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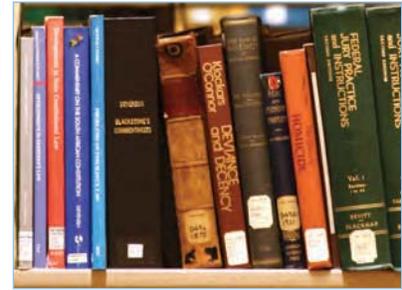
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General Counsel—"You have to be agile in your career. Sometimes opportunities will look for you. Sometimes you need to create them," Michele Coleman Mayes, '74, senior vice president and general counsel of Pitney Bowes, explains as she traces the career path that has made her one of the small number of African Americans who have become general counsels of major American corporations. A veteran of the litigation that followed the merger of Burroughs and Sperry corporations into UNISYS, she also served more than five years as an assistant U.S. attorney in Detroit and Brooklyn, and as a lawyer and eventually vice president, deputy general counsel, and assistant secretary with Colgate-Palmolive Company.

Michigan Law alumni directory work approaches completion



Compilation of the information that graduates have provided for the new Michigan Law alumni directory has been completed.

Harris Connect Inc., which is producing the directory for the Law School, will be distributing purchased copies of the directory by mid-summer.

The new directory, the Law School's 11th, contains a wealth of information about Michigan Law's 20,000 graduates, including name, graduation year, work affiliation, legal practice area, and e-mail addresses where made available. 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.

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. In October, reminders were mailed to those who had not yet updated their information and alumni were given the opportunity to order a directory. Throughout the process the goal has been to make the directory "as comprehensive as possible," notes 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. It is very important to note that all Law School alumni will appear in the directory, and online through our password protected "Alum Network," unless exclusion has been specifically requested. The online directory information will be available at the end of the summer and will ONLY be accessible to Law School alumni, faculty, staff, and students. Please watch your mail for information on logging onto the system.

NOTE: Alumni biographic information that appears in the Law School directory may also appear in other forms made available to Law School alumni, faculty and staff, and students only, including printed subsets by class, region, etc., in addition to on the internet in the password protected "Alum Network," accessible only to Law School alumni, faculty and staff, and students.

Brian O’Neill, ’74: The wheels of justice are stuck



Brian O’Neill, ’74, never expected justice’s wheels to spin freely. But he cannot abide the disillusioning tease of starts and fits that has moved his most celebrated case at barely glacial speed since it was filed in 1989.

His case is on behalf of more than 32,000 people harmed by the grounding of the *Exxon Valdez* in Alaska’s Prince William Sound in March 1989, a misnavigation that split the 987-foot hull and spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil into the frigid, pristine waters of the sound, O’Neill told an audience of Michigan Law graduates at their reunion late last fall. Within half a day the oil had spread 600-700 miles, he said, a distance equal to that from San Francisco Bay to the northern end of Puget Sound, and within two months fisheries in the area were forced to shut down.

A total of more than 32,000 people were harmed by the spill, according to O’Neill, former defense specialist with Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis who Exxon-Valdez took onto the offensive (he now heads his firm’s litigation group). That was spring 1989, the year that the Berlin Wall came down.

By 1991, the year the Soviet Union dissolved, the hundreds of lawsuits from the accident were consolidated. Discovery proceeded until 1993, with attorneys collecting more than 14 million documents and more than 1,000 depositions. By May 1994, however, the Ninth Circuit had not yet ruled if the case should go to federal or state court, so attorneys took it into U.S. District Court in Alaska. There, O’Neill said, U.S. District Judge H. Ross Holland, ’61, and attorney Ron Olson, ’66, of Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles, representing a number of oil companies other than Exxon, moved the trial along

at a reasonable pace. The verdict: \$286 million in compensatory damages and \$5 billion in punitive damages against Exxon.

After that the case bogged down at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, while history moved along elsewhere: The United States invaded Iraq in Operation Desert Storm; Bill Clinton survived impeachment and finished his eight years in the White House; the U.S. Supreme Court decided the 2000 presidential election; and the U.S. invaded Iraq a second time, deposed leader Saddam Hussein, and found itself three years later hoping that a surge in U.S. troop numbers could calm Iraq’s sectarian warfare and give the fledgling government there the opportunity to establish order.

Citing U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 1996, 2001, and 2003 affecting the ratio of punitive to compensatory damages, the Appeals Court three times has remanded the Exxon-Valdez damages case back to the trial court, which substantially has affirmed its original ruling, plus interest. Most recently, the case returned to the Appeals Court on January 27, 2006; no decision had been announced yet when O’Neill addressed Michigan Law graduates at their reunion last November, 10 months later.

By then, O’Neill reported, some 3,000 of his clients had died, divorced, or tried to move elsewhere and/or establish new livelihoods. Many were fishermen, and they simply could not withstand the kinds of payment delays that the repeated appeals and remandings have caused, he said.

For O’Neill and others involved in the case, pressing for damages for their clients has been a labor of professional and personal dedication over the past 18



years. His involvement, he reported, has led him to a number of conclusions:

- On the environment: “Once oil is spilled it can’t be cleaned up. Cleanup money should be spent on prevention.”
- The long-term impact of oil is unknown and surprising: “Apparently it doesn’t hurt salmon but it devastates herring.”
- On lawyers: “I am amazed that a small group of lawyers could put in more than \$200 million on behalf of clients. How many people would invest that much time and money?”
- On clients: “Clients deserve settlements within their lifetime. I’ve got more than 3,000 clients now who are dead.”
- On disasters: “People react differently to manmade disasters than to natural disasters. Judicial settlement of manmade disasters is necessary. In this case the system has failed to do any of the things it is supposed to do.”

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New Dean's Advisory Council links Michigan Law, legal profession

The Law School last year formed its new Dean's Advisory Council, a group of distinguished alumni volunteers who provide counsel to the dean from



*Richard W. Pogue, '53,
Chair*

perspectives largely outside academia. With their knowledge of how legal education translates into practice, and of ongoing changes in the profession, council members are well qualified to offer insights on some of Michigan Law's most pressing challenges.

In its inaugural meeting on campus October 6-7, 2006, the 17-member group addressed several issues of immediate concern, including how to position the School for the future in a highly competitive environment for faculty and students, the American Bar Association accreditation process, and the impact of Proposal 2 (the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative)—all of which are likely to be ongoing topics.

"I thought it was a terrific meeting," said Dean Evan Caminker. "We tackled a number of issues that are very important to the Law School at this moment."

The council replaces the Committee of Visitors, the alumni body formed in 1962 that previously served the Law School in an advisory capacity.

"The Committee of Visitors was wonderful for the Law School for many years in many ways," said Caminker. "Each advisor was useful, but as the committee's numbers grew over time, the body itself became too unwieldy. It became imperative to find a way to form a smaller and much more stable group."

At the time the Committee was dissolved last year, its membership had swelled to more than 240 members and emeritus members—"too large a group," explained Caminker, "to constitute a functional advisory committee that could actually deliberate and discuss issues of concern."



Robert E. Hirshon, '73

By design, the new council is diverse with respect to professional background, experience, and geography, and includes firm practitioners, corporate counsel, non-lawyer business persons, public servants and government officials, as well as academic leaders.

"I think it's an excellent group, with great dedication to the task," says the council's chair, **Richard W. Pogue, '53**, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, currently advisor/consultant to Jones Day and former managing partner of the firm.

