

FALL 2012



RETIRED MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE HELEN MEYER'S

'Plan for the Future'

MITCHELL ON LAW

VOLUME 30, NO. 2

Published by the
Office of Institutional Advancement
William Mitchell College of Law

875 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

651-290-6370
651-290-7502 fax

magazine@wmitchell.edu
wmitchell.edu/alumni

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Steve Linders

WRITING

Nancy Crotti
Steve Linders
Paul Moore
Phil Theibert
Jim Walsh

ART DIRECTION

John Biasi

DESIGN

John Biasi
Katelynn Palmer

PHOTOGRAPHY

Michael Crouser
Tim Rummelhoff
Sarah Whiting
Steve Woit

PRESIDENT AND DEAN

Eric S. Janus

CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Stephen B. Bonner '72



19



16



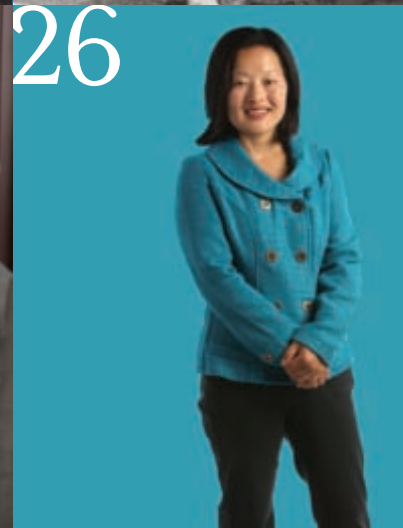
32



13



23



26

FALL 2012

MITCHELL IN FOCUS

2 Justice Esther M. Tomljanovich '55 Tea for Women in Law

4 Alumni CLE Series

875 SUMMIT 4-9

5 The region's law school of choice
6 Marshall-Brennan fellows hit the workforce
6 STAND in embracing diversity
7 Mitchell named 'Military Friendly'
8 Meet Jessie Rajtar 3L
8 Remembering Assistant Director of Admissions Joe Walsh
9 Faculty news

10 Breathe first. Then find inspiration.

THOUGHT LEADERS

11 Practical Wisdom—it can take you anywhere

ALUMNI LINK

12 The Hachey Initiative: Get involved ... it works
12 New Alumni Association Board of Directors

GIVING BACK, GIVING FORWARD

25 Record Annual Fund participation rate
25 Three alumni who supported Mitchell in 2011-12

CLASS NOTES 27-30

27 Karla Hancock '80
29 Mitchell Firsts: What are they up to these days?

IN MEMORIAM 30-31

31 Mike Ford '79: An advocate's advocate

LEGAL LEGEND

13 Doug Heidenreich '61: Renaissance Man Extraordinaire

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

16 Jamin Arvig '07: Green Dream

FEATURES

19 Jeff Anderson '75: A Life of Love & Law

23 Helen Meyer '83: A Plan for the Future

6 THINGS ABOUT

26 Melissa Wright '93

TO THE POINT

32 Stephen Bonner '72: Where would we be if not for Mitchell?

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair	Stephen B. Bonner '72
Vice Chair	Daniel O'Keefe '78
Secretary	John H. Hooley '80
Treasurer	Louis L. Ainsworth '77

Lynn M. Anderson '80
Lawrence T. Bell '79
John D. Buck
Jeffrey P. Cairns '81
Richard R. Crowl '76
Lisa A. Gray '86
Judge Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks '85
James J. Hoolihan '79
Kathy Kimmel '96
Stephen R. Lewis Jr.
Martin R. Lueck '84
Ret. Chief Justice Eric J. Magnuson '76
Ret. Justice Helen M. Meyer '83
Joseph S. Micallef '62
Ruth A. Mickelsen '81
Mansco Perry III '81
Kathleen Flynn Peterson '81
Judge Denise Reilly '83
Peter M. Reyes Jr. '97
Ellen G. Sampson '84
Lenor A. Scheffler '88
William R. Sieben '77
David M. Sparby '80
William F. Stute '97
Thomas W. Tinkham
Eric C. Tostrud '90
Amy Xu '97

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

President	Kathy Kimmel '96
Vice President	Hon. Jill Halbrooks '85
Secretary/ Treasurer	T. Nicole James-Gilchrist '03

Peter Berge '83
David Bland '79
Mark V. Chapin '82
Elizabeth Cowan Wright '02
Fred Dawe '92
John Degnan '76
Alison Drichta Patiuk '09
Jill K. Esch '03
Jewelie Grape '99
Mark A. Hallberg '79
Alex Kim '06
Barbara J. Klas '91
Bruce Nerland '88
Lori Oleson '02
Judge George T. Stephenson '85
Robert Suk '70
Chris Tymchuck '08
Bill White '82

Justice Esther M. Tomljanovich '55 Tea for Women in Law



Professor and Co-Director of Mitchell's Clinical Program Ann Juergens welcomes the crowd



Christine Eid '08 and Heather Diersen '08

It's the Hats!

In the tradition of the teas hosted by the former lawyers' legal fraternity Phi Delta Delta, hats and gloves are admired, but not required. Once again, Justice Tomljanovich made her collection of swanky tea hats available to rent as a fundraiser.



Kathryn Ebnet, 2L and Janelle Frederick, 2L

Justice Esther Tomljanovich '55 with longtime friend and colleague, Judge Doris Huspeni '70

Justice Esther Tomljanovich with some of the many women to whom she has offered advice, counsel, and friendship



The tea featured food from three different tea-drinking countries



Last April, hundreds of Mitchell alumni and friends gathered for one of the college's most anticipated events of the year: The Annual Justice Esther M. Tomljanovich '55 Tea for Women in Law.

Attendees shared great conversation, delicious food, and tea (of course). Esther Tomljanovich told her inspiring story of breaking into the profession during a time when women were "relegated to the receptionist desk."

And, perhaps most importantly, the Tea and its corresponding CLE raised money in support of Women in Law Scholarships (2011–12 recipients at left). Since Mitchell began raising money for the Women in Law Scholarship Fund, alumni and friends have given more than \$1 million.

Learn more at wmitchell.edu/tea.



alumni CLE series

Recent graduates (2011-12) Free

All other alumni \$20
Webcasts \$30

CONVENIENT. INTERESTING. RELEVANT.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER
wmitchell.edu/lectures

Past CLEs

U.S. Supreme Court Review
THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 | 7:30-9 AM
Professors Mike Steenson and Mehmet Konar-Steenburg

Medical Assistance 101:
Planning for Long-term Care
FRIDAY, SEP. 28 | NOON-1:30 PM
William L. Brown '94

Upcoming CLEs

Social Media and the Workplace:
What Every Employer and Employee Needs to Know
FRIDAY, OCT. 19 | NOON-1:30 PM
Teresa Thompson '94

The Why and How of Accelerated
Worldwide Patent Filings
FRIDAY, NOV. 16 | NOON-1:30 PM
Mark DiPietro and Lori Sargeno '06

The Appellate Court's Standard
of Review of Pre-trial and Trial
Court's Evidence Rulings
THURSDAY, DEC. 13 | 7:30-9 AM
Professor Edward Toussaint

Failures, Screw-ups, and
Unknowns (and Why They
can be Good for You)
FRIDAY, DEC. 14 | NOON-1:30 PM
Dyan Williams '05

Preventive Detention Schemes
in Germany and Minnesota:
*Recent Developments in the Application of
the European Convention on Human Rights*
FRIDAY, JAN. 25 | NOON-1:30 PM
Dean Eric Janus

Ethical Issues for
Transactional Lawyers
THURSDAY, FEB. 7 | 7:30-9 AM
Professor Greg Duhl and
Jaclyn Millner '09

What's Hot (and What's Not)
in Family Law
FRIDAY, FEB. 22 | NOON-1:30 PM
Allison Marshall '05

Torts in the Courts
THURSDAY, MAR. 14 | 7:30-9 AM
Professors David Prince and
Mike Steenson

Bankruptcy Basics:
What Every Lawyer Should Know
FRIDAY, MAR. 22 | NOON-1:30 PM
Michael Sheridan '08

LLC Double Feature:
*Using Member Control Agreements for
Binding Arbitration that ACTUALLY Binds
the Real Parties in the Deal and Modifying
or Eliminating Fiduciary Duties*
THURSDAY, APR. 11 | 7:30-9 AM
Professor Dan Kleinberger

What you Need to Know
to Succeed in Court:
Perspectives from Law Clerks
THURSDAY, MAY 9 | 7:30-9 AM
Jennifer Young '09 and
Michelle Anderson-Horecka '09

Whose Case is it Anyway?
Ethical Decisionmaking for
Criminal Defense Lawyers
FRIDAY, MAY 17 | NOON-1:30 PM
Professor Brad Colbert

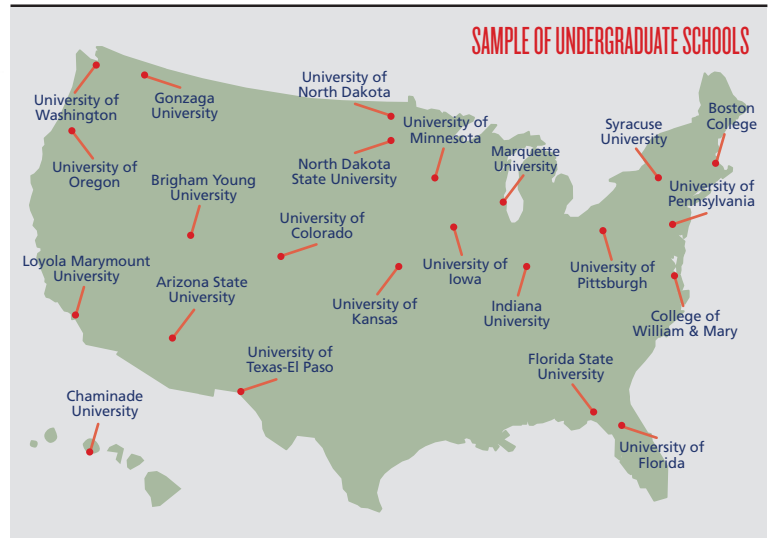
ACA Today: Where Health Care
Reform Stands in 2013
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 | NOON-1:30 PM
Kate Johansen '09

The Region's Law School of Choice in 2012

William Mitchell has retained its status as the region's law school of choice for students in search of a practical legal education.



