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## Michigan Law alumni directory work moves ahead

Compilation of the information that graduates have provided for the new Michigan Law alumni directory will begin this winter after telephone verification of the data is completed.

Harris Connect Inc., which is producing the directory for the Law School, has begun conducting telephone verification of the data you graduates have provided, and will continue this process through January. After that Harris will begin compiling the data and preparing it for publication. Distribution of the directory is expected by mid-summer.

The new directory, the Law School's 11th, will contain a wealth of information about Michigan Law's nearly 20,000 graduates, including name, graduation year, work affiliation, legal practice area, and e-mail addresses for those who provide them. In addition to letting you search for an individual graduate, the directory will group classmates and other graduates by class year, geographic area, and/or professional practice specialty. All Law School alumni will appear in the directory, and online through our password protected "Alum Network," unless exclusion is specifically requested.

Accurate compilation of such a massive amount of data is a huge and rigorous undertaking that takes many months to complete. Work on the directory began last summer when a letter from Dean Evan H. Caminker went out to all graduates explaining the project and enclosing a questionnaire for return by October 1. Those who preferred to update information online could go to [www.alumniconnections.com/update](http://www.alumniconnections.com/update) and use their ID password (as provided by Harris Connect via letter or e-mail) to access the questionnaire page.

In October, a followup postcard was mailed to remind those who had not completed and returned their questionnaires, either by telephone, mail or online, to do so, and to order a directory. (Alumni may call the publisher directly to update their information via the telephone number provided on the postcard.)

Now, as we approach the last month of 2007, work on the project is shifting to verification of the information that you have provided so that it can be compiled and sorted into the various categories that the directory will include.

The goal is to make the directory "as comprehensive as possible," notes Dean Caminker.

"The directory will become an invaluable resource for your professional life as well as for maintaining and renewing Michigan Law School friendships from your class year and in your part of the world," Caminker says. "Once again, in addition to indexes by class year and metropolitan area, the directory will include an index by field of practice."



*Matt Meyer, '02*

## Matt Meyer, '02: Michigan Law known worldwide for service

**M**att Meyer, '02, recalls the tragedy keenly:

He was in Kenya, and a man asked him for \$6 so he could hire a taxi to take his sister, seriously ill with dysentery, to the hospital. Meyer was carrying only \$1 at the time, and quickly gave it to the man, who used the money to board a bus with his ailing sister. Meyer knew the ride to the hospital would take the pair at least an hour.

Later, Meyer ran into the man again, and learned that his sister had died because she had not got to the hospital quickly enough.

"She died for lack of \$5," Meyer exclaimed, recounting the story to incoming Law School students enjoying a barbecue dinner under the tent after completing the Service Day portion of their orientation.

Meyer, now an attorney with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in New York City, was so moved by his undergraduate experiences in Kenya that he founded the Akala Project there to provide jobs to local people by manufacturing footwear from castoff vehicle tires. Later, while in law school, he and a fellow student

formed Ecosandals ([www.ecosandals.com](http://www.ecosandals.com)) to sell the sandals worldwide. Over the past five years, Ecosandals has helped generate about \$140,000 for people who often struggle to earn \$1.40 each weekly. Ecosandals also has established an evening high school for its employees.

Ecosandals has been recognized by the Jefferson Awards, the World Bank, and CNN, and media in some 17 countries on four continents have done reports on the effort.

Meyer has been active in such public service throughout his adult life. Before attending Michigan Law he served in Teach for America in the District of Columbia, where he taught fourth grade and computers, recruited colleagues to establish the See It, Believe It, Achieve It Academy for more than 80 elementary school students, and coached a team of fifth and sixth grade computer neophytes to the final round of a global Web site design competition. After law school, he used his Skadden Fellowship to establish a community economic development clinic in his native Delaware to offer pro bono legal services to nearly 100 small business and nonprofit clients.

Now a practicing attorney, he works with investment funds, large mergers, and public issuances of stock. He also has continued his pro bono work, successfully representing asylum seekers, offering assistance to low-income entrepreneurs, and co-coaching a team of high school students to the semi-finals of the largest city moot court competition in America.

"You are entering a law school known around the world for service," Meyer told his listeners. Law "implements the values we believe in," he said, urging his listeners to use what they learn to help others as well as earn their own livelihoods. "You're learning in a law school known as the top of the top, and with that comes responsibility."