Caminker and Pogue expect the council to be engaged with issues related

to curriculum, communications, student recruitment, legal training, finances, faculty recruitment and retention, and best practices, among other concerns.



Elizabeth M. Barry, '88

Council members will serve three-year terms, renewable at the dean's discretion. It is expected that up to six new members will be added each year, with members rotating off the board as their terms end.

In addition to meeting annually in the fall and being available for consultation throughout the year, members will also serve as ambassadors for the Law School in legal, corporate, and academic communities; cultivate relationships between these communities and the Law School; and endorse Law School proposals when called upon.



*Yoichiro Yamakawa,
MCL '69*

Pogue is adamant that the council's central purpose is "strictly to be of advice and counsel to the dean" and that his role as chair is largely that of facilitator.



A study in concentration as they listen intently: Dean's Advisory Council members at their first meeting last fall at the Law School. Dean Evan Caminker and Assistant Dean for Admissions Sarah Zearfoss, '92, addressed the council.

"I don't have a major role," he says. "This is the dean's show, and I'm here to be sure that the meetings flow smoothly and that everyone who wants to be recognized is heard."

In addition to Pogue, council members for 2006-2007 are:

- **Elizabeth M. Barry, '88**, of Ann Arbor, managing director of the Life Sciences Institute at the University of Michigan.
- **Bruce P. Bickner, '68**, of Sycamore, Illinois, retired chief executive officer of Dekalb Genetics Corporation and chair of "Building On: The Campaign for the University of Michigan Law School."

Debra F. Minott, '79



- **John A. Denniston, '83**, of Menlo Park, California, a partner with Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers.
- **Sally Katzen Dyk, '67**, of Washington, D.C., currently a public interest/public service faculty fellow at Michigan Law and a visiting professor at several institutions.
- **Robert B. Fiske Jr. '55, HLLD '97**, of Darien, Connecticut, a partner with Davis Polk & Wardwell.

- **Robert E. Hirshon, '73**, of Portland, Oregon, chief executive officer of Tonkon Torp and a former president of the American Bar Association.
- **Barrie Lawson Loeks, '79**, of Grand Haven, Michigan, president and co-owner of Loeks & Loeks Entertainment.
- **Randall E. Mehrberg, '80**, of Chicago, executive vice president, chief administrative officer, and chief legal and ethics officer of Exelon Corporation. (See story on page 52.)
- **Debra F. Minott, '79**, of Carmel, Indiana, director of the Indiana State Personnel Department and a member of Governor Mitch Daniels' cabinet.
- **Alberto A. Muñoz II, '74**, of Edinburg, Texas, president of Alberto A. Muñoz II.
- **Brian B. O'Neill, '74**, of Minnetonka, Minnesota, a partner with and head of the litigation group of Faegre & Benson. (See story on page 49.)
- **Richard E. Rassel, '66**, of Birmingham, Michigan, a partner with and head of global client relations for Butzel Long in Detroit.

- **Barbara Rom, '72**, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, a partner with Pepper Hamilton and the partner in charge of the firm's Detroit office.



Barbara Rom, '72

- **Mary E. Snapp, '84**, of Seattle, vice president for law and corporate affairs for Microsoft, where she is also deputy general counsel for product development and marketing.
- **A. Paul Victor, '63**, of New York City, a partner with Dewey Ballantine.
- **Yoichiro Yamakawa, MCL '69**, of Tokyo, a partner with Koga & Partners.

Randy Mehrberg, '80: 'We like to be involved in the life of the community'

When you visit Millennium Park in Chicago—the 24.5-acre park and adjacent lakefront public spaces are magnets for Chicagoans and visitors alike—thank Randall E. Mehrberg, '80. With its Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Lurie Garden, Cloud Gate, Crown Fountain, solar-powered Exelon Pavilions, and other features, the area is a far cry from the railroad yards it had been for more than a century.

It was Mehrberg's curiosity—he wondered why railroad employees parked for free in the area adjacent to Michigan Avenue, but the Illinois Central did not build on the site or sell it—that led him to dig into land titles and bring to light that the railroad did not own this prime downtown land. It only had an easement to use the space for railroad purposes.

No rail use, no easement, and the land goes back to the city.

That was the mid-1990s, and Mehrberg was on leave from Jenner & Block to serve as lakefront director and general counsel for the Chicago Park District. In spite of his discovery, however, Illinois Central was unwilling to give up the land. As a result, the city sued the railroad.

But when the Canadian National Railway made known its desire to buy the Illinois Central, Mehrberg used the Canadian line's move to convince Illinois Central that donating the land to the city earned it a welcome tax deduction and simultaneously improved the selling price. Eventually, he influenced Illinois Central to hand over all of its land from the proposed Millennium Park south to McCormick Place.

This “single, little-known event,” Timothy J. Gilfoyle recounted in *Creating a Chicago Landmark: Millennium Park*, “thrust into motion the forces leading to

the creation of Millennium Park.”

“In a matter of months” Gilfoyle explained, “Randy Mehrberg had accomplished a feat that had stymied generations of city officials for more than a century: He enabled the city to regain control of the prime downtown, lakefront land that was ostensibly owned by the Illinois Central Railroad.”

Such effort on behalf of the public and his community is standard operating procedure for Mehrberg, currently executive vice president, chief administrative officer, and chief legal officer for Exelon Corporation, whose 5.5 million gas and electricity customers in Illinois and Pennsylvania and \$52 billion market cap make it the largest electric utility in the United States.

As Exelon's general counsel, Mehrberg developed the firm's pro bono program, an effort the Pro Bono Institute reports is unique in the country. “Over half of our lawyers did pro bono work in 2006,” according to Mehrberg. “Our lawyers and staff have engaged in a wide range of activities, from helping homeless people get birth certificates in Philadelphia, to helping a seriously ill woman get a life-saving organ transplant, to assisting immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in obtaining legal immigrant status.” Last year Exelon and its employees gave away more than \$37 million to nonprofits, he reported.

Last fall the Chicago chapter of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) honored Mehrberg for such work with its Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award. More than 450 people attended the presentation banquet, whose honorary chairmen were Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

“Randy Mehrberg represents the best



Randall Mehrberg '80, with the Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award.

of the legal profession,” Ron Gidwitz, AJC's Chicago campaign chairman, said in presenting the award. The award is named after the legendary senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1924-51.

“It humbles me and reinforces my commitment to the legal profession,” Mehrberg said of the award. “It's nice to step back once in a while and take stock.”

“Without electricity, nothing in modern society works,” Mehrberg explained. “As a company we like to be involved in the life of the community. We get involved in so many different things . . . We are very actively involved in primary schools and secondary schools, and have adopted a number of schools in Philadelphia and Chicago.”

On a personal level, Mehrberg has actively tutored and mentored inner city Chicago children since 1988.

“We also focus as a company on the environmental side,” he continued. “We buy as much energy as possible from landfills. The Exelon Pavilions (Welcome Center) in Millennium Park are solar panel clad, and have interactive displays. We gave about \$5-\$6 million out of the solar fund. I wanted to do something that ties in with what we do [as a utility company] and also be environmentally

friendly.” Mayor Richard Daley’s City Hall rooftop garden is funded by Exelon.

Mehrberg also is deeply involved in Law School activities. A member of the former Committee of Visitors, he sits on the newly-created Dean’s Advisory Council, which serves as a sounding board from the legal profession and counsel to Dean Evan Caminker. (See story on page 50.) Mehrberg led efforts to bring together some 65 major corporations as signatories to a U.S. Supreme Court brief he and his Jenner & Block colleagues authored in favor of the Law School’s and University’s admissions policies when they were challenged for using race as one of many factors in making admissions decisions.

