us. The parents woke them up for their chance to meet a U.S. soldier.

We left that house knowing that not everyone was our enemy and that there is hope for this country. The hope is in the hospitality of that family and the hearts and minds of those little kids.
Outside the window, city blocks blur into one continuous dirt-brown smear. Noon time traffic is thick, and my vehicle is forced to slow to a crawl. For a short minute, our stationary convoy becomes a sitting duck for any nearby car bomb. Ahead, our lead vehicle creeps forward, large caliber machine guns bristling from every window. Suddenly, we lurch forward and again are racing along a narrow alleyway, the vehicle engine straining under the weight of thick armor plating and rapid acceleration. Our five-SUV convoy, separated by only inches, buzzes past throngs of cloaked and sweating masses. We finally reach our destination; radio chatter between base and convoy reports our arrival. Only now am I permitted to remove my Kevlar helmet and bulletproof vest. I immediately exit the vehicle, the smell of burning trash, body odor and dust intermingling in the 110-degree heat. Dust and exhaust smoke choke the air. My team is quickly escorted inside to avoid errant sniper fire. Without power, the building’s interior is dark, even near midday. Up broken stairwells and down dank, smoky corridors, we arrive in a large conference room filled with welcoming Iraqi government officials.

Our discussion centers on fundamental problems of any developing justice system: How can the police work alongside investigative judges to most expediently build a case for trial? Is it possible for the courts and correctional facilities to share a common schedule so the accused are transported to their trial on the correct day? How can we encourage basic communication between police stations? Answers to these questions will provide the basic principles necessary for the fledgling Iraqi government to develop rule of law principles and create a functioning, collaborative system of justice.

Needless to say, collaboration was not a preferred activity under Saddam’s regime and the culture of secrecy and rivalry between competing justice sector ministries. Human rights were nonexistent and government ministries tortured criminals with reckless abandon. Corruption was widespread, as its tacit acceptance flourished during the dictator’s rule. When coalition forces invaded three years ago, the Iraqi courts and police began operating on separate islands, with common criminals and terrorists alike moving through the justice system on an ad hoc basis, oftentimes disappearing completely. Problems were rife, even on the most basic level—a simple misspelling would result in multiple files for one criminal. With such records only existing in hardcopy form, bribery resulted in “lost” or destroyed files. And with no electronic database, prisoners were often released in one jurisdiction while wanted for crimes committed in another.

In early 2005, both the U.S. Departments of Justice and State undertook initiatives to remedy these problems by developing the rule of law with the Iraqi police and courts. And through these initiatives I find myself sitting in a hot, dusty conference room more than 5,000 miles from home. Ordinarily, my workdays are not dissimilar from any other lawyer — research this law, write that memo, attend a meeting or two — pretty standard fare. Yet in Baghdad, even simple tasks become hair-raising ordeals...
In Baghdad, even simple tasks become hair-raising ordeals fraught with stress and danger. Walking to and from dinner entails passing half a dozen “duck and cover” bunkers and three checkpoints — one’s ID and credentials quickly become most important possessions. Medevac helicopter traffic is perpetually overhead due to our proximity to Baghdad’s central hospital; jointly operated by the U.S. Army and Iraqi civilian doctors, this is the first real trauma center the majority of U.S. military forces see after sustaining combat wounds. Periodically, the low, deep thud of a car bomb will be heard, or depending on proximity, felt. At times the office walls are shaken by the blast wave of an especially large car bomb detonated nearby. The odd mortar round landing inside the international zone occurs less and less these days, though when it does happen, it provides a jolting reminder of the ongoing chaos and violence just outside the wire.

Aside from myself and another American attorney, our legal team comprise mostly Iraqi attorneys and translators. My Iraqi colleagues are a collection of the most genuine, intelligent, humorous and resilient people imaginable. While we live in the relative safety of the international zone, our local staff must travel to and from their homes amid horrific and indiscriminate violence. Transportation to and from work requires employing surveillance detection and countermeasures, forcing them to traverse multiple vehicle checkpoints manned by local militias, Iraqi police and coalition forces. The mere fact that they work with Americans is enough to mark their deaths. Yet each morning, they report to work with a handshake and smile, a daily testament to their professionalism and individual bravery.

With the exception of the constant threat of violence surrounding one’s daily activities, life here is not a completely foreign experience. With the proper security badge (or the right connections) a nearly endless supply of food and drink may be obtained; the same may be said for the multiple fitness facilities available. For this reason, those living in Baghdad return home, as the saying goes, a hunk, a chunk or a drunk. Yet for all the stress and difficulty of leaving loved ones behind, I cannot find regret in my decision. Although the stresses here make staying “focused on the squirrel” difficult, I am confident in our success. Participating in the legal infancy of a nation is a remarkable experience, though I am hardly the first to do so. More than 3,000 years ago, a previous resident of Baghdad helped develop the rule of law, just as I am today. His name was Hammurabi. Not a bad example to follow.

Daniel Keister, 2004, has earned a J.D. and an M.A. in world politics, focusing on post-Soviet Russia and Central Asia. He was a 2004 Presidential Management Fellow and currently works for a major defense contractor based outside Washington, D.C.
Legal writing instructor A.G. Harmon may be one of the Columbus School of Law’s best-kept secrets. During his 10 years in the classroom, he has patiently drilled his students on the fine points of the written presentation of case notes, briefs and other demanding styles that must be in an able attorney’s repertoire.

Harmon knows something about persuasion with the pen. A published author, his novel A House All Stilled was awarded The Peter Taylor Prize for the Novel in 2002, and was nominated for the Virginia Literary Prize and the Pen-Hemingway Award. He is also a noted essayist and Shakespearian scholar.

Not every master craftsman can relay his skills to others, but Harmon seems to have a knack for it. Not one, but three of his current or very recent students have already published their first law review articles, two before even receiving their J.D. This student-publishing trifecta is highly unusual. Most law students never get a shot at showcasing their work in established law reviews while still in school, and plenty of attorneys go their entire careers without listing that kind of distinction on their c.v.’s.

“This is an extremely important development. I suspect we are very unusual in our students getting their papers published in outside law reviews,” noted his colleague Professor Marshall Breger.

Professor Harmon walks his protégés through each step of the process. He asks students taking his Advanced Legal Research and Writing class (he also teaches Law and Literature and Jurisprudence) to pick a case that they’re particularly interested in, something topical or cutting edge, and write a scholarly analysis of the case’s history, theoretical importance and possible ramifications.

He guides them in the research, analysis and rhetorical execution of the work and then provides them with selected journals that might be interested in the work they have accomplished.

“The gamble often pays off,” says Harmon. “I’ve been doing this for many years, and there’s a tradition of student publication here that, to my knowledge, is unique in American law schools.”

At least seven other Columbus School of Law students have had their work accepted and published by outside law...
journals since 2000, including Joshua Waller, 2002, whose article “The Right of Publicity: Preventing the Exploitation of a Celebrity’s Identity or Promoting the Exploitation of the First Amendment?” was published in the UCLA Entertainment Law Review in 2001, while he will still under the tutelage of Professor Harmon. Although it is difficult to verify with hard statistics, the number of student authors being published in legal journals while enrolled at CUA law appears to be setting something of a precedent, one that the school intends to establish further year after year.

As impressive as it already is, the author’s circle among Catholic University law students will surely expand in the future, if Harmon has anything to say about it. “It provides the school a chance to showcase the talents of its students, and gives our students the opportunity to showcase not only their dedication and depth of knowledge, but their sincerity in working in their selected fields,” he says.

Carl Szabo (2E) is the author of “Attempting to Herd Spam and the Effects of White Buffalo Ventures, LLC v. University of Texas” The University of Texas Entertainment and Sports Law Journal (forthcoming). His work pitches the case for a nominal federal tax on e-mail as one way of controlling unwanted junk spam. Szabo, a former computer program and Web site designer for NASA prior to law school, says: “Professor Harmon showed us how to submit our papers to different journals. I went into his class planning to get published, and I presumed this was just what all law students did. It was not until one of my former professors e-mailed me with congratulations that I realized the significance of my accomplishment.”

Jonathan McPherson (4E) submitted “The Impact of the Hatch-Waxman Act’s Safe Harbor Provision on Biomedical Research Tools After Merck KGaA v. Integra Lifesciences I, Ltd” to Michigan State University Journal of Medicine and Law (October 2006). He has worked as a full-time salesman for Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals for seven years and hopes to practice in food and drug law upon graduation.

Troy McCurry (2006) penned “Leeway for Judicial Usurpation: Ignoring the Default of the Elections Clause in The Texas Redistricting Cases” for the Quinnipiac Law Review (forthcoming). In his article, McCurry takes the Supreme Court to task for failing to seize the opportunity to clarify its stance on congressional district gerrymandering. McCurry argues that its recent consideration of a redistricting plan in Texas needlessly added to the constitutional confusion surrounding the issue.
Remarkable Events Inspiring Tomorrow’s Leaders
at The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law

A Call to Create a Better World

October — The Columbus School of Law’s new Legal Service Society was officially christened on Oct. 18 with moving remarks about the importance of pro bono work delivered by Rawle Andrews, the D.C. Bar’s 2006 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year. His remarks were a call to action for the entire CUA law community. The law school’s new society will assist and encourage all students to devote time to legal volunteerism before they graduate. Andrews praised the creation of the Legal Service Society as an “ark,” a lifeboat of hope and help. “Imagine what we can all accomplish together for the city because of what you are doing with this new ark of service at the Columbus School of Law,” said Andrews. “You just have to keep your promise and stay with the ship. It really is that simple,” he said.