New students spend Service Day working at a variety of community agencies that assist the hungry, drug dependent, abused mothers, and others. The dinner was sponsored by Michigan Law's Office of Public Service and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

Service Day is supported through a gift from Randy Mehrberg, '80, and his wife, Michele M. Schara, establishing the Randall E. Mehrberg and Michele M. Schara Fund for Public Service in Honor of Susan M. Eklund, '73. The gift has substantial matching support from the Chicago-based energy company Exelon, for which Mehrberg is executive vice president and general counsel. Eklund, the U-M's associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students, was the Law School's dean of students for 20 years.

## A look at the class of 2009

**First-year law students ..... 369**  
(from 42 states, 13 countries,  
143 universities)

**Median LSAT score ..... 168**

**Median GPA ..... 3.67**

**Minority enrollment ..... 28%**

**African American ..... 7 %**

**Latino ..... 5 %**

**Native American ..... 2 %**

**Asian American ..... 14 %**

**Male ..... 55%**

**Female ..... 45%**

**Mean age ..... 24.2 yrs**

(More than two-thirds have taken  
off one or more years after  
undergraduate education;  
15 percent have graduate degrees.)

**Entering LL.M. candidates ..... 35**  
(from 20 countries)

**Second-year transfers ..... 38**



## Fiske Fellows hold 5th anniversary reunion in Washington, D.C.

Robert B. Fiske Jr., '55, and Dean Evan H. Caminker, center, are shown with Fiske Fellows at the fellowship program's fifth anniversary reunion in Washington, D.C., last spring. Fiske, a partner with David Polk & Wardwell in New York and the first independent counsel for the Whitewater investigation, endowed the Robert B. Fiske Jr. Fellowship Program for Public Service in 2001 to encourage graduating law students to enter public service. The program supports three new graduates for three years by providing debt repayment assistance on all educational loans and a first-year stipend. Fiske's own public service has been

extensive: In addition to acting as the first Whitewater independent counsel, he has served as assistant U.S. attorney and U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York, as chairman of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys, as chairman of a Judicial Commission on Drugs and the Courts, and a member of the Webster Commission's Commission for the Review of FBI Security Programs. From left, front row, are: Frank Karabetsos, '01; Kristen McDonald, '06; Bethany Hauser, '02; Dean Caminker; Fiske; Christopher Rawsthorn, '03; and

Tara Sarathy, '02. Back row, from left: Joseph Syverson, '05; Ryan Danks, '02; George Torgun, '02; Aaron DeCamp, '04; Michael Kabakoff, '03; and Steven Bressler, '01. The 2006 fellowship winners are McDonald, serving at the Philadelphia (PA) District Attorney's office; Syverson, '05, working at the tax division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.; and (not shown) Peter Mazza, '05, who is working at the U.S. Attorney's office in San Diego.

## Graduates' books offer tips for practitioners

Two new books by Michigan Law graduates offer solid how-tos for practicing law and avoiding the trap of writing the obtuse prose disparaged as legalese.

In *The Curmudgeon's Guide to Practicing Law* (American Bar Association, 2006), Mark Hermann, '83, offers solid tips wrapped in good humor in chapters like How to Fail as an Associate, How to Enter Time so that Clients will Pay for It, and Dress for Success. And in *Lifting the Fog of Legalese: Essays on Plain Language* (Carolina Academic Press, 2006), Thomas M. Cooley Law School Professor Joseph Kimble, '72, offers suggestions for clear writing and provides working examples of turgid, repetitive legal writing and how it can be—and in many cases was—improved.

These volumes are slim—*Curmudgeon* is 140 pages, *Lifting the Fog* 200 pages—and each easily packs into a laptop or overnight bag. It's easy to imagine one or both quickly becoming dog-eared and well-traveled.

Hermann, a partner with the international firm Jones Day in Cleveland, uses his curmudgeonly approach to offer blunt advice that can be helpful to new and longtime practitioners alike. On taking depositions, for example:

"When you ask questions at depositions, remember that those questions are likely to be read later at trial. Many lawyers seem to forget this. At trial, we typically go out of our way to speak like just plain folks. We abandon the elevated diction that we use in the ordinary course of our lives, and we substitute two-bit words for the dollar-fifty ones that we regularly use. Thus, at trial, many lawyers will choose to ask, 'When you signed page three, did you know that this