In 2005, he and his wife, Michele M. Schara, with matching funds from his employer, established the Randall E. Mehrberg and Michele M. Schara Fund for Public Service in Honor of Susan M. Eklund, ’73, to guarantee continued funding for the public service component of Michigan Law’s orientation programs for new students. Eklund served for 20 years as the Law School’s dean of students before assuming her current post as dean of students for the University.

“I love the Law School,” Mehrberg explained. “I’m very grateful to the Law School for so many reasons. I don’t like the phrase ‘giving back.’ It’s presumptuous. The Law School has provided so much opportunity to so many in a collegial environment. It gave me the foundation and the education for my career, and people who continue to be my best friends. First among them is my wife, who I met at Michigan. A large part of my life is there.”

AALS honors Karima Bennoune, ’94

Michigan Law graduate Karima Bennoune, ’94, associate professor of law at Rutgers School of Law-Newark and one of a small number of scholars of Arab and American descent in the American legal academy, has received the Derrick A. Bell Jr. Award for 2006 from the Association of American Law Schools’ (AALS) Section on Minority Groups.

The annual award is named for New York University Law School Professor Derrick Bell, the first tenured African American on the Harvard Law School faculty. It is given to a junior faculty member who, through activism, mentoring, collegueship, teaching, and scholarship, has made “an extraordinary contribution to legal education.”

Bennoune, who earned her J.D. *cum laude* and her M.A. in Middle Eastern and North African studies in a dual degree program, received the award in January at the AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

“To be an Arab-American law professor in 2007 is to be watched, or to have the sense of being watched, all the time,” Bennoune noted in her acceptance remarks. “To be an anti-racist, anti-fundamentalist, feminist, secularist Arab-American law professor, and a half-breed to boot, is to be watched from all sides at once. One’s greatest fear is always of being misunderstood. This is why the Minority Groups Section bestowing this award on me is not only an honor, but also for me serves, as Derrick Bell once described the essence of critical race theory writing, ‘to communicate understanding and reassurance to [a] needy soul . . . trapped in a hostile world.’”

A frequent participant in programs at Michigan Law, Bennoune has been in residence here both as a visiting scholar and a visiting professor. At Rutgers, she



Karima Bennoune, '94, and AALS Minority Groups Section Executive Committee Chair David Brennen at the presentation of the Derrick A. Bell Jr. Award. (Photo courtesy of Association of American Law Schools)

teaches International Law and a Just World Order, International Human Rights, International Law & Terrorism, and International Women’s Human Rights. Her writing has appeared in the *American* and *European Journal of International Law*, the *Michigan Journal of International Law*, the *U.C. Davis Journal of International Law & Policy*, and elsewhere, and she maintains an active international schedule of lectures on human rights, women’s rights, international law, and terrorism.

Bennoune is a member of the boards of Amnesty International—USA and the Center for Constitutional Rights, and has been a human rights consultant to the Soros Foundation and UNESCO.

“Through her teaching, scholarship, and advocacy, Karima Bennoune has advanced understanding of issues of concern to Arabs and Muslims and furthered the inclusion of more diverse voices in international justice forums,” said Rutgers School of Law Dean Stuart L. Deutsch.

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- On faith in the system: "[We have] 32,000 customers of the Court of Appeals. Most of them think the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is either inept or crooked. They're angry."
- On judges: "Making these observations makes me uncomfortable. For 32 years I have been an officer of the court, and I never have criticized the judiciary. In this case they haven't done their job. Open and direct criticism may be the only control we have over the judiciary."

The case, he said of his clients, should be decided on the law as it was at the time the case was brought. The courts should not be using 1996, 2001, and 2003 cases to decide a 1980s case. "It's little wonder that they are angry," he said of his clients, "and I think we all should be angry about it."



Michael W. Hartmann, '75, becomes CEO at Miller Canfield

Michael W. Hartmann, '75, a partner and commercial litigation specialist with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC, has been named the 155-year-old firm's chief executive officer. Hartmann joined the firm in 1975 and has been



chair of its management board for the past three years.

"Globalization is changing the practice of law and creating new opportunities and challenges for our clients," explained Hartmann. "Our

success depends on our ability to promptly solve our clients' legal problems in a cost-effective manner in this ever-changing world. I am excited and honored to take on this important role."

Hartmann has been listed in the commercial litigation section of the last seven editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*, and last year he also was listed in the litigation section of *Michigan Super Lawyers*.

Hartmann succeeds Thomas W. Lin, who served eight years as CEO and 12 years as a managing director. Established in 1852 in Detroit, Miller Canfield today has more than 350 attorneys and maintains offices in Detroit and elsewhere in Michigan, Florida, New York, Canada, and Poland.

Tung Chan, '98, named Hawaii's commissioner of securities

Tung Chan, '98, has become commissioner of securities for the State of Hawaii. She previously had been assistant general counsel with New York-based New York Life Insurance Company, where she had been employed since 2004.

As securities commissioner, Chan heads the business registration division within Hawaii's Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). She is responsible for securities compliance and enforcement and also oversees corporate filings, including the registration of new businesses.

DCCA Director Mark Recktenwald cited her "extensive experience in securities and corporate law" as "a great asset to the department and to Hawaii's consumers."



"Promoting sound securities practices, making business registration more efficient, and expanding investor education are all critical to sustaining a healthy

business environment in Hawaii," noted Chan, who also has practiced with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, where she specialized in securities offerings and financing transactions.

In addition to her work with New York Life and Cleary Gottlieb, Chan has worked as a law clerk with the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Constitutional Court of South Africa. She also served as a summer law clerk for U.S. Federal District Court Judge David A. Ezra in 1996 in Honolulu.

Boris Kozolchyk, LL.M. '60, S.J.D. '66, honored in Mexico, U.S.

Boris Kozolchyk, LL.M. '60, S.J.D. '66, the founding director of the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade (NLCIFT) and a renowned expert on banking law, has been doubly recognized for his decades-long work on behalf of free trade.

Last fall the Legal Research Institute at the Guadalajara, Mexico, campus of Instituto Technologia Estudiantes Superiores Monterey (ITESM), was named for Kozolchyk, as was the campus' chapter of the Mexico/U.S. Student Bar Association. And at its annual meeting last December, NLCIFT's own building on the campus of the University of Arizona also was named the Boris Kozolchyk Building.

Founded in 1992, NLCIFT is located at Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law, where the Cuban-born Kozolchyk is the Evo DeConcini Professor of Law. "Today is a very special day—we honor our founder, leader, and inspiration by naming this building the Boris Kozolchyk Building, a very fitting tribute," NLCIFT board chairman Philip A. Robbins said at the December 8 dedication ceremonies. Fronted by a circle of the flags of Western hemisphere countries, the 11,000-square-foot building received a 2005 Design Award from the Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Attended by representatives of state and congressional officials, the dedication drew a host of congratulatory messages. Among them:

- From Raul Anibal Etcheverry of the Etcheverry Foundation for International Research and Studies, NLCIFT's sister center in Argentina: "The National

Law Center . . . is performing an act of justice in placing his name on the Center's building. . . . Some day the complete story will be written about this jurist and exceptional human being who has done so much in the field of law for the progress of the region, the development of neighboring countries and others that are distant, and the study of the best solution for the inhabitants under civil and common law in our America."

