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and Mitchell student and State Rep.
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of her story in a new documentary

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FIGHTING EELPOUT

William Mitchell's student hockey team has been called many things—the pride of Mitchell, Golden Gavel Tournament champions, a lot of fun to watch, the Fighting Eelpout.

Each year, 20 or so men and women take a break from their studies, lace up their skates, and compete against teams made up of lawyers and students from other area law schools. This year's team finished league play with seven wins and battled a team from Hamline School of Law in the Res Ipsa Cup Game, which raises money for charity.





Congratulations to this year's team.

3LS: John Barragry (team president), Lindsay Block, David Holl (board member), Sean Hyman (board member), Joe Levitt

2LS: Daniel Barta, Alex Follmer, Griffin Leitch, Thorton Longie, Ryan McCarthy, Collin Ostroot, Quinn O'Reilly, Adam Wagner

1LS: Mihajlo Babovic, Adam Chandler, Justin Duffy, Michael Ervin, Christopher Florey, Michael Gilligan, Jacob Kimmes, Emily Parks, Ryne Zenner

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Conference on institutional response to child sex abuse draws experts from Boy Scouts of America, Catholic Church

A day-long examination of the way institutions deal with child abuse drew more than 175 people to Mitchell in February.

The conference, "Failure to Protect: Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse," was organized by Professor Phebe Haugen '72 and featured experts from diverse institutions and organizations, including the director of youth protection for the Boy Scouts

of America and a former canon lawyer, who explored the successes and failures of churches, schools, and social institutions in responding to child abuse.

The conference was sponsored by the National Child Protection Training Center and William Mitchell College of Law. It was made possible thanks to the generous support of Jeff '75 and Julie Anderson.



Director of Youth Protection for the Boy Scouts of America Michael Johnson, left, listens as Thomas Doyle, former canon lawyer, answers a question during Failure to Protect.

FULL CONFERENCE VIDEO

wmitchell.edu/febeventvideo



Mitchell named a Fulbright 'Top Producer'

William Mitchell is the only law school in the region named a 2012 "Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students" by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The distinction is awarded to colleges and universities each year based on numbers of Fulbright applications and scholars.

As an independent law school, Mitchell is in the specialty category, joined by such institutions as the New England Conservatory of Music and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

"It's a big deal for a smaller institution to compete successfully in

the elite world of Fulbright grants," says Professor Denise Roy, Mitchell's Fulbright Student Program advisor and Fulbright Scholar Program campus representative.

This year, Michael Murphy '12 is in Papua New Guinea on a Fulbright Scholarship, working for the country's National and Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee to help implement ADR in the nation's more remote regions. His assignment includes seven months in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea's capital, and three months living in a Nahu village with the barest essentials.

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Mitchell faculty, alumni teach 'Law School for Legislators'

For the past 15 years or so, newly elected Minnesota legislators and their House and Senate leaders have spent a day at William Mitchell learning about the upcoming session's key legal issues.

"Law School for Legislators," also known as the Civil Law Symposium, is a chance for lawmakers to tap into Mitchell's faculty expertise.



Meyer

This year's symposium included a keynote address on child abuse prevention by retired Supreme Court Justice Helen Meyer '83, who is currently a distinguished jurist in residence at Mitchell; a panel on sex offender management and civil commitment featuring Mitchell Dean



Janus

Eric Janus and retired Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Eric Magnuson '76; an overview of Minnesota's judicial branch with current Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea; and a discussion on the future of specialty courts, with Judge Peter Cahill.



Magnuson

"The goal of the symposium is to provide background on topics of interest to the legislators," says Professor Mike Steenson, who organizes the event. "They define their areas of interest, and we design the program around those interests."

The symposium was sponsored by William Mitchell College of Law and the Minnesota Association for Justice.



Blogging, Chatting, Tweeting

Quiet study spaces, stacks of books, helpful librarians. Some things never change in Mitchell's law library. But now, librarians are also making efforts to reach out to students and alumni—wherever they might be.

On Twitter you'll find changing library hours, policies, and events at Mitchell. There are also links to interesting and provocative articles in the legal news world and blogosphere.

TWITTER: @BurgerLibrary

On Facebook you'll find posts about Mitchell-specific topics. The reference librarians are also available to answer legal research questions via instant messaging.

FACEBOOK: /BurgerLibrary

There's also a blog on the library's website, where students, alumni, and faculty can learn about library activities in more depth.

BLOG: wmitchell.edu/library

Another unconventional communication tool the library uses is a lively publication that appears sporadically in the (ahem!) library restrooms. It's (appropriately) entitled *The Loo Review* and contains short blurbs on items of interest to students.

LOO REVIEW: wmitchell.edu/loo

Last fall, the library and the Office of Information Technology held a "Technology Petting Zoo" to enable students, alumni, and faculty to see and play with different tablets and apps, learn more about Word formatting, explore new exam software, and talk with library and IT professionals about how to use technology while in law school.

Some of these ideas were generated from the Library/Student Outreach Team (LSOT), a committee of librarians and law students. LSOT formed a year ago with the purpose of learning directly from students what they want and need from the library. The feedback librarians have received from students has led to several low-cost, high-return, student-based initiatives.

But students aren't the only group librarians are available to assist. They help alumni with legal research needs as well.

Connect with Mitchell's librarians online or stop by campus during the week to meet with them in person.

FACULTY NEWS

The academic and professional work of Mitchell's faculty adds significant value to students' legal education, enriches the classroom experience, and provides opportunities for real-world learning.

Since the beginning of the school year, faculty members have made 81 professional presentations, most recently addressing audiences in Washington D.C., Barcelona, Spain, and Seoul, South Korea. Year-to-date, they've written 34 publications, including four textbooks.

Highlights of their accomplishments include:

PROFESSOR DAN KLEINBERGER, perhaps



the country's foremost expert on limited liability companies, recently presented to the American Law Institute. Professor

Kleinberger is a highly sought-after speaker for his expertise and ability to effectively teach others about an extremely complicated area of the law. His scholarly articles were recently the most downloaded among the 1,358 articles posted on Corporation and Enterprise Law Commons, a website that distributes journal articles.

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC

PROGRAMS NANCY VER STEEGH presented



"Key Considerations for Addressing Parenting Time & Safety" at an expert roundtable convened by the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services and the Center for Policy Research in Washington, D.C.

Remembering Professor James Hogg

James Hogg, a longtime and respected William Mitchell College of Law professor and former dean, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 8, after suffering a stroke. He was 83 years old.

Dean Hogg was born in New Zealand on Aug. 29, 1929. He studied the law at the University of New Zealand, where he earned a bachelor's degree, a bachelor of laws degree, and two master of laws degrees. He moved to the United States and continued his studies at Harvard Law School, where he earned a doctor of juridical science degree, the law school's most advanced degree.

After completing his studies, Dean Hogg was recruited to teach at the University of Minnesota Law School in the mid-1950s.

He spent several years at the University of Minnesota, serving as a professor of law, assistant vice president for academic affairs, and senior fellow with the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

In 1971 he went into private practice and became a partner at

Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly. Later, he became associate general counsel at Control Data. In 1985, he was appointed Mitchell's president and dean.

Dean Hogg immediately made his mark on Mitchell by reorganizing the college's staffing structure to make it more effective and efficient and by overseeing significant renovations and upgrades throughout campus.

Dean Hogg's tenure as dean was forward looking. He led the college in the design, funding, and construction of the Warren E. Burger Library. He was a prolific fundraiser and built strong relationships with leaders in the legal profession and business. His tenure as dean lasted 10 years.

After stepping down in 1995, Dean Hogg stayed on as a professor at Mitchell, except for a two-year stint as dean at Western State College of Law in California. He will be remembered as an energetic and engaging teacher, a scholar, and a wonderful friend and colleague.

"Jim served Mitchell for 28 years. He was president and dean

during a critical period of progress for the college, capped by fundraising for the construction of the Warren E. Burger Library," said Mitchell President and Dean Eric Janus. "He was a prolific scholar, authoring dozens of law review articles and many books. Until the end, he remained totally engaged in his teaching and was one of the most tech-savvy



members of our faculty. He was a friend and mentor for me and many others.

"Dean Hogg will be greatly missed by the William Mitchell community. We extend our deepest condolences to his family."

JAMES F. HOGG
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In addition to working with policymakers, lawyers, and other academics, Mitchell faculty continue to play a key role in the effort to help the general public better understand law and policy. **RESIDENT ADJUNCT PROFESSOR BRAD COLBERT, PROFESSOR SARAH DEER, DISTINGUISHED JURIST IN RESIDENCE THE**

HON. HELEN MEYER, PROFESSOR DAVID PRINCE, PROFESSOR PETER KNAPP, AND PROFESSOR COLLETTE ROUTEL conducted interviews with local and national media outlets including FOX News, MSNBC, Al Jazeera, KSTP-TV, the Star Tribune, and the nationally syndicated radio program "Native America Calling."



Mitchell's commitment to free and open access to faculty scholarship is paying off. Since its debut in 2010, the institutional repository Mitchell Open Access has generated 63,275 full-text downloads. In 2012 alone it had nearly 45,000 downloads, with trends continuing upwards.