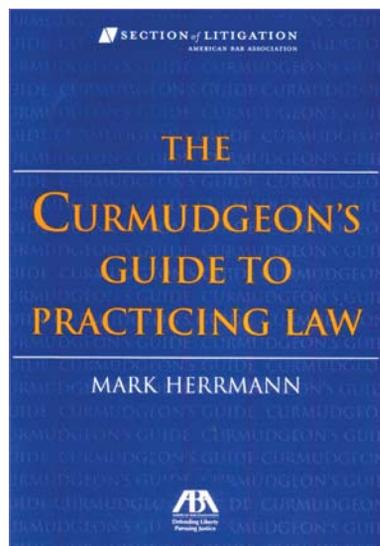
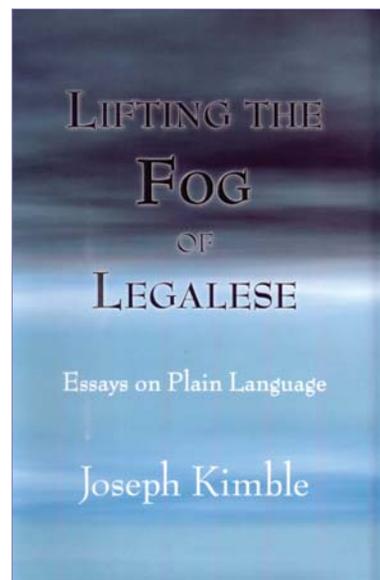
was a done deal?' instead of, 'By affixing your signature to the contract, did you understand that contract formation thereby occurred?'

"That's good strategy. You can't sound like a jerk in front of a jury. But remember, your deposition questions are also likely to be read to the jury. It doesn't do much good to sound like an ordinary person when you're live in front of the jury, only to have the jury hear deposition questions that sound as though they were posed by pointy-headed Ivy Leaguers. Worse yet, if the deposition was videotaped, the jury will hear your own voice, in all of its pointy-headedness, and the jury will know that you're just faking it at trial. There's only one way to fix this. Avoid elevated diction at depositions as surely as you avoid elevated diction at trial."

Hermann even includes a chapter called The Curmudgeonly Secretary that was written by his assistant. An example: "If you want me to act like I'm part of your team, treat me like I'm part of your team. If you treat me like I'm a piece of office equipment, I'll act accordingly. And given how often office equipment breaks down, that's not a good idea."

In contrast to Hermann's more general guide, Kimble's book focuses on the writing and written documents that are at the heart of so much of legal practice. Kimble teaches research and writing at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, where he has been a fulltime faculty member since 1984, lectures worldwide on the subject, and practices what he preaches through his own writing.

Kimble is executive director of Scribes (the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects) and editor in chief of *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*. He has



lectured on writing to legal organizations throughout the English-speaking world and is the drafting consultant to the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States and led the work of redrafting the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

He's collected a number of essays he has written over the past 15 years into *Lifting the Fog of Legalese*, which culls from Kimble's "Plain Language" column

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in the *Michigan Bar Journal* and other publications that he edits.

"The legal vocabulary is commonly archaic and inflated" and "tends to be poorly organized and poorly formatted," Kimble writes in his Introduction. The result, he says, "is legalese—a form of prose so jumbled, dense, verbose, and overloaded that it confuses and frustrates most everyday readers and even many lawyers."

That said, he sets the stage for his book with examples, like:

- *From a letter:* Please be advised that I am in receipt of your letter in regard to the above matter and have enclosed my response to the same.

- *In other words:* I received your letter about the Spann case and have enclosed my response.

Or,

- *From a contract* (a standard provision): If any term, provision, Section, or portion of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person, place, or circumstance, shall be held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms, provisions, Sections, and portions of this Agreement shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

- *In other words:* If a court invalidates any portion of this agreement, the rest of it remains in effect.

"Such a mess we lawyers have gotten ourselves into," writes Kimble. "And because law touches almost everything in some way, so does the fog of legalese. I think no reform would more fundamentally improve our profession and the work we do than learning to express ourselves in plain language. To that end, this book."

## John Warner Fitzgerald, '54

Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice John Warner Fitzgerald, '54, died July 7 after a lengthy illness. He was 81.

Fitzgerald served on the state's highest court from 1974-82. He previously had served as a state senator, 1958-62, and as a judge on Michigan's Court of Appeals, 1964-74.

He also was a professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing and served on the school's original board.