- From Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup: "Boris Kozolchyk has played a critical role in improving economic, legal, and cultural exchange between Tucson and our international neighbors."
- From Assistant Legal Adviser David P. Stewart, who directs the U.S. State Department's Office of Private International Law: "Here in Washington, we place particular value on the unique relationship which has been forged between the Center and the Office of Private International Law—it is no exaggeration to describe it as the best kind of public-private partnership one can imagine in the pursuit of shared goals."

In addition, Kozolchyk's new book, *Contratacion Comercial en el Derecho Comparado (Commercial Contracting in Comparative Law)*, is drawing favorable comment in Spain and Latin America for its innovative linking of commercial contracts and economic development.

Last fall, Kozolchyk delivered the keynote address at the debate/forum "Latin America Looks East—Issues, Trends, and Progress in the Global Economy" in Miami, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, the University of Miami, and Florida

International University to examine the growing trade relationship between Latin America and Asia. Also, this year's *Annual Survey of Letters of Credit Law & Practice* is being dedicated to Kozolchyk and was presented to him at the annual meeting of the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice in early March in Miami.



NLCIFT founder and director Boris Kozolchyk, LL.M. '60, S.J.D. '66, at the dedication of the center's Boris Kozolchyk Building. "In expressing my gratitude to the NLCIFT's board for the naming of this building, I humbly pray for preservation of the mission that it so handsomely and lovingly houses," Kozolchyk said. (Photo courtesy of NLCIFT.)

Law School grads help ease Pfizer departure impact

Two Michigan Law graduates quickly came to the front line when Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, PLC announced that it would offer free legal assistance to help Ann Arbor and southeast Michigan recover from the imminent departure of the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer.



Paul Dimond, '69

huge losses in profits and market share by Ford and General Motors.

Miller Canfield announced that it would offer free legal services to incorporate and organize qualified start-up ventures, and that in some cases it also will offer discounted or flat-rate packages for intellectual property work.

Paul Dimond, '69, senior counsel in Miller Canfield's Ann Arbor office, said there is a need in the area to "welcome and to support entrepreneurship." For that effort, the firm added highly regarded corporate and finance partner Michael VanHemert, '83, to its Ann Arbor office in the reorganization of its venture and technology practice.

The firm also transferred two veterans of its similar, earlier program at Kalamazoo to its Ann Arbor office. In that effort, Miller Canfield had made pro bono services available in 2003 in southwestern Michigan when Pharmacia closed its facilities and area jurisdictions responded by launching the "Stick Around" campaign to help ex-Pharmacia workers remain in the Kalamazoo area. At least partly as a result of that

campaign, Southwest Michigan First estimates that more than 200 scientists stayed in Kalamazoo, nearly 75 are running their own business or working for start-ups, and more than two dozen new businesses have been launched.

"A strong legal foundation is very important to a new business' success in accessing growth capital," explained VanHemert, who has more than 20 years experience in corporate financings, governance and securities issuances, and mergers and acquisitions. "Our goal is to help emerging technology companies establish that foundation while controlling their organizational stage legal costs—all in anticipation of meeting the expectations of subsequent investors, lenders, and other constituencies."

Dimond, a former special assistant to President Clinton for economic policy and former director of the National Economic Council, called the Pfizer departure a wake-up call and cited the great benefit provided by the U-M's location at Ann Arbor.

"With the University of Michigan, one of the top 10 research universities in the world, as our anchor, Ann Arbor is uniquely positioned to generate, attract, and retain talent and new inventions. These are the two ingredients essential to thriving in the increasingly global knowledge economy. Pfizer's pull-out is a wake-up call to all of us that we need to welcome and to support entrepreneurship, starting with ex-Warner-Lambert, Parke-Davis, and now Pfizer researchers who want to stay in Ann Arbor and see their inventions come to fruition right here."



Michael VanHemert, '83



CLASSNOTES

From top: Webb A. Smith, '63; William B. Dunn, '64; Ronald J. Santo, '65

1958

Wilbur McCoy Otto, of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcot PC, was recognized by his peers for inclusion in the 13th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. He practices insurance law, medical malpractice law, and personal injury litigation.

1963

After being a lone passenger on a 720-foot long Italian cargo ship, **Gary R. Frink** has published more than 50 essays about his recent voyage from northern Europe to Luanda, Angola (www.cruisin-thru-100.com). Frink's journey, on the *Republica di Genova*, which discharged cargo in the African ports of Dakar, Senegal, and Cameroon, qualified him for membership in the Travelers Century Club, which is open to persons who have visited at least 100 countries.

Webb A. Smith, a named shareholder of the Michigan law firm of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith P.C., has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has been practicing law in Michigan for more than 40 years.

1964

William B. Dunn, of Clark Hill in Detroit, has been selected as one of Michigan's Top 10 "Super Lawyers" by *Law & Politics* magazine. He practices real estate law and related business matters.

Fred J. Fechheimer, of Dykema in Bloomfield Hills, has been named in the Real Estate Law category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*.

In Detroit, **Lloyd A. Semple** has been included in the Corporate Law category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. A retired member and chairman emeritus of Dykema, he remains active with the firm and is serving as a visiting professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where he teaches Corporate Governance and Corporate Transactions.

1965

James R. Brown, of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC in Grand Rapids, was selected to be listed in the inaugural publication of *Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine*. He concentrates his practice in municipal law and real property law.

Douglas J. Rasmussen is among the attorneys located at Clark Hill PLC's new offices at 200 Ottawa Avenue NW in Grand Rapids.

Executive board member and former leader of Dykema's employment practice group, **Ronald J. Santo** of Ann Arbor has been selected in the Labor and Employment Law category for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*.

1966

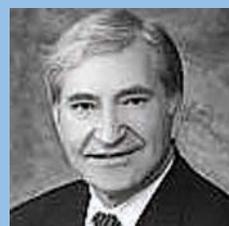
E. Edward Hood, member of the litigation practice group at Dykema in Ann Arbor, has been named in the Commercial Litigation category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. He focuses on commercial law, libel and slander law, and complex civil litigation.

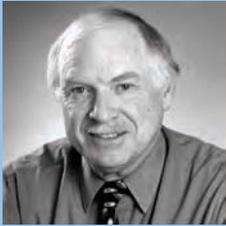
1967

In Detroit, Dykema's first woman member and leader of the health care practice group, **J. Kay Felt** has been recognized by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. She has been selected in the Health Care Law category.

Ronald L. Rose, co-leader of the bankruptcy practice group at Dykema in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has been listed in the Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*.

John Sebert has been appointed executive director of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). A national law group based in Chicago, NCCUSL uses more than 350 legal experts appointed by every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, to draft and promote enactment of uniform laws designed to solve problems common to all the jurisdictions.

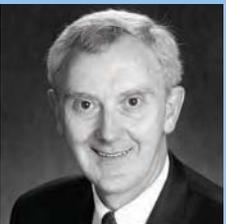




From top: Michael B. Bixby, '68; Robert D. Kaplow, '71; H. Patrick Callahan, '72; James H. Geary, '72



Steven H. Thai joined the corporate law department of New York law firm Phillips Nizer as international counsel. He concentrates his practice in international corporate and commercial transactions, advising German, Swiss, Austrian, and other European multi-national corporations on U.S.-European cross-border corporate and litigation issues.



Selected to be in *Best Lawyers in America 2007* is **Jane Forbes** of Dykema in Detroit. She is named in the Non-Profit/Charities Law category and is a member of her firm's health care practice group.