On Thursday, Aug. 23, Mitchell welcomed 260 first-year students to the beginning of their law school careers. Once again, more students chose to attend Mitchell than any other area law school. And again, the first-year class has impressive credentials.



For the ages

112

Years Mitchell has been in existence

80

Age of Doug Heidenreich
(more on Professor Heidenreich on page 13)

49

Oldest first-year student

24

Median first-year student age

20

Youngest first-year student

STUDENT PROFILE

LSAT

155

150-158

Median

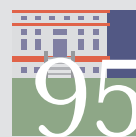
25th-75th Percentile

GPA

3.38

3.11-3.58

ILS REPRESENT



Class makeup



Student backgrounds

All come from a variety of personal and professional backgrounds and bring unique life experiences to our classrooms

One is an orthopedic surgeon who is attending part time while maintaining his practice

One is a former patent officer with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

One is a former Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala

Two are former Teach for America volunteers

Several serve in the U.S. Armed Forces

Many are parents



MEYER RETURNS TO MITCHELL

The big question on everyone's mind when Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Helen Meyer '83 announced that she would step down from the bench was, "What will she do now?"



Meyer and Justice Gildea

The answer came Thursday, Aug. 9, when many leaders in the state's legal community gathered in the William Mitchell Auditorium to celebrate Justice Meyer's career.

Just before the reception, Justice Meyer and Mitchell announced that she would join her alma mater as a distinguished jurist in residence. She'll mentor students, be a guest lecturer in classes, and continue her work with the Child Protection Clinic, which she helped start last year.

"Most judges leave the bench when they are ready to retire, but Helen is leaving because she has a desire to inspire in new ways and different arenas," Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea said to the hundreds of people at the reception. "If past practice is any indication, we know that she will have much success in these new arenas."

READ MORE about Justice Meyer's work with the Child Protection Clinic on page 22.

Marshall-Brennan fellows hit the workforce

It's been three years since Associate Dean for Administration Mary Pat Byrn started the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project at Mitchell.

The project helps law school students develop communications and leadership skills by sending them into high school classrooms where they teach constitutional rights.

Last spring, the first group of Marshall-Brennan fellows earned their law degrees and joined the ranks of working professionals. They say the experience teaching in high schools has prepared them well.

David Safar '12 went so far as to write a paper about the effectiveness of the project as a teaching tool. He'll present it at a symposium at the University of Colorado-Boulder later this fall. Other students have told Byrn that becoming a Marshall-Brennan fellow was the "best thing" they did during their law school career.



David Safar

Mitchell is one of only 12 law schools in the country (and the only one in Minnesota) to be part of the program, which, thanks to support from the law firm Nilan Johnson Lewis, has grown to include local and national moot court competitions for the high school students.

LEARN MORE

wmitchell.edu/marshall-brennan

STAND in embracing diversity

Mitchell's Office of Multicultural Affairs and its Students Together Advancing the Need for Diversity and Dialogue (STAND) group will sponsor the 2nd Annual MLK Week of Service Jan. 14-19, 2013.

Throughout the week, Mitchell students, faculty, and alumni will participate in a variety of activities in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They'll volunteer. They'll host a STAND for Justice forum. They'll walk in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day March down St. Paul's Marshall Avenue.

And you're invited to participate.

"When people walk into Mitchell they cannot help but notice the inscription 'justice for all' written in different languages in the rotunda," says Lawrence Oramalu, assistant dean and director of Multicultural Affairs. "This statement is central to Mitchell's mission to serve the law, teach it, and work to make it just. It was also the rally cry of Dr. King. The annual week of service seeks to bring the Mitchell community together to march, reflect, celebrate, and engage. We want everyone to participate."

LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED

wmitchell.edu/diversity

The Big Six



CONCENTRATION



DELIBERATION

RECUPERATION
125

This is some picture. If "Monty" wasn't married, it would be easy to understand all this Cupid's heart and four-leaf-clover business. How the good spouse can tolerate a law student is quite beyond our comprehension, but seeing is believing. Vide et crede!

(Even the Feature Editor has studied some latin.)



Here's a treasure Mitchell's library staff found in the archives and thought alumni might like: three issues of "Judgment Roll," a yearbook of the St. Paul College of Law.

Containing history, profiles of students, faculty, and staff, campus photos, and legal commentary, "Judgment Roll" provides a unique glimpse into the origins of Mitchell's rich heritage. It also reveals that even long ago, the college was concerned with some of the same issues as today—ensuring that students gain practical experience, assisting the less fortunate in obtaining justice, and defining the role of lawyers within society.

Although "Judgment Roll" demonstrates the serious and thoughtful nature of hard-working law students, it also depicts their fun and playful side in typical yearbook fashion. There are cartoons, poetry, songs, jokes, and amusing photos, as well as tributes, revealing an atmosphere of fellowship and deep respect and admiration.

The "Judgment Roll" is a favorite of library staff, and we are pleased to share some glimpses from it!

LEARN PRACTICAL LAW

Two Young Men Spend Busy Evening
Being "Initiated."

P. P. W. Champeau and Charles Ferguson were not only initiated into the Delta Theta Phi fraternity of the St. College of Law Saturday afternoon, but after a rather boisterous evening were initiated into the mysteries of the central police station.

The youths were arrested while celebrating near 5th and St. Peter sts. After receiving a lecture on law from the viewpoint of the police they were released on \$15 bail.



The St. Paul College of Law merged with Minneapolis-Minnesota College of Law to become William Mitchell College of Law in 1956.

William Mitchell named 'Military Friendly'

G.I. Jobs, an organization that specializes in helping military veterans find employment, has included Mitchell on its annual list of military friendly schools.

Each year, only 15 percent of the nation's colleges and universities make the list. Mitchell is the only law school in the region to be included this year.

To be considered "military-friendly," a school must actively recruit military and

veteran students, create a welcoming environment for them, and keep them enrolled.

Mitchell has a long history of all three, and the school is proud to be listed among the most military friendly law schools in the country.

READ MORE

MilitaryFriendlySchools.com





Meet Jessie Rajtar, 3L

Last summer, Jessie Rajtar traveled halfway across the world to put practical wisdom to work. She spent several months in Equatorial Guinea, working with a law firm, networking, and honing her writing and advocacy skills.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA?

I worked as a summer associate for an international law firm called Centurion. It's involved with advising on business strategies and organizing various forums to attract investors, with the goal of changing the face and perception of the country.

HOW DID YOU GET THERE?

I heard about the position through my boss in Mitchell's Office of Multicultural Affairs, Sharon Van Leer. She told me that a graduate from William Mitchell had started a law firm in Equatorial Guinea and was looking for bilingual law students willing to take a risk and move outside the United States for the summer.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN DURING YOUR TIME THERE?

The biggest lesson I've learned is how to apply the tools and experiences I've gained by living and studying in the United States to situations in Equatorial Guinea with patience, flexibility, and humility.

WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO ACCOMPLISH PERSONALLY? PROFESSIONALLY?

My most immediate goals include learning Chinese and French. I also wish to continue my travels and learn about other cultures through direct immersion.

WHAT HAS SURPRISED YOU THE MOST ABOUT YOUR TIME IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA?

What surprised me most is how wrong people are about the country. Before coming here, I read articles that led me to prepare myself to live and work in a "difficult" country. What I found was quite the opposite. The people recognize that they have work to do to better their country. They are aware of the way the rest of the world perceives them, and they are determined to change the perspective of the world.



Jessie Rajtar standing in front of the Sabre Tree, a silk cotton tree featured on the Equatorial Guinea flag.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO AFTER YOU EARN YOUR J.D.?

I hope to use the skills that I have developed to continue in the realm of international law, litigation, and corporate responsibility. I also would like to continue with training foreign lawyers—sharing the skills that I have to help them become more effective in their practice.

Remembering Assistant Director of Admissions Joe Walsh

On Wednesday, June 6, William Mitchell lost a dear friend when Assistant Director of Admissions Joe Walsh passed away at the age of 50 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Joe was a husband, brother, uncle, friend, and respected colleague. He earned his J.D. at Cardozo School of Law in New York and was practicing copyright and trademark law in 1995 when he met his soul mate, Ann Harrington. They married in 2001 and settled in Brooklyn, N.Y.

When Ann had the opportunity to return to her home state of Minnesota in 2005 to work for the Pioneer Press, Joe embraced the state as his own and joined Mitchell. He quickly became an ambassador for the school. Diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2008, Joe was determined not to be defined by his illness. He continued to work until the end.

"Joe epitomized all that is good about our law school, and about humanity," said President and Dean Eric Janus. "He was a tireless advocate for our college, always with an optimistic, positive attitude that was infectious."

Joe touched many lives while at Mitchell. To honor the many contributions he made to the law school and community, students, alumni, faculty, and staff established a scholarship in his memory.

"Joe worked days and nights to bring us students to counsel and teach and support. Unfortunately, applicants will no longer have the privilege of connecting with him," said Professor Greg Duhl. "But we can do the next best thing and give a student the opportunity to connect with Joe's legacy."



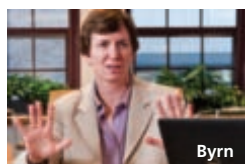
MAKE A GIFT IN JOE'S MEMORY

wmitchell.edu/giving

FACULTY NEWS

President and Dean **ERIC S. JANUS** will be presented with the 21st Century Leadership Award from Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services Tuesday, Nov. 20. You can be there. Visit smrls.org to RSVP.

Longtime Mitchell Professor and Associate Dean **NIELS SCHAUAMANN** left the law school to become dean of California Western School of Law.