Public service was characteristic of Fitzgerald's family:

- His father, Frank D. Fitzgerald, served two terms as Michigan secretary of state and died in 1939 during his second term as governor;

- His grandfather, John Wesley Fitzgerald, served in the Michigan House in 1895-96;

- And his son, Frank M. Fitzgerald, served in the state House from 1987-98 as state financial and insurance services commissioner from 2000-03. Frank M. Fitzgerald died in 2004.

## Reunion: A time to come back home

**Class Reunion**, a time to re-connect with all that your legal education means. From once again seeing former classmates to visiting former teachers or leading your family through the halls where you took the first steps in the legal career you have followed since.

Each year Michigan Law hosts two reunion weekends, and the first came this year immediately after classes resumed. During the weekend of September 8-10, members of the classes of 1981, '86, '91, '96, and 2001 and their families and guests returned to the Law School for a wonderful fall weekend of friends, family, football, and reconnection.

Two members of these reunioning classes also stepped into the roles of speakers for the occasion: former U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald, '86, addressed his fellow graduates prior to the tailgate luncheon that preceded the Michigan vs. Central Michigan football game (Michigan won 41 to 17); and Frank H. Wu, '91, dean and professor of law at Wayne State University in Detroit, was speaker for the Minority Alumni Breakfast that kicked off the day's reunion activities. The following stories, with photos of the speakers, report on these talks.

A report and photos of the second reunion weekend, October 27-29, will appear in the spring issue of *Law Quadrangle Notes*.

## Peter G. Fitzgerald, '86: 'I care'

**F**ormer Illinois U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald brought laughter to his fellow graduates when he recalled his first class as a summer starter at Michigan Law in 1983:

His professor, Thomas G. Kauper, '60, now the Henry M. Butzel Professor of Law, scanned through the names of students before him and "somehow settled on my name, Peter Fitzgerald." Surprised to be called on, but nonetheless prepared, like most new law students are, Fitzgerald dutifully answered to the best of his ability.

"So what, Mr. Fitzgerald," Kauper shot back when he had finished. "Who cares?"

Having weathered that initiation, Fitzgerald was well on his way to his J.D. And he never stopped caring. That's why, he recounted for fellow graduates during September's reunions for the classes of 1981, '86, '91, '96, and 2001, he struggled against pressures from within and outside the U.S. Senate to have Patrick G. Fitzgerald (the two men are not related) named U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. Fitzgerald, the special investigator for the CIA outing case, is the prosecutor whose work led to last summer's conviction for graft and sentencing of former Illinois Governor George Ryan to six and one-half years in prison.

As the only U.S. Senator from the party in power, Fitzgerald, a Republican, had the traditional right to name a nominee to the U.S. Attorney post. Spurred by the story of how longtime *Chicago Tribune* editor/publisher Colonel Robert R. McCormick had gone to President Herbert Hoover seeking a

Chicago outsider to break the power of Al Capone—Hoover sent in U.S. Treasury agent Elliot Ness and his team, who brought down Capone on tax evasion charges—Fitzgerald sought out high level advice at the FBI and elsewhere to name the best prosecutor he could find. The name that came back: Patrick G. Fitzgerald, then an assistant U.S. Attorney in New York. Politically unaffiliated and nonpartisan, Patrick Fitzgerald himself expressed shock when contacted about taking the traditionally political appointment in Chicago.

But sticking to his guns is what Peter Fitzgerald was known for in the U.S. Senate and the Illinois legislature before that. A Republican maverick, he spent a total of 12 years in the two posts, ending his U.S. Senate term in 2005 after enjoying what he calls "a wonderfully tough experience."

In a talk peppered with insider's tales, Fitzgerald frequently drew knowing nods, smiles, and laughter from his audience. He recalled that he was only 38 when he was sworn into the U.S. Senate, becoming that chamber's youngest officeholder and nearly 30 years younger than most U.S. Senators. In contrast, Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina was 96 at the time, he noted.

Fitzgerald spent his first weeks as U.S. Senator hearing the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, the first U.S. president to be impeached in 130 years. "Every time I'd get tired, I'd look over at Strom Thurmond, and he'd be wide awake, there in the first row, 96 years old," Fitzgerald recalled. At the time

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Thurmond exercised 45 minutes daily and swam laps in the Senate pool once a week. At a break in the impeachment proceedings, the incredulous junior senator approached Thurmond and said, "I hope at your age I'm as active as you. He looked down at me and said, 'Son, you're not that active now.'"