Projecting the Future of America’s Financial Might

September — U.S. global competitiveness is perceived as eroding by foreign investors, partly in response to major financial scandals in recent years, said Michael J. Ryan Jr., a 1991 alumnus and executive director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Commission on the Regulation of U.S. Capital Markets in the 21st Century. As head of a bipartisan independent commission charged with studying the appropriate legal and regulatory framework for modernizing the U.S. capital markets, Ryan was the perfect person to address “The Future of the American Capital Markets for the 21st Century” at the invitation of the Corporate and Securities Law Program. He was previously executive vice president and general counsel of the American Stock Exchange, as well as counsel to the chairman of the National Association of Securities Dealers.

Affirming Human Dignity

September — “As tomorrow’s leaders, I ask you to reaffirm the human dignity of every individual with the belief that by helping those around us, we build a better world,” said 1988 alumnus and U.S. Senator-elect candidate Bob Casey. Invited to deliver the 38th Pope John XXIII Lecture, Casey used the occasion to reinforce with his own message the law school’s emphasis this year on pro bono service. He spoke movingly of the lawyer’s responsibility and obligation to provide pro bono service to others over the course of their careers. Casey recalled his own year of service in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in the rough neighborhoods of North Philadelphia. “My short year as a Jesuit volunteer had a profound impact on my life, and the struggles of those I met in the inner city continue to inspire me,” he said.
Networking for the Future

November — No law student is an island and that was beautifully demonstrated by the First Annual Inter-School Externship Fair sponsored by the Columbus School of Law, the Howard University School of Law and George Washington University School of Law. Catholic University took the first turn at hosting the event this year, as more than 50 exciting exhibitors set up tables in the building’s atrium. Braving the damp and drizzle outside, hundreds of students from all three law schools attended the fair to circulate résumés, talk to recruiters and to learn more about the potential opportunities for their future careers. Many kinds of externship opportunities were represented, ranging from the Justice Department to National Public Radio to nonprofits such as Bread for the City.

Opening New Lines of Inquiry into Faith and Public Policy

September — What is the proper role of religion, faith and morality in the development of law and public policy in the United States? Nearly two dozen distinguished academics, clerics and other leaders attended a two-day symposium sponsored by The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law on Sept. 28–29 to discuss questions involving war and peace, human life, technology, family life, ecology, education, immigration, public welfare and other issues that draw many religious groups into the public square. “Roundtable on Religion in the Public Square: Religious Traditions Shaping Law and Public Policy” was the first in a planned series of Catholic University law school discussions about religious perspectives on law and public policy. Said keynote speaker Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), “Faith can’t be relegated to private morality. A crude culture makes a coarse people.”

Inviting Better Management of an Abundant Resource

October — Every country on Earth sits on a free goldmine: the airwaves. Since virtually all wireless devices operate on a specific frequency on the bandwidth, or “spectrum,” it only makes sense for regulators everywhere to approach spectrum allocation carefully and wisely, to allow lucrative communications technologies to flourish. That analysis from CUA alumna and former FCC commissioner Kathleen Abernathy marked the beginning of her expanded new role within the law school this year. As a Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence, Abernathy will act as faculty adviser to the Institute for Communications Law Studies, including its moot court team and law journal. One of the nation’s leading experts on the subject of spectrum allocation, Abernathy told students that the promise offered by creative new technologies makes it an especially fascinating time to study and practice communications law.
What's New with CUA Law Students


Jeremy Moss (3D) was the second-place winner of the 2006 Quarles & Brady Prize in Property and Probate Scholarship Student Writing. His essay was titled “A Win-Win Situation: Self-Evaluation by Homeowners’ Associations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions in Light of the First Amendment Rights of their Residents.” The student writing competition is sponsored by the real estate and estate planning practice groups of Quarles & Brady LLP, a firm of more than 70 lawyers practicing nationwide.

Representing CUA, Lauren Christopher (3E) and Ben Davis (4E) placed sixth overall in the southeastern regional of the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition on Oct. 21, 2006. The event was held at American University. Catholic University’s brief score of 79.5 also ranked it sixth in the region. Christopher placed first in oral advocacy. The competition was sponsored by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and honors the late Judge Thomas Tang, a champion of individual rights, an advocate for the advancement of minority attorneys and a judge on the United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Networking Tea

The Catholic University of America’s Women’s Law Caucus and its president, Amanda West (2D), planned and hosted the first annual Women in the Law: D.C. Networking Tea on Oct. 20. In a first-of-its-kind gathering, hundreds of women law students from all eight of the Washington, D.C.-area legal academies came to CUA to meet and greet, strike up new friendships, exchange cards and phone numbers, begin to build career-sustaining relationships, and share a cup or two of tea. Prominent alumnae from area law schools were also in attendance, as well as a number of female members of the judiciary. University of Maryland Law School Professor Paula Monopoli was the event’s keynote speaker. She is the founding director of Maryland’s Women, Leadership & Equality Program.

About 20 members of the Catholic University chapter of the Federalist Society met and chatted with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito on Nov. 2. The meeting was organized by Seana Cranston (3L), who is the chapter president for the Columbus School of Law. The meeting lasted close to a half-hour and was also attended by Professor William Wagner, the chapter’s faculty adviser. Calling the meeting with one of the high court’s newest members “wonderful,” Cranston described the meeting in the Supreme Court building as essentially an informal chat. Justice Alito addressed a wide range of questions, ranging from his preferred style of questioning during oral arguments to his favorite baseball team.

Pictured in the East Conference Room of the Supreme Court, Curtis Steuber (2L), the Federalist Society publicity chair, and Holly Brownley, the vice president of the Federalist Society.
Professors Sarah Duggin and Steven Goldman are co-authors of “Restoring Trust in Corporate Directors: The Disney Standard and the ‘New’ Good Faith.” The article will be published in the American University Law Review in December 2006. Duggin is also the author of “The Impact of the War Over the Attorney-Client Privilege on the Business of Health Care,” published in the Catholic University Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy.

Professor Clifford Fishman is the author of “Recordings, Transcripts and Translations as Evidence,” 81 Washington Law Review 473 (August 2006). The article discusses, among other things, the guest room in Fishman’s home and British-isms such as lift, grip, boot and brolly. It answers the crucial question: If I walk into a store and buy phosphate and a grinder, what will I do with them—and by the way, where am I? And it explains why making an omelet in Israel can sometimes be very painful or aggravating. Fishman also published the annual supplement to Jones on Evidence (7th ed.) with co-author CUA law alumna Anne Toomey McKenna, as well as the annual supplement to Wiretap and Eavesdropping (2nd ed.) also with co-author McKenna. A Student’s Guide to Hearsay (3rd ed.) is expected to be published soon, and “How to Translate a Recording, Testify about it, and Survive the Experience,” 61A Chronicle was published by the American Translators’ Society in August 2006.


Professor David Lipton’s volume Broker-Dealer Regulation, (twice-annual supplements, New York: West Group, 1988-2006) saw its ninth update during the summer of 2006. The book is probably the most widely used treatise on broker dealer regulation in the United States.


Professor Antonio F. Perez published “The Inter-American Juridical Committee and Private Law in the Americas” (Or a Roadmap for Making the Best the Enemy of the Good?) in El Comité Jurídico Interamericano: Un Siglo de Aportes al Derecho 299-336.

Professor Geoff Watson published comments regarding “Mara’abe v. Prime Minister of Israel,” (discussing a recent decision of the Israeli Supreme Court on the “security fence” in the West Bank) in 100 Am. J. Int’l L. (2006).


Community Service

Professor Sarah Duggin continues to work with two small cooperatives in rural Honduras. She and her family have spent a portion of each summer there for years. Duggin also recently served as a volunteer for the Until There’s a Cure Foundation, in a program with the Washington Nationals baseball team.

Professor Clifford Fishman offered a guest sermon, “Reflections on the High Holiday Liturgy,” to the Tikvat Israel Congregation in Rockville, Md., in September.

Professor Lisa Lerman is a member of the ethics consulting group of the National Disability Rights Network, an organization that provides pro bono ethics advice to disability lawyers around the United States.
Professional Activities

Professor Helen Alvaré (being interviewed below) was a featured panel speaker at a luncheon sponsored by The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life and the Federalist Society, held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 2, 2006. The event was an advance look at two cases argued the following week before the U.S. Supreme Court: Gonzalez v. Carhart and Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood. Both cases challenged the constitutionality of the federal Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act. Alvaré and other speakers shared their analysis of the merits of the cases and discussed how the Court’s two newest members might rule.

Distinguished Lecturer Hon. Sylvia Bacon and Clinical Instructor Faith Mullen were both named to the D.C. Legal Ethics Rules Committee.

Professor Lou Barracato spent time in the fall preparing seven teams for National Trial Competitions. CUA moot court teams began the season in San Antonio, Texas, with the Lone Star Classic, then competed at the St. John’s Civil Rights Trial Competition in Queens, N.Y., and the Michigan State National Trial Competition in East Lansing, Mich. In early November, CUA students argued in the Buffalo/Niagara Trial Competition in Buffalo, N.Y. The following week it was the Georgetown White Collar Trial Competition, followed by the William Daniels Trial Competition in Atlanta. The moot court team also participated in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, sponsored by the National Black Students Association.

Hon. Arthur L. Burnett Sr., an adjunct professor at the Columbus School of Law, was awarded the International Community Corrections Association’s Judicial Award on Oct. 10, 2006. At a ceremony held in Norfolk, Va., Judge Burnett was honored for his work as executive director of the National African-American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. The coalition represents more than 250,000 African-American professionals who are dedicated to exploring alternative methods to incarceration as a means of dealing with the problem of drug addiction. Judge Burnett also teaches at the Howard University School of Law and formerly served as senior judge to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Professor Heather Elliott volunteered to act as a “Supreme Court Justice” for the Georgetown University Law Center’s Supreme Court Institute. The event is designed as a dress rehearsal for lawyers who will argue a case before the Supreme Court, providing an opportunity to moot that case soon before the actual oral argument. She was also a panelist at the Law and Society Association’s Annual Meeting in Baltimore in early July. Professor Elliott attended the AALS mid-year meeting, “Teaching Intentionally,” in Vancouver, Canada, in June.