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Professor Deer advising Department of Justice on sexual assault issues

Mitchell Professor Sarah Deer has been named chair of a U.S. Department of Justice federal advisory committee designed to develop protocol for responding to sexual assault in tribal communities.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Deer chairperson of the Office for Victims of Crime's "National Coordination Committee on the American Indian/Alaska Native Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Sexual Assault Response Team Initiative."

The National Coordination Committee is made up of 15 people, including representatives from tribal organizations, federal agencies, and an international association for forensic nurses. Deer, who is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, was selected to be its chair



because of her activism on behalf of Native Americans and her experience addressing sexual violence issues in tribal communities.

The committee will meet roughly twice a year.

"We will make recommendations to the Department of Justice for improving response to rape in tribal communities," Deer said. "I hope that our recommendations will help shape policy for years to come."

STUDENT NEWS

Mitchell has a rich history of helping students secure judicial clerkships, and that tradition continues. This year, 16 current and former students were awarded clerkship positions with judges, with two of them landing coveted federal clerkships.



Lawonn



Holth

Brittany Lawonn '12 and Jeff Holth '12 will work for Judge Myron Bright on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Fargo, N.D. Bright is the longest sitting circuit court judge in the country, having been appointed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968.

"Clerking for a judge is probably the single best job to get out of law school," says Professor Ted Sampsel-Jones, who advises students applying for the positions. "The hiring market for clerkships is extraordinarily competitive, and we are fortunate that so many of our students and recent graduates were offered them this year."

This year's clerkships

Dennis Anderson

Judges Terri J. Stoneburner and Michael L. Kirk, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Brittany Bachmann

Judge Thomas J. Kalitowski, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Jessica Colbert

Judge Margaret H. Chutich, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Adina Florea '13

Judge John R. Rodenburg, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Grant Goerke

Judge Kevin G. Ross, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Erica Holzer

Chief Judge Matthew E. Johnson '92, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Kate Homolka

Judge Francis J. Connelly, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Elizabeth Keating '05

Judge Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks '85, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Frances Kern

Judges Thomas J. Kalitowski, Randolph W. Peterson, and Heidi S. Schellhas '80, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Cyrus Malek

Judge Terri J. Stoneburner, Minnesota Court of Appeals

John Monnens '12

Judge Elizabeth Hoene Martin '80, Washington County

Kristin Nierengarten

Judge Terri J. Stoneburner, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Mike Tsoi

Judge Carol Hooten '78, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Carrie Weber

Judge Natalie E. Hudson, Minnesota Court of Appeals

Students win national championship at Transactional LawMeet competition

William Mitchell students Caitlin Grom and Peter Snyder used their deal-making skills to win the Transactional LawMeet competition in March at Drexel Law School in Philadelphia.

The competition is the premier "moot court" experience for students interested in a transactional practice, presenting essential challenges in transactional problem solving—the very type that corporate departments at law firms and in-house counsel at corporations tackle on a daily basis.

This year's competition

began with teams from 74 schools competing to draft and negotiate most effectively.

Grom and Snyder won the Midwest Regional competition in February, which qualified them for the national championship. The final rounds included 12 teams—University of Southern California, University of California-Davis, Northwestern, Baylor, the University of Mississippi, Yeshiva University, Hofstra University, University of Georgia, John Marshall Law School, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, Western New England University, and Drexel University.

Mock trial team wins regional, heads to nationals

After winning the Ohio regional of the National Student Trial Advocacy Competition, Mitchell's mock trial team competed for a national title in New Orleans in April.

The team, Thomas Priebe, Cory Gagne, Nathan Lockwood, and Jessica Rajtar, prepared by scrimmaging against another Mitchell team on the weekends leading up to the competition.

"We also had past trial team members come in and judge our presentations," says Rajtar. "I think the scrimmag-es and the feedback really helped us hone our skills for the actual competition. The



Ohio Regional Coordinator William Eadie presents Thomas Priebe, Cory Gagne, Jessica Rajtar, and Nathan Lockwood with their trophy.

competition itself was very well run, and the teams were very competitive. It was very exciting."

The Mitchell team took on Cleveland State University, Case Western University, and Capital University, narrowly beating Capital in the finals. The event is sponsored by the American Association for Justice along with Trial Guides, a legal media company.



Meet Satoko Furuya

She's an accomplished lawyer with the Japanese Patent Office, a lover of arts and nature, and soon to become the first graduate of Mitchell's new LL.M. program

I work for the Japan Patent Office. I was involved in patent law reforms in the Legislative Affairs Office and drafted amendments to our Patent Act.

I often found myself researching American law, so I decided to seek opportunities to expand my knowledge of American intellectual property law, which I believe will help with future policy making.

When I consulted an intellectual property law professor in Japan about studying abroad, William Mitchell was one of the law schools he recommended. Because I was looking for a school where I could learn not only the theory but also the practice of intellectual property law, I chose Mitchell.

As in science, sometimes legal theory does not work in practice very well, and sometimes practice perfectly works but people cannot figure out the theory. In my opinion, one of the lawyer's roles is to bridge theory and practice. This is William Mitchell's specialty.

I have received lots of attention from faculty, staff, and student tutors, who have helped me with coursework, research, and English. Everyone here has done so much to help me succeed.

I like the fact that William Mitchell is located in a safe and quiet neighborhood, although I cannot forget that I had to spend some time preparing for Minnesota winters—getting snow boots, wool socks, and a down jacket.

Snow makes everything prettier. It is hard to describe how beautiful the scenery is here in Minnesota, in particular the fall colors and the trees covered with fresh snow.

When I'm not studying, I let the amazing art and beauty of the area refresh me. From two world-class orchestras to local rock bands and painters to walking along the Mississippi River, there is much to enjoy.

MITCHELL IN THE MEDIA

KARE-11 News featured the impressive work Adjunct Professor Paula Duthoy '90 and Halyna Eremeyeva '12 did through the Immigration Law Clinic to help an exchange student from Australia get out of ICE custody and get her life back on track.

The *Star Tribune* wrote a feature story about the success of Teen Court, a diversion program in Anoka County, Minn., started by Daniel Repka '13 when he was a Mitchell student.

KSTP News profiled Mitchell's Child Protection Clinic, which started last year and quickly made a difference in the lives of children and parents in Ramsey County, Minn.

WATCH & READ MORE
wmitchell.edu/news

ALUMNI LINK



Left: Alumni Association President Kathy Kimmel '96 presents Sue Dosal with the Warren E. Burger Distinguished Alumni Award. Below: Greg Stenmoe speaks at the DeParcq Leadership Celebration.



Dosal and Stenmoe honored with annual alumni awards

William Mitchell honored two exceptional alumni by presenting them with awards at the annual DeParcq Leadership Celebration.

One award recipient has served William Mitchell in many ways since graduating. The other has dedicated her entire career to building a better judicial system.

SUE DOSAL '79 was awarded the 2012 Honorable Warren E. Burger Distinguished Alumni Award.

During 30 years as the Minnesota State Court Administrator, Dosal has received appreciation from the many colleagues she has helped. But the heartiest thanks should probably come from people who might never meet her—the future generations who will benefit from the revolutionary changes she made in the state's court system.

Those changes include unifying the Minnesota's trial courts from 87 county-based entities to a single state-based system, helping create the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and playing an instrumental role in the construction of the Minnesota Judicial Center.

GREG STENMOE '81 was awarded the 2012 Honorable Ronald E. Hachey Outstanding Alumni Award.

If there's a way to support his law school alma mater, Stenmoe has it covered. He has served in leadership roles at William Mitchell and advocated on its behalf since graduating from law school.

Stenmoe was on the Mitchell Board of Trustees for nine years, including two as chair. He's an active fundraiser for the *William Mitchell Law Review*, leading the establishment of the Steenson Law Review Endowment, which supports the publication's faculty advisor as well as student law review editors.

As a shareholder at Briggs and Morgan, Stenmoe is chair of the firm's Litigation Department and serves on its management committee. He has consistently built connections to William Mitchell and championed the law school's alumni and programs in the community.

Stay connected!

There are a lot of great reasons to connect with Mitchell online—professional networking opportunities, advanced event notifications, and access to contact information for other Mitchell alumni.

Right now, more than 2,700 alumni are connected on LinkedIn, and more than 1,400 friends and alumni like the law school on Facebook.

Join them and see what you've been missing!

Mentor a Mitchell student in their last year

For the past two years Mitchell has been piloting a new one-on-one mentor program for students who are within a year of graduating.

It's called the Hachey Ambassador Mentor Program, and it's designed to help students get more connections in the area of law in which they're interested.

In fall 2011, about 30 alumni participated. This year, about 60 alumni have answered the call to offer information, guidance, contacts, job shadow opportunities, and more to grateful students.

If you're interested in being a mentor this fall, let us know by visiting wmitchell.edu/alumni.

Once the students have applied to participate in the program, you'll be contacted to verify your interest and availability.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to share your time and knowledge with our students!

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LEGAL LEGEND

Life's LESSONS

*became her gift
to the law and
those it serves*

by Lori Sturdevant



She's like us. That's what many Minnesotans concluded as they met Rosalie Wahl '67 in 1977, when she was appointed the state's first female justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court, and in 1978, when she stood for election to keep that seat.