Byrn

Professor **MARY PAT BYRN** has taken the role of associate dean for administration. She will work with Janus and Associate Dean for Academic Programs Nancy Ver Steegh in leading Mitchell.

Professor **DAVID PRINCE** has led an effort to start a Veterans Clinic at William Mitchell. Under his leadership, students and alumni will help military veterans with criminal and family law issues.

Professor **SARAH DEER** will chair the Federal Advisory Committee for the Office for Victims of Crime's National Coordination Committee on the American Indian/Alaska Native SANE-SART Initiative.



Expert Witness Training Academy

Professor **CHRISTINE VER PLOEG** was re-appointed to the National Academy of Arbitrators' Amicus Brief Advisory Committee.

Distinguished Professor of Law **EDWARD TOUSSAINT** was appointed chair of the No-Fault Standing Committee by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Judge Toussaint was also this year's recipient of the Minnesota State Bar Association Advocate Award. The award goes to a person who has made a significant contribution to improving the system of civil justice in Minnesota.

Professor **DAN KLEINBERGER** was named chair of the American Bar Association's LLC Committee on Business Law Task Force. He will lead a team charged with reviewing the Uniform Power of Attorney Act and the Uniform Power of Appointment Act.

Professor **MIKE STEENSON** served as a citizen representative on a three-member oral board that interviewed Minnesota State Trooper candidates. Steenson and **SHARON VAN LEER**, Mitchell's

multicultural specialist, helped screen candidates who had already passed the required physical and written exams. The oral board asks the patrol candidates questions covering nine different areas, seeking troopers who have professionalism, honesty, integrity, and the ability to deal with the public.

Professors **JOHN SON-STENG**, **EILEEN SCALLEN**, and **JIM HILBERT** and Administrative Coordinator **LINDA THORSTAD** developed Mitchell's Expert Witness Training Academy, in which scientists learn to communicate complex ideas in ways an average person can understand. Nearly two dozen climate scientists from all over the country attended the seminar this past summer, participating both as witnesses and expert witnesses in a media interview, a legislative hearing, depositions, non-binding arbitration, and a jury trial.



Join Us for an Alumni & Student Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, Nov. 16
William Mitchell Auditorium

Come share a Thanksgiving meal with students. Then share your experience with how pro bono, community service, and other volunteer work has been important in your life as a lawyer and as a member of a civic community.



Sponsored by the Minnesota Justice Foundation's Public Interest Law Fellowship program at Mitchell. All

proceeds will support Mitchell students awarded competitive public interest law positions in summer 2013.

TIME AND COST
wmitchell.edu/alumni



2013 ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

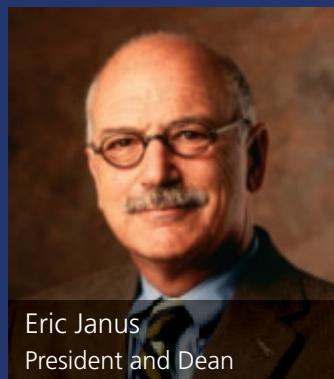
Let's talk daunting doglegs and unbelievable uphill lies, shall we?

That's right. The 2013 Alumni Golf Tournament is heading to Bearpath Golf & Country Club on May 20.

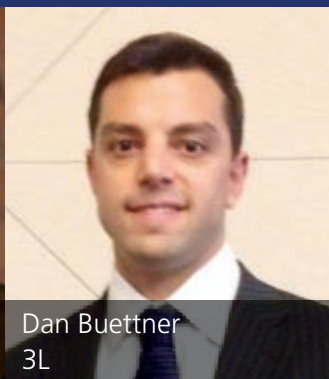
Think it's too early to clean your clubs? Naw, neither do we.

Breathe first. Then find inspiration.

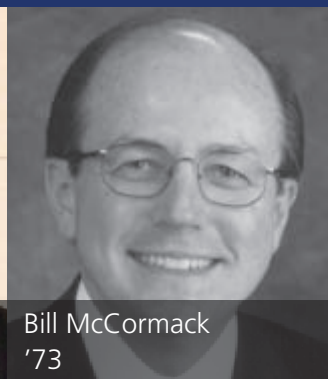
Up against it? Mitchell's leadership, students, and alumni are. Here's how they face life's challenges head-on.



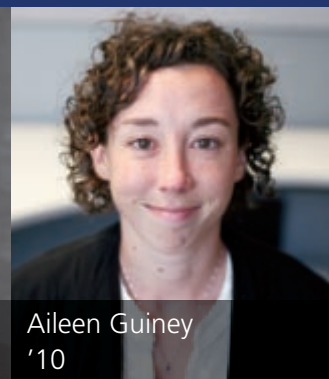
Eric Janus
President and Dean



Dan Buettner
3L



Bill McCormack
'73



Aileen Guiney
'10

Challenges

During his 28 years at William Mitchell, Janus has faced many challenges. Today's include declining enrollment, competition with other law schools, setting proper tuition levels, national attention on the value of law school curricula, and a tough employment market for graduates.

Third-year student Buettner says it's tough for law students to stay positive. "We enter with hopes and determination. Then we're hit with essays and finals, plus debt and the realization that six-figure jobs are hard to get."

McCormack recently retired after a long career in Minnesota's food industry, including 17 years as executive vice president of the Schwan Food Company. Soon after he packed up his office, he was faced with the "What now?" question that is common to retirees.

Halfway through her second year of law school, Guiney's wife, Jenny Haigh, was diagnosed with chordoma, a rare type of bone cancer. With a son, 3½, and another child on the way, "we went from being a regular family straight into crisis mode." Two 11-hour neurosurgeries, nine months on a feeding tube, 16 months in a halo, and a summer of radiation treatments followed.

Inspiration

"I'm inspired by our students, alumni, and co-workers," says Janus. And also by the school itself. "William Mitchell has remained strong for 112 years. With its mission, history, and importance to the community, it's going to remain strong."

As the son of adventurer-entrepreneur Dan Buettner Sr., the younger Buettner didn't have to look far for sage advice. "My dad said, 'What defines success is how you define it for your own happiness.' I've realized my interests lie in real estate and in helping others."

Marvin Schwan, one of the founders of Schwan Foods, is one of many mentors McCormack looks up to. "My mentors were great business-people but also supporters of their communities," says McCormack. "The organizations they built made a difference in people's lives."

"The support I got from Mitchell allowed me to stay on track, take and pass the bar, and provide for my family," says Guiney, who works as a benefits consultant for Target. Today, Haigh is doing well. "She inspires me with her grace," says Guiney. "Great medicine and luck played a part, but her success is also attributable to her mental strength."

Moving On

"We're focusing on strengthening our mission of providing a practical legal education in a flexible, accessible format. It's our goal to deliver the education that law students in 2012—and going forward—need."

Buettner is pursuing his law degree part time while working full time in the real estate group at Target and serving as a volunteer firefighter. "My goal is still to be an attorney," he says. "A law degree gives me options. It opens a lot of doors."

McCormack stays busy and engaged by serving on several boards. Among them, he chairs the BioBusiness Alliance of Minnesota and the Minnesota Angel Network. He also serves on Mitchell's Center for Law and Business advisory board. "I want to give back and work on initiatives and causes that make a difference."

"I'm much more intentional now. I've learned firsthand that every day is a blessing."

Practical wisdom— it can take you anywhere

According to a college president, an investment capitalist, and a U.S. congressman, the practical wisdom they gained at William Mitchell helped propel them to become thought leaders and change agents in careers beyond the legal profession.



Beth Dinndorf '82

She was recently named the 18th president of Columbia College in Columbia, S.C. She previously served as a trustee for the College of Saint Benedict in Collegeville, Minn., and was senior vice president of student banking services at U.S. Bank.

HOW BETH USES PRACTICAL WISDOM:

"I went to law school because I liked law," says Dinndorf. "When I graduated, I interviewed with law firms and realized that I wanted to continue my banking career."

"A law degree helps you in analyzing and resolving any issues you encounter. My legal background adds a dimension to my approach and analysis of everything I do; it adds to my way of thinking."

Brad Lehrman '81

He's an entrepreneurial venture attorney and a founder of MOJO Minnesota, an advocacy organization that provides resources and mentorship for innovators and entrepreneurs.

HOW BRAD USES PRACTICAL WISDOM:

"My law degree enables me to digest complicated information from a variety of businesses," he says. "One day I am learning about bio-artificial livers, and the next day I am learning about special-flow batteries for a clean-tech company. I have to synthesize complex data and then arrive at conclusions to be the best advocate I can be for these companies. I must ensure they are concentrating on the market properly, that they are creating the correct relationships."

"My ability to handle a variety of clients while launching MOJO Minnesota comes directly from my William Mitchell training."



Sean Duffy '99

He's a U.S. Congressman representing Wisconsin's 7th District, a professional lumberjack, and former district attorney

HOW SEAN USES PRACTICAL WISDOM:

"My William Mitchell law degree has been a tremendous asset throughout my entire career," he says. "A William Mitchell degree teaches more than just law. It teaches practical wisdom and critical thinking. And critical thinking is especially important, whether it's reading the law or digesting public policy."

"My Mitchell experience has enabled me to more effectively communicate ideas and make policy arguments with my colleagues on the floor of the House and with my constituents in town hall meetings in Wisconsin. I wouldn't be where I am today without this degree."

ALUMNI LINK

THE Hachey Initiative

ALUMNI. NETWORK. >> JOBS.

GET INVOLVED ... IT WORKS! It's been almost two years since the Alumni Association put the call out for successful alumni to help current students and recent graduates make connections that could lead to employment.

The response has been impressive—hundreds of connections have been made, and many students and recent grads have gotten jobs:

'I got a clerkship!'

With help from a letter of recommendation from John Degnan '76, past-president of the Alumni Association, Anne Peterson '11 secured an interview for a clerkship with Seventh District Court Judge Steve Cahill '76. Then she got the job.