1968

Michael B. Bixby, professor in the College of Business and Economics at Boise State University, has been selected as the winner of the BSU Foundation Scholar Award for Teaching for 2006. He has taught courses dealing with legal and ethical issues in business at BSU since 1981, and has authored the textbook *The Legal Environment of Business*.

1971

James P. Feeney, director of Dykema's national litigation practice in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has been named in several categories in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Product Liability Litigation.

1969

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP attorney **Donald P. Ubell**, of Charlotte, North Carolina, has been selected in the Public Finance Law category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*.

Robert D. Kaplow, a shareholder in Southfield, Michigan-based Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller P.C., has been named in the 2006 issue of *Law & Politics Michigan Super Lawyers* as a top practitioner in estate planning and probate.

1970

Richard J. Erickson has been elected First Vice President, Montgomery (Alabama) Area Chapter, Military Officers Association of America.

Robert A. Stein, of Robert Stein & Associates in Concord, New Hampshire, has been selected again for *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. Listed in the areas of family law, non-white collar criminal defense, and white collar criminal defense, he has appeared in the publication for more than 10 years.

1972

Mayor Bart Peterson has appointed Baker & Daniels LLP partner **H. Patrick Callahan** to a third four-year term on the Indianapolis Airport Authority. Callahan was first appointed to the airport's board of directors in 1999 and has served as vice president since 2000.

John M. DeVries, of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC in Grand Rapids, was selected to be listed in the inaugural publication of *Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine*. He concentrates his practice in civil trial law, eminent domain, natural resources law, and zoning law.

Howard & Howard Attorneys PC announces that **James H. Geary** of Kalamazoo was named to *Michigan Super Lawyers* by a survey of *Law & Politics Media*. He has been named in the practice area of civil litigation defense.

Seth M. Lloyd, of Dykema in Detroit, has been named in the Health Care Law and Labor and Employment Law categories in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. He is a member of Dykema's health care and employment practice groups and is the member in charge of professional personnel for the firm.

Michael D. Mulcahy, of Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has been recognized in the area of real estate in the 2006 edition of *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Mulcahy represents developers and buyers in the development,



purchase, and financing of retail centers, office buildings, and multi-use projects.

1973

Selected to be in *Best Lawyers in America 2007* is **Kathleen McCree Lewis** of Dykema in Detroit. She is named in the Appellate Law category and is Dykema's appellate litigation specialist.

1974

Real estate specialist **James C. Adams** has joined Butzel Long as a shareholder in the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, office. He previously practiced with Dykema.

Michael C. Haines, of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC in Grand Rapids, has been selected to be listed in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. His practice includes the general representation of established and emerging energy companies in Michigan.

Forrest A. Hainline III, a litigator with Goodwin Proctor LLP in San Francisco, recently was featured in *San Francisco Attorney* in an article headlined "The Power of the Poet," which dealt with his poetry writing and his use of poetry and literature in courtroom work; he also was featured in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, where his victory in defending canned tuna compa-

nies against required labeling under California's Proposition 65 was cited as one of the top defense verdicts of 2006.

Cameron H. Piggott, of Dykema in Detroit, has been named in the Real Estate Law category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. He practices general real estate law.

In 2006, *Law & Politics* magazine named **Craig A. Wolson** a "New York Super Lawyer." He has also become special counsel to Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft and is the chairman of the Structured Finance Committee of the New York City Bar Association.

1975

Timothy O'Neill has been named by *Chicago Lawyer* magazine to its list of "Ten of the Best Law Professors in Illinois." He recently began his 25th year at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Brent D. Rector, a member of Miller Johnson in Grand Rapids, has been named vice chair of his firm's employment and labor section for a one-year term. Rector practices in labor and employment law and also has a specialized occupational safety and health practice.

Joseph A. Ritok Jr., of Dykema in Detroit, has been named in the Labor and Employment Law category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. His practice focuses on the

defense of employment matters before federal and state agencies and courts.

1976

Selected to be in *Best Lawyers in America 2007* is **Dennis M. Haffey** of Dykema in Bloomfield Hills. He is named in the Commercial Litigation category and is the director of Dykema's litigation department.

Miller Johnson of Grand Rapids has named **Thomas P. Sarb** chair of its business section for a one-year term. Sarb, who represents financial institutions, creditors, debtors, creditors' committees and assets purchasers in insolvency matters, previously served as vice chair of the section.

Jerome R. Watson has been elected to a two-year term as a managing director for Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, PLC as part of a five-person administration that works with the CEO and deputy CEO to oversee all of the firm's 16 offices. Watson is a principal in Miller Canfield's Detroit office and a member of the firm's labor and employment law group.

1977

James M. Elsworth, of Dykema in Detroit, has been named in the Trusts and Estates category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. He is a member of the taxation and estates practice group.



From top: Jeffrey A. Sadowski, '77; Frederic N. Goldberg, '78; John J. McCullough III, '79; Betty Olivera, '80; Janet E. Lanyon, '82



Mark A. Kehoe, of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC in Grand Rapids, was selected to be listed in the inaugural publication of *Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine*. He specializes in creditor's rights, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation.



Donald W. Keim, of the Detroit office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, PLC, was elected a Fellow of the American College of Bond Counsel. His practice encompasses water, sewer, highway, and similar public financings, tax increment financings, and public law matters.



Howard & Howard Attorneys, PC announces that **Jeffrey A. Sadowski**, of Bloomfield Hills, was named to *Michigan Super Lawyers* by a survey of *Law & Politics Media*. He has been named in the practice area of intellectual property litigation.



1978
Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC of Grand Rapids has named **Fredric N. Goldberg** chair of its management committee for 2007.

1979
Maria B. Abrahamsen, of Dykema in Bloomfield Hills, has been named in the Health Care Law category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. She is a member of the health care practice group.

Michael G. Campbell, of Grand Rapids, has joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP's office as a partner in the business, tax, and real estate department and the financial institutions practice group. He is also recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007* and *The 2007 Michigan Super Lawyers*.

John J. McCullough III is a co-author of *Law and Mental Health Professionals: Vermont*, part of a series published by the American Psychological Association to provide a resource for mental health professionals and attorneys on mental health law in each state. McCullough has practiced with Vermont Legal Aid since 1983 and directed its Mental Health Law Project since 1995.

On December 4, 2006, **Ford H. Wheatley** was appointed the Presiding Municipal Judge for the City of Centennial, Colorado, by the City Council. Centennial is a Denver suburb which was founded in 2001.

1980
Jonathan D. Elliot, of Monroe, Connecticut, has joined Zeldes, Needle & Cooper as counsel. He practices commercial litigation and domestic relations law.

The Jonathon Goers Award from the DuPage Railroad Safety Council was presented to **Betty Olivera** of Chicago. She is an

attorney with Harris Kessler & Goldstein LLC and the president of Victor's Crossing, a not-for-profit organization founded to promote railroad safety.

1982
Jeffrey A. DeVree, of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC in Grand Rapids, was selected to be listed in the inaugural publication of *Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine*. He concentrates his practice in tax and employee benefits matters.

A partner at Goulston & Storrs, PC in Boston, **Matt Kiefer** is co-leading his firm's representation of Harvard University in pursuing the master-planned redevelopment of a new campus in Allston. His practice focuses on urban real estate development and land use law.

Janet E. Lanyon has been named chair of the Oakland County Bar Association's Employee Benefits Committee. She is a shareholder in Dean & Fulkerson's labor practice group and primarily focuses her practice on labor and employee benefits law and litigation.