As she campaigned, Wahl told a spare version of her life story with which Minnesotans could easily identify. She grew up a country girl in another Midwestern state, Kansas. She came to love learning in a one-room grade school and a small-town high school. She attended a public university, then married and set aside her career plans to follow her husband to a new state. She was a mother of five and a PTA president before enrolling in William

Mitchell at age 38. Even during her re-election campaign in 1978, she still looked and sounded the part of the kindly 54-year-old grandmother she was.

Her election victory that year was the triumph of Everywoman and a breakthrough for the state's women's movement, which after decades of frustration had finally come into its own.

Only now, in Rosalie Wahl's 89th year, are Minnesotans learning the rest of her story.

LEGAL LEGEND

A 2012 Lightshed Productions documentary video, "Girl from Birch Creek," tells of Wahl's early experiences of hardship and loss and reveals the resilience she mustered to overcome them. In those experiences lie the roots of Wahl's passion for extending justice to everyone, male or female, immigrant or fourth generation American, rich or poor.

Wahl was born Sara Rosalie Erwin on Aug. 27, 1924 in Gordon, Kansas, the third child in a family that would grow to four children with the birth of her brother Billy in 1926. Her father, Claude, was an oil pipeline maintenance worker whose job often took him far from home. Her mother, Gertrude, was the eldest child in a large farm family, the Pattersons of Birch Creek. Gertrude died suddenly in 1928 and shattered the household she left behind. Rosalie and Billy went to live with their Patterson grandparents, Harry and Effie. Their two older sisters remained with their father.

"I was lucky," Rosalie would say. "I got to stay with Grandma." Effie Ellis Patterson shared Rosalie's keen mind, high energy, and love of nature. Gertrude's five siblings were nearby. One aunt, Rosalie's namesake Sara, was a self-reliant, unmarried nursing educator who took particular interest in the girl.

Grandpa Harry involved Rosalie and Billy in routine chores. It was on one such errand on May 19, 1932 that tragedy struck. Rosalie and Billy were accompanying Grandpa with the team and wagon to fetch timber. They had to cross a railroad track to do so, and open and close gates on both sides of the track to pass. Seven-year-old Rosalie was assigned to jump down from the wagon and open and close the two big gates. She'd handled the first one and was on the other side opening the second when

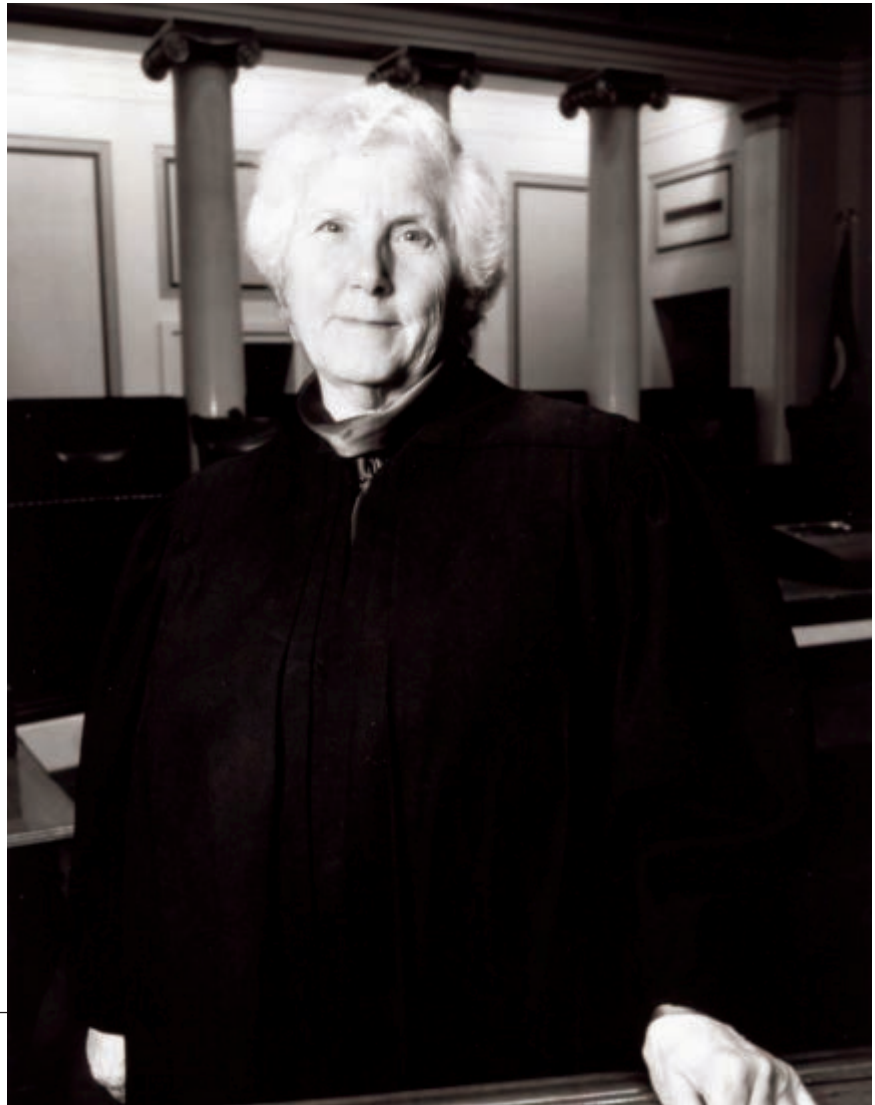
a speeding train suddenly appeared from around a bend. It had not sounded its horn, as it was required by law to do. Later, Rosalie could remember opening the second gate, but not what happened next. The train struck the wagon, instantly killing her grandfather and brother.

Rosalie keenly remembered the accident's aftermath. Neither the railroad company nor government did anything in response. The family contemplated filing a lawsuit, but an attorney said he would require \$100 to take the case. In 1932, few rural families could produce such a sum. Rosalie grew up hearing Patterson relatives talk

about the injustice they had suffered. The law should have been on their side, they said.

Rosalie and Effie soldiered on. Grandmother and granddaughter moved into a rundown cottage on the farm, repopulated an old hen house, planted a garden, and rode out the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression.

Rosalie thrived at Caney High School. At Methodist Youth Fellowship she met Eldon Peck, a handsome young man who joined the Army Air Corps during the military buildup of the fall of 1942. During Rosalie's freshman year at the University of Kansas, their friendship blossomed into serious commitment.



She held fast to the belief that the law must be on all the people's side, and must be informed by the entire human experience



Tragedy again intervened. Eldon was badly injured in a flight training accident in South Carolina in the spring of 1943 and died while Rosalie was en route to join him.

Grief contributed to her decision to leave the university and become a teacher at the same one-room school she attended as a girl. But not many

months passed before she summoned the will to continue her education. Back at the University of Kansas in the fall of 1944, she joined other coeds in assuming campus leadership roles that, but for the war, would have gone to male students. She edited the *Daily Kansan* newspaper and served as president of the YWCA. On her watch, the Y converted its near-campus house into the university's first racially integrated student living environment. Rosalie endured public barbs from those who opposed the integration but learned the satisfaction of striking a blow for justice.

That next year, 1945-46, the GIs came back to campus. Among them was Roswell Wahl, a doctor's son who had more than his fill of war. Rosalie and Ross shared the hopeful notion that the war would lead to the dawn of a more just and peaceful world. They were married in the summer of 1946. Like legions of her Greatest Generation peers, she set aside her career aspirations. Instead of becoming a social worker among California migrants, as she had planned, she became a graduate student, then a busy mother. In February 1949, drawn by plans for a new "intentional community" in Circle Pines, Minn., the Wahls forsook Kansas for snowy Minnesota and the shared dreams of their new venture.