Real-world experience ... and a clerkship

Student Meg Hennessy gained real-world experience working with Hachey Ambassador Lenore Millibergity '86 at the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota on a case. The opportunity led to a clerkship for Hennessy with the center.

"We help with the networking ... but the student/graduate earns the position on their own."

John Degnan on how the Hachey Initiative works

These are just two examples of how the Hachey Initiative works. If you've got another, tell us, and we'll share it on our website, in the next alumni magazine, or in the next Hachey Initiative eNewsletter.

Meet your new Alumni Association Leaders



KATHY KIMMEL '96
President

Kimmel is a partner at Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly. She's been named a Super Lawyer twice and represents women and children through the Chrysalis "Safety Project."



JUDGE JILL FLASKAMP HALBROOKS '85
Vice President

Halbrooks sits on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She's also an adjunct faculty member at Mitchell and volunteers at Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School in St. Paul.



NICOLE JAMES-GILCHRIST '03
Secretary/Treasurer

James-Gilchrist is a lawyer with Ameriprise Financial. She also leads the Community Service Committee for Minnesota's chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel.

Events



FACE TIME

An informal networking event with Mitchell alumni representing a range of practice areas—from criminal defense to family law to intellectual property to real estate.

Tuesday, Oct. 9 | 4:30-6 pm
William Mitchell Auditorium



LAW PRACTICE FOR SALE: STRATEGIES FOR SELLERS AND BUYERS

Join us for a presentation by Roy Ginsburg on how lawyers looking to retire can connect with younger lawyers looking to expand their practices.

Wednesday, Nov. 7 | 4:30-6:30 pm
William Mitchell Auditorium

BOTH EVENTS ARE FREE. LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

wmitchell.edu/alumni



RENAISSANCE *man* EXTRAORDINAIRE

by Phil Theibert

"Somewhere, probably in a shoebox filled with curved, faded, brittle pictures shot about 70 years ago on a Kodak Brownie camera, I have a short letter from Gerhard Bundlie '17, a lawyer who was the mayor of St. Paul in the early 1930s. The letter, on official mayor's-office stationery, congratulates my parents on the birth of a son who had been born on Feb. 29, 1932. That was me," says Douglas Heidenreich '61, renaissance man extraordinaire.

Heidenreich, with his wry sense of humor notes, "I can only assume that the mayor took the trouble to congratulate my folks because not many people were having children in the Depression years."

For 49 years, Heidenreich has served William Mitchell as a law professor, including 11 years as dean. But he's also a lover of France, an occasional actor, an ex-football star, and an author, having written the centennial history of William Mitchell and numerous law articles.

Good teaching is largely based on the connection that you make with the students.

A Solid Foundation

Perhaps these accomplishments can be traced back to a childhood that introduced him to hard work.

As a child growing up in St. Paul, Minn., his chores included shoveling snow in the winter and cutting a somewhat weedy and uneven lawn with a balky, human-powered lawnmower in the summer.

"For a few years I also had to take out the ashes produced during the winter by the coal-fired furnace in our basement," Heidenreich says. "Finally, each evening I was expected to wash the supper dishes."

Then he turned 14 and started his first real job for the proprietor of the Phillips 66 service station at the corner of West Seventh Street and Otto Avenue.

"My job was to sell gasoline and oil at the pump," he says. "The most common order—'a buck's worth'—would get the customer something close to five gallons of gas plus a windshield-cleaning and a check of

the oil and water levels and even the tire pressure ... I was paid well—a dollar an hour by the time I left college."

Some of his favorite childhood memories include playing sports. He smiles when recalling how he and his friends would work together to clear rubble and weeds from an empty lot so they'd have a place to play football or baseball in the summer. In the winter, the kids would take to the street for hours of hockey played on the ice-packed surface of the poorly plowed streets.

"We used hockey sticks, sometimes cracked or worn and taped together, hand-me-downs from an older sibling or another kid who had been able to buy a new stick," he says. "And one of us could usually provide a puck, but that was about the only way in which our game resembled hockey, as we used clumps of snow to mark the goals, and we ran from one end of the 'rink' to the other on the icy surface wearing street shoes or rubber overshoes."

Of course a car would come through from time to time, and Heidenreich and his buddies would stand aside while the

vehicle passed, sometimes crushing one of the makeshift goal-markers.

Today Heidenreich, at 80, says he is adverse to exercise.

"I belong to 'Athletes Anonymous,'" he says. "Whenever I feel like exercising, I call a friend, and he talks me out of it."

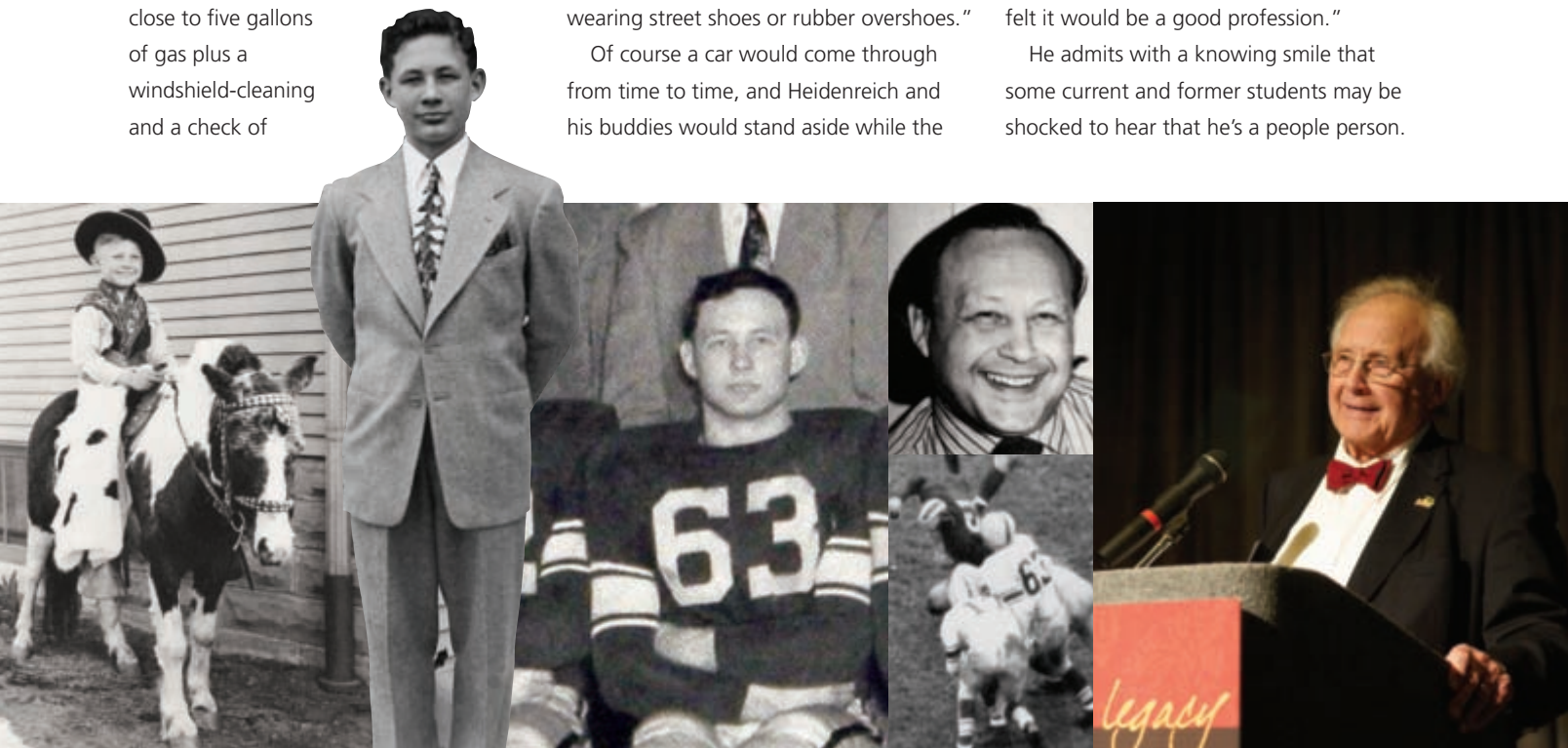
There was a time, however, when Heidenreich was an athlete. He played three years and lettered as a guard for the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers football team in the 1950s.

A People Person

It was during his time at the University of Minnesota when Heidenreich says he discovered that he is a "people person." In fact, he says his desire to help people attracted him to law.

"Lawyers try to help people. That is fundamentally what lawyers do," he says. "And that was attractive to me and why I felt it would be a good profession."

He admits with a knowing smile that some current and former students may be shocked to hear that he's a people person.



But a key part of his teaching philosophy is encouraging students to think for themselves, as critically as possible.

"I like to stimulate students to make them think and reevaluate their own positions, as well as those of other people, because that is what good lawyers do," he says.

But ultimately, Heidenreich points out, a law professor's effectiveness boils down to relationships.

"Good teaching is largely based on the connection that you make with the students."

Beyond Mitchell

When he's not teaching, Heidenreich can often be found on stage or in France.

His experience helping plan Mitchell's Centennial Celebration led to an acting job with the Landmark Center, a cultural center that celebrates music, theater, and other forms of art. The center recruited Heidenreich to help reenact a famous trial, and he parlayed the experience into an acting career he modestly calls "mere

reenactment."

He has appeared in several Landmark Center productions and been on stage at the legendary Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis.

In addition to acting, Heidenreich enjoys traveling to France. "My friend and colleague on the faculty, Phebe Haugen '72, and I visit France a couple times a year. It is such a beautiful country and the people are wonderful."

Practical Advice for the Future

Heidenreich has seen a lot during his time at Mitchell. Some good, some not so good.

But there is one thing he knows for sure about his alma mater: It's a wonderful law school.

"William Mitchell is distinctive in that, before it was popular or a trend, we emphasized practical experience, gave students an opportunity, as early as possible, to work on real problems with real people through our clinical programs," he says.