Professor Clifford Fishman spoke to the National Technical Investigators’ Association annual convention in Sacramento, Calif., in July on “Search, Seizure and Technology.” (Fishman: Friends, I have to tell you—some of the equipment those people have is downright amazing! I hope you smiled when you read the dot under that exclamation point; for 8 by 11 color glossies, e-mail me at the law school). In September, Professor Fishman offered “Lost (and Found) in Translation: Recordings and Translations as Evidence,” a talk to the law school’s Washington, D.C., alumni chapter. He also taught a one-week course, “Introduction to American Criminal Procedure,” through the American Law Program of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland. In his personal life, Professor Fishman and his wife, Betty, fulfilled a lifetime ambition and took an Alaska cruise. Highlights included leading Shabbat (Sabbath) services on board the ship, persuading a very nice secretary at the Alaska Supreme Court to print a copy of Davis v. Washington, a Supreme Court decision that came down during the cruise; and, most of all, seeing awesome scenery, plus whales, eagles, grizzly bears, caribou and meeting many fascinating people.

Vice Provost, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Professor George Garvey was Catholic University’s coordinator for a joint certificate program offered during the week of Sept. 18, 2006. The program, co-sponsored by Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice USA and hosted by the John Paul II Cultural Center, was established to provide grounding in Catholic social teaching for diocesan workers. Nineteen participants attended from across the country. They included clergy, lay men and women and diverse ministries. Professor Garvey taught two sessions.

Professor Stephen Goldman was a panel member along with three judges from the U.S. Court of Federal Claims at the court’s 19th Judicial Conference on the subject “Ethics and Trial Advocacy” on Oct. 25, 2006.

Professor William A. Kaplin taught a Web seminar on “The Risks of Risk Management” on Oct. 3, 2006. Sponsored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the lecture was streamed to 85 sites around the country.

Professor Lisa Lerman accepted the appointment as coordinator of clinical programs for the Columbus School of Law effective August 2006. She is also chair of the planning committee for the ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility, to be held in Chicago next June. Lerman is a member of the Equal Justice Works National Advisory Committee and a member of the board of directors for Law Students in Court.
Professor David Lipton has been appointed to the NASDAQ Regulation of the Markets Committee. At the same time, he continues to serve on the Market Regulation Committee of the National Association of Securities Dealers.

Research Ordinary Professor Michael Noone Jr. was appointed to the Board of Directors of the International Society of Military Law and the Law of War, headquartered in Brussels. He spoke in Zurich, Switzerland, in October on “The Military Lawyer’s Dilemma: Humanitarian Law or Human Rights Law,” at an International Security Forum program on Asymmetrical Warfare. In December, Noone traveled to Warsaw, Poland, at the invitation of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to participate in a discussion of their draft handbook on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Armed Forces Personnel.

Rev. Raymond O’Brien taught Decedents’ Estates at the Georgetown University Law Center during the spring of 2006 and taught Family Law at the Law Center during summer session. He attended two meetings at NIH as a member of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Division of AIDS, both concerning the distribution of funds to foster research in the treatment and suppression of HIV. He continues to write three new editions of family law books and celebrates weddings and baptisms of past and current students. Among his baptisms was the first child of Sean and Carol Connolly, both graduates of the law school. Their son was baptized Sean Anthony.

Professor Antonio E. Perez was offered and accepted life membership on the Council on Foreign Relations. The independent, nonpartisan think-tank and research organization has become a widely-known and deeply influential voice in U.S. foreign policy since its founding in 1921. Professor Perez’s nomination to the council was approved by the CFR’s board of directors in June of this year. Perez is also a member of the Inter-American Juridical Committee of the Organization of American States, to which he was elected in June 2004 after being nominated by the U.S. State Department. In August, he delivered a lecture to that group in Rio de Janeiro about “Mechanisms for Defense of Democracy in the Inter-American System.” Professor Perez was also selected by the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia as one of its “Rising Legal Stars” for 2006. He was formally honored at its annual Equal Justice Awards reception on Nov. 1. The D.C. area Hispanic Bar Association represents the interests of more than 500 attorneys, paralegals and law students in the greater metropolitan area. The event’s keynote speaker was D.C. mayor-elect Adrian Fenty.

Professor Lucia Silecchia was the prime organizer of “Roundtable on Religion in the Public Square: Religious Traditions Shaping Law and Public Policy,” a symposium held at the law school on Sept. 28–29 that discussed the role of religion, faith and morality in the development of law and public policy in the United States. Nearly two dozen distinguished academics, clerics and other leaders attended, including keynote speaker Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan). Silecchia also accepted an appointment to the executive board of Religiously Affiliated Law Schools during the summer of 2006. The new association includes representatives from Pepperdine University, Boston College and Fordham, among other schools. Among other goals, it hopes to organize and host future receptions for candidates interested in religiously affiliated schools and to launch a Web site as an information clearinghouse with links to other religiously grounded conversations and conferences. Professor Silecchia was also selected as coordinator for the feminism/life issues group of the Conference on Catholic Legal Thought.

Professor Karla Simon was on leave during the fall 2006 semester to teach in Beijing, China, in the Cooperation Program on Comparative Civil Society Law between CUA law school and Peking University Law School.

Distinguished Lecturer Ted Sky attended a lecture on Sept. 24, 2006, regarding state perspectives on the National Road. Authorized by Congress in 1806, it was the nation’s first federally funded interstate highway, stretching from Maryland to Illinois. Sky is currently researching the National Road’s role as the focal point of a historical debate over the scope of federal power to spend under the U.S. Constitution.

Professor George P. Smith was a visiting scholar at the Hastings Center Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences in Garrison, N.Y., in August 2006, where he presented a talk, “New Standards of Palliative Care.” On Dec. 1, Professor Smith presented a paper, “Biotechnology, Religion, Modern Science and Law: Shaping or Testing the New Modernity?” at the University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture.

Assistant Professor Elizabeth Winston attended the “Works in Progress Intellectual Property Conference” at the University of Pittsburgh on Oct. 6–7, 2006. Later in the month, Winston spoke to the D.C. Chapter of Women in Intellectual Property as part of a panel discussion titled “Learn How to Succeed From Those Who Have.”

Professor Leah Wortham steered the process that resulted in extensive revisions to the written ethics code guiding one of the nation’s largest bar associations. As chair of the D.C. Bar’s Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee, Wortham and her colleagues submitted proposed revisions
Recent Media

Professor Sarah Duggin was quoted in the March 28, 2006, edition of Compliance Week in the article “U.S. Sentencing Panel Rethinks Waiver Policy.”

Professor Clifford Fishman was interviewed in August 2006 about the legal implications of satellite tracking of offenders for Officer.com, an online magazine for law enforcement officials. In July, Professor Fishman was interviewed on WTOP Newsradio in Washington, D.C., on the subject of doctor-assisted suicide. He was quoted in a New York Times article on June 16, 2006, for a story titled “New Jersey Demands Data on Phone Call Surveillance.” Professor Fishman has also been quoted recently by the Wall Street Journal on matters involving electronic surveillance, and he was a guest panelist on the nationally syndicated NPR program “The Kojo Nnamdi Show” on the subject of instant messaging. The New York Times quoted Fishman again in Sept., this time for a story about Hewlett-Packard’s monitoring of employee’s e-mails in an effort to plug leaks to the news media.

Visiting Assistant Professor Mary Leary was interviewed Oct. 2 and 3, 2006, by the “CBS Evening News,” “CNN,” USA Today, Gannett Newspapers, Congressional Quarterly, National Journal and the St. Petersberg Times. The media was interested in her legal analysis of the case of Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla.), who resigned from Congress over sexually suggestive e-mails he sent to House pages. Professor Leary is a former director of the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse. On Oct. 7, Leary was a featured guest on C-SPAN’s “Washington Journal,” this time on the related subject of online child safety laws.

Dean Veryl V. Miles discussed her “One-year Retrospective” as a presenter at the ABA’s New Deans’ Conference, held at The Ohio State University School of Law in Columbus, from June 13 to 15, 2006. In mid-July, Dean Miles had the pleasure of moderating a panel on “Current Issues in Evidence” at the 2006 Southeastern Association Law School Conference, held in Palm Beach, Fla. Among the attendees was CUA law alumnus Mark Dobson, 1973. Professor Dobson is on the law school faculty at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Dean Miles also delivered the keynote address, “Spreading the Good News: Faith in Legal Education and the Law,” at the Roundtable on Religion in the Public Square: Religious Traditions Shaping Law and Public Policy symposium held at the law school Sept. 28 and 29, 2006.

Dean Veryl Miles was quoted in an Aug. 13, 2006, story by Delawareonline.com about the appointment of Linda Ammons as the dean of the Widener University Law School. In September, Dean Miles spoke with The Washington Times about the 2006 Pope John XXIII address, delivered by Pennsylvania Senator-elect Bob Casey.

Research Ordinary Professor Michael Noone Jr. was quoted by the BBC on June 30, 2006, to help explain and analyze the so-called Hamdan decision, in which the Supreme Court struck down the military commissions President Bush established to try suspected members of al-Qaeda. In mid-July, Noone was the guest on a call-in show on C-SPAN that dealt with the Hamdan decision and the meaning of Common Article 3. On Sept. 11, Noone was quoted in an online story by the Voice of America about the second trial of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. He spoke to the Washington Post in September regarding a female soldier who refused to go back to Iraq because she claimed she had been sexually harassed by her fellow soldiers. In late September, Professor Noone spoke to the BBC World News (radio) on the pending legislation affecting detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Professor Peter “Bo” Rutledge was quoted in the San Francisco Daily Journal and the Los Angeles Daily Journal for a story about the first year on the bench of Hon. Janice Rogers Brown, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. A former California Supreme Court justice, Judge Brown was confirmed to the federal circuit in 2005 after a contentious battle in the U.S. Senate. Judge Brown delivered the commencement address to The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law in May 2003.