About 90 percent of lawmakers' time is spent working with the proposals of special interest groups, Fitzgerald related. Usually, but not always, such proposals are presented as in the public interest but actually further a narrow interest. "I always tried to do my best to peel the onion on any bill that purported to be in the public interest. . . . I tried to find those areas where the narrow special interest jibed with the public interest."

For example, Fitzgerald noted, baby seat manufacturers lobbied for laws to require the seats in automobiles, but such a position also served a society-wide public interest. It was a very different case with the manufacturer of synthetic blood that wanted the Defense Department to pay for testing it on soldiers injured in Iraq.

"It was a constant effort to scrape away the rhetoric," Fitzgerald explained.

But this is the system the Founding Fathers envisioned, he noted. They defined tyranny as the unification of legislative, judicial, and executive authority into a single king, so they separated those powers into the three arms of their new government. Then they built further checks into the separated powers: a bicameral legisla-

ture, appeals courts and the Supreme Court, "to create a system so robust" that all interests can compete in its arena.

During a brief question and answer session following his talk, Fitzgerald noted that although he voted in favor of the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Bill he still feels there are difficulties with the way American political campaigns are funded. He also decried the gerrymandering that occurs when the political party in power redraws congressional districts every decade in a way designed to retain its hold on political power. "That's a big hole in our democracy now," he noted.

Fitzgerald, who was the Law School's commencement speaker in May 2004, was a banking executive before his legislative career, and he is re-entering the banking field now that he has returned to private life. He is establishing a new bank in McLean, Virginia, where he now lives.



*Former Illinois U.S. Senator  
Peter G. Fitzgerald, '86*

## Frank H. Wu, '91: Affirmative action brought me home

Why did Frank H. Wu, '91, return home to Detroit three years ago to become dean of Wayne State University Law School after a more-than-decade-long career as teacher and community leader in Washington, D.C.?

He grew up in Detroit, and like so many people, he left the area after receiving his B.A. from Johns Hopkins and his J.D. from Michigan Law, first to practice law in San Francisco, then to teach at the predominantly black Howard University in the nation's capital.

"I came back because of the University of Michigan and affirmative action," he told those attending the Law School's annual breakfast for minority and other graduates. The breakfast was part of events during the September 8-10 reunion weekend last fall.

Like so many others, Wu said, he saw a Detroit during the 1980s and '90s that had become a shell of the vibrant city that once had been the fourth largest in the United States. But when he returned to testify in the University of Michigan's affirmative action/admissions case, he saw renovation in Detroit and "I wondered if a renaissance actually was happening." He saw new condominiums going up along Woodward Avenue, where nothing had been built during the two previous decades. He saw new businesses opening. He decided it was time to return, to contribute.

"I'm not naïve," he explained. "Many of these initiatives will fail. But some will succeed, because they have the leader-

ship and dedication to succeed." And that is what counts, for the successes are showing the falsity of racial stereotypes associated with Detroit and other cities, stereotypes that Wu considers "flimsy but profound in their power."

Wu, co-author of *Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment*, and author of *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White*, is a highly regarded scholar and author, and often has debated affirmative action opponents. But now, he said, he declines to participate in such debates because he has come to believe it is a two-fold mistake to enter the fray.

- First, because debate so often involves antagonistic point-counterpoint instead of civil dialogue, and because debates often are conducted in sound bite type comment and suggest that there only are two alternatives and the solution can be achieved in 60 or 90 minutes. "I'd like to support the idea that we have a dialogue, with all as equals, so that we can see the complexities and ambiguities," he said. "When we debate, what we do is debase the very subject we debate."
- Second, because debates of affirmative action often begin with the programs of affirmative action, rather than original, abiding issues of racial and gender discrimination and disparity. "If we change the question that is asked, it changes the entire conversation," he said.

So how do you do that? a listener asked. Be a helper, not a challenger,



Frank H. Wu, '91;  
dean of Wayne State University Law School

according to Wu. Ask how agreed upon American ideals can be put into effect rather than dwelling on why they haven't been.

Start by taking many people at their word, he advised. When a law firm's diversity officer decries the firm's lack of diversity, or you hear a speaker talk about the benefits of having a business, organization, or other institution incorporate a diversity of personnel that mirrors the racial, ethnic, and/or gender makeup of the United States, take them at their word, he advised. Offer to work with them toward a solution, telling them "let's sit down and work out the nitty gritty."

"If we can force people to be true to their rhetoric," Wu noted, "we can make progress."