Although he has served Mitchell for 49 years, Heidenreich's advice for incoming law students is as simple and to the point as it was when he started: "Work hard, study hard, and make law school your number one priority."

His advice for William Mitchell graduates is also practical, concise, and direct.

"I told the graduating class last winter that I had three bits of advice for them. One, be proud of your law school. Be proud of *this* school; it is a very fine school and does wonderful things for society. Second, be honest. Third, 'To thy own self be true.'"

As for his future, Heidenreich says he plans to keep teaching.

"I hope to have another year or two, at least, before I have to hang it up," he says. "I always figure that every morning, when I wake up, if I still enjoy doing this, that is what I am going to keep doing. If I don't want to do this anymore, I will tell them to start looking for someone else." ■



PROFESSOR HEIDENREICH BY THE NUMBERS

20

Birthdays celebrated—he's a leap year baby

80

Number of years since he was born

63

Jersey number worn for the Golden Gophers

49

Years he's worked at Mitchell

11

Years served as dean at Mitchell

2

Years served with the Army tank corps in Germany

1

His class rank upon graduating from Mitchell

GREEN DREAM

JAMIN
ARVIG'S

by Jim Walsh



America, the concept and country, is up for debate these days, but it's unlikely that any other spot on the map could produce the likes of Jamin Arvig '07.

Armed with a strong work ethic, a thousand dollars' worth of water filters, and a beautiful mind honed at Mitchell, Arvig and his wife, Alyssa, started a business based on the idea of changing the world and helping strangers.

"When the alarm clock goes off pretty early in the morning, we can think that we're not selling a few widgets, but we're really doing some great things," says Arvig. "As an organization, it's great to be part of something bigger than yourself. We truly are helping people: We're selling something that helps health and helps the environment."

Arvig is the CEO of WaterFilters.Net, a clean-water distribution business he founded in 2002 when he was a 22-year-old electrical engineering student at the University of Minnesota. The e-commerce company sells water filter products, employs nearly 50 people, was a finalist for the Better Business Bureau's integrity award, and is currently "hiring like crazy."

"Our growth story is pretty good so far, and we hope to continue," says Arvig, a Plymouth, Minn., native who launched WaterFilters.Net out of his family room. "Because of our fast growth we're going to keep driving this, and when we get more and more scale, we can continue to make a bigger and bigger difference in the world, and that's exciting."

A so-called "serial entrepreneur" since starting a lawn mowing service when he was in high school, Arvig's ambitions dovetailed with the burgeoning e-commerce and green movements. Alyssa worked for a Culligan water dealership, and the couple wed their experience and worked for years to realize their dream. They've achieved conventional success, and they've donated much time and money to making the world a better place. The company provides clean water education, fund-raising, and wells in impoverished nations.

"The most important part of our business philosophy is how we serve the

world and the greater good," says Arvig, a father of two young girls. "We talk about helping the environment, purifying water, saving water bottles, impacting the world, and helping people."

"We work with a lot of different partners to realize our potential to impact the world. We have the privilege and responsibility in this industry to help those who need water. There's nothing that we're lacking on this earth more than pure water."



We help get wells built in areas of need so people can have a better life.

"We've got a billion people who don't have access to pure water. As a result, we've got terrible disease, and we've got communities where women and children have to walk hours every day to get water. We help get wells built in areas of need so people can have a better life. It's great to be a part of that."

After getting his undergraduate degree at the University of Minnesota, Arvig clerked at a patent law firm and studied patent law at William Mitchell.

"The first day of law school, during some sort of orientation meeting, we talked about why we wanted to be lawyers," he recalls. "A lot of people said they wanted to help people, or change the world, or both. It was a great thing to work for a few years with people like that, people who were inspired by something bigger than themselves. And in law, you absolutely can do that."

"But I decided I couldn't do as much there as I could elsewhere. I didn't think I could be an exceptional attorney, but I thought I could effect change and make

an impact. So what I've done is work to build a great team of people, and together we've built a great company."

Arvig credits Professor Carl Moy and his patent law courses for giving him the foundation to succeed.

"People think I threw away that law degree, and that's not the case at all. I use it every day here," says Arvig. "I'm very glad I did go to law school. First and foremost it taught me how to learn. It taught me how to organize, and how to think, and how to deal with a great amount of data and keep it organized and understandable and able to be communicated."

"I wanted to do something that I was more passionate about. At that time the water filter business was starting to take off so I kept at it. I love the law. I enjoyed law school. Some people hate it and they enjoy being a lawyer, but I actually enjoyed law school. I was just more passionate about other things. I just felt like I could change the world using my J.D. in a different position." ■





Jeff Anderson's journey from down-and-flunked-out William Mitchell law student to high-profile defender of victims of sexual abuse has earned him some hard-won wisdom and a lasting legacy.

A LIFE OF LOVE & LAW

by Jim Walsh

Ask Jeff Anderson '75 about evil, and he'll look over his thick round eyeglasses, past the huge oak desk that dominates his Lowertown St. Paul, Minn., office, and give an answer that suggests the man has spent a great deal of time considering the concept.

"I deal with the face of evil and its dimensions every day in this work," he says. "I deal with evil and pain. When I confront the face of evil—that is, those who would offend children, and those who allow them to be offended—it would be very easy for me to judge them. And to say they are evildoers. Well, they're not. They're human beings.

"Through therapy, through my own recovery from addiction, through self-examination, I've come to realize that I am no better or worse than any of the people who I encounter in this world. No better, no worse. I try to see and understand as best I can what made them do what they did and not judge them, but identify with how it happened and why it happened, so that together, I, with the other survivors

can help others understand the how and why of it so it doesn't happen again.

"For me, it's an acknowledgement of the human condition, the flaws we all have and share, and that we all have the capacity for evil. I don't judge it. I take it for what it is. I name it and see it as a lesson to be learned and to be communicated to others so that then it can be taught. I use the crucible of the courtroom and dissemination of information to the public to do it; that's how I deal with evil."

As the go-to attorney for victims of sexual abuse, Anderson's work has brought him face-to-face with some of society's most reviled pariahs. For over two decades, Anderson and his fellow attorneys have sued thousands over allegations of sexual abuse.

It all started one day in 1983, when, as Anderson tells it, "One kid walked into my office and had the courage to say, 'Turn the money down. Don't keep the secret. Go public with it.' One kid who said that to me started a transformational movement, and I was able to use the law to help him recover

his power and expose a problem that had never been sued, and all of a sudden there's a new dialogue and a different world."

Since that kid's visit, Anderson (whose own daughter was molested by a family counselor when she was eight years old) has been on a crusade against child molesters. In 1990, a jury in Anoka County awarded more than \$3.5 million to Anderson's client, a 24-year-old man who sued his church's officials, saying he was abused as a child.

prevention, and advocacy programs aimed at ending child abuse, neglect, and other forms of child maltreatment.

Under the partnership, Mitchell and NCPTC will expand their educational opportunities in child protection and host an annual conference at Mitchell on preventing child maltreatment for law professors, practicing attorneys, students, public policy makers, and child protection professionals. NCPTC recently opened an office at William Mitchell, headed by NCPTC Deputy Director Amy Russell, who

expanded to advocacy outside of that, and that's dedicated to prevention, and that's where the National Child Protection Training Center came in years ago. We realized the work we're doing with NCPTC through law is a natural fit at Mitchell."

The irony of his new role at the college is not lost on Anderson, who had a bumpy go-round at William Mitchell the first time. After graduating from Edina High School in 1965, converting to Catholicism in 1966 (he now describes himself as a student of Buddhism who lives "a life of love and law"), and graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1971, Anderson decided to go to law school.

"When I went to Mitchell, I had a family," he sighs. "I got married at the age of 19 and had a kid when I was a kid. I found Mitchell to be a really hard experience. I flunked out. Then I got kicked out because I either didn't attend class or one of my daughters was born and I didn't bother to study. But I tested back in. That's what happened. The first three years at Mitchell came very hard. For me they were uninspired."

Inspiration came in his third year. He had read John Farrell's book "Clarence Darrow: Attorney For The Damned," and saw a similar niche he might fit, as an attorney for the underprivileged and unrepresented. His turning point came when, while working at Mitchell's criminal clinic under the tutelage of the clinic director at the time, the Hon. Rosalie Wahl '67, he successfully represented an African American man who had been arrested for using a white man's restroom.

The experience "lit up" Anderson, whom Wahl then told, "Yes, Jeff. You can make a difference."

He was, as he says, "off to the races."

I'd rather choose love over fear, hate, resentment, or judgment.

Since then, there have been more, many more, and these days Anderson's everyday work takes him to abuse cases in Los Angeles, Green Bay, Wis., and State College, Pa., where the Penn State scandal has found a new poster boogeyman in former coach Jerry Sandusky.

"When Penn State broke, we brought the first case there and are keenly involved in that," Anderson says. "And with the sorrow that comes of that comes great opportunity because it creates a narrative around sexual abuse that is not just about the Catholic church."

To that end, Anderson and his wife, Julie, have recently teamed with William Mitchell to create a partnership with the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC). The NCPTC is a nationally recognized center for education,

has started working with professors and alumni, including Anderson.

"Through this partnership with the National Child Protection Training Center, which was started by Victor Vieth at Winona State University, we can get at the problem before we even get involved," says Anderson.

"I oftentimes as a lawyer have to deal with the aftermath, the abuse, and what can be done after the harm has been done. After the injury, or the insult. After the betrayal. After the assault. After the abuse of power. One of the great joys is knowing that we don't have to end it there, but that it can be the beginning of something else: The recovery of power and the protection of others.

"But the law limits some of the things that we can do. So our work has really



He volunteered as a public defender in order to “represent the dispossessed, the disempowered, and the disenfranchised—with which I’ve always identified, even though I was not.” He also was doing a lot of drinking.