Professor Lucia Silecchia was quoted by The New York Times on Oct. 2 for an article about the Red Mass, an annual special Mass marking the start of the judicial calendar. Held each year at St. Matthews in downtown Washington, D.C., the Mass traditionally draws Supreme Court justices, hundreds of powerful judges and lawyers and many faculty members from area law schools.
Conferences and Symposia

Professor Sarah Duggin served as a commentator on a paper that dealt with the fore-runners of the NAACP at a legal history roundtable at George Washington University Law School on Sept. 18, 2006. In mid-October, she attended and made a presentation on micro-enterprise at the Project Honduras conference in Copan Ruinas, Honduras. The following week, Duggin spoke on the ethics of corporate internal investigations at the ALI-ABA Clean Water Act Conference in Washington, D.C.

Professor Heather Elliott attended a colloquium on constitutional law at the University of Maryland School of Law in early December 2006. The previous month, she moderated a panel for the DC Bar on “The Standing of Citizens and Public Interest Organizations to Challenge Federal Regulatory Actions: Recent Trends and Analysis.” In late October, Elliott traveled to the University of California Law School (Boalt Hall), in Berkeley, Calif., to attend a conference in honor of Paul J. Mishkin, a leading scholar of the federal courts and federal jurisdiction and one of her career mentors. Professor Elliott also presented a paper, “The Functions of Standing” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference in Palm Beach, Fla., in mid-July. And in May of 2006, she journeyed to Portugal to deliver “Public Regulation in the United States” at the fifth annual Conference on Portuguese and American Law in Lisbon. Her paper will be published next year as part of the conference proceedings.

Professor Clifford Fishman gave a talk in October before the the ninth annual conference of the International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology. His lecture, “Defense Access to a Prosecution Witness’s Psychotherapy or Counseling Records,” was part of a broader conference convened to discuss the science of psychiatry as considered by the courts. The three-day meeting was held in Bethesda, Md.

Professor William A. Kaplin presented “The Key Legal and Policy Developments in Higher Education 1996-2006” along with colleagues Barbara Lee and Gary Pavela, before the opening plenary session of the Annual Conference on Legal Issues in Higher Education. The conference was held this year at the University of Vermont on Oct. 8. Kaplin also spoke about “The Risks of Risk Management” before the same gathering.

Professor Lisa Lerman presented a workshop on ethical issues relating to difficult clients at the June 2006 meeting of the National Disability Rights Network in Alexandria, Va. She also served as a moderator for a panel on public interest law sponsored by the law school’s Office of Legal Career Services in September 2006.

Clinical Instructor Faith Mullen gave a presentation before the Pension Rights Center’s national training conference in September 2006. She discussed legal ethics and representing older clients.

Professor Lucia Silecchia attended a symposium on “René Cassin and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights” including the dedication ceremonies in conjunction with the grand opening of the Thomas E. Golden Catholic Center at Yale University, over Dec. 2–3, 2006.

Professor Karla Simon presented a paper at the International Society for Third Sector Research international conference in Bangkok, Thailand, in July on “Recent Changes in the Legal Environment for the Not-for-Profit Sector in Japan.” In November, she presented the “History of the Association Legal Form in Europe” in Tallinn, Estonia. This was part of the Nordic Civicsness Program of the Center for Civil Society and Development of Tallinn University.

Judge-In-Residence Fred Ugast attended the 44th annual conference of the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts, held Sept. 28–Oct. 1, 2006, in Washington, D.C. The organization is composed of chief judges and presiding judges of urban state courts throughout the country. Judge Ugast served as its president in 1988.

Professor William Wagner served as commentator for the keynote address of the first annual Scarpa Conference held on Sept. 15, 2006, at Villanova Law School. The inaugural topic of the new symposium was “From John Paul II to Benedict XVI: Continuing the Re-evangelization of Law, Politics, and Culture.” The keynote remarks were delivered by His Eminence Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J., Fordham University, who addressed “The Church’s Indirect Mission to the Sociopolitical Order.” Professor Wagner’s analysis and commentary followed. The following week, Professor Wagner was again a featured speaker, this time at a public lecture presentation sponsored by Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice of the Archdiocese of Washington, as one of a series of lectures providing “An Introduction to the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church.” The event took place at Church of the Little Flower in Washington, D.C. Professor Wagner spoke on the Catholic Church’s social doctrine relating to environmental stewardship and issues of war and peace.
What’s New with Your Fellow Alumni

1954
Hon. Edward B. Finch and wife, Barbara Jo, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 4, 2006. They have 11 children, 24 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and eight great, great grandchildren. Judge Finch served three years in the Navy in World War II. He retired after serving 20 years as a federal prosecutor and 15 years as an administrative law judge, having attained the office of chief judge. The Finches reside in Chesapeake Beach, Md.

1964
Lawrence Matthew Sullivan was honored with the 2006 Dorsey Award, bestowed by the American Bar Association in October, for “exceptional work” by a public defender. He shares the award this year with the public defender from San Francisco. A Delaware public defender since 1970, Sullivan was also recently recognized with a Reginald Heber Smith Award, or “Reggie,” by the 2006 National Legal Aid and Defender Association. The Reggie notes the outstanding achievement of a civil legal aid attorney or an indigent defense attorney. Sullivan has served and been appointed by five different governors of both parties. He is vice chairman of the Delaware Criminal Justice Community, a position he has held for more than 30 years. In 1980, Sullivan formed the nation’s first psycho-forensic unit, which conducts evaluations of clients that it makes available to attorneys and courts.

1965

1968
Hon. Colleen Kollar-Kotelly was named by Washingtonian Magazine as one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in its July 2006 issue. Kollar-Kotelly is the presiding judge of the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

1969
T. Joseph ‘Joe’ McKay and his wife, Liz, are pleased to announce the birth of their fifth grandchild, Brett, born to their daughter, April Anderson, on Sept. 14, 2006. McKay is the vice-president for planned giving with the St. John Health Foundation in Madison Heights, Mich.

Hon. James L. Ryan was the subject of a complimentary profile in the May 31, 2006, online edition of the Montgomery County Gazette for his handling of the trial of sniper John Allen Muhammad. Judge Ryan presided over the nationally known case.

1971
Col. Dayton M. Cramer was elected president of the Tallahassee Northside Rotary Club for 2007–2008. He was also recently recognized by the Florida Bar Association for his service as chair of its education law committee in 2005–2006. Cramer, deputy general counsel for Florida State University in Tallahassee, is married to Lennard Smith Cramer, 1971.

1992
David J. Martel was appointed to the Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct effective Nov. 1, 2006, for a six-year term. The commission investigates allegations of misconduct by state judges. Martel has been an attorney at Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy, P.C. in Springfield, Mass., since 1981. Active in civic and legal affairs, Martel also serves as town counsel for the municipalities of Longmeadow, Ludlow and Hampden, MA.

Thomas J. McBride has joined Atkinson & Kelsey PA, located in Albuquerque, N.M.

1973
Hon. Joe Cimini is an associate professor of criminal justice and sociology at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

1974
Lee A. DeHihns III has been appointed chair-elect of the American Bar Association’s section of Environment, Energy and Resources. He will begin his term as section chairman in August 2007. SEER is composed of approximately 9,000 ABA members and is the premiere forum for lawyers working in areas related to the environment, natural resources and energy. DeHihns is a partner in Alston & Bird’s environmental land-use group. A former deputy regional administrator of the EPA’s Region 4, he has more than 30 years of experience in the practice of environmental law. He has testified before Congress on various environmental matters and is listed in The Best Lawyers in America.

James B. Sarsfield was appointed by Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich Jr. to a seat on the Montgomery County District Court. The appointment is for a 10-year term and is subject to confirmation by the Maryland State Senate in the 2007 Legislative Session. Sarsfield is a partner with the Rockville law firm of O’Connell, O’Connell & Sarsfield where he maintains a civil litigation practice with an emphasis on personal injury, employment, discrimination and education law.

1975
Douglas E. McCollister recently joined regional law firm Parker McCay as of counsel. He will practice in the firm’s land use department in its Marlton, N.J., office. McCollister will concentrate his practice in the areas of land use and development, municipal and private affordable housing compliance and appellate practice. Prior to joining
Parker McCay, McCollister was a supervising attorney in the central appellate research department of the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts. He is a resident of Haddonfield, N.J.

Hon. Peggy Quince received the 2006 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award on Aug. 6, 2006, at the ABA meeting in Honolulu. The award is named for America's first female attorney and recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence in their chosen legal specialty. A justice on the Florida Supreme Court, Judge Quince was specifically cited for “reviewing final orders imposing the death sentence for prisoners in Florida and the constitutionality of laws passed by the Florida legislature, in addition to numerous other matters that help make the legal system fair to all.”

1976

Hon. Julia DiCocco Dewey is now presiding over family matters in Middletown, Conn., after her recent reassignment to the state Superior Court.

Hon. Jean Ingrassia is retiring and moving to Gonzales, La. She has served as a United States administrative judge with the Social Security Administration since 1994.

John P. McLaughlin is CEO of Anesiva, Inc., a South San Francisco-based drug company with 91 employees and a market capitalization of $137 million. John and Susan McLaughlin are the parents of two children, ages 22 and 25.

1977

Walter S. Booth was elected vice chair of the Mid-County Advisory Board of Montgomery County, Md., in July of 2006. The board acts as a liaison between the numerous citizen’s associations in the mid-county area, the county executive and the county council. Currently in his second term on the board, Booth will serve as vice chair through 2006-2007. He is an attorney with a general trial practice in Bethesda, Md.