From top:  
William H. Dance, '49; Robert M. Veracrucyse, '68



## 1949

**William H. Dance**, of counsel with Vercruyse Murray & Calzone, was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He has practiced immigration law for more than 45 years and is a founder of the organization. In recognition of his exceptional and dedicated service, the award has been named after him.

## 1954

**Lawrence L. Bullen** was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan, in recognition of his lifetime of public service.

## 1956

The Council of Michigan Foundations recognized **Raymond H. Dresser Jr.** with a special award for community foundation philanthropy. Dresser helped found the Sturgis Area Community Foundation and has supported it for more than 40 years.

## 1964

**Alan R. Kraves** has been elected to the board of the International Association of Attorneys and Executives in Corporate Real Estate. He is president of Sheldon Good & Company, Auctions LLC, in Chicago.

**William R. Radford**, managing partner in the Miami office of Ford & Harrison LLP, has been selected as a "super lawyer" by a vote of his peers and *Law & Politics* magazine. He practices labor and employment law

## 1965

**Timothy D. Wittlinger** of Clark Hill was honored by the Oakland County Bar Association for 40 years of service. He specializes in technical contract litigation and has served on the Oakland County Bar Association mediation committee.

## 1967

**Lewis T. Barr** of Ulmer Berne LLP in Cleveland has been named in the *Best Lawyers in America*. He practices tax law.

**Calvin Bellamy**, chairman and chief executive officer of Bank Calumet, has joined the Hammond, Indiana, office of Krieg DeVault LLP as a partner. He is a member of the firm's estate planning, financial institutions, and business practice groups.

**Jeffrey H. Miro**, partner in Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn and adjunct professor at the Law School, has been appointed to the board of directors of Limited Brands Inc.

**Philip A. Nicely** of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP in Indianapolis has been named as one of the best lawyers in the country by *The Best of the U.S.* He is chair of his firm's real estate group.

## 1968

**David L. Callies**, Benjamin A. Kudo Professor of Law at William S. Richardson School of Law in Honolulu, is co-author of *The Role of Customary Law in Sustainable Development*. He teaches land use, state and local government, and real property and is co-editor of *Land Use and Environmental Law Review*.

**Warren S. Grimes** was named the Irving D. and Florence Rosenberg Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles. A member of the fulltime faculty since 1988, he teaches courses in administrative and antitrust law and is co-author of *The Law of Antitrust: An Integral Handbook*.

*Chambers USA* recognized **Robert M. Veracrucyse**, shareholder in Vercruyse Murray & Calzone, in its 2006 edition. He practices employment, labor, and civil rights law.

From top: Michael B. Staebler, '69; David M. Lick, '70; Eric Schneidewind, '70; Alan T. Ackerman, '72; Theodore Nowacki, '72; Philip "Chip" Ahrens, '75

## 1969

**Michael B. Staebler**, partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP and a member of the firm's executive committee, has been appointed to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation executive committee and corporation board.

**Anthony Van Westrum** was honored by the Denver Bar Association with the award of merit, its highest honor, for outstanding commitment to the community and the legal profession. He chairs the Colorado Bar Association's Amicus Brief Committee, is a member of the Legislative Policy Committee and Ethics Committee, and represents the Business Law section on the board of governors.

## 1970

**David M. Lick** has joined Forster, Swift, Collins & Smith P.C. in Lansing as a shareholder. He practices commercial litigation, business, and corporate law in the firm's commercial litigation practice group and has been an adjunct faculty member in the department of natural resources at Michigan State University.

**Steve Schember** has been elected chairman of the Outback Bowl game in Tampa for a one-year term. He is a senior partner in the litigation group of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick.

**Eric Schneidewind** was named president of AARP Michigan. He previously served on its executive committee and is a former chair of the Michigan Public Service Commission. He is counsel to Energy Michigan, a trade group of Michigan businesses and end users.

**Isaac Schulz** of Ulmer Berne LLP in Cleveland has been named in the *Best Lawyers in America*. He is chair of the firm's health care group.

## 1972

**Alan T. Ackerman**, managing partner of Ackerman & Ackerman in Troy, Michigan, received a distinguished service award from the Oakland County Bar Association, the organization's most prestigious award. He has been a member of the association's foundation board of trustees since 2003.