“I pursued the passions of law and my passion for drinking at the same time, though my passion for drink didn’t get in the way of my passions for helping those that I care about,” says Anderson, who has been sober for 15 years. “My practice was vibrant, and a lot of people came to me for help, and I was active and happy. And then in 1983 I had a family come into my office whose son had been abused. And as a result of that, I started to investigate, and I realized that there was a serious problem in the clerical culture that I could not let go, and that’s what led me to ultimately follow a path that was lit for me through that

experience that said, ‘This is something that you must do; this is something that will fill you up and fully engage you with the world.’”

These days, the father of six and grandfather of one is all about being fully engaged—with family, friends, clients, and himself.

“I try to be self-aware,” he says. “I think having lived as an alcoholic for the many years that I did, it disconnected me from myself and the world and the people around me, either the people I loved or who loved me. And then once I began recovery 15 years ago and started to do self-examination through therapy and other things, I began to develop spirituality in my own imperfections.

“I find some spirituality in all things living, and try to live a life of respect for them. At the same time, I feel like I am

leading a purposeful and meaningful life and the efforts that I make are born of love.

“In all the things we do I try to embrace the principals of love. I think it’s an underused word. With the seemingly most evil among us, if I start judging them it takes up space for loving them, and so I’d rather choose love over fear, hate, resentment, or judgment.

“Working with survivors, I have an abiding hope—and I do believe this—that every day in some way we can make a difference for them because we’re trying today to do something to shape tomorrow. That’s what keeps me, at the age of 65, just getting warmed up.” ■



A plan for the future

by Nancy Crotti

Former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Helen Meyer '83 plans to dedicate the next part of her career to helping children in need find their plan for the future.

Helen Meyer went to law school because she felt compelled to help abused and neglected children.

In her first career as a social worker, Meyer worked with some of these children in a locked psychiatric ward. Many were chemically dependent, had run away from home, or had been in trouble with the law. She was surprised at how many wanted to return home to their parents, the very people who had harmed them.

"There's a powerful need to be with family, even if the family is abusive. For a lot of kids, there is no awareness that what happened to them is wrong or is abnormal," Meyer said. "They've obviously grown up in an environment where for many of them,

that's just what life is. So to be separated without a plan for the future is very terrifying."

The separation can also be trying for accused parents, many of whom struggle with the effects of racial disparities, poverty, chemical dependency, and anger issues. Meyer realized that with proper legal representation and advocacy, many parents willing to take the steps to get their lives in order could have their children returned to them.

Her legal career veered away from child protection, however. She clerked at a personal injury firm and practiced in that area for 20 years before her appointment to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

A Blow to Parents in Need

Parent representation took a blow due to state budget cuts in 2008. The Minnesota Board of Public Defense stopped representing parents accused of child abuse and neglect, leaving counties to pick up the tab if they chose.

"The system was thrown into a crisis because you can't have a case proceed without anyone to represent the parent," Meyer said.

Lack of representation means cases get delayed, creating more difficulties for families, according to Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom '78.

"These are extremely important cases in our legal system, and they are often the most difficult for any attorney to be involved in," Backstrom said. "It's very important that all sides to these conflicts have legal representation."

Meyer asked Backstrom to serve on the Minnesota Judicial Council's Workgroup on Legal Representation of Parents in Child

Protection Cases, which was founded in response to the public defender situation. She chaired that workgroup and was the court's liaison to the judicial branch's Children's Justice Initiative.

"My objective always has been to get the best possible outcomes for these kids in our system," Meyer said. "Sometimes, the best outcome is for parents to get their acts together, to make changes."

Meyer believes parents need lawyers who know how to push the courts to ensure clients receive the services they need, as well as how to push parents to change their lives in meaningful ways. At most, parents are given a year to turn their lives around if they want to reunite with their children and the court deems it wise.

The Child Protection Clinic

Meyer found that even among attorneys hired by counties, few had the training and experience they needed to adequately represent these parents. So in 2010, she

approached William Mitchell, proposing what would become the Child Protection Clinic, which just completed its first year in operation.

Eight students who participated in the Child Protection Clinic this year got a crash course in child protection law and learned about child abuse, domestic violence, and chemical dependency, according to Resident Adjunct Professor and Clinic Director Joanna Woolman. They represented mothers in 12 Ramsey County cases. Some clients had been sexually or physically abused.

"It's a whole complex set of circumstances that has led them to where they are," said Woolman, who has spent most of her career as a public defender. "For the most part, clients want to become better people and want their children to come home."

She supervised the students in court and helped them work closely with the county attorney, guardian ad litem, and county child protection caseworker. Seven of the



Thanks to a generous gift from Helen Meyer and Bill Bieber, the Child Protection Clinic gave eight Mitchell students real-world experience working with 12 families in Ramsey County, Minn. Seven of the families were reunited either through a trial home visit or having their cases closed.

Together, the students in the clinic put in more than 700 hours of pro bono legal work.

LEARN MORE
wmitchell.edu/clinics

*My objective
 always has been
 to get the best
 possible outcomes
 for these kids
 in our system.*

families have been reunited either through a trial home visit or having their cases closed.

Woolman praised Meyer for proposing and publicizing the clinic and chairing its advisory board, on which Backstrom also serves. Seven students are signed up to participate this fall.

"Child protection is an issue that she's passionate about," the clinic director said. "She recognizes that you ultimately help children if you give parents a good lawyer."

Leaders at the Children's Law Center of Minnesota, which represents children who have been removed from their homes because they need protection, agreed. They also praised Woolman and said her students took on difficult cases. Woolman believes that gives the clinic legitimacy.

Woolman provides the students with a great deal of support, according to Anne Gueinzus, managing attorney at the nonprofit law center. "You can see that they are truly gaining a great deal of courtroom experience as well as advocating for their clients," Gueinzus said.

To bolster the work of advocacy for children and their families, Meyer and her husband, Bill Bieber, recently established a \$1 million chair—the Justice Helen M. Meyer Chair in Child Protection—at the college. The couple also provided a matching fund for additional gifts to the endowed chair, which is designed to allow a law professor to focus on protecting children at risk because of abuse or neglect through court reform, public policies, and the development of best practices.

Recently, Associate Dean for Academic Programs Nancy Ver Steegh was awarded the position, which is unique nationally in its focus on child protection. It will allow Ver Steegh to advance teaching, research,

and outreach aimed at improving the way the nation's legal system works with children and families.

Very few families who get involved in the child protection system can afford to hire a lawyer, according to Linda Foreman, executive director of Children's Law Center. Although the center handles many cases of severe abuse and neglect, about 60 percent of its cases could result in children being returned to the home if their parents had better representation. "It makes a huge difference," Foreman said.

Larene Randle, a parent advisor on the Child Protection Clinic's advisory board, believes that having an advocate would have made a difference for her. Several years ago, officials removed Randle's eight-year-old son from her care after he got in trouble in school and said he was afraid to go home, according to Randle.

A child protection worker gave Randle a book about child discipline, and her son returned to her in a week. She was not charged with a crime, but Randle never forgot her panic during the three days when she didn't know where her son was.

"I couldn't sleep. I couldn't think. I just had to function," said Randle, who also had two younger children.

Randle said she was a young parent who didn't know that her family would benefit from therapy and education about child nurturing and attachment. Now a volunteer with Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, Randle considers the Child Protection Clinic at Mitchell "a breath of fresh air in the community." She is grateful to Meyer for starting the clinic and overseeing its development.

"You can see the heart she has for people," Randle said. "She's very vocal and very candid, and she's still inspiring." ■

GIVING BACK, GIVING FORWARD

RECORD ANNUAL FUND PARTICIPATION RATE

18.2%

Thank you.

Thanks to William Mitchell friends and alumni, last year was another good one for the law school's fundraising efforts. We raised \$4.5 million (our third-highest amount ever), and a record 18.2 percent of alumni made a gift to the Annual Fund—which put the college in the top 20 percent of all ABA-accredited law schools for alumni participation.

Annual Fund participation is critical for Mitchell because it allows the law school to compete for top students, offer real-world learning opportunities, and maintain its position as the region's law school of choice. In addition, several alumni made leadership gifts, which will benefit students, the community, and Mitchell for generations.

Three who supported Mitchell in 2011-12



Jeff '75 and
Julie Anderson

Thanks to a leadership gift from Jeff and Julie Anderson, the law school has created a partnership with the National Child Protection Training Center in Winona, Minn. Under the partnership, Mitchell and the center will expand their educational opportunities in child protection and together host an annual conference at the law school on child maltreatment for law professors, practicing attorneys, students, public policy makers, and child protection professionals.



Briggs and Morgan
and Xcel Energy

Briggs and Morgan, one of the top law firms in Minnesota, and Xcel Energy, a major electricity and natural gas company, established the Briggs and Morgan/Xcel Energy Chair in Energy & Environmental Law through a permanent endowment at Mitchell. With an endowment of about \$1 million, the new chair was recently awarded to Professor Mehmet Konar-Steenberg, who teaches and writes extensively on public policy, commerce, and regulatory issues.



David
Bland '79

Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi insurance attorney and current Mitchell alumni board member David Bland marked the 25th anniversary of his law school graduation by making a gift to the Annual Fund for the 25th consecutive year. Bland is one of only 36 alumni who have made gifts for at least 25 straight years.

LEARN MORE AND GIVE
wmitchell.edu/giving

6

THINGS about

MELISSA WRIGHT '93



Melissa Wright has held many a moniker since graduating 18 years ago. She's been called senior counsel at Wells Fargo, assistant attorney general for the State of Minnesota, J.D. counselor, and "Mom" by two young children. Recently, thanks to private gifts to Mitchell, she was able to add another title to her resume: the law school's first externship director. Turns out, her new job is a good thing for everyone involved—students, alumni, and Wright.

1 WHAT, EXACTLY, IS AN EXTERNSHIP, ANYWAY?

Good question—I get asked that a lot. An externship is like an internship, except the students don't get paid. They receive credits instead. Students are placed in offices outside of the school where they can gain practical experience and a chance to use what they learn in the classroom by working on real-world problems.