Paul King established King PLLC in 2006. The firm specializes in pharmaceutical, drug, patent, government affairs and business.

1978

Bruce R. Parker is serving as president of the International Association of Defense Counsel for 2006–2007. A litigation partner at Venable and a noted product liability and toxic tort defense attorney, Parker’s stated goals for his one-year term include expanding in-house training of defense counsel, increasing diversity among their ranks, and also expanding practice area expertise in such areas as white collar crime, intellectual property and health care. The IADC is the leading professional organization for corporate defense lawyers, with 2,400 members internationally.

1979

Joan Caton Anthony has served in the Defense Department as an administrative judge since January 2003.

Hon. Frederic A. Marzilli was appointed municipal court judge for the town of Lincoln, R.I., in November 2005.

1980


Theodore P. Remley Jr. has been named chairman of the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

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Michael Johnson visited the Columbus School of Law on Oct. 31, 2006, to speak to Professor Michael Noone’s seminar on peacekeeping. Johnson described the War Crimes and Organized Crime Chambers of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of a completion strategy for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. From 2004 to 2006, while working for the U.S. State Department, Johnson worked to establish the first national-level War Crimes Chamber in Bosnia and Herzegovina under international standards of fair trials and due process of law. He is currently senior fellow for the Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace at the United States Institute for Peace.

Katherine G. Grincewich, associate general counsel of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, was the recipient of the 2006 Parker Award. Given at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 12, the award is conferred in recognition of an individual whose work embodies the principles and values of the public interest in telecommunications.

Edmund V. Wick is the deputy director of the Minority Counsel’s Office for the New York State Assembly in Albany, N.Y.

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Naomi Churchill Earp assumed the role of chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Aug. 31, 2006, after serving as vice chair of
the commission since April 2003. Her current term as the commission’s top administrator expires in 2010. Earp’s work experience in promoting diversity in the workplace includes a series of progressively responsible leadership positions with various federal agencies, including the National Institute of Science and Technology, the National Institutes of Health, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

1988
Lois Ampthor Burns is counsel to Commissioner Kim Pizzigrilli of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in Harrisburg, Pa. Burns is a married mother of three children: Katharine, Marie and Gregory.

Robert P. Casey Jr. was elected to the U.S. Senate from Pennslyvania. He had previously served as state treasurer. Casey defeated incumbent Sen. Rick Santorum, victorious in his first attempt at running for the office. Casey also delivered the 38th annual Pope John Paul XXIII Lecture at the Columbus School of Law on Sept. 14, 2006.

Christopher Conte was appointed associate enforcement director in the Securities and Exchange Commission’s enforcement division.

Nancy E. Taylor was featured in the business and lobbying section of the Oct. 3 edition of The Hill newspaper about her career as a Senate aide and lobbyist.

1989
Steven G. Cravath has joined Bethesda, Md.-based ProFund Advisors as general counsel, where he is also a member of its management team. Cravath directs and oversees legal and compliance matters for the firm. Prior to joining ProFund Advisors, he was a partner in the investment management practice group of Morrison & Foerster LLP, in its Washington, D.C., office. He represented boards of independent directors, various open- and closed-end investment companies on organizational and ongoing compliance issues, including the establishment and registration of a wide variety of types of mutual funds, including multi-class, master/feeder, funds-of-funds and annuity products.

Lisa S. Scimeca is a supervisory benefits adviser with the United States
Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration. Based in Philadelphia, she assists employees, retirees, employers, plan administrators and others with retirement and health benefits questions and disputes.

1990
Debra A. McDowell, who has served as chief human resources officer at New York City’s Metropolitan Museum of Art since April 2001, was elected by the Board of Trustees as the museum’s vice president for human resources, effective July 2006. She becomes the first human resources officer to hold that title in the museum’s history. Before coming to the Met, McDowell served for six years as the director of human resources for the Brooklyn Public Library, and before that, from 1979 to 1994, as a labor relations specialist, then as deputy director, and finally as director, of the Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining for the District of Columbia.

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Gregory R. Faulkner was named a 2006 Connecticut “Super Lawyer” in the area of construction litigation in Connecticut Magazine. Faulkner is a partner in the construction, surety and fidelity law and litigation practice groups at Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP. He practices out of the firm’s Hartford office. Faulkner is also a frequent writer and lecturer on construction, fidelity and surety law topics.

Michael T. Flannery has been promoted to the rank of full professor with tenure at the University of Arkansas (Little Rock) School of Law.

Jonathan E. Halperin retired in October 2005 from the firm he helped found to focus his full-time attention on the land development company he started in 2004, Mountain America LLC. Halperin is president and CEO of the new venture and is running its major project in West Virginia. Halperin and his wife, Amy, were married in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, in March 2006 and currently reside in Lewisburg, W.V.

Gregory B. Stevens has been the Department of Justice’s attaché to the U.S. Embassy in Mexico since June 2005. Prior to being assigned to Mexico City, he served for three years as the DOJ attaché for Central America, stationed in El Salvador. Greg and his wife, Marybeth, 1992, are the parents of three children.

Thomas “Tommy” Wells was elected to the Washington, D.C., city council to represent Ward 6. Wells cruised into office with 62 percent of the vote.

1992
Jeffrey H. Arnold and his wife, Joyce, are happy to announce the birth of their second son, Aidan Edward Arnold, born May 25, 2006. The couple reports that the addition has made big brother Ryan very happy. The family lives in West Hartford, Conn., where Jeff has a law firm specializing in insurance defense litigation.

Rev. Thomas B. Curran, O.S.F.S., began his tenure as the 14th president of Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., on June 1. His formal inauguration was held on Oct. 27, 2006. Curran is the first non-Jesuit president of Rockhurst University, a 3,000 student school that teaches in the Jesuit liberal arts tradition. Curran previously served as associate vice president for university relations and assistant to the president at Regis University in Denver, and before that, as president of Salesianum School in Wilmington, Del., a Catholic high school operated by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. While in that role he also founded the Nativity Preparatory School, a middle school for low-income boys where he also served as executive director.

Alice S. Fisher was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in September 2006 as the assistant attorney general for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She was also named by Washingtonian Magazine as one of the 40 Top Lawyers Under 40 in its July 2006 issue.

Genie Gillespie has been hired as the new director of the Pro Bono Child Custody and Adoption Project for the American Bar Association. Gillespie is one of five guardians ad litem representing children in adoption cases in Cook County, Ill., and is a regular speaker on adoption law at various Illinois and Chicago Bar Association seminars. While working at the ABA she will maintain her part-time law practice, specializing in issues relating to children and families. In addition to her private practice, prior to joining the ABA Genie has worked as the pro bono director at the Chicago Bar Foundation, with the Coordinated Advice and Referral Program for Legal Services, and as a judicial law clerk. She has extensive volunteer community and bar association experience.

Christopher J. Michailoff and his wife, Suzann, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Christopher, born Aug. 16, 2006.

Joel W. Rogers left private practice in Washington and moved to Atlanta to accept an in-house position with Home Depot as senior director in charge of international legal operations.

1993
Lisa Crossley Newton was ranked as one of the top 20 rising stars among compliance law professionals by Compliance Reporter in its issue on Sept. 11, 2006.

Deborah S. Froling has joined Arent Fox’s corporate and real estate groups as a member. She specializes in corporate law, especially securities and real estate investment trusts. Froling is a former alumna of the University of Arkansas (Little Rock) School of Law.

About ALUMNI News
The image contains a page from the alumni newsletter of a university, featuring various alumni updates and news items. The text includes personal updates, career milestones, and professional achievements of alumni from different years. The content highlights various professional accomplishments and personal events related to the alumni, including career advancements, new ventures, and family milestones. The newsletter serves as a platform for alumni to share their experiences and remains connected with the university community. The text is structured as a series of brief paragraphs, each detailing the achievements or updates of a specific alumni member.
attorney-adviser to the SEC’s division of corporate finance.

Gina Clark Hayes is teaching a non-credit course on business branding at Northern Virginia Community College during the fall 2006 semester. She also has finished serving one year as PTA president at Mt. View Elementary School in Haymarket, Va. Hayes and her husband, Kevin, celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 2006.

Andrea Heffernan Brisbin recently joined the government and public policy practice group of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP specializing in health care regulation. The firm is located in Charleston, S.C. Brisbin and her husband, Rick, have two daughters, Cassandra (4) and Calista (2).

William H. Hoch has been selected to lead the Oklahoma City chapter of the Federal Bar Association in 2007-2008. The organization has more than 300 members, including district and appellate judges, government attorneys, private practitioners and law professors. Hoch is an attorney and director with the area firm of Crowe & Dunlevy, where his practice is concentrated in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial litigation, copyright and trademark infringement, and antitrust and related litigation. Hoch formerly clerked for the Hon. Richard L. Bohannon, U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and the Hon. Marion Opala, justice of the Oklahoma State Supreme Court. He was also the legislative director for former Rep. Glenn English (D-Okla.), where he handled issues related to telecommunications, rural electrification, civil rights, rural development, housing and homelessness.

Christopher M. Okay recently became associated with the litigation practice group in the Branch Banking and Trust Co.’s legal department, located in the corporation's headquarters in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Ingrid Turner won the Democratic primary for a seat on the county council of Prince George’s County, Md. The victory by a margin of 58 votes, Turner was unopposed in the November general election.

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Hon. Cheryl Nora Moss was elected in 2000 as the first Asian-American district (state) court judge in Nevada’s history. Serving the state’s 6th Judicial District, Judge Moss was re-elected in 2002 and is currently serving a six-year term. While in private practice, she was given the Shining Star Award from the Clark County Bar Association for outstanding pro bono representation. Judge Moss holds a fifth-degree black belt in Taekwondo and toured her home country of the Philippines in 2006, where she visited courthouses and met with judges in several cities.

