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Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony



A Message from Dean Mark West

Welcome to the 2013 presentation of the University of Michigan Law School's Distinguished Alumni Awards. We are delighted to include this very special annual event as part of Reunion Weekend, when alumni return to campus and reflect in a more focused way on Michigan Law's impact on their personal and professional lives.

Just as their time in the Quad impacts them, alumni, in turn, go on to impact society in countless ways through their work and service. This year's honorees have made significant marks in their careers and showcase the divergent paths for which a Michigan Law education prepares graduates. They represent the leaders and best of Michigan Law's more than 20,000 living alumni, and they are wonderful role models for our students. I am honored to congratulate them and to present their awards today.

Please join me in saluting these alumni and their impressive accomplishments.

Mark D. West

Dean

Nippon Life Professor of Law

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Welcome and Introductions by

Master of Ceremonies Curtis L: Mack, LLM '73

Greetings on Behalf of Students LSSS President Judy Conway, 3L

Introduction of Valerie B. Jarrett, '81, by Professor Sallyanne Payton

Introduction of John M. Nannes, '73, by Matthew Nolan, '06

Introduction of Professor Emeritus Theodore J. St. Antoine, '54, by Richard I. Bloch, '68

Final Remarks

Dean West

Musical Conclusion Headnotes

Reception immediately following program

VALERIE B. JARRETT, '81



Valerie B. Jarrett has devoted much of her career to service—as a government official, a community activist, and a businesswoman known for championing urban revitalization.

Jarrett is a senior adviser to President Barack Obama, overseeing the Offices of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs, while also chairing the White House Council on Women and Girls. The Council was created by President Obama in 2009 with the charge of providing a coordinated federal response to the challenges confronting women and girls by ensuring that all cabinet-level agencies consider how their policies and programs impact women and families.

Jarrett also served as co-chair of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team and was a senior adviser to then-Senator Obama's presidential campaign.

Prior to joining the Obama administration, Jarrett was the chief executive officer of the Habitat Company, a real estate development and management company headquartered in Chicago, with offices in Detroit, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, and Atlanta. The Habitat Company was the receiver for the Chicago Housing Authority during Jarrett's tenure, responsible for the redevelopment of mixed-income communities on sites where large concentrations of public housing stood previously.

Jarrett's career in real estate began after she graduated from Michigan Law, when she practiced real estate law with two private firms. She then transitioned to the public sector as deputy corporation counsel for finance and development for Chicago Mayor Harold Washington. She went on to serve as deputy chief of staff and commissioner of planning and development for Mayor Richard M. Daley, where she oversaw the redevelopment of Chicago's neighborhoods, landmark designations, and economic revitalization.

During her career, Jarrett also has been active on numerous corporate and not-for-profit boards, including serving as the chair of the Chicago Transit Board, chair of the Board of the Chicago Stock Exchange, director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and chair of the University of Chicago Medical Center Board of Trustees.

In 2013, she was named one of *Time* magazine's 100 most influential people as well as the National Newspaper Publishers Association's Newsmaker of the Year

JOHN M. NANNES, '73



John M. Nannes has distinguished himself as an attorney and government official, as well as through his dedication to and support of the Law School.

Nannes is "Go Blue" through and through. The Detroit native has served on numerous Law School alumni committees over the past 40 years—including the National Committee for the Law School Fund, the Committee of Visitors, the Dean's Advisory Council, and multiple campaign steering committees. He currently chairs the Development and Alumni Relations Committee.

Nannes conceived and generously funded one of the Law School's most successful development initiatives, the 3L Challenge. Through the 3L Challenge, students see the benefits and importance of alumni giving firsthand. Each year, third-year students can designate \$250 to the Law School student activity of their choice in exchange for their commitment to make a contribution to the Law School in each of the first four years after they graduate. The program is run annually by a committee of third-year students who then are asked to become class agents for the Law School as alumni. As a result of the 3L Challenge, the giving percentages for recent graduating classes are among the highest at Michigan Law. The 3L Challenge promises to be a catalyst for lifetime alumni support for the Law School.

Following a clerkship with Justice William Rehnquist, Nannes was a special assistant to Tom Kauper in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He went on to become the first associate and later a partner in the Washington office of Skadden, Arps. Nannes has remained at Skadden except for a three-year appointment as deputy assistant attorney general and then acting assistant attorney general in the Antitrust Division from 1998-2001.

In addition to his work for the Law School, Nannes has served on the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Committee and on the boards of the Legal Aid Society of Washington, D.C., the D.C. Bar Foundation, and the Supreme Court Historical Society. In 2009, he received the Learned Hand Award from the American Jewish Committee.

Theodore J. St. Antoine, '54



Theodore J. (Ted) St. Antoine, the James E. & Sarah A. Degan Professor Emeritus of Law, is one of the most highly regarded teachers and scholars in the Law School's history, and a nationally renowned authority on labor and employment law.

St. Antoine practiced labor law in Washington, D.C., for seven years with Woll, Mayer & St. Antoine before joining the Michigan Law faculty in 1965. In addition to teaching labor and employment law and contracts, he was dean of the Law School from 1971-78.

St. Antoine has been a labor arbitrator for more than 40 years and is a past president of the National Academy of Arbitrators. He has held leadership roles in several organizations: the ABA's Labor and Employment Law Section, the Michigan Bar's Labor and Employment Law Section, the executive committee of the American Arbitration Association's Board of Directors, the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board, the UAW's Public Review Board, and the UAW-GM Legal Services Plan. He is a member of the American Bar Foundation and the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

St. Antoine is co-editor of a leading labor law casebook, now in its 12th edition, and editor of the National Academy of Arbitrators' publication, *The Common Law of the Workplace: The Views of Arbitrators* (2d ed. 2005). He has been a visiting professor at universities around the world and has lectured widely on labor and employment law in Europe and China.

St. Antoine received the State Bar's Champion of Justice Award, the Labor Law Section's Distinguished Service Award, and the American Arbitration Association's George W. Taylor Award for his contributions to industrial peace and collective bargaining.

As a law student, St. Antoine was editor-in-chief of *Michigan Law Review* and a member of the winning team in the annual moot court competition. After serving in the U.S. Army JAG Corps, he studied law and economics on a Fulbright grant at the London School of Economics.