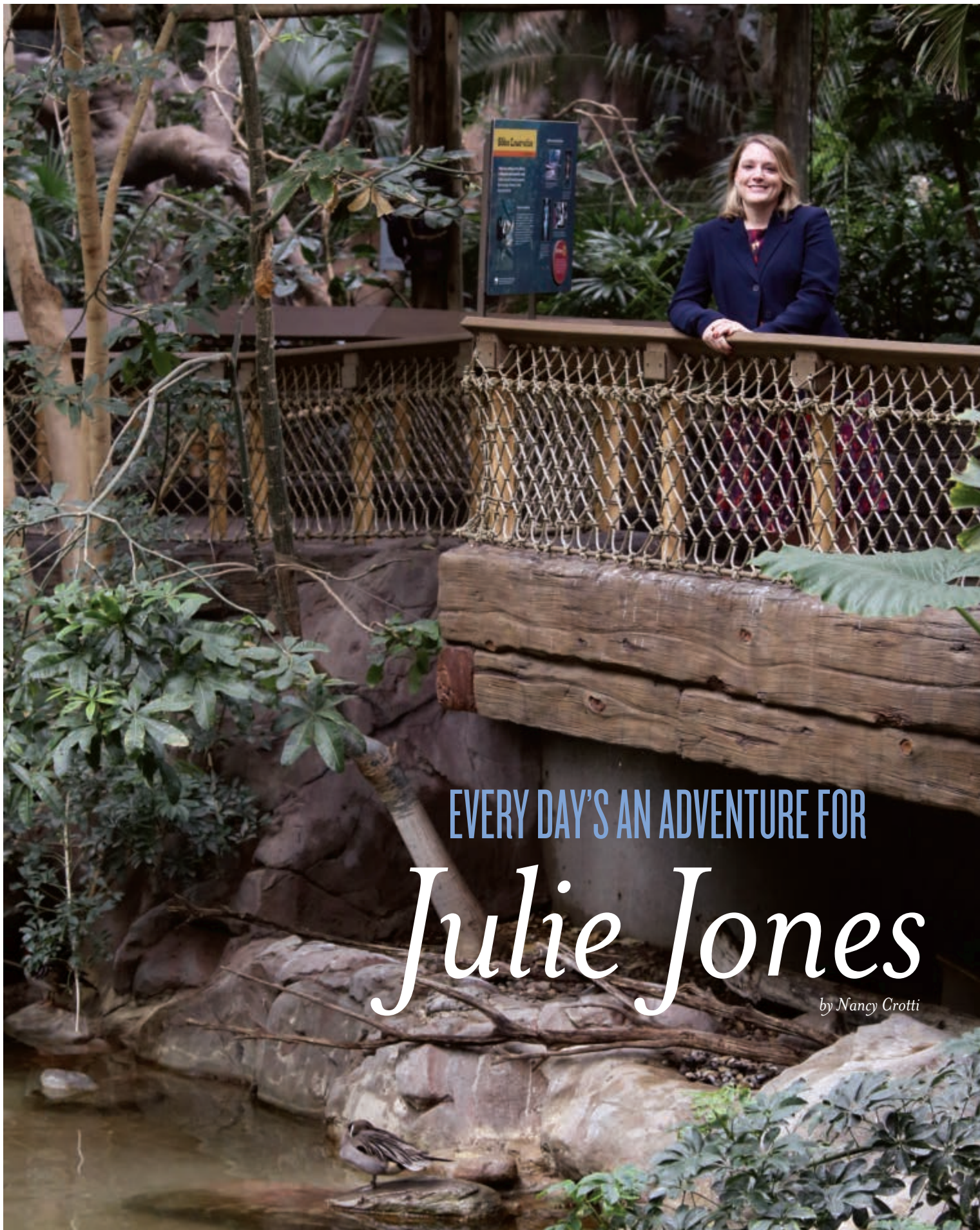
Rosalie threw herself into cooperative living with four other families, only to watch the arrangement fall apart. She

organized an effort to secure a new public library in Washington County, Minn., only to be patronized and dismissed by the all-male county board. She enrolled at Mitchell and was one of only three women studying the law. She struggled to keep her marriage intact, only to have her husband's post-traumatic stress disorder overtake her best efforts. The Wahls divorced in 1972. By then, she was an appellate-level public defender and adjunct professor about to launch Mitchell's first legal practice clinic.

It was indeed Everywoman whom Gov. Rudy Perpich appointed to the state's high court in 1977.

What made her exceptional was the depth and courage of the conviction she drew from those experiences. She held fast to the belief that the law must be on all the people's side and must be informed by the entire human experience. Through 17 years on the Supreme Court, as the leader of task forces to root out gender and racial bias in Minnesota courts, and as a reformer of American legal education, she put that conviction into action. Her life's lessons became her gift to the law and those it serves.

Lori Sturdevant, a Star Tribune editorial writer and columnist, is preparing a book about Rosalie Wahl and the Minnesota women's movement for Minnesota Historical Society Press.



EVERY DAY'S AN ADVENTURE FOR
Julie Jones
by Nancy Crotti



Three labor unions, two management teams, the State of Minnesota, and zoo keepers who enjoy spending their days with Amur tigers, wolverines, and sharks. These are some of the groups and people with whom Julie Jones '89 works in her role as director of human resources for the Minnesota Zoo. Clearly she has a firm grasp of OSHA laws.

It can, Jones says, be a little stressful, but she wouldn't want it any other way. Working on a 485-acre campus that is home to more than 2,900 animals from around the world is Jones' dream job.

"I have visited the zoo on a regular basis since I was knee high," she says. "I absolutely love the zoo, love the animals. Every day is an adventure."

When Jones enrolled at Mitchell, she didn't set out to oversee workers' compensation for an organization that requires some of its employees to walk into a crocodile's swamp carrying armfuls of crabmeat. But after 20 years working in human resources, Jones knew the Minnesota Zoo job opportunity was too good to pass up.

"I had always thought that HR was HR was HR until I looked at the position description at the zoo and did some interviews," she says.

The job description included many responsibilities she'd carried out in her previous two jobs with the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs and Sperry Corp.—overseeing recruiting, compliance, employee relations, performance management, benefits and compensation, training and development, and workers' compensation. But it also required the ability to think outside the proverbial HR box.

Jones actually spends a fair amount of time researching animal behaviors.

"You can't ask the animals what they were thinking when they did something," she says. "Often, we are working in nontraditional situations: Do we need to raise a fence? Do we need to change the layout of an enclosure? It does impact employees, but not in a way that people traditionally think.

"You might look at process improvement or let zoo keepers know that a specific animal needs to be handled differently, because of the way it typically behaves in captivity."

"I absolutely love the zoo, love the animals."

Jones says her Mitchell education has served her well at the zoo.

Because it is a state-owned facility, she's responsible for many highly regulated areas of the law, as they apply to human resources.

She oversees affirmative action, data privacy, and data practices, and works to ensure that the zoo complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Jones says Mitchell prepared her well for the variety of issues she has to address—some of which touch on subjects of animal rights, treatment, and even reproduction.

"One evening in Torts class, the professor asked me a question about horse-breeding," she recalls. "I turned bright red and couldn't speak because of the topic. Everything left my brain.

"Today, I'd be able to answer that question like nothing."

'THAT ONE FACE THAT LOOKED LIKE MINE'

*How William Mitchell
is working to diversify
the legal profession*

by Jenny Sherman



Jennifer Lee stands on the sidewalk outside a St. Paul government building and reluctantly talks about the very first class she took at William Mitchell.

"At first, I didn't think it was going to be an experience I'd really enjoy," she says. "It was daunting and made me question whether the law was something I wanted to pursue."

That was seven years ago. Lee was 17 and part of Mitchell's Future in Learning Law Program (FILL), which for more than 30 years has introduced high school students to the possibility of studying the law. While anyone in grades nine through 12 may participate, the program focuses on groups of people who are traditionally underrepresented in law schools and the legal profession—people who grew up with limited financial means, minorities, the sons and daughters of new Americans.

Lee is Hmong, the daughter of parents who immigrated to the U.S. from Thailand in the 1980s and started a new life for themselves and their three children.

"Growing up, I saw firsthand that my community had a difficult time accessing the law," says Lee. "Who do they have to turn to? Sometimes people do want to work with a lawyer who speaks their native language, understands their culture."

"I figured I would try the FILL Program and see what law school's all about. There weren't many Hmong lawyers at the time, and I remember thinking that maybe I could change that."

Lee signed up and spent two weeks in June immersed in the law. It wasn't at all what she expected.

A LOT OF WORK TO DO

It is well after seven on a Friday evening and Mitchell's hallways are empty. There are students and professors in classrooms, but nearly every staff member and most professors and students have called it a week. The day's sun is nothing but a shadow of a memory. Inside the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Lawrencina Mason Oramalu '05, Mitchell's assistant dean and director of Multicultural Affairs, is still working.

She pores over stacks of papers detailing workshops, policy discussions, and alliance-building programs with other organizations that are in the works. There are speakers to connect with, venues to book, and myriad other details in need of attention. It will be another hour or so before Oramalu makes the drive home to Brooklyn Center, Minn., where her husband and three kids are waiting. It's a good thing they are there, too, because otherwise Oramalu might spend the night in her office. There's a lot of work to do.

"Some people talk diversity, but you don't see diversity," she says. "Here at Mitchell, it's part of our core values. It's an underlying mission."

It's a well-known fact that there's a direct correlation between the quality of a law school's educational program and the caliber of student the school attracts. What fewer people realize, according to Oramalu, is that a school's culture matters nearly as much to prospective students.

Create an environment where people from all walks of life feel welcome, accepted, and comfortable, and you will likely have more people—and people with better credentials and with a wider variety of personal and professional experiences—applying.

That's good for everyone, according to Professor Ken Port, director of Mitchell's Intellectual Property Institute.

"It enriches all of us to be exposed to different perspectives. As an educational institution, that's what we are supposed to be about," he says. "We all gain by having exposure to thoughts, views, cultures, and perspectives other than that with which we grew up."

The same is true for law firms and businesses, according to Valerie M. Jensen '96, executive director of Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, an association of 28 law firms and 13 corporate legal departments that works to recruit and retain attorneys of color in Minnesota's legal community.

"If I don't see partners of color, or woman partners, who are present in the power structure of law firms, it's pretty hard to buy into that 10-year commitment of going to law school and working toward becoming a partner," says Jensen. "The fact that there's a Lawrencina at William Mitchell and even conversation around diversity in the law schools—true conversation—is a huge change from when I was in school."

The Office of Multicultural Affairs was established in 1990 to help students—especially those who identify as belonging to a traditionally underrepresented race, ethnicity, gender-identity, sexual orientation, physical ability, or religion—feel comfortable at Mitchell. But it does much more than that.