Mary O’Donnell, a lawyer in the Alexandria, Va., attorney’s office, was recognized with an Allies in Prevention Award from Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia in April 2006. Now in its fourth year, the award spotlights the work of child welfare advocates in the trenches. O’Donnell’s work with the city’s family drug treatment court was singled out for special mention.

Tara L. Reinhart has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, as special counsel in the antitrust practice group of the firm’s litigation department. Reinhart has more than a decade of experience representing corporate entities and executives in civil antitrust litigation matters, criminal and civil antitrust investigations and a variety of white collar criminal matters. In particular, she has significant experience managing global price-fixing investigations and related civil actions. Reinhart was a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP prior to joining Cadwalader.

Mary Grace Rook was installed as a D.C. Superior Court Magistrate on Aug. 18, 2006. Rook had served for the past five years as the coordinator of the juvenile services program for the District of Columbia Public Defender Service, where she was responsible for training and supervising staff attorneys and law clerks at the Public Defender Services within the Oak Hill Youth Center and the Youth Services Center. Prior to her appointment as the JSP coordinator, Rook was a special education attorney in the civil division for the Public Defender Service. She assisted the juvenile trial attorneys whose clients had outstanding special education needs. Earlier in her career, Rook worked as both a social worker and kindergarten teacher, as well as an attorney at the D.C. Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect.

Laura Betancourt Serra was elected judge of Cameron County Court in Brownsville, Texas. Judge Serra and her husband, John, 1993, are the parents of twin 6-year-old daughters.

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Catherine Annas has been named co-chair of the health law communications committee of the Boston Bar Association’s Health Law Section. Annas is an attorney at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
Brian Baker has become the director of the law library and a professor of law at the San Joaquin College of Law in Clovis, Calif. He has been married almost 17 years and is the father of a daughter and a son.

Robert D. Dimler has been named one of the up and coming lawyers in Massachusetts by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. The newsletter ran a half-page profile of Dimler in its Aug. 28, 2006, issue. Based in Plymouth, Mass., the law office of Robert D. Dimler has represented clients in civil and criminal matters before juvenile court, the district court, the superior court, the probate and family court, the appeals court, the supreme judicial court, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the United States Bankruptcy Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Daniel J. Jenkins has joined McNees, Wallace & Nurick, a Harrisburg, Pa., law firm. He was named of counsel in the Intellectual Property Group and Patent Division.

John Spitaleri Shaw has been named vice president for legislative affairs for the Portland Cement Association, effective April 17, 2006. He will manage its federal legislative advocacy efforts on a variety of fronts including environmental compliance, transportation and infrastructure legislation. Most recently, Shaw served as assistant secretary for environment, safety and health at the U.S. Department of Energy. Prior to his appointment as assistant secretary, he served as the department’s deputy chief of staff and White House liaison. Shaw has more than a decade of legal, management and political experience in the public and private sectors. He began his career in 1995 as an attorney with Patton Boggs, LLP where he focused on legislative and regulatory strategy. In 1997, he accepted a position with Sen. Fred Thompson (R-Tenn.) as a majority counsel, special investigation, for the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. During the 2000 presidential campaign, Shaw served as an aide to Vice President and Mrs. Cheney, and performed other duties during the campaign and transition.

1996 Angela E. Giancarlo has been hired as acting legal adviser to FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell, who was sworn in on June 1, 2006. Giancarlo recently served as associate chief for spectrum policy in the public safety and critical infrastructure division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Prior to joining the FCC, Giancarlo was senior associate in the Washington, D.C., office of Hogan & Hartson LLP. Giancarlo began her career in the congressional office of former U.S. Representative Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.).

Paul R. Koster is the managing partner of Daley, Koster & LaVallee, LLC, a boutique law firm that opened its doors in Atlanta in September 2006. The firm’s three partners will focus their practice in employment law, governmental liability, governmental relations, appellate litigation, sports law and general litigation. Prior to opening Daley, Koster & LaVallee, Koster chaired the governmental practice group at a 90-attorney law firm. He is a former staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and a former member of the faculty at Emory University School of Law. Koster has spoken and been published nationally on issues impacting local governments and their officials.

Lakandula Duke Dorotheo has been appointed as soldier’s counsel, representing injured soldiers before the Army’s Physical Disability agency and Physical Evaluation Board. She also provides legal assistance to service personnel who are hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Many of her clients in uniform have been evacuated from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Scott N. Flesch, an adjunct lecturer at CUA law and a major in the U.S. Army JAG Corps Reserve, has been mobilized on active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Major Flesch will serve as a senior trial counsel with the III Armored Corps at Fort Hood, Texas. In that role, he will prosecute soldiers who violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Flesch will take a leave of absence from lecturing at CUA law until October 2007 while he serves on active duty.

Peggy Magee was elected clerk of the circuit court for Prince George’s County, Md., in November 2006. A 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force, Magee served as a communications crypto maintenance specialist, includes advising and representing clients with respect to trade policies, laws and regulations affecting international commercial transactions, customs, export controls and economic sanctions. He has experience representing both domestic and foreign clients before the International Trade Commission, Department of Commerce, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and in trade litigation before U.S. Federal Courts.

Richard M. Zanfardino is a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Immigration Litigation, located within the DOJ’s civil division. The move comes after 10 years spent at the Justice Department’s Executive Office of Immigration Review, where he specialized in criminal alien cases.

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becoming one of the first women to enter this career field. She was also the first woman to be named First Sergeant among the Presidential Airlift Group squadrons and Special Air Missions squadrons, a coveted position within the Air Force. Magee is a former law clerk to the Hon. G. R. Hovey Johnson, judge for the 7th Circuit of Maryland. She later became an assistant state’s attorney for Prince George’s County. In 2004, Magee was appointed executive director of the Prince George’s County Human Relations Commission.

Chad E. Miller joined the Washington, D.C., office of Arnold & Porter LLP as an associate in the firm’s government contracts group in May 2006. His move comes after seven years with the Navy’s Office of General Counsel.

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John A. Gibbons and his wife, Crista, are the proud parents of a son, Devlin Bryce Gibbons. Rev. Raymond O’Brien baptized the baby on Oct. 28, 2006.

Benjamin R. Ogletree has joined Proskauer Rose’s securities practice as an associate. He comes to his new firm from Chadbourne, where he was an associate in the securities litigation and regulatory practice.

Nicole M. Parra was a candidate for 30th Assembly District in California.

Rachel J. Tumidolsky recently joined AARP as a senior corporate attorney. She works on all aspects of member benefits and corporate governance, focusing primarily on health care products for AARP members. Tumidolsky and her husband, Matthew, are the proud parents of Olivia and Jack and live in Takoma Park, Md.

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Culley Carson recently accepted a position as an associate with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC in the firm’s office in Research Triangle Park, N.C. He practices in the intellectual property practice group with a focus on technology based transactions. Carson and his wife, Sarah (Weitzel), 1999, welcomed their second son, William, on Dec. 15, 2005. The family relocated to Cary, N.C., in June.

Cpt. Sean M. Connolly and Carol A. (Castrovinci) Connolly proudly announce the birth of their son, Sean Anthony, born on May 31, 2006. Sean Anthony weighed 6 pounds and 4.3 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Marcy A. Vonderwell-Hull and her husband, J.C., are the proud parents of a daughter, Aislyn Kayla, born April 11, 2005.

James W. Joyce is assistant counsel to the United States Capitol Police in Washington, D.C. Joyce and his wife, Kathleen, are the parents of James (6) and Patrick (3).

Michael D. Lovelace has joined The Palumbo Law Group, LLC, based in Fort Washington, Md. The firm practices in criminal, civil and corporate law.

Christopher M. Pilkerton was a candidate for state delegate in Maryland’s 15th District, located within Montgomery County, Md. Now in private practice, Pilkerton is a former assistant district attorney in Manhattan (Narcotics & Money Laundering). Prior to that, he served as senior counsel to the Enforcement Division of the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission. Pilkerton is also a member of the Montgomery County Committee on Hate Crimes & Violence.

William ‘Bill’ Winter was a candidate for Colorado’s 6th District congressional seat. His candidacy was the subject of an admiring profile in the Oct. 5, 2006, edition of DenverPost.com.

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Thomas F. Felton started a new position as counsel in the legal department of AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP on April 3, 2006. The company is located in Wilmington, Del.

Erica R. Jacobson moved in September 2006 from Lehman Brothers to practice in the corporate group at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in New York City.

Connie Shaffer Mitchell and her husband, Christopher, have welcomed their second child, a daughter. Cara Platzer Mitchell was born May 15, 2006.

Vicor G. Raphael is the deputy director and chief, Southeast Asia Division, Office of Analysis for East Asia and The Pacific, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State. He recently became engaged to Laura Griffith, administrator of the Washington office of Cadwalader, Wichersham and Taft, LLC. Their wedding is planned for May 2007.

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Hon. Danielle Adgerson Clarke has accepted a position as attorney-adviser with the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration in Maryland. She and her husband, Donald, welcomed their first child, D. Wesley Clarke, on Jan. 27, 2006.

Giuseppe (Joe) Fina has accepted a position with the energy law firm of Bruder, Gentile & Marcoux, L.L.P. in Washington, D.C. Fina’s move comes after more than five years as an attorney-adviser in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Office of the General Counsel. He and his wife, Deborah, live in Baltimore.

Patrick A. Hope has been elected to the D.C. Bar’s Health Law Steering Committee.

Nikecia Carter Ingram and her husband, Vincent, are the proud parents of twins, Autumn McKenna and Vincent
Alexander, born on May 27, 2006. The family resides in Atlanta. Ingram is a staff attorney with the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review of the Social Security Administration.

Julie Minder and Ben Maher welcomed their first child, David Joseph Maher, into the world on Sept. 12, 2006. David was 8.76 lbs and 19.75 inches. Julie, Ben and David reside in Philadelphia.