2 THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD DEAL FOR THE EMPLOYER. SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHEN YOU WERE IN LAW SCHOOL, DID YOU EVER THINK YOU'D SOMEDAY BE EMPLOYED BY WILLIAM MITCHELL?

No. When I was in law school I thought I'd always be in practice. That's all I knew, and that's what students were exposed to. My goal was to work for the attorney general's office—I had a clerkship there during my third year at Mitchell.

But it's nice to be back, and I love the job.

3 WHAT IS IT THAT AN EXTERNSHIP DIRECTOR DOES?

I work with students to help them find externship opportunities. I help them use the tools we have available and leverage networking opportunities. I need to make sure that the placement site is appropriate for learning and that students have focused, individual learning goals that they can accomplish during their externship. I also help to align their career goals with externships that can help them develop the skills they'll need to be successful.

4 WHERE DO THE EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES COME FROM?

I spend a lot of time outside the law school. I work on building relationships with people who have interesting legal work and may be interested in having a Mitchell extern. Right now I'm focusing my efforts on places where strong externship opportunities exist, but they have not been strategically tapped into by our school or generally known to the students. I'm working on government agencies and compliance-related opportunities for students. Also, many of our students do a great job finding placements themselves through alumni, mentors, and other contacts.

5 DO YOU MISS PRACTICING THE LAW?

There always will be a part of me that will miss practicing law. I did what I wanted to do, but I was ready to move on. There are amazing opportunities beyond the traditional practice of law, and for me, it was just a matter of time to find that right job. Now, I get to use my experience to educate students. Students are eager to learn, and their enthusiasm for the work they do outside the school energizes me each day. Like other working parents, I continuously adjust and tweak my work-life balance. This is the right job for me at this point in my life.

6 SPEAKING OF FINDING THE RIGHT JOB, WHAT TYPES OF COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS "HIRE" EXTERNS?

Nonprofits, government, businesses, and law firms—it's pretty much anywhere where there is legal work and J.D.s who can supervise students.

I'd add that it works best if the supervisor enjoys working with students and wants to help students learn.

Anyone interested in learning more should contact me at 651-290-6369. Or they can email me at Melissa.Wright@wmitchell.edu.

CLASS NOTES

1967

ROSALIE WAHL is the subject of a documentary called *She Who Would Giants Fight*. The feature-length documentary tells the story of Justice Wahl's life and of the Minnesota women's movement of the 1970s that made it possible for her to be appointed the first woman to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

1971

GORDON W. SHUMAKER retired from his judgeship on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. He was appointed by Gov. Arne Carlson in 1998.

1973

MARGARET A. LEARY was named librarian emerita upon her retirement from the faculty of the University of Michigan, where she was director of the law library and librarian. She also published a book, *"Giving it All Away: The Story of William W. Cook and His Michigan Law Quad"* (University of Michigan Press).

1974

STEPHEN R. BERGERSON received the 2011 Alumni of the Year lifetime achievement award from Sisseton High School in Sisseton, S.D.

1976

TIMOTHY K. CONNELL retired after 24 years as a judge in the Fifth Judicial District. He was appointed in 1987 by Gov. Rudy Perpich.



1978

JUDGE CAROL HOOTEN was appointed to fill the Second Congressional District seat on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She had served as a Scott County District Court judge since 2002.

THOMAS D. JENSEN was elected president of the Hennepin County Bar Association for the 2012-2013 term.

1980



BARBARA J. GISLASON has been appointed chair of Division IV of the ABA Section on Intellectual Property. She was also appointed president of the Paris-based Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) Biotechnology Law Working Group and as a member of the UIA board of directors.

PARIS A. GUNTHER was named the first chief marketing officer of Kleinberg, Kaplan, Wolff & Cohen, a New York law firm representing clients in transactional, regulatory, trusts and estates, tax, real estate, litigation, and securities matters.

MARK P. WOOD is a principal in Wood, Rue and Holt in Litchfield, Minn., a firm formed by the merger of Wood, Berry, Rue with Holt Law Office.

1981

STACY A. DEKALB was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg, a trial, business, and entertainment law firm with offices in Minneapolis, Hudson, Wisconsin, and New York City.



1982



ELIZABETH DINNDORF was named 18th president of Columbia College in Columbia, S.C.

DAVID ZAUDTKE was appointed partner-in-charge of Eide Bailly's Minneapolis office. He continues to chair the firm's Wealth Management Group.

1983

VICKI L. BAILEY was elected president of the American College of Investment Council, a national organization whose members specialize in representing institutional investors in privately negotiated investments.

KARLA HANCOCK '80

Like a lot of Mitchell graduates, Karla Hancock didn't originally see herself as an attorney. She started out as a teacher, then went into sales for a while. In her late 20s, she enrolled at Mitchell and began a legal career that ended in January 2012 when she retired as a judge for Minnesota's 10th District Court in Sherburne County. (The 10th is the state's second-largest judicial district, behind the 4th District in Hennepin County.)

Along the way, Hancock made stops at the Hennepin County Attorney's office, the St. Paul City Attorney's office, and the Minneapolis firm of Miller and Boeder before being appointed judge by Gov. Jesse Ventura in 2000. She will continue to serve as a senior judge, hearing cases when called.

Hancock was a key part of the Mitchell Mix before the term was even coined. She's a testament to the diversity of backgrounds Mitchell students encompass, and part of her legacy will be the legal impact one can make regardless of when a career begins.





GARY L. HUUSKO was appointed to the District 196 School Board. District 196 includes all or part of Rosemount, Apple Valley, Eagan, Burnsville, Coates, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, and Empire and Vermillion townships in Minnesota.

CAROL L. NIELSEN was appointed interim dean of Bemidji State University's College of Business, Technology and Communication. It was the second time she has been named interim dean for the college.

1984

STEVEN I. LOWENTHAL was named to the board of directors of Appliance Recycling Centers of America.

MICHAEL DITTBERNER received the Designation of Distinguished Member by the Family Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association. The award recognizes his longstanding and prodigious efforts on behalf of family law in appellate writing, legislative action, rule-making, and continuing legal education.

1986

DAVID HOFFMAN was named principal of Island Park Elementary in Mercer Island, Wash.



MARGIE BODAS was selected as one of the 2012 Women in Business Industry Leaders by the "Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal." She is vice president of practice management at Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg.

1987

MARK H. PARSONS was named vice chancellor for university advancement and marketing at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

JAMES E. NELSON was appointed senior counsel, responsible for product development by the Allianz Life Insurance Co. of North America.

1988

MARY SHEAREN received a Top Women in Finance award from "Finance & Commerce." The award honors women who are making notable contributions to their professions, their communities, and society at large throughout Minnesota.

1989

REGINALD S. GIBSON JR was named to the 20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by Florida Gov. Rick Scott. The appointment term runs from Oct. 4, 2011, to July 1, 2015.

1990

DAN YOUNG was appointed co-chair of Lommen Abdo's Business Law Group.



BRIAN GROGAN was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of Moss & Barnett. He is chair of the firm's infrastructure and municipal communications practice areas.

1992

WALTER LEHMANN is chair of the newly formed ABA Copyright Policy Committee. He is also on the faculty of the ALI-ABA Legal Issues in Museum Administration CLE program.

1993

MARTIN D. SCHUTZ received the 2011 Archbishop's Leading with Faith Award.

1994

CATHERINE M. MCPHERSON was appointed a district court judge in Minnesota's 10th Judicial District, which includes Anoka County.

GARY CHRISTENSEN was appointed vice president and general counsel at Securian.

1996

STACY S. RAMDAS joined Mulinix Ogden Hall & Ludlam.

1997

MIN (AMY) S. XU, attorney and partner with Dorsey & Whitney, has been named to the board of directors of Cultural Jambalaya, a nonprofit that uses international cultural photography to promote understanding and respect for all cultures.

1998

REBECCA M. RUE is a principal in Wood, Rue and Holt in Litchfield, Minn., a firm formed by the merger of Wood, Berry, Rue with Holt Law Office.

MICHAEL S. SOLBERG, president of State Bank and Trust, the largest independently owned bank in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, launched the bank's "Pay It Forward" project, leading to more than \$2.1 million being given to individuals and organizations in need.

CORY P. WHALEN of Sieben, Grose, Von Holtum & Carey has been certified as a life member of both the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, which recognize attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards, and settlements and acknowledge excellence in advocacy.

SHAYNE HAMANN was elected as a shareholder at Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak & Pikala. She specializes in automobile-related litigation and handles a variety of first- and third-party cases, as well as rental car litigation.

CRYSTAL CONNOR received a Thurgood Marshall College Fund Distinguished Young Leader award for her community work in Miami-Dade County. She was also named one of South Florida's 50 most powerful and influential black business leaders of 2012.

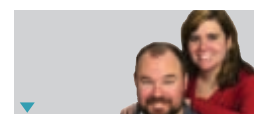
1999

SUSAN ALLEN was elected to the Minnesota House representing District 61B. She is the first openly lesbian Native American elected to the Minnesota Legislature.

SUSAN M. HOLT is a principal in Wood, Rue and Holt in Litchfield, Minn., a firm formed by the merger of Wood, Berry, Rue with Holt Law Office.

JOSHUA HILLGER joined the firm of Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon and Vogt, practicing in the areas of estate planning and estate administration.

CYNTHIA MILLER now has a law office in Princeton, Minn., in addition to her Minneapolis office.



ROBIN HATHAWAY married Brandon Sommer June 9, 2012 in Chicago.

FIRSTS



Mitchell is proud to add Minnesota Rep. Susan Allen, LL.M. '00 to its list of alumni who are "firsts." Allen is the first openly lesbian American Indian state legislator in the country.

What are some of the "Mitchell Firsts" up to these days? A quick update:

ROSALIE WAHL '67

The first woman to serve on the Minnesota Supreme Court is the subject of a feature-length documentary scheduled to be completed in 2012.

LORI SWANSON '95

Minnesota's first woman attorney general is serving her second term in office and will be up for re-election in 2014.