**"IT'S PART OF OUR
CORE VALUES."**

Lawrencina Mason Oramalu



Oramalu and Sharon Van Leer, Mitchell's longtime multicultural specialist, have taken on a key role in the education of students. They strive to help all students appreciate differences and understand how issues of privilege, entitlement, race, socioeconomic status, gender, bias, and other factors affect the law. And they lead by example.

Anyone who has ever met Van Leer has likely wound up embracing her.

She is a hugger. She's also a storyteller, prankster, confidant, and purveyor of practical advice. Her charisma and acceptance of everyone is a major reason why the Office of Multicultural Affairs is Mitchell's

unofficial social hub. It's where members of the Federalist Society study with members of the William Mitchell Democrats group. It's where acceptance and understanding come to life. Mitchell is the only law school in the region with its own office entirely devoted to diversity and inclusiveness.

"Our history here is really anchored in access, providing access to the legal profession," says Mitchell President and Dean Eric Janus. "We view ourselves as a gateway to the legal profession and an institution that has the power to try to ensure that the legal profession and the justice system are inclusive and are open to the entire diversity of our society."

Diversity at William Mitchell

Mitchell's commitment to recruiting and assisting military students has earned the law school the distinction of being a Military Friendly School for 2013, as determined by *GI Jobs* magazine.

Mitchell is one of only 48 colleges and universities in the country to receive the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine.

Mitchell's faculty was lauded nationally for publicly opposing last year's proposed amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that would have defined marriage only as the union of a man and a woman.

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MITCHELL'S ROLE

Rosalie Wahl '67, was the first woman on the Minnesota Supreme Court. Susan Allen, LL.M. '00 is the first openly gay American Indian state legislator in the country. Hassan Ali Mohamud '02 was the first Somali law graduate in Minnesota. The list goes on, and thanks to Mitchell, the legal profession has been diversified.

Oramalu is proud to work at a law school so dedicated to inclusiveness. "But I still see a need for the legal profession as a whole to be more diverse," she says.

That's the challenge that keeps her working late into the evening.

Both Oramalu and Jensen know the statistics by heart and rattle them off as easily as they do the names of Mitchell alumni who were pioneers in kicking open the doors of equality.

More than 93 percent of all partners at U.S. law firms are white. 80 percent of all partners at U.S. law firms are men. The number of openly GLBT lawyers in the country is about 1 percent of all lawyers.

These numbers, according to Jensen, are holding back law firms from recruiting top talent—many of whom

value diversity and inclusiveness.

Will Stute '97, a partner at DLA Piper and former member of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity fellows program, agrees and adds that a lack of diversity can also hamper a firm's ability to compete for clients.

"Diversity is good for business," says Stute, who is also a former president of Twin Cities Diversity in Practice. "The purchasers of legal services—from individuals to decision makers within corporations and corporate legal departments—are increasingly diverse. For the past couple decades, they have been demanding that law firms follow their lead and become more diverse."

Walmart and Sara Lee, two multinational companies, have been known to pull business from firms—even those performing well and under budget—due to a lack of diversity among their employees. And, as Jennifer Lee, the Hmong American who took her first class at Mitchell seven years ago points out, the country's many new Americans are looking for lawyers who understand and appreciate their culture.



Valerie M. Jensen



THE FUTURE

Lee has to get to a meeting of the St. Paul Human Rights & Equal Economic Opportunity Commission. She's on the commission, which hears and determines discrimination complaints against the City of St. Paul.

But before she steps inside the government building, the second-year Mitchell student remembers the person who inspired her to go to law school.

"That first day of the FILL program was overwhelming. But I probably set myself up for that. I probably expected it to be inaccessible because of what I'd seen from the legal profession growing up," she says. "But within an hour or so, everyone was so very welcoming.

**"THAT ONE FACE
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Jennifer Lee

Sharon Van Leer and everyone else at Mitchell really gave us a warm reception. By the end of the first week I was enjoying things—we'd gone on a field trip to the courthouse, we'd met with current students, and we were preparing for a mock trial. But I still wasn't sold on law school.

"Then, sometime during the second week, a Mitchell graduate named Ugo Ukabam '02 spoke to us. At the time, she was a lawyer at Gray Plant Mooty, and she told us that we were the future, that we could make a difference in our community. She said that if she could do it—coming all the way from Nigeria—that we could, too. I said to myself, 'You know what? She's right.'

"Ms. Ukabam probably doesn't even know she inspired me, but she was that one face that kind of looked like mine. That's when I decided that I'd become a lawyer and work in human rights and also serve the Hmong community in Minnesota.

"I think there's a huge opportunity for someone like me to tap into that market and do very well as an attorney after I graduate."

The Statistics on Diversity in Law

93%

*More than 93 percent
of all partners at
law firms are white*

80%

*80 percent of
all partners at
law firms are men*

1%

*About 1 percent of all
lawyers in the country
are openly GLBT*

Mitchell students take a 'stand'

Mitchell student Jessica Rajtar was a first-year student in 2010 when she met Lawrence Oramalu. Rajtar was a clerk in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Oramalu was the incoming director.

"We started having discussions about the things that I, and other students, felt were absent from the discussions that were happening in class," Rajtar says.

There was a desire for an opportunity for students from different backgrounds and with different interests to spend more time sharing ideas, listening, and working together.

The discussions between Rajtar and Oramalu continued and grew to include more students. Momentum built, and the Students Together Advancing the Need for Diversity and Dialogue (STAND) group was born.



STAND is a sort of campus United Nations for multiculturalism. It includes representatives from numerous student organizations who feel that the conversation on diversity needs to welcome everyone, regardless of their political views, skin colors, sexual orientations, or religious beliefs.

"It's nice that we have organizations for black law students, Latino law students, and Jewish law students, but can we have an organization that brings them together? That's what STAND is trying to do," says Oramalu, who is the program's faculty advisor. Rajtar is the STAND executive director as well as a member of the Latino/a Law Student Association.

STAND hosts events, such as silent-auction fundraisers and circle dialogues, and hopes to create a student-clerkship opportunity.



“One hundred percent, diametrically opposite polar extremes of the political backdrop”

is how Professor Ken Port describes his working partnership with Mitchell student and State Rep. Joyce Peppin (R-Rogers).

“She’s a very conservative Republican, and I’m a very liberal Democrat.” Be that as it may, Port and Peppin make for a formidable team as they (along with other Mitchell students) work together on a bill to combat trademark bullying. The so-called Minnesota Small Business Trademark Protection Act, penned by Peppin and introduced as House Bill 2996 last April, would prove to be a valuable tool for businesses drowning in legal bills caused by the over-protective tides of unnecessary trademark infringement lawsuits.

“I have to work with Republicans and Democrats every day, and it’s my job to find common ground to pass legislation, so that’s not all that unusual for me,” says Peppin, who is doing an independent externship in Port’s class.

“Professor Port is coming from the left and I’m coming from the right, but we’re both trying to help small businesses in Minnesota from a jobs perspective because small businesses are really the economic backbone and driver of our state.

"It's not a Republican or Democrat issue, and his reasons for supporting it might be different from mine, but we both want to make sure small businesses can compete here. For me, it's lower taxes and making sure small businesses aren't being harassed. This is an issue that doesn't have to be partisan."

The issue is gaining steam, thanks to a veritable confetti storm of cease-and-desist letters sent out to private, independently owned businesses from much larger, public businesses over the past decade. Since the dawn of the internet, corporations have been able to easily track small-business monikers and products that the corporations' legal departments deem infringements on their trademarks. From there, according to Port, the corporate counsel machines methodically threaten the little guys with expensive and often frivolous lawsuits.

In his 2007 *Washington and Lee Law Review* article "Trademark Extortion: The End of Trademark Law," Port wrote: "The federal trademark law of the United States, the Lanham Act, is now sixty years old. Commentators often describe it as 'an extraordinary success.' The most famous trademarks, such as Coca Cola or Microsoft, are now valued at over \$70 billion each. However, what do these commentators rely upon when they say the Lanham Act is an extraordinary success? Who benefits by this 'success'?"

So began the fight, which took flight in earnest when a client of Port's insisted that the professor "come down from your ivory tower and do something" about trademark bullying. Port took the bait.

"American trademark law requires that you do something called 'policing your mark.' If you fail to police your mark, if you don't do anything about any infringement anywhere anyhow and it becomes weaker, you could lose a trademark. Case law says that you

have to be reasonable in policing. So what's happened in America is what is 'reasonable' has been ratcheted up, so what was reasonable 20 years ago today would fail because all these companies use the internet and blindly send these cease-and-desist letters."

Port and Peppin met when the student took the teacher's first-year property class in the spring of 2010. Around the same time, Port announced the formation of a law reform project on trademark bullying. Peppin and three other students signed up, and the team has spent the last two years writing briefs, writing legislation, and defending the victims of trademark bullying.

Port also recently visited the state capitol to testify about the proposed legislation, and Peppin has introduced him to some of the bill's biggest supporters, including members of the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

"He's been great to work with," says Peppin, of Port, who has taught at Mitchell since 2001. "He has a lot more academic knowledge than I do, and I have more knowledge of the legislative process, so it's been a fun working relationship."