Scott Mackin has become CEO of Waypoint Energy, a new energy company formed to acquire, develop, restructure, and manage power generation assets and companies. He formerly was CEO of Covanta Energy Corporation and managing partner of The Chatham Group.

From top: John McDermott, '82; Carolyn H. Rosenberg, '82; Sandra Sorini Elser, '83; Katherine A. Erwin, '83; Mark L. Kowalsky, '83; Marie R. Deveney, '84

John McDermott was named chair of the litigation department at Holme Roberts & Owen LLP in Denver. He is in the complex commercial litigation group as well as the securities litigation and regulatory practice group.

Carolyn H. Rosenberg has been elected to the executive committee of newly merged Reed Smith Sachnoff & Weaver of Chicago. She also heads the Chicago office's insurance coverage group.

Lawrence Savell, counsel at Chadbourne & Parke LLP's New York office, marked the 2006 Christmas season with release of his third humorous CD, *Merry Lexmas from the Lawtunes*. Composer, producer, and performer on the album, Savell previously released *The Lawyer's Holiday Humor Album* (1998) and *Legal Holiday* (2004). Among the tracks on his latest CD are "Another Billable Christmas," "I Got a Footnote in My Stocking," and "Hey, Santa, I Appeal." Further information, images, and sound clips are available at www.LawTunes.com.

Rebecca K. Troth has joined Sidley Austin LLP as pro bono counsel in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. She coordinates and participates in the firm's pro bono activities and trains and supervises new associates involved in the office's wide-ranging pro bono program.

Avery Williams is co-founder of the minority-owned Detroit business law firm Williams Acosta PLLC, which celebrated its fifth anniversary in January of 2007. He concentrates his practice in environmental law and litigation, commercial and general business litigation, and eminent domain law.

1983

Sandra Sorini Elser, of the Ann Arbor office of Bodman LLP, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW-Detroit) and will also serve as CREW-Detroit's membership and member services liaison. Sorini Elser specializes in real estate and municipal law and also is township attorney for Ann Arbor Charter Township.

Katherine A. Erwin has become managing director of the new Chicago office of Counsel On Call, the Nashville, Tennessee-based firm that provides attorneys on an as-needed basis. Erwin previously was vice president and assistant general counsel with Nuveen Investments.

Mark L. Kowalsky, a partner at the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan-based Hertz, Schram and Saretzky PC, has been named one of Michigan's "Super Lawyers" in the business litigation category by Law & Politics in its 2006 issue of *Michigan Super Lawyers*.

Michael D. VanHemert has joined Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC as a principal. His practice area is corporate and securities law. (See story on page 56.)

John Vryhof, of Snell & Wilmer in Phoenix, is listed in the top 100 attorneys in the U.S. in *Worth* magazine. His practice concentrates in estate planning, international estate planning, charitable planning, and estate and trust administration.

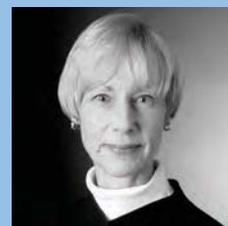
1984

Marie R. Deveney, of Dykema in Ann Arbor, has been named in the Trusts and Estates category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. She is a member of her firm's taxation and estates practice group.

Selected to be in *Best Lawyers in America 2007* is **D. Richard McDonald** of Dykema in Bloomfield Hills. He is named in the Securities Law category and is the assistant practice group leader of the corporate finance practice group.

1986

Bruce Ashley, a construction litigation specialist with the Greensboro, North Carolina, office of Smith Moore LLP, has been named among North Carolina "Super Lawyers," a listing of the top five percent of the state's lawyers as recognized by fellow attorneys and professional success. The listing appears in





From top: Michael A. Weil, '88; Lee Hornberger, '89; Stephen J. Knoop, '89



Super Lawyers magazine and the February 2007 issue of *Charlotte* magazine.

Senior Attorney **William J. Kohler** has joined Butzel Long in the Detroit office. He has significant leadership roles in the firm's transaction and finance practice, global automotive industry practice, and global trade and transactions practice groups.

Lori McAllister, of Dykema in Lansing, has been named in the Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law categories in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. She is general counsel of the firm and a member of the litigation practice group.

1987

Eric L. Garner has been named managing partner of the 190-attorney, eight-office firm Best, Best & Krieger LLP in Riverside, California. Garner also was named a California Lawyer of the Year for 2006 in the Environmental Law category by *California Lawyer* magazine.

1988

Martin R. Castro has joined Aetna Inc. in Chicago as the vice president of external affairs. His portfolio includes diverse markets, government affairs, corporate and community relations, and working closely with the Aetna Foundation.

Michael A. Weil has joined Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, PC in Southfield, Michigan. He is in the firm's tax practice group.

1989

Clark Hill attorney **Elizabeth (Jolliffe) Barton** has been elected to the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's board of directors. She concentrates her practice on civil litigation, with an emphasis on complex commercial litigation.

Ann D. Fillingham, of Dykema in Lansing, has been named in the Public Finance Law category in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. She is a member of Dykema's corporate finance practice group.

Arbitrator-mediator **Lee Hornberger**, of Traverse City, recently published his article "Reflections on Mediation" in *The ADR Newsletter*. He has also completed Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Labor Arbitrator Training and New York Stock Exchange Securities Arbitrator Training.

Stephen J. Knoop, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, was elected senior vice president—corporate development of RPM International Inc., a NYSE-listed \$3 billion holding company that owns subsidiaries in specialty coatings and sealants.

Kenneth J. Seavoy, a shareholder in the firm of Kendricks, Bordeau, Adamini, Chilman & Greenlee PC, has been selected by his peers to be included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the specialty of trusts and estates. He has maintained an estate planning and general business practice in Marquette for 17 years.

Samuel L. Silver, of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP in Philadelphia, is a co-recipient of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Wachovia Fidelity Award for 2006. He is chair of the litigation department, and his practice focuses primarily on commercial litigation.

In New York, **Robert S. Whitman** has joined Seyfarth Shaw LLP as a labor and employment partner. He specializes in wage-hour matters, discrimination litigation, ERISA litigation, and restrictive covenant disputes.

1990

Ron Wheeler currently serves as chair of the American Association of Law Libraries' (AALL) Social Responsibilities-Special Interest Sections (SR-SIS). He served as both a contributor and an associate editor for the bibliography *Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Research Bibliography*, which was released by the SR-SIS's Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues.

1991

Nadine Lacombe has joined Lord, Bissell & Brook LLP in Chicago as the firm's new director of diversity. She will lead diversity efforts throughout all the firm's offices.

Morristown, New Jersey-based Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP has announced election of **Ronald D. Puhala** to partnership. A member of the firm's insurance group, Puhala specializes in insurance coverage defense and insurance-related bad faith issues.

CNBC has announced the appointment of **Alan Seiffert** as senior vice president for business development partnerships with its Asia Pacific team. Based in Singapore, Seiffert spearheads the network's business development and partnership unit in the region.

1992

New York City-based Kirkland & Ellis partner **Gregory Arovos** is spotlighted in *IP Law & Business* (February 2007) for his role as chief outside strategist for Korea-based Samsung in its legal battle with AB Ericsson of Sweden over patents underlying the new generation of turbo-charged cell phones. Arovos reports that two suits the firms have filed against each other in Texas involve 59 separate patents, and the companies also are involved in parallel fights in Germany, the United Kingdom,

and The Netherlands, as well as at the International Trade Commission.