**Richard M. Lavers** was named chief executive officer of Coachmen Industries Inc. in Elkhart, Indiana.

The Kansas Supreme Court has appointed **Thomas V. Murray**, of the Overland Park office of Lathrop & Gage L.C., chairman of the Kansas Board of Law Examiners, which administers the Kansas Bar Examination. Murray has served on the board for 11 years.

**Theodore Nowacki** of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP in Indianapolis has been named one of the best lawyers in the country by *The Best of the U.S.* He concentrates his practice in consumer credit regulations and compliance, lender liability, inter-creditor arrangements, loans and lien enforcement, and environmental matters.

## 1973

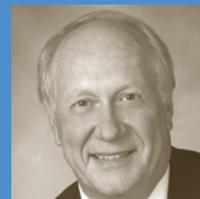
**Ronald L. Kahn** of Ulmer Berne LLP in Cleveland has been named in both the *Best Lawyers in America* and in *Chambers USA*. He chairs the firm's tax practice group.

## 1974

**Craig A. Wolson**, who specializes in securitization, derivatives, bank finance, corporate finance, securities, and general corporate matters, has become Special Counsel at New York's Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, resident in Charlotte. Wolson chairs the Structure Finance Committee of the New York City Bar Association and was named a New York Super Lawyer for 2006 by *Law & Politics*.

## 1975

**Philip "Chip" Ahrens**, partner at Pierce Atwood LLP in Portland, Maine, has been ranked among the best attorneys in *Chambers USA*. He is senior partner in the firm's environmental practice group.





From top: Frank G. Dunten, '75; Guy F. Guinn, '75; Brent Rector, '75; David B. Calzone, '81; Janet E. Lanyon, '82; James R. Sobieraj, '82; George H. Vincent, '82

**Frank G. Dunten** has joined Dickinson Wright PLLC in Grand Rapids as a corporate attorney. Named West Michigan's Legal Professional of the Year for 2006, he has served as general counsel to a variety of businesses and organizations throughout west Michigan.

**Guy F. Guinn**, who specializes in banking and finance at Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP in Cleveland, has been named among the best attorneys in *Chambers USA*.

**Brent Rector**, who practices employment and labor law at Miller Johnson in Grand Rapids, has released an updated version of the *Occupational Safety and Health Guide for Michigan Employers* manual produced in partnership with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

## 1976

**Christine Albright**, partner and head of the trust and estates practice at Winston & Strawn LLP in Chicago, was named head of the American Bar Association's section of real property, probate, and trust law.

## 1977

Mesa County (Colorado) District Judge **Amanda Bailey**, who was appointed to the court in 1990, will retire at the end of her current term in January 2007.

## 1981

*Chambers USA* recognized **David B. Calzone**, shareholder in Vercruyse Murray & Calzone, in its 2006 edition. He practices employment law.

**Charles M. Denton II**, of Varnum, Riddering Schmidt & Howlett LLP in Grand Rapids, spoke on "Expert Witness Testimony in Complex Environmental Litigation" at the 10th annual spring conference of the Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals. Chair of the firm's environmental litigation group, Denton is also a trustee on the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education.

## 1982

**Janet E. Lanyon** was elected to the executive committee at Dean & Fulkerson in Troy, Michigan. She is a member of the firm's labor practice group and practices labor and employee benefits law and litigation.

**James R. Sobieraj** was named president-elect of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago at the group's most recent annual meeting. He is chair of litigation practice at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione and also a member of the board of directors of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation.

**George H. Vincent**, who practices corporate and mergers and acquisitions law at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati, was included in *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

## 1983

**James Laing** was elected president of Wolverine Mutual Insurance Company in Dowagiac, Michigan. It is the fourth time a member of the Laing family has headed the firm in its 89-year history.

**Margaret Coughlin LePage**, partner at Pierce Atwood LLP in Portland, Maine, has been ranked among the best attorneys in *Chambers USA*. She practices employment law.

Former deputy city attorney **Anne-Christine Massullo** has been appointed a San Francisco Superior Court judge.

**Frederick M. Snow** joined First American Bank in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, as senior vice president and general counsel.

## 1984

**Paul A. Fitzsimmons** has joined the litigation department at the Washington, D.C., office of Saul Ewing as special counsel. His practice focuses on insurance matters in business and commercial settings.