"If I wasn't at Mitchell, I wouldn't have met him, or known or understood the issue and the students might not have [had the opportunity] to meet and work with a legislator and work on the bill and what not. So it was kind of being in the right place at the right time."

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"It's been fantastic," says Port, of the seemingly unlikely alliance. "She's a really, really nice person to start off with. And when it's a nice person, it doesn't really matter how they're going to vote on any given issue. We've found common ground on this trademark bullying thing, and she's worked on several projects with me now."

"One time she had to get up and leave class because she got called back to the House to go vote on something, and as she walked out the door, I hollered at her, 'Don't forget to vote Democratic!' She was at a loss; she couldn't respond; she was sputtering as she left. It was very funny."

"We joke around all the time about how she's converting me to be a Republican, and I'm converting her to be a Democrat. If I quote Ronald Reagan, she'll go, 'You're close.' She drives a Toyota, so I'll go, 'You're close.' It's all in good fun."

Port and Peppin represent a political schism that has divided homes, families, and the country—but not at Mitchell.

"This [relationship] transcends all that," says Port. "At one point we were messing around with titles for that bill, and we had the word 'jobs' in the bill, and Joyce realized that 80 percent of legislation coming up through the legislature now has the word 'jobs' in the title, so we took it out. That's where we meet. We're both interested in employing people; employing people keeps the world going 'round.'"

Friendships Built to Last

A William Mitchell Law Wives group has stayed together more than 40 years *by Nancy Crotti*



The boat was magnificent. Designed and built with great pride by a group of male William Mitchell students, it was made for speed, made to win. It was, in their minds, a mighty vessel sturdy enough to hold them as they raced across one of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes.

They named it "Beaver Boat."

With smiles across their faces, the Mitchell students made their way to Lake Calhoun, launched the craft, paddled out as their wives and children stood ashore, then wondered what went so horribly wrong as the boat disintegrated, leaving the group of future lawyers and judges bobbing aimlessly amid dozens of empty milk cartons.

"They were hopeless because they weren't engineers," Pam Kearney says of the men, including her husband, who built the raft. "We girls were standing on shore cheering ... until it fell apart."

"They didn't win," recalls Barbara Bartz, whose husband Charlie '76 was on the boat when it fell apart, "but they probably had the most fun."

It was the mid-1970s, and Kearney and Bartz were members of the Law

Wives, a group of women brought together by the fact that their husbands were studying the law at Mitchell. More than 40 years later, divorces, illnesses, distance, and even the botched attempt to win the Minneapolis Aquatennial Boat-Carton Race can't keep the group apart.

"We're like war wives, because we all stick together," says Kearney, whose husband, Jerry, graduated in 1976. "You needed to have a resource, a shoulder to cry on, and someone to talk to."

Mitchell has always acknowledged and appreciated the sacrifices made by the partners of those studying the law. There is loneliness, added responsibilities around the house, financial pressure, stress, and anxiety. Sometimes, law school spouses feel as though no one else in the world understands their plight.

So in the '70s, the college created Law Wives. At the time, most students were men, and the idea was to provide a support network for the students' wives, many of whom had children. The college hosted social events and assigned women to bridge clubs. Eventually, the

groups expanded their endeavors based on personal interests. They got together to macramé, craft, and even host silent auctions and lectures.

By all accounts, the groups helped law school spouses during the three or four years their loved ones were studying. Mostly, the members kept one another company through what might otherwise have been a long, difficult period of time.

Kearney remembers spending a half-hour every evening with Jerry, who came home for dinner between his bank job and evening classes. While he studied, Pam and their two young children would gather around, working on needlepoint, playing quietly, just relishing the rare opportunity to be with Jerry, even if all they saw of him was the top of his head, buried in a casebook.

After the children went to bed, Pam Kearney would eventually follow, leaving Jerry to his studies. She knew he would rise early the next morning, head off to work, then to school, and it would be her job to get the kids up and fed. She also knew she could rely on her fellow law wives for support.



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and someone to talk to.”

“We helped each other through difficult times raising our children, our babies growing up, and our illnesses,” says Nancy Shelden, who was and still is a member of the same Law Wives group as Kearney and appreciates the support she received when she had a colicky baby while her husband, Jim ‘75, was in law school. “It’s just been a really important part of our lives.”

Life wasn’t all serious, however. The Law Wives’ husbands named themselves the Beavers, after a camp song sung by one of their daughters. The women took turns meeting for refreshments

and laughs at one another’s houses, and the couples had annual Christmas parties, played broomball, and put on progressive dinners. The men would meet for lunch on New Year’s Eve.

The bonds that form in law school, even for spouses, can last forever.

Though it’s been more than 40 years since the Beavers graduated, the group still gets together from time to time.

“Even though we live more than a thousand miles away, I still feel close to all the women, all the couples, really,” says Bartz, who lives in Connecticut. “We visit by phone, email, snail mail, and

William Mitchell offers support to current wives, husbands, and significant others of those studying the law. Third-year student Stephanie and her husband Shane Chandler have spoken at panels for incoming students and their families.

“If you can stay in close proximity, even if you’re not doing something together, you won’t feel so alone or that they’re putting so much time into it,” Shane advises. “Just accept the fact that you’re not going to have their undivided attention all that much.”

Relationships—and friendships—can and do survive law school.

in person. Charlie and I have been back to Minnesota for most of the weddings. We feel blessed to have maintained these friendships.”

The feeling among the other members of the group is mutual, and Minnesota-based members have traveled to Connecticut to see the Bartzes, including five men who visited Charlie when he turned 60.

All of the members, it seems, are happy to have friendships that have stayed together better than the Beaver Boat.

GIVING BACK, GIVING FORWARD



Professor Steenson honored for 40 years of service to law review

In 1972, a group of Mitchell students and faculty wanted to start a law review. The idea was controversial.

It would never work, many said, because law reviews were “the province of the intellectual elite.” Mitchell was a part-time night school with students more interested in the “nuts and bolts of lawyering” than scholarly exploration of legal theory.

Mike Steenson, Mitchell’s Margaret H. and James E. Kelley Professor of Tort Law, took on the role of faculty advisor, and volume 1 of the *William Mitchell Law Review* was published.

Today, volume 40 is in the works, Steenson is still the faculty advisor, and the law review ranks among the top 15 percent of the 507 student-edited law reviews in the U.S. for citations by courts.

To honor his commitment to the law review, more than 200 current and former editors recently awarded Steenson the Marcy S. Wallace ’74 Award for Excellence in Leadership.

In addition, it was announced that a group of Mitchell alumni and friends has raised nearly \$1 million for the Steenson Law Review Endowment, which will support the publication and its faculty advisor for years to come.

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THINGS about KARLIN SYMONS '88

by Felicia Kelley

Karlin Symons is a lawyer and business executive. She's led organizations large and small to prosperity. She chaired Mitchell's board of trustees and spearheaded a successful \$20 million capital campaign. She's a philanthropist who created a scholarship at Mitchell.

On paper, Symons is all business. But she's also quick with a funny quip and has a knack for entertaining. She cherishes time spent with her five grandchildren, enjoys acting like a kid herself, and is as comfortable around nature's predators as she is high-powered attorneys. Maybe more comfortable.

1. You spend a great deal of time volunteering with the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, Minn. What do you find fascinating about apex predators?

Not enough is known statewide about these animals, and it's an incredible privilege to share information about them.

They are a great barometer of how the environment is doing—a lesson of what to avoid and a lesson of what can be done for the environment. I think we should appreciate the roles they play in nature as well as in our lives.

2. I'm guessing your vision wasn't to work with animals when you started at Mitchell?

No. When I started at William Mitchell I was 38, and I wasn't sure that I would even practice law. I'm a classic career person, and I attempted to use my legal training for my business career. I didn't contemplate a career in working with animals, even though animals have been a passion all of my life.

3. In what ways has William Mitchell shaped your career?

It allowed me to become a lawyer—an absolute delight. William Mitchell has refined my sense of the role of well-educated people in the world. Power is responsibility.

4. Who is someone you idolize or look up to?

Someone who I look up to is Judge Ron Hachey '43, who attended Mitchell as well. He was a very wise and humble man with a great sense of humor and wonderful smile. If one can be like him, that's truly something. Also, Eric Janus, who was one of my professors and is now the dean. He is a remarkable teacher.

5. So when you're not presenting on eagles, how do you spend your free time?

I rescue dogs. So far I've had four Great Pyrenees rescues. I start off fostering them and eventually adopt. They keep coyotes, cougars, and bears away. They're my buddies. Bentley and Nelly are my most recent rescues who had spent three years in an outdoor pen. They didn't know their names or any commands, and after only four months they have made wonderful progress.

6. Do you have any words of wisdom?

I've been asked this question many times before, and am never quite sure what to say. It's funny to think of myself as a person of wisdom. What I can say is, "Keep the child in you. Keep the wonder." I may be a lawyer but I can act 6. You are never too old. "Growing old is inevitable. Growing up is optional."



CLASS NOTES

Bergerson named Alumnus of Notable Achievement



STEVE BERGERSON '74, an attorney with Fredrikson & Byron, was recognized as an Alumnus of Notable Achievement by the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts in March.