Travis P. Nelson and his wife, Kathryn, became the proud parents of a son, born in April 2006. Nelson is an associate in the Financial Institutions Group at the law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP, in Washington, D.C. He is also adjunct faculty at The Catholic University of America, Metropolitan College, and was recently appointed by Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich to the Maryland State Banking Board. He lives in Montgomery County, Md.

Jonathan Williams announces his recent engagement and a professional move to the Washington, D.C., office of Piliero Mazza PLLC, as an associate.

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2nd Lt. Christopher T. Carnahan, U.S. Army Reserve, completed jump (parachute) school in June 2006. He then commenced further training at Military Intelligence School at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. A career intelligence officer with interim top secret clearance, Carnahan was an active law student whose activities were recognized with a number of awards, including the James Cardinal Hickey Award for community service and the Steven P. Millies Award for community service, including the James Cardinal Hickey Award for community service and the Steven P. Millies Award for community service.

Tracey Elliott Jean-Charles and her husband, Ben, announce the birth of their second child, Brianna Christiane Jean-Charles, born Sept. 28, 2005. She joins her brother, Gabriel, who turns 4 in October 2006. Jean-Charles also announces the launch of LexAnalytic Research Group, LLC, formed during the summer of 2006. The new firm provides advanced legal research to attorneys and businesses.

Shari Keiser is happy to announce her marriage to Alan Smitow on Sept. 9, 2006, in Philadelphia. Keiser also recently joined the Newark, N.J., office of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP as an associate.

Christopher S. Lee is the director of government affairs and counsel for the Council for Marketing and Opinion Research, an association representing the survey, polling and opinion research profession. He was married on March 18, 2006, to Isadora Lee.

U.S. Rep. Rick Renzi (R-Ariz.) was re-elected to Congress in November 2006. He was the subject of an article in the Sept. 15, 2006, online edition of Indian Country Today, the nation’s leading American Indian news source. More American Indians are represented in Renzi’s vast northeast Arizona district than in any other congressional district. The article was titled “Renzi: A Candidate Tribes Like.” Rep. Renzi also delivered the 2006 commencement address for the Columbus School of Law.


Joseph M. Ward has served as deputy general counsel to West Virginia’s Gov. Joe Manchin III since October 2005. He resides in Charleston.

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Josephine M. Babcox accepted a position as a staff attorney with the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau’s metropolitan Maryland office in Riverdale, Md., in July 2006.

Timothy L. Bauersachs is employed with the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office, Division of Law, in West Trenton, N.J.

Jennifer Cortés has joined the Law Office of David Goren, located in Silver Spring, Md. The firm is dedicated to immigration practice. Cortés represents foreign individuals before the Executive Office of Immigration Review and the Department of Homeland Security.

Brian R. Della Rocca was recently hired as an estate planning associate at Pasternak & Fidias, P.C., in Bethesda, Md.

Nicole C. Dillard has joined the firm of Krupin O’Brien as an associate in its Washington, D.C., office. She will concentrate in the firm’s business immigration practice, helping companies obtain visas for their immigrant employees.

Meryle Freiberg Dunlap married Ted Dunlap on May 21, 2006, at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, Md. She is a trial attorney with the law firm of McNamara, Hosea, Jernigan, Kim, Greenan & Walker, P.A., in Greenbelt, Md.

Kimberly S. Glassman has joined the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., of Riverdale, Md., as a staff attorney. She and her husband, Jamie, have also become the proud parents of a son, Jaden Robert, born on April 3, 2006.

Nicole Hogan Heiser married Andrew Heiser on May 28, 2006. The couple resides in Baltimore. Nicole is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Jared N. Leland and his wife, Erin, welcomed a baby girl, Katherine Pauline (“Kate”), on May 23, 2006. Leland is now spokesman and legal counsel for The Becket Fund, an international, interfaith, public interest law firm dedicated to protecting the free expression of all religious traditions. Leland specializes in constitutional, federal and state law litigation involving religious exercise and expression claims.


Rebecca D. Willens is an associate attorney with Miles & Stockbridge P.C.
in the firm’s Rockville, Md., office as a member of its litigation practice group. The move is the result of a Sept. I merger between her former employer, DuFour & Orens, Chtd. of Bethesda, Md., and Miles & Stockbridge. Willens is also engaged to Adam Walker. The wedding is scheduled for Oct. 13, 2007.

Jennifer M. Wolff has joined the employee benefits practice at Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York, N.Y.

Marcia Olivia Wright announces the formation of Walker Wright, PLLC, a boutique law firm in Old Town Alexandria, Va., on Aug. 1, 2006. The new venture is a litigation and transactional general practice firm, of which Wright is a principal/owner.

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Rebecca Leigh Casal has joined Curtin & Heefner, LLP, as an associate in the litigation section of the firm’s office in Morrisville, Pa. She focuses her practice in the area of civil litigation, with an emphasis on insurance, including bad faith claims and property damage. Immediately prior to joining Curtin & Heefner, Casal worked as a contract attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, in the asset forfeiture and money laundering section’s litigation unit. She is the author of several articles published in The Federal Lawyer, a federal bar association publication.

Andrew J. Denorfia married Emily Claire Leaf on Oct. 8, 2006, in Newport, R.I.

Charles ‘Cary’ Dumas III joined the Internal Revenue Service’s Office of Chief Counsel in Detroit in April 2006, where he serves as an attorney in the large and mid-size business division. Dumas previously held a similar position with the IRS in Washington, D.C.

Christina Favretto and Sean Morris were married Sept. 17, 2005, in St. Michaels, Md. The reception was held at Christina’s family’s farm in Trappe, Md. Many CUA law alumni were in attendance, including the father of the bride, Richard Favretto, 1966. Christina and Sean currently live in Bethesda, Md.

Daniel J. Keister is a consultant in emerging markets for BearingPoint, Inc., of McLean, Va. He is currently working as a rule of law policy adviser in Baghdad, Iraq.

Claudia Jovel Murcia Martinez and her husband, Alfred, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Isabel Victoria, on June 28, 2006. Martinez is now employed at Accenture Global HR Services and is based out of Boston.

Capt. Jennifer Giambastiani Osborne, USAF, and her husband, John, welcomed a beautiful new son, Michael Giambastiani Osborne, into the world on Aug. 15, 2006. Capt. Osborne is an assistant staff judge advocate at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Rebecca A. Seboria has relocated to Apex, N.C., with her fiancé, who is beginning a three-year medical fellowship at Duke University. Seboria continues to practice immigration law with the law office of Osborne and Deutsch of Washington, D.C. The couple has set a wedding date for April 28, 2007, and will be married in New Jersey.

Theresa M. Schiefer is assistant attorney general, Georgia Office of the Attorney General, in Atlanta.

2005

Jon M. Byrne has been hired as an associate state attorney for Florida’s 12th Judicial Circuit, based in Sarasota. Byrne currently resides in Bradenton, Fla.


Nicole D. DeCostello is working for the New Jersey Senate doing legislative policy research and analysis for the Senate Republican Office.

Brendan Delany has joined the law firm of Furey, Doolan & Abell, LLP in Chevy Chase, Md., as a member of the business and real estate group. Delany previously served as law clerk to the Hon. Terrence J. McGann in the circuit court for Montgomery County, Md. His practice focuses primarily on commercial development, commercial leasing and the representation of business entities and associations. Delany and his wife, Celine, welcomed their first child in November.

Robert J. Duke has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Ross, Dixon & Bell as an associate. He concentrates his practice on insurance, general liability, fidelity and associations and nonprofits. Duke was previously director of underwriting at the Surety & Fidelity Association of America.

Jennifer M. Jaskel has accepted a position as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. State Department. Her training began during the summer of 2006 and included specialized instruction in language, area studies and consular operations. Upon completion of her training in February 2007, Jaskel will depart for her first post in Vilnius, Lithuania, where she expects to serve as a consular officer in the U.S. Embassy for two years before her next assignment.


Michael R. Malek is an associate with the Washington, D.C., firm of Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, where he will focus on preparing and prosecuting patent applications as part of the firm’s electronics group. Malek joined the firm from Science Applications International Corp., where he was a software engineer.

Jennifer Stahlsmith McCormack married David McCormack on June 9, 2006. The couple resides in Washington, D.C., where she works for the U.S. Department of Justice as a foreign affairs support associate.

Edward H. Meyers reports that after completing a clerkship with the Hon. Loren A. Smith, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, he has joined the litigation
The practice of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, in Washington, D.C.

Stephen J. O’Connor has been selected for the Attorney General’s Honors Program as a judicial law clerk for the Dallas Immigration Court. O’Connor also completed an LL.M. degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 2006.

Jerome E. Perez moved this past spring from Sonora, Calif., to Winchester, Ky., to become the forest supervisor of the Daniel Boone National Forest. In his new position, Perez is ultimately responsible for the management and leadership of the 706,000-acre national forest and its 150 employees. In addition to his work, Perez was a co-author of an article exploring environmental litigation as it relates to the USDA Forest Service. The article, titled “Forest Service Land Management Litigation 1989–2002” appeared in the June 2006 issue of Journal Of Forestry and is considered the most comprehensive look at environmental litigation and its effects on the agency.

Alicia Elizabeth Cobb joined the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as a staff attorney in April 2006.

2006

James “Seamus” Morgan has accepted a clerkship with a circuit court judge in Prince George’s County, Md. Morgan’s father, James, 1978, is employed with the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Arlington, Va.

Joline Sikaitis has joined the Bethesda, Md.-based law firm of Strickler, Sachitano & Hatfield, P.A. as an associate. In addition to a substantial domestic relations law practice, the firm handles general civil litigation, personal injury cases, appeals, wills and estates and general corporate and Federal credit union matters.