*From top: James Laing, '83; Margaret Coughlin LePage, '83; Frederick M. Snow, '83; Mark Moran, '86; Scott A. Huizenga, '88; Greg Guevara, '92; Lydia Pallas Loren, '92*

## 1986

**Mark Moran**, a partner with Washington, D.C.-based Steptoe and Johnson LLP, was profiled in August in *The American Lawyer* for his role as lead counsel for the Canadian industry in the long-running Canadian-U.S. softwood lumber trade issue. He also represented the Canadian government in a World Trade Organization challenge arising from the same dispute, becoming one of only a handful of private lawyers to argue a case successfully before the WTO Appellate Body.

## 1987

**Tina S. Van Dam**, recently retired corporate secretary of the Dow Chemical Company and current senior counsel for corporate governance and finance of the National Association of Manufacturers, has joined the Conference Board as associate director of the Governance Center and Directors Institute in New York City.

**Suzanne Thomas** has joined Preston Gates & Ellis LLP in Seattle as a partner. She focuses her practice on employment law, intellectual property protection, and related business matters.

**Anne "Andi" S. Kenney** has joined Jenner & Block LLP in Chicago as of counsel to the firm's environmental, energy, and natural resources law practice.

## 1988

**Scott A. Huizenga** has been appointed chair of the corporate practice group at Varnum, Riddering Schmidt & Howlett LLP. He focuses his practice on transactional matters including mergers, acquisitions, sales, and joint ventures.

## 1989

The University of Iowa appointed **Marcella David** as head of its newly organized Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. She also holds a faculty appointment in the university's College of Law.

## 1990

**Jim Rowader** has been promoted to director of labor and employee relations, assistant general counsel, at the Target Corporation in Minneapolis.

**Ron Wheeler** has been named associate director for public services at the Georgia State University College of Law Library in Atlanta.

## 1992

**Greg Guevara** has rejoined Bose McKinney & Evans LLP as a partner in the labor and employment group. He represents regional and national corporate clients in all aspects of labor and employment law.

**Lydia Pallas Loren** was appointed interim dean at Lewis & Clark Law School.

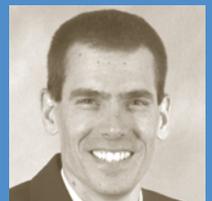
## 1993

**Mark G. Malven** has joined Dykema's corporate finance practice group in its e-commerce and technology practice. He is working primarily in the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and Chicago offices.

## 1995

The Chicago Foundation for Women awarded its first Founders Award for Young Women to **Alicia Aiken**, supervisory attorney at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. The award is given to a woman under 40 who has a history of strong advocacy in improving the lives of women and girls. Aiken plans to use the award to research model courts and legal programs to improve the domestic violence legal response system.

Public interest attorney **Cheryl A. Leanza** was named managing director of the United Church of Christ's Office of Communications Inc. She also teaches First Amendment and broadcasting to graduate students in Georgetown University's Communications, Culture, and Technology program.



From top: Rachel Tausend, '01; Jessica S. Hylander, '03



## 1996

**Daniel P. Dain** has joined in forming the law firm Brennan, Dain, Le Ray & Wiest, P.C. in Boston. The firm specializes in all aspects of real estate development.

## 1997

**Robert Olin** was named partner at Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP in New York. He is a member of the firm's finance practice group.

## 1998

**Andrew J. Tavi** was named vice president and general counsel at Noble International Ltd. in Warren, Michigan.

## 1999

**Mariana Ardizzone**, senior associate at Maciel, Norman & Asociados in Buenos Aires, received a "Key Women in Energy" award.

**David C. Kirk** was elected partner at Troutman Sanders LLP in Atlanta. He is a member of the firm's governmental law practice group.

**Dana A. Roach** has joined the Wayne State University Law School faculty as an assistant professor. She is teaching the Non-profit Corporations and Urban Development Clinic this fall.

## 2000

**Michael A. Satz** has joined the University of Idaho College of Law faculty as an associate professor. He is teaching Contracts, Secured Transactions, and Consumer Law.

## 2001

**Rachel Tausend** joined Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP in Washington, D.C., as an associate in its securities litigation and investment management practice groups.

## 2002

**Carole BenEzra**, an associate at Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C., in Southfield, Michigan, was appointed to the firm's electronic transactions association research and information resources committee and the women networking in electronic transactions membership committee.

## 2003

**Shawn Gordon** joined the Boston office of Fish & Richardson P.C. as an associate in its litigation group. His practice focuses on chemistry, medical devices, genetics, and software.

**Jessica S. Hylander**, who practices at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati, has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star by *Law & Politics Media*.

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