Award recipients are nominated by the college's alumni, faculty, and staff, and less than one percent of the school's graduates have received the recognition.

The award recognizes and honors College of Liberal Arts alumni whose

individual achievements, leadership, and contributions have brought distinction to their professions, communities, and alma mater, as well as the collective depth and breadth of their interests, talents, career paths, and achievements in all sectors of society.

A former ad agency executive, Bergerson created the first advertising law practice in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area in 1974. He then founded Fredrikson & Byron's Advertising, Marketing and Trademark Law Group, and is one of the nation's leading advertising and trademark attorneys.

He's been involved in registering and protecting more than 3,000 trademarks in over 80 countries. In addition, Bergerson has been recognized as a Super Lawyer for 20 consecutive years, *Fortune Magazine* ranks him among "America's Premiere Lawyers," and he was inducted into South Dakota's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

In addition to the recognition from the college, Bergerson was also recently honored by the Children's Cancer Research Fund as its Volunteer of the Year.

1976

PAUL SCHWEIGER was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is the managing partner of Sieben, Grose, Von Holtum & Carey's Duluth office.

1977

JOHN "JACK" HARPER III was named a 2012 Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer. He is head of the business litigation group and a shareholder at Messerli & Kramer.

BILL SIEBEN was named "Minneapolis Best Lawyers Personal Injury Litigator of the Year" for 2013. He has been an active trial lawyer for more than 30 years and is a partner at Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben.

THOMAS UTSCHIG retired as a United States Bankruptcy Judge. He served

the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Western District of Wisconsin.

1978

LORETTA FREDERICK received the 2012 Sharon L. Corbitt Award from the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence. The award recognizes lawyers who demonstrate exemplary service to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. Frederick is a senior legal and policy advisor for the Battered Women's Justice Project, a national resource center on domestic violence legal issues.

THOMAS D. JENSEN is the 94th president of the Hennepin County Bar Association, which represents 8,500 attorneys with a wide variety of services for the community and the profession. Jensen is

a shareholder with Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson, where he focuses on product liability defense, malpractice defense, and insurance coverage litigation.

1982

KEN ABDO was elected to a two-year term on Lommen Abdo's board of directors. **KARN HAUGEN** was elected to the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center's Board of Trustees. Crow Canyon is a not-for-profit research and education organization in southwestern Colorado.

1983

VICKI BAILEY was selected by *Finance and Commerce* magazine as one of its 2012 Top Women in Finance. She is vice president of investment law and chief compliance officer at Advantus.

MARK DUVAL was awarded a Fellowship of the Federal Regulatory Affairs Professional Society in October 2012, the highest honor awarded by that society.

1984

TIM EIDEN and **KAREN HATFIELD '02** formed a new firm, Eiden & Hatfield, with offices in St. Paul and Menomonie, Wis. Both were previously partners with Hansen, Dordell, Bradt, Odlaug & Bradt.

1985



AZIZ AHSAN was selected to be a member of the U.S. delegation to the 8th World Islamic Economic Forum in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, in December 2012. Ahsan is a

patent, trademark, internet, and intellectual property law attorney who has both domestic and international clients.

1986

JOY D. BARTSCHER was appointed District Court judge in Minnesota's Second Judicial District by Gov. Mark Dayton. She was an associate attorney at Rogosheske, Sieben & Atkins, where she handled criminal defense, personal injury, family, and other general practice matters.

KAREN J. KINGSLEY was named president of the Minnesota Association for Justice. She practices in the areas of medical malpractice, personal injury, and ADR at Kingsley Law Office in St. Paul.

ERIN SULLIVAN SUTTON was selected 2012 Outstanding Member Award winner by

the American Public Human Services Association. Sullivan Sutton, who is assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, was selected for her work to improve child welfare practice in Minnesota and nationally.

1987



ROBERT DOCHERTY was appointed District Court judge in Minnesota's Fifth Judicial District by Gov. Mark Dayton. He was previously managing attorney in the Mankato office of the Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's Office.

1988

JOANNE JIRIK MULLEN was named vice-chair of the Board of Trustees at St. Cath-

erine University in St. Paul, Minn. She has been a trustee on the board since 2004 and was president of the school's alumnae association from 2001-04.

1991



NANCY E. ANDERSON was selected by *Finance & Commerce* as one of its 2012 Top Women in Finance. She is senior vice president and private client advisor for U.S. Trust/Bank of America. The magazine annually recognizes women in the financial industry who are making outstanding contributions in the financial and business professions and are proven leaders in their communities.



KAREN SCHLOTTHAUER joined Lommen Abdo as shareholder. She counsels individual clients on all aspects of estate planning, including wills, trusts, charitable planning, retirement plan distribution planning, prenuptial agreements, and estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax strategies. She also represents fiduciary clients on estate and trust administration matters, including the preparation and filing of estate tax

returns and fiduciary income tax returns.

LEONARD A. WEILER was appointed District Court judge in Minnesota's Seventh Judicial District by Gov. Mark Dayton. Weiler was previously managing attorney for the Seventh Judicial District Public Defender's office, managing public defender operations within Stearns County while maintaining a criminal caseload.

1993



MARK T. PORTER was named superintendent of the Monroe County School District in Key West, Fla. He has spent 32 years in public education, including 12 as director, assistant superintendent, and superintendent in the South Washington County school district.

FORREST STANFORD was named associate dean of admissions and financial aid at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. He was previously associate dean of admissions at Charlotte School of Law, and was associate director of admissions and financial aid at William Mitchell from 1992-96.

1994

MICHELLE JESTER was named a Top Woman in Finance in 2012 by *Finance*

& Commerce. She is chair of the Banking & Finance, Real Estate and Corporate & Business Law Group of Messerli & Kramer.

1995

DAVID BRODIE was named city attorney for the city of Coon Rapids. He has been with the Coon Rapids City Attorney's Office since 2004 and had been serving as interim city attorney.

1996

ALAN GORDON was elected president of the E. Robert Williams Inn of Court in Jacksonville, Fla. The Inn of Court was founded to foster excellence for legal professionals in northeast Florida, particularly for new practitioners and law students seeking mentorship with judges, experienced lawyers, legal educators, and community leaders.



STEPHEN M. WARNER joined Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak & Pikala as a senior associate. He focuses on commercial transportation, personal injury defense, construction law, premises liability, and appellate work.

1997

PETER M. REYES JR., a partner and intellectual property attorney at Barnes

and Thornburg and member of the William Mitchell Board of Trustees, is the 2012-2013 national president of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA).

WILLIAM STUTE joined the Litigation practice of DLA Piper as a partner in the Minneapolis office. He is also a member of the William Mitchell Board of Trustees and was previously a partner at Faegre Baker & Daniels LLP.

1998

LAURA GRAF joined Lindquist & Vennum's Minneapolis office as a partner. She joins the firm's real estate law practice, working with the group's large portfolio of commercial real estate clients.

1999

JEWELIE A. GRAPE rejoined Leonard, Street and Deinard as shareholder in the Employee Benefits and Compensation Practice Group. She had spent the previous nine years with Portico Benefits Services.

2000

VALERIE SIMS was elected to a two-year term on Lommen Abdo's board of directors.

Anthony "Tony" Spector took office as Meeker County Attorney Feb. 1, 2013. He is a former Minneapolis police officer who previously ran a private

WOLF HEADS TO THE CAUCASUS FOR ONE MORE ADVENTURE

What possesses someone who is 59 years old and has been practicing law for 22 years to pack up and join the Peace Corps? "I wanted one big, new challenge in my life before I formally retired," says **NANCY WOLF '87**.

She is definitely getting it. Wolf is in the midst of serving 24 months as an English language teacher in a small town in the mountains of northern Azerbaijan.

Drawing on a career that included pro bono work representing immigrants and refugees, travel to more than 30 countries, and teaching high school French, Wolf joined the Peace Corps in 2010. She is now living with an Azerbaijani family, immersed in the Azeri language and culture.

"I love this community," she says, "but certainly life is harder in the developing world than at home." Still, she wouldn't trade her experience of living with people who are "warm, hospitable, and caring" for anything.

"Being selected to serve in the Peace Corps is a highlight of my life," she says. "I love the challenges of working in a developing country, and I am happy, healthy, and thriving in Azerbaijan."



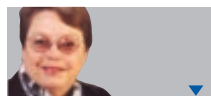
law firm in the Twin Cities and worked as a part-time deputy with the Meeker County Sheriff's Office.

2001



AMY E. PAPPENHAUSEN was named as shareholder at Henson & Efron. In addition to focusing on estate planning, business succession planning, probate and trust administration, conservatorships and guardianships, and estate and trust litigation, she serves on the firm's marketing committee.

2002



BARB BURANDT was elected to the Elk River City Council. **KAREN HATFIELD** and **TIM EIDEN '84** formed a new firm, Eiden & Hatfield, with offices in St. Paul and Menomonie, Wis. Both were previously partners with Hansen, Dordell, Bradt, Odlaug & Bradt.



KAREN K. KURTH was elected secretary of the Anoka County Bar Association for 2012-13. She is an attorney with Barna, Guzy & Steffen in Coon Rapids, Minn.