Peter F. Donati, head of Levenfeld Pearlstein LLC's employment service group in Chicago, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Human Resource Association of Greater Oak Brook. He represents clients in discrimination claims, employment contract disputes, and claims involving restrictive covenants.

Thomas L. Shaevsky has joined Butzel Long in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, as a senior attorney specializing in employee benefits. He previously was in-house counsel to Comerica Bank's institutional trust department.

D. Peters Wilborn Jr., a partner with Derfner, Altman & Wilborn in Charleston, South Carolina, has been awarded the South Carolina Bar's 2006 pro bono award in recognition of his representation of African American communities against suburban sprawl, real estate scams, and discrimination, as well as for his work as a bicycle and pedestrian activist.

1993

Emily J. Auckland has been elected to the membership of Gust Rosenfeld PLC of Phoenix, Arizona. She practices in the area of real estate law.

*From top: Emily J. Auckland, '93;
Monica P. Navarro, '93;*



Monica P. Navarro, a principal at Frank, Haron, Weiner and Navarro in Troy, Michigan, has been selected as one of *Crain's Detroit Business's* 40 Under 40 honorees for 2006. Her practice focuses on health care litigation and transactions, including governance, regulatory compliance, privacy, reimbursement, licensing, credentialing and medical staffing, and fraud and abuse matters. (See story on page 82.)

Bradley L. Smith has joined the intellectual property law firm Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione as counsel in the firm's Ann Arbor office.

In Chicago, legalQuest LLC has opened the city's first and only minority- and women-owned full service legal staffing firm. Founder and managing principal **Ginger Wilson** has nine years' experience placing highly-skilled attorneys and paralegals in temporary and direct-hire positions.

1994

Thomas J. Seigel has been named chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York. He oversees the Justice Department's prosecutions of traditional and emerging criminal enterprises in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and Long Island.



From top: Freeman L. Farrow, '97; Mathew B. Beredo, '98; Ethan Dettmer, '98; Jason Mendelson, '98; Michael T. Lindeman, '99; Saura J. Sahu, '99

1995

Michael Carrier has received tenure and been promoted to professor of law at Rutgers Law School in Camden, New Jersey. He specializes in antitrust, intellectual property, and property law.

Matthew N. Latimer has been named special assistant to the President for speechwriting. Latimer previously served as chief speechwriter to the Secretary of Defense, and recently received the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the highest award offered to civilians by the Pentagon.

1996

Homer Sun has been named a managing director of Morgan Stanley in the private equity group. He is based in Hong Kong and is responsible for the company's private equity investing in China.

1997

Freeman L. Farrow, a principal in Miller Canfield's Detroit office, has become a member of the Minorities in Franchising Committee of the International Franchise Association. He is a member of the litigation and dispute resolution practice group and the franchise law team.

Amy B. Kelley has been elected to partnership at the Chicago-based law firm Butler Ruben Saltarelli & Boyd LLP. She practices commercial litigation and reinsurance.

Jeffrey M. King, who focuses his practice on white collar criminal defense and related civil litigation, has been named a partner with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Wise was elected to the membership of Miller & Chevalier in Washington, D.C. He practices litigation with an emphasis on white collar defense in civil and criminal matters.

1998

Mathew B. Beredo has been elected to partnership at Baker & Hostetler LLP in the Cleveland office. He is a member of the litigation group and concentrates his practice in commercial litigation and class action defense matters.

Ethan Dettmer has been named partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in San Francisco. He practices complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on securities, professional liability, and appellate matters.

Jason Mendelson, a managing director at Mobius Venture Capital, is one of the five founding partners of Foundry Group, a Boulder, Colorado-based early-stage technology venture capital firm. The firm is currently raising its first fund of \$175 million to \$200 million.

Ann (McGuire) Parker-Way has joined Insightful Corporation, a publicly traded software company, as vice president and general counsel.

In Washington, D.C., **Andrew J. Vance** has been elected to partnership at Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP. He specializes in patent litigation, patent prosecution, and client counseling.

1999

James Carlson has been elected to partnership at Ungaretti & Harris in Chicago. His practice involves complex commercial matters in state and federal courts, including multi-district litigation as well as mediation and arbitration proceedings.

Michael T. Lindeman is a shareholder and a member of Minneapolis-St. Paul-based Briggs and Morgan's business law section. He practices in the areas of general corporate and commercial law, mergers and acquisitions, enterprise formation and emerging companies, e-commerce and software licensing, and commercial contracts.

In Detroit, **Saura J. Sahu** has joined Miller Canfield as an associate. He focuses his practice on complex class action, multi-party, and single-party litigation in matters ranging

From top: Sally K. Sears Coder, '99; Trevor Belden, '00; Daniel J. Canine, '00; Seth A. Drucker, '04; Gary J. Mouw, '04; Jean Soh, '05

from employee benefits law to employment discrimination to wage and hour issues.

Sally K. Sears Coder has been elected to partnership in Jenner & Block's Chicago office in the litigation department and arbitration as well as domestic and international and products liability and mass tort defense practices.

A. Colin Wexler, of Goldberg Kohn in Chicago, has been promoted from associate to principal in the firm's litigation group.

2000

Young Professionals of Central Indiana recently presented **Trevor Belden** of Baker & Daniels LLP in Indianapolis with the Young Professional of the Year award. He concentrates his practice in counseling clients through a variety of corporate and commercial transactions.

A specialist in U.S. antitrust and European competition law, **Peter E. Boivin** has become a partner in the antitrust and trade regulation department of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. He resides in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Daniel J. Canine has been named a partner in the Troy, Michigan, office of Bodman LLP, where he specializes in real estate and banking law.

C. Ferdinando Emanuele became a partner at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in Rome. His practice focuses on litigation and international arbitration, concentrating on disputes having cross-border dimensions.

Bodman LLP has named **Matthew T. Jane** a partner in its Ann Arbor office. Jane specializes in commercial and construction litigation.

Clay B. Thomas, of Southfield, Michigan, has joined Jaffe Raitt Heyer & Weiss PC as a member of the firm's real estate practice group.

Katherine Varholak has been elected to membership in Sherman & Howard LLC in Denver, where she focuses her practice on appellate work and commercial, construction, and insurance litigation. She joined the firm in 2003.

2001

Guido G. Aidenbaum has become a partner in the real estate department of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. He counsels clients on real estate and financing transaction, with an emphasis on commercial leasing issues. He resides in West Bloomfield, Michigan.

Ann Arbor resident **Bradley H. Darling** has become a partner in Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, where he specializes in the practice of commercial law.

2002

Denis Ticak has joined Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP's Cleveland office as an associate in the intellectual property practice group. His practice focuses on intellectual property litigation and patent prosecution in the areas of physics and the mechanical arts.

2004

Seth A. Drucker has joined Detroit-based Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as an associate with the Bankruptcy, Reorganization, and Commercial Department. He previously practiced with Clark Hill PLC in the areas of bankruptcy and corporate restructuring.

Gary J. Mouw has joined Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP in Grand Rapids in the firm's litigation and trial practice group as an associate.

2005

Jean Soh has joined Dykema's Chicago office as an associate in the bankruptcy and restructuring practice group. She focuses her practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and commercial litigation.

2006

Jeffrey S. Billings has joined Godfrey & Kahn in Milwaukee as an associate in its estate planning practice group.