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In Memoriam

1954

Martin P. Black died of cancer on Sept. 11, 2006, at his home in Arlington, Va., at the age of 79. He served in the Navy during WWII, and after obtaining his J.D. degree began his law career specializing in insurance claims. During the 1970s, Mr. Black worked for several congressional committees, including the House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs and the Committee on House Administration. He also worked at the Federal Election Commission. His wife of 37 years, Rosalind M. Black, died in 1999. Survivors include two step-daughters, a brother and four grandchildren.

1969

Daniel J. Slattery died of a heart attack on July 11, 2006, at Rehoboth Beach, Del., at the age of 66.

1970

Frank Dunham, who fought for Zacarias Moussaoui and other well-known terrorism suspects as the first federal public defender in Alexandria, Va., died on Nov. 1, 2006, of brain cancer. He was 64. After creating the office virtually single-handedly in 2001, one of his first clients was Moussaoui, the only person charged in a U.S. courtroom in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. The Moussaoui case drew so much attention that it all but overshadowed Dunham’s work on behalf of “enemy combatant” Yaser Esam Hamdi. Dunham personally argued before the U.S. Supreme Court the case of Hamdi, a U.S. citizen held as a combatant by the military. That produced an important decision that upheld the government’s power to detain Hamdi but said he could challenge that detention in U.S. courts. Hamdi was released and flown to Saudi Arabia. The high-profile cases of the past few years capped a colorful legal career in which Dunham prosecuted espionage and fraud defendants and represented clients including W. Mark Felt, the confidential source known as Deep Throat in the Washington Post’s Watergate scandal coverage.

1974


1975

Patrick W. Conheady died of cancer on Oct. 18, 2006, in Juneau, Ark. He was 61.

1980

Donald J. Wilkins passed away of complications from pneumonia on July 8, 2006.

1981

David Loring Nicoll, 56, a lawyer who specialized in communications regulations, died of brain cancer on Oct. 25 at his home in Chevy Chase, Md. Nicholl worked for the past 22 years as an attorney for the National Cable and Telecommunications Association on policy issues.
Members of the Class of 1966 and their guests celebrated their 40th reunion in the Wine Room at Olives.

For their 30th reunion, the Class of 1976 gathered in the Cabinet Room of the historic Old Ebbitt Grill.

The Class of 1986 celebrated at Chef Geoff’s located downtown.

After dinner at Charlie Palmer, the Class of 1971 and guests took in views of our nation’s capital from the rooftop of the Constitution Avenue restaurant.

The Dubliner brought back some memories for almost 40 members and guests of the Class of 1981 who gathered at the historic pub for their special 25th reunion dinner.

The mezzanine overlooking the restaurant at Bistro Bis warmly welcomed members from the Class of 1991 as they dined and shared memories on Saturday night.
Family Picnic

Members of the Class of 1986 made the family picnic a family outing. Pictured here, left to right, are Susan and Paul Gannon, Board of Visitors member Christopher O’Hara, Frank Garza, Lt. Colonel Andrew E. Squire and his wife, Theresa, and their son, Benedict.

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More than 50 alumni and guests joined Dean Veryl V. Miles, 1980, for brunch and mass on the Potomac at the home of Board of Visitor members Dr. Stanley and Linda Glod.

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**New York City Alumni Chapter Luncheon**
Our NYC alumni enjoyed panoramic views of lower Manhattan from the NASDAQ boardroom while attending a panel moderated by Professor David A. Lipton. Pictured here is Professor Lipton, far left, and panelists Chris Concannon, 1994, Mike Ryan, 1991, and Alan Reed, 1993.

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**Los Angeles Alumni Chapter**
Robin M. Schachter, 1977, Senior Partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld hosted our Southern California alumni and Dean Veryl Miles, 1980, in October.

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**Richmond Bar Swearing In**
Oct. 30, 2006, was a great day for the Columbus School of Law! The Virginia State Bar welcomed an impressive 54 new members. The newly admitted gathered with their families and guests to enjoy a pre-swearing in breakfast in their honor at the Richmond Marriott. Congratulations to you all!
Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter
More than 80 law alumni, their families and guests cheered for the DC Nationals on Aug. 12, 2006, as the team took on the New York Mets.

New York City Alumni Chapter
In our first annual CUA Law Day at Shea, our alumni, family and guests enjoyed ballpark fare in the Great Moments Room located in the Executive Tower of Shea Stadium.

Baltimore Alumni Chapter
The fifth annual Baltimore Orioles game at Camden Yards has become a family tradition! Pictured here are some of the youngsters who were greeted by the team mascot, Oriole Bird.

Washington, D.C. Lunchtime Lecture Series
Professor Clifford S. Fishman joined a dozen alumni for lunch at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP to speak as part of the Alumni and Faculty Brown Bag Lecture series. A special thanks to David A. Donohoe, 1962, Board of Visitor member Charlie Johnson, 1994, and Sean Morris, 2004, for hosting CUA law.
It has been said of Aloysius Wickliff, 1949, that “He is to Houston what Thurgood Marshall was to the country. He is one of the pioneers of civil rights here.” Can there be any higher words of praise?

His quiet courage in the face of institutional discrimination is among the reasons that Mr. Wickliff, now 85 years old, was honored with Catholic University’s 2006 Alumni Achievement Award, presented this year at its annual awards dinner on Oct. 13. Wickliff was one of six distinguished alumni to receive this year’s award. His granddaughter, Erin Wickliff, attended the event to accept the award in his honor. Aloysius Wickliff is also the recipient of the law school’s own alumni achievement award this year. In a more intimate setting closer to his home in Houston the following month, a reception attended by CUA law’s Dean Veryl V. Miles, as well as many family members, was also held in celebration of Wickliff’s achievement at the residence of his son, Marty Wickliff.

As a young boy, the son of a cattle rancher, Wickliff knew he wanted to be an attorney. In the late 1940s, after joining the army and becoming an officer, Wickliff applied to law school at CUA, despite not having finished his undergraduate degree. He was one of only four African American students. He graduated with his J.D. in 1949 and passed the D.C. Bar in 1950.

Wickliff then moved to Houston, founding the city’s first all African-American law firm in 1952. Success was not guaranteed, to put it mildly. At that time, not only did some judges routinely use racially offensive language as they handed down their rulings—thinking nothing of it—but even the Houston bar association refused to admit non-white men.

Aloysius Wickliff took a stand, one from which he never wavered. Over the ensuing years and decades, Wickliff fought discrimination wherever he found it, in the courts, in society and in the legal world at large. Dent, King & Wickliff became known as a law firm that fought like a lion on two fronts: for its clients in court, and also for the respect and dignity that was begrudged African-American attorneys in those days.

Frozen out of the local bar association, Wickliff and some colleagues formed the Houston Lawyers Association, which exists to this day. The organization has mentored the careers of hundreds of minority lawyers over the years, as has Wickliff himself. He has taught young attorneys to stand their ground in the face of intimidating judges, to demand professional courtesy and respect, and to always remember that they have earned the right to be where they are. Through his support of scholarships and by his own example, Wickliff’s constant encouragement of others earned him the loving nickname “Papa.”

It is said that charity begins at home, and that is true in the Wickliff family. Due in no small part to the efforts of his father to shove the door open a bit wider, son Marty Wickliff made history of his own when in 1975 he became the first black associate at Houston-based Fulbright & Jaworski, making partner about seven years later.

Even a giant earns his rest. Aloysius Wickliff remained in active practice until 2001, at which time he told a newspaper reporter that “I practiced until I could no longer hear what my clients or the judge was saying.” The world, however, has heard and will not forget what Aloysius Wickliff has said. His life has been a statement about courage, compassion and caring for one’s fellow human beings.

Aloysius Wickliff, recognized with the Columbus School of Law’s 2006 Alumni Achievement Award, is the living embodiment of the Biblical admonition etched into the very walls of the building, “Do Justice, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with Your God.”
Dear Alumni and Friends,

As chair of the 2005–2006 Law School Annual Fund, I want to offer my personal thanks to all the alumni and friends who contributed to the Law School Annual Fund and other special programs between May 1, 2005, and April 30, 2006. I am incredibly proud of how many of our alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students made giving-back a priority last year. Each gift sends a message about the character and commitment of our law school community. Without our assistance, and the assistance of alumni and friends who came before us, the Columbus School of Law would not be the exceptional place it is today. The supporters listed on the following pages have made a wonderful investment in this law school and the future of our students.

I extend a special thank-you to all the alumni and friends who made their first gift this year, those who renewed their past support and those who increased the size of their commitment. Every gift makes a difference and helped the school have a truly wonderful fundraising year. The Law School Annual Fund increased by 36 percent last year, and overall support for all funds and programs was 50 percent higher than the prior fiscal year! Membership in The 1897 Society, our leadership giving club society (annual gifts of $1,000 or more), grew by 22 percent last year with 121 new members joining the ranks.

Our newest group of alumni also showed exceptional generosity. More than 40 percent of 2006 graduates participated in their Graduation Class Gift, which raised $62,000 in gifts and pledges. We also launched a brand new program, the CUA Law Firm Challenge, which had incredible support from alumni at six firms in its inaugural year. Congratulations to Holland & Knight for winning the challenge by being the law firm with the highest percentage of CUA law graduates who supported the law school last year. Also, congratulations to Crowell & Moring, which had the highest total dollars contributed, with more than 50 percent of their CUA alumni contributing. With momentum like this, I am confident alumni support of the law school will continue to grow and strengthen in the coming years.

As members of the law school community, whether alumni or friends, we have the opportunity to impact the lives of current and future students. Listed on the following pages are the generous individuals, companies, foundations and organizations that made a difference last fiscal year. I thank each of you for your wonderful generosity and participation, and I encourage all our alumni to join us this year by giving back. Every gift is an investment in the law school — an investment that will bear dividends for years to come.

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