JERI L. PARKIN joined Messerli & Kramer. She works with clients who are divesting real property assets, structuring entities, acquiring property or businesses, and negotiating various contracts.

2003

STEPHANIE L. BECKMAN was appointed District Court judge in Minnesota's Eighth Judicial District by Gov. Mark Dayton. She previously served as the Meeker County Attorney, Assistant Meeker County Attorney, and Assistant Stearns County Attorney.

2004



CREIG ANDREASEN of Messerli & Kramer has been certified as a Minnesota State Bar Association Certified Real Property Specialist. He is also a member of the adjunct faculty at William Mitchell. **PATTON C. PRUNTY** joined the VanDerHeyden Law Office of Rochester as an associate.

2005



LISA ASHLEY of Messerli & Kramer has been certified as a Minnesota State Bar Association Certified Real Property Specialist. She works

on a variety of land acquisition projects, represents lenders in all aspects of loan origination and workouts, and advises clients in commercial leasing, title review and claims, and other transactional real estate and business matters.

JONATHAN T. (J.T.) NAPLES was elected shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard. He represents clients in federal and state court and before administrative agencies on a variety of matters, including Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family Medical Leave Act, and the Minnesota Human Rights Act.



JULIE L. PERRUS was named a shareholder at Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren. Her practice is focused in regulatory and administrative law, including land development, state and local financing, environmental permitting, energy, and business issues.

2006



KARL FRISINGER was hired as an associate at Coombs & Dunlap in Napa, Calif. His practice focuses on employment law,

family law, and wine law and compliance, along with related litigation and transactional practice.

2007

AARON HALL and **STEVEN CERNY '09** announced that their law firm, Twin Cities Law Firm, has a new name: Thompson Hall Santi Cerny & Dooley. The firm represents business owners and their companies in complex contracts, employment law, intellectual property, and tax audits—along with litigation involving these areas.

HOLLY IVERSON received a 2012 Leaders in Public Policy award from Politics in Minnesota and the Capitol Report. She won the award in the Top Legislative Staffer category.

ANDREA NODOLF was appointed district attorney for Rusk County, Wis., by Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker. Nodolf had been assistant DA in Rusk County and prior to that worked at Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney in Minneapolis.

2008



LORI FRANK joined Patterson Thuent IP, handling patent preparation and prosecution for clients in the technology areas of computers, electronics, optics,

semiconductors, and telecommunications. She also assists companies with patentability opinions, licensing issues, and IP-related agreements.

2009

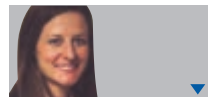
STEVEN CERNY and **Aaron Hall '07** announced that their law firm, Twin Cities Law Firm, has a new name: Thompson Hall Santi Cerny & Dooley. The firm represents business owners and their companies in complex contracts, employment law, intellectual property, and tax audits—along with litigation involving these areas.

2010

DEBRA HILSTROM was selected chair of the Judiciary Finance and Policy Committee of the Minnesota House. She is an assistant Anoka County Attorney.

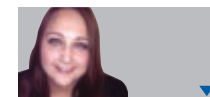
2011

JUSTIN T. BOELTER and **VALERIE J. WILBUR** got married on August 11, 2012, in West St. Paul.



MEGAN GAUDETTE was named assistant county attorney for Le Sueur County. She is also an associate at Christian, Moran, Keogh & King.

2012



ALISSA B. FISCHER was hired as an associate attorney at Hauser and Schmid of Sleepy Eye, Minn.

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IN MEMORIAM

A political activist with an eye on the community's health

Nancy Longley '93 was known as a selfless, caring person with a big heart. Her personality was reflected in her work—she spent much of her career in public relations focused on improving community health, including overseeing an anti-smoking campaign for the state of Minnesota.

Ironically, Nancy, a nonsmoker, died of lung cancer at age 52, just four months after being diagnosed. She was executive vice president for health care practice at Weber Shandwick when she became ill, having joined the firm in 1999 after working at Himle Horner.

Nancy was active in Minnesota Republican politics, serving as the party's finance director. She also worked on the U.S. Senate campaigns of Dave Durenberger and Rudy Boschwitz before going into public relations.

She is survived by her husband, Chris Longley '92, and three children.



1952

PHILLIP W. BOHL, 87, Feb. 5, 2012.

1953

CEDRIC F. WILLIAMS, 89, Sept. 1, 2012. Survived by his wife, Arlene Williams; children Cedric (Diane) Williams III and Gary Williams; stepchildren Michael (Connie) McCoy, Mary McCoy, and Marcia (Andy) Haefner; eight grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

1954



AUSTIN "JOHN" BAILLON, 85, Dec. 27, 2012. Survived by his brother, Richard; wife, Caroline; children, Caroline (Scott) Bowersox, Paul (Jean), Peter, Catherine (Joseph) Freesmeier, Alexandra (Gary) Luloff, and Frances; and 13 grandchildren.

ROBERT T. WALLNER, 85, Nov. 3, 2011. Survived by his wife, Lois; children, Bob (Roxy), Joan (Steve) Sullivan, Tom (Lupe) and Pat (Maggie); 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

1958



JAMES GRATHWOL, 82, Jan. 3, 2013. Survived by his children, Bob, John (Rosann Berry), Joan Olson (Steve), Jim (Sara Langwor-

thy), Kate (Barry Kleider), Pook (Mark Gaddis), and twelve grandchildren.

1961

DUNCAN M. PUTNAM, 91, Dec. 23, 2012. Survived by his children, Barbara Putnam Davis, Jeff Putnam (Cynthia Grissom), Nancy Putnam (Eric Fahlsing), Scott Putnam, and eight grandchildren.

1962

THOMAS A FOSTER, 77, Aug. 19, 2012. Survived by his wife, Yvonne; children, Sean (Shelli-Kae), Sheila (Bruce), Beth (Larry), Noreen (Van), and six grandchildren.

1964

DAVID B. ORFIELD, 75, Dec. 9, 2012. Survived by his daughters, Diana Maples (David), Caroline Herbeck, Stacy Saindon (Mike) and Allison Beissel (Chad); and seven grandchildren.

1965

ASA E. BUTTRICK, 81, Dec. 2, 2011. Survived by his wife, Maureen; children, Kathryn Farsht, Lee Ann (Brian) Scales, Amy (Darian) Vietzke; stepchildren, Colleen (Keith) Mellen, Brigid (Pat) McCarthy, Daniel (Daliah) O'Malley, and Michael (Heidi) O'Malley; 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL J. HEALEY, 75, Dec. 23, 2012. Survived by his wife, Judith; sons Sean

(Kim), Paul (Becky Dankowski), Michael Brian (Karina Milosovich) and Colin (Rosa Sala Healey); and nine grandchildren.

1968

JOHN DENNIS QUINLIVAN, 76, Sept. 4, 2012. Survived by wife, Shannon; children, Kevin, Barry Sr., Colleen Quinlivan, Curran (Joy), and Molly (Paul); 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

1970

DEAN R. GITS, 68, Nov. 6, 2012. Survived by his wife, Christina; daughter Tracy Torres; stepdaughter Lori Cote; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1973

DELBERT D. ROWSE, 71, Sept. 28, 2012. Survived by children, Shane, Bret and Seth; and four grandchildren.

1980



LAUREN MAKER, 59, July 27, 2012. Survived by her brother, Ross; sister, Julie Blade; three nephews; and one niece.

1982

SHIRLEY I. CHASE, 56, Oct. 2, 2012. Survived by her husband, Tim Byrne; mother, Sedelia Chase; sister, Audrey Chase; brother, Larry Chase (Kim); and brothers and sisters-

in-law Sharon, Mary, Tom, Peggy, Pat (Rachel Blank), Rose (Mark Leutgeb), and Kris.

1984



KEVIN R. DEVAAN, 56, Dec. 14, 2012. Survived by his wife, Connie; children Christopher, Angela (Michael) Strunk, and Brady, and two grandchildren.

1985



TIMOTHY WELCH, 64, Nov. 18, 2012. Survived by his wife, Melodie, and children Zackary, Andrew, Jessica, and Allison.

1987

MICHAEL TODD HELEBRANT, 62, Aug. 23, 2012. Survived by his wife, Barbara; children, John Helebrant and Amanda Helebrant; mother, Patrician (Deneen) Stevens; and father, Bernard Helebrant.

1991

ELIZABETH "LIZ" LARQUE, 50, Dec. 4, 2012. Survived by her parents, Dennis and Arleen LaRoque; brother, Jon (Andrea) LaRoque; four nieces and one nephew.

1998

EILEEN FOX, 53, Oct. 15, 2012. Survived by her mother, Shirley Hyman.

to the POINT

Eric S. Janus
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TOP 20 PERCENT
- Number of student-edited law reviews in Minnesota that rank among the top 15 percent nationally (out of 507 total) for citations by courts:
2 (MITCHELL AND UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA)
- Number of Minnesota law schools with bar pass rate higher than the state average in July 2011 and July 2012:
2 (MITCHELL AND UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA)
- Number of Minnesota law schools with a former Supreme Court Justice and former Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals as distinguished jurists in residence: **1 (MITCHELL)**
- Law school with the largest number of alumni sitting as active state court judges in Minnesota: **MITCHELL**
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric S. Janus'.

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