From top: Jane Montas, '06; Laura D. Yockey, '06

Melissa A. DeGaetano joined the Cleveland office of Baker & Hostetler LLP as an associate.

Stephanie A. Douglas has joined the Detroit office of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as an associate in the real estate department.

Gregory R. Flax joined the Columbus office of Baker & Hostetler LLP as an associate. He has a special interest in environmental and agricultural law issues.

Bryan H. Helfer has joined the Chicago office of real estate law firm Pircher, Nichols & Meeks as an associate.

Rebecca C. Levin has become an associate with the litigation department of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP in Detroit.

A specialist in general litigation, premises liability, and municipal law, **Donelle R. Mayberry** recently joined Plunkett & Cooney's Bloomfield Hills office in the litigation practice group.

Matthew Mitchell has joined Dykema's Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, office as an associate. His practice focuses on general litigation matters.

Jane Montas, of Ann Arbor, has joined Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, PC as an associate in the firm's real estate practice group.

Sarah Slosberg Tayter has become an associate with Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP's health care department in Detroit.

Laura D. Yockey has joined Baker & Daniels LLP's Indianapolis office. She practices in the life sciences group and counsels clients in corporate and commercial transactions.



In Memoriam

Charles Blakey Blackmar, '48

Former Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Blakey Blackmar, '48, died January 20 in Clearwater, Florida.

Born in 1922 in Kansas City, Missouri, he won a Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Bronze Star for his 1942-46 service with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. He entered Michigan Law after his wartime service, and after graduation practiced for 18 years with the Kansas City firm now known as Swanson Midgley. He was a professor of law at St. Louis University from 1966-82, and served from 1969-77 as special assistant attorney general of Missouri.

Blackmar was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1982, served as chief justice from 1990-92, and continued as senior judge upon his retirement.

He also was a legal scholar and writer, co-authoring West's *Federal Practice Guide Manual* and several editions of West's *Federal Jury Practice and Instructions*. He also was a passionate opponent of the death penalty and a supporter of judicial independence and the nonpartisan selection of judges. During the 1960s he campaigned for fair housing legislation, was instrumental in adoption of Kansas City's Fair Public Accommodations Commission, and served as the commission's first chairman.

Douglas W. Hillman, '48

Retired U.S. District Court Judge Douglas W. Hillman, '48, died February 1 in Muskegon, Michigan. He was 84.

Appointed to the federal bench in 1979, Hillman served until his retirement in 2002. He had practiced law for 30 years before being named to the federal bench for the Western District of Michigan.

Hillman was known for his even-handed courtroom manner. A colleague, U.S. Magistrate Judge Joseph Scoville, told *The Grand Rapids Press* that Hillman kept a note in his courtroom that said: "The lawyers and parties have as much a right to be in this courtroom as I do."

"That was a little reminder of his humility," Scoville told the paper. "That really epitomizes his attitude."

Hillman, who created the Hillman Advocacy Program 26 years ago to teach trial skills to young lawyers, was known for often calling attorneys into his chambers to acquaint them with courtroom civility, professionalism, and ethics, according to *The Grand Rapids Press*. The year after his graduation from Michigan Law, he helped found the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan to "combat the isolationism in this area following World War II."

Hillman, who served as a fighter pilot during World War II, was a lifelong community health care advocate. Named in his honor, the Alliance for Health's annual Hillman Award recognizes a West Michigan community member who exhibits dedication and commitment to continually improving the area's health care system.

In 1996 Hillman received the Professional and Community Service Award from the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan, and in 1990 the State Bar honored him with a Champion of Justice Award.

John W. Lederle, '36

John W. Lederle, '36, who in 10 years as president of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst guided the university's growth from a rural 6,000-student school into a major research university, died February 13 at Naples, Florida. He was 94.

Lederle was president of UMass Amherst from 1960-70, a decade in which student enrollment tripled, the size of the faculty grew from 366 to 1,157, nearly 50 major buildings were begun or completed, and the operating budget and library holdings both quadrupled. During this time the UMass system also established a medical school in Worcester and a campus in Boston.

Current UMass President Jack M. Wilson praised Lederle's leadership and noted that the university's current high standing "is a tribute to his commitment to the University of Massachusetts decades ago."

In 1983, the university named its Lederle Graduate Research Center after the former president.

In addition to his law degree, Lederle also earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. He practiced law in Detroit from 1936-40, was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, and later served as a staff attorney and then general counsel to the Michigan Municipal League. During the 1950s, he organized and was the first director of the Institute of Public Administration at the University of the Philippines, was Michigan state controller and chairman of the Michigan Commission on Interstate Cooperation, and served as secretary of the Michigan Governor's Committee on Intergovernmental Relations. He also served as a consultant to a number of U.S. House and Senate committees.

Lederle served at Brown University from 1941-44 as a political science professor and assistant dean and returned to the University of Michigan, where he remained until

UMass elected him president in 1960. Upon retiring from UMass in 1970, he was appointed to the university's Joseph B. Ely Chair in Government, which he held until 1982.

Jeffrey F. Liss, '75

Jeffrey F. Liss, '75, who helped forge Piper & Marbury into the international megafirm DLA Piper, advised Vice President Al Gore and Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, and served as an unpaid aide who helped vet cabinet-level candidates during the Clinton administration, died March 17 of pancreatic cancer at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was 55 and lived in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Liss taught as an adjunct professor at Michigan Law, served on the School's former advisory group known as the Committee of Visitors, and was an active supporter of the Law School and the University of Michigan. An authority on environmental and insurance coverage law, he also taught at Georgetown University Law Center.

A champion of DLA Piper's worldwide pro bono practice, Liss was devoted to the idea that lawyers have an obligation to do public service work. The Maryland

State Bar Association awarded him its Pro Bono Service award after his successful argument in 1999 before the Maryland Court of Appeals in the high profile Pixley custody case; Liss convinced the Court of Appeals that the lower court had erred when it granted custody of a two-year-old boy to his birth mother, who six years earlier had killed her infant daughter.

In 2003, the American Jewish Committee presented Liss with its Judge Learned Hand Award, named for the renowned judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Liss "was one of the unsung heroes who make American politics work," Kerry told the *Washington Post*. Said DLA Piper Joint Chief Executive Francis B. Burch: "Jeff was one of those rare people who accomplished much, whose life had real meaning, and who never lost his sense of humanity."

Liss clerked for U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey before becoming an associate and then partner with Wald, Harkrader & Ross. He joined Piper & Marbury in 1985, helped lead the 10-year series of mergers and acquisitions that grew into DLA Piper, with 3,200 attorneys in 24 countries, and became the co-managing partner for the firm's U.S. division.

Milton J. Miller, '35

Milton J. (Jack) Miller, '35, a founding partner in 1948 of Detroit-based Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, died March 6 at age 94.

"He was the very heart and soul of the firm and we will miss him deeply," said Honigman CEO Alan S. Schwartz. "He was one of those amazing and fortunate men who remained mentally and physically vital throughout his lifetime, and he was an inspiration to us all."

During his long career with the firm, Miller served as a business lawyer, advising clients in corporate transactions, combinations, and acquisitions, and represented their interests in both negotiations and trial. He also maintained an active matrimonial practice that included representation of many members of Detroit's social elite, including Henry Ford II in his last divorce in the early 1980s.

Miller was a life-long member of the State Bar of Michigan and the International Society of Barristers, and also was deeply involved in his community. Among his civic activities, he was a tireless supporter of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit.



Milton J. (Jack) Miller, '35

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