HASSAN ALI MOHAMUD '02

The first Somali law graduate in Minnesota is a legal advocate for Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, which provides legal help for low-income populations, seniors, and people with disabilities.



2001

SHANNON NELSON joined Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak & Pikala as an associate, working in the firm's workers' compensation practice group.

2002

CHRISTINE A. KROELLS was one of the first two recipients of the United States Attorney's Office Justice Award. She received the award for her work as an inspector with the United States Postal Inspection Service.

ANGELA SAVERICE-ROHAN was named general counsel and chief privacy officer for Spokeo, a people search engine. She is responsible for Spokeo's privacy compliance and provides counsel on all legal matters.



2003

BRIAN BENKSTEIN was certified by the Minnesota State Bar Association as an MSBA Board Certified Labor and Employment Law Specialist, an achievement earned by fewer than three percent of all licensed Minnesota attorneys.

SAM RUFER was elected partner at Pemberton, Sorlie, Rufer and Kershner.

2004

JONATHAN D. OLSON was promoted to principal at LarsonAllen.

ARTHUR G. BOYLAN was elected shareholder of Leonard, Street and Deinard.

NANCY HYLDEN became a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels. Her practice focuses on government relations. She joined the firm in 1997 as a lobbyist before attending William Mitchell.

ISAAC ENDELEY was appointed Chief of the Defense Support Section by the Office of Administration of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

2005

GINA TERSTEEG FOX was elected shareholder of Leonard, Street and Deinard.

F. JOHN WILLIAMS III has been named a shareholder in the Vogel Law Firm. He practices at the firm's Moorhead office.



MATTHEW STEINBRINK joined the personal injury practice of Sieben, Grose, Von Holtum & Carey. He focuses on serious motor-vehicle crashes, explosion and burn injuries, and cases of wrongful death.

2006

RANDI A. SETTER joined Matt Legal Services.

NATHAN WITZANY has joined the intellectual property department at Winthrop & Weinstine. He is a member of the patent law & prosecution, intellectual property, and patent litigation practice groups.

DEANNE KOLL (BAHTI) was named a "Rising Star" by Wisconsin Super Lawyers, which recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state who are 40 years old or younger and have been practicing for 10 years or less. She was also promoted to shareholder at Bakke Norman.

2007

BRETT KLEIN has joined the intellectual property department at Winthrop & Weinstine. He is a member of the patent law & prosecution, intellectual property litigation, intellectual property, and patent litigation practice groups.

AARON HALL relocated his firm, Twin Cities Law Firm, to the AT&T Tower in downtown Minneapolis. Twin Cities Law Firm primarily practices business law and litigation.

2008

THOMAS BERNDT was elected to the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association board in Minneapolis.

LINDSEY M. SKERRETT has formed Skerrett Legal Consulting, a provider of legal research, writing, and editing services to private and corporate practitioners.



KATE JOHANSEN completed her year as a Policy Fellow at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. She was one of 35 people selected for the 2011-2012 program.

2009

ZACHARY LONGSDORF married Kati Reiland June 3, 2011 in Red Wing, Minn.

JACOB PHILLIPS founded RoadTab, which matches consumers with mechanics for free estimates. The public company has expanded from the Twin Cities to Atlanta and Milwaukee.

2010

MARLA J. HONSKY married Chuck Stanton on Dec. 10, 2011.

JAMES M. CAILAO joined Vogel Law Firm, concentrating on the areas of family/domestic law and criminal defense.

2011

GREGORY J. YOUNG is an associate at Goetz & Eckland.

JOSHUA R. WARD was hired by Hellmuth & Johnson, concentrating on licensing and technology contracts, intellectual property, and general corporate law.

MATT STREFF joined the firm of Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon and Vogt as a staff attorney.

2012

BRITTNE PERFETTI married Andrew Gabrielson Nov. 19, 2011 in Alexandria, Minn.

IN MEMORIAM

1951

DONALD GIPPLE, 86, Dec. 4, 2011. Survived by his children, Nancy Gipple (Kinji Akagawa), Barbara Gipple, Cynthia Gipple (Bob MacNeal), Jack Gipple (Trista Hollerbach); and eight grandchildren.

CARL PELTONIEMI, 88, March 1, 2012. Survived by his wife, Marilyn; children, Eric (Rosa), Carl (Mary), Joan (Bob); five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1953

JOHN "JACK" MORK, 84, Jan. 17, 2012. Survived by his wife, Mary Ann; sister, Marilyn Young; children, John (Carol), Mollie (Blair), Bill (Margaret) and Peter (Katie); and seven grandchildren.

1955

JOHN O'BRIEN, 83, Jan. 23, 2012. Survived by his wife, Sharon; children, Patrick (Sue), Michael (Barbara), Bridget (David) Bohline, Colleen (Jon) Berglund, Tamara Homayoon, Kelly (Gary) Seivert, Timothy (Carolyn) Kluender; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1956

BARBARA F. GOLDSTEIN, 73, Aug. 21, 2011. Survived by husband, Richard Goldstein; sons, Hugh Fisher (Maria), Joshua Fisher and Michael Fisher (Anne); stepsons, Arthur Goldstein, Jonathan Goldstein and Benjamin Goldstein; stepdaughter, Naomi Goldstein; brother, Charles Edelstein (Sara); sister, Jean Schore.

1959

CHARLES UNGEMACH, 81, Dec. 24, 2011. Survived by wife, Bettyann; son, Roger (MaryJane); daughters, Julie Collver (Keith) and Susan Feedback (Derek); nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

1963

CHARLES MERTENSOTTO, 83, Oct. 24, 2011. Survived by Arlean, his wife; daughters Lynn Mertensotto Girouard and Sandy Novitzki; and son, Robert.

1964

JAMES D. GIBBS, 76, Sept. 3, 2011. Survived by Mary, his wife; 10 children, Anne Lorbeski, Molly Jakacki, James Gibbs II, Muffie Pearson, Marne Hicke, Patrick Gibbs, Sean Gibbs, Missy Norlander, Erin Young, and Matt Gibbs; a brother, Ned Gibbs; two sisters, Lucy Imholte and Judy Kerr; 26 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1974

MICHAEL H. CUNNIFF, 63, Nov. 29, 2011. Survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Michele Cuniff Faherty (Rory), and Maureen Cuniff Nagle (Ryan); and grandchildren, Aidan and Julia Faherty and Keira and Isabel Nagle.

1975

DAVID W. LEE, 64, Jan. 29, 2011. Survived by wife, Mary Amundson; children, Damon (Rebecca), Amanda (Corey) Sperstad, Dusty, Chad (Christine) Amundson, and Julie Amundson; grandchildren, David, Mikko, Sophia, Lauren and Leah; step-mother, Millie; sister, Karen Mayhew; step-brother, Dan (Judy) Nelson.

JOSEPH BADEN, 68, July 31, 2011. Survived by wife, Barb; mother, Lucille; children, Kristin (Dan) and Brett (Courtney); granddaughter, Ava; sisters, Judy and Jenee; brothers, Jim and Jon.

1978

RODNEY M. FRENCH, 79, Nov. 24, 2011. Survived by his wife, Sally French; four children, Sarah Richard (George), Edie French (Paul Auguston), Arthur French (Kyoko), and Ellen French; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

keep us
POSTED

Let the Mitchell Mob know what you've accomplished. Send us your Class Notes updates.

EMAIL
magazine@wmitchell.edu

ONLINE
wmitchell.edu/alumni

FAX
651-290-7502

PHONE
651-290-6370

MAIL
Mitchell on Law
875 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

We (and your classmates) look forward to hearing from you!

1979

WILLIAM HERSHLEDER, 84, Nov. 5, 2011. Survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Jill Holmquist and Jim Hershleder; stepchildren Heidi Vader (Peter), Bridget Herrmann (Joel), and Colin Ireton (Lori); grandchildren Kathryn Savage (Jason) and their son Henry, Shane and Leo Vader, Samuel, Matthew and Nicholas Herrmann, Amanda Crowder and her daughter, Kenadi, Chelsea, Samuel, Isaiah, Elijah, and Jeremiah Ireton.

1980

ROBERT E. MIDDLETON JR., 62, Sept. 14, 2011. Preceded in death by wife, Theresa. Survived by sister-in-law, Patricia (Jim) Trombley; nephew and godson, Mat Trombley; grand nieces, Ashley and Sydney; and many cousins.

DENNIS L. STRAND, 66, Jan. 4, 2011. Survived by his wife, Helen, and brother, Tom.

1982

PHILIP C. WARNER, 58, Sept. 6, 2011. Survived by his wife, Kristi; daughter Melissa (Jody) Gilbertson of Blaine, grandchildren Jordan & Haley; parents Paul and Mary Warner, brother Peter (Tracy) Warner, and their children Elizabeth and Eleanor.

1983

BENNO SALEWSKI, 82, Jan. 5, 2012. Survived by his wife, Mary Metcalfe Waldo; children, Stephen Salewski (Karen), Elizabeth Salewski Schertz, Matthew Salewski, Rebecca Salewski, Deborah Salewski Winkelman; stepson, Andrew Waldo of Little Rock, Ark.; and grandchildren, Emily and James Schertz, Anthony and Dupree Winkelman.

2004

ROBIN SCHIRMER, 56, June 15, 2012.

Friends

JANE OCHRYMOWYCZ, 74, Dec. 30, 2011. Advisory board member for the William Mitchell Center for Elder Justice & Policy. Survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Jim Murphy; and their children, Julia, Will, Allison and Grace.

GERALD TROSSEN FLOM, 81, Dec. 20, 2011. Former trustee for William Mitchell. Survived by partner, Scott H. Johnson; former wife, Martha Flom; daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Gary Kiecker; son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Susan Flom; and grandchildren, Evan Kiecker and Emily, Ben and Peter Flom.

An Advocate's Advocate

MIKE FORD '79

For 33 years, Mike Ford served not just his clients, but the entire legal community. Ford, who was 64 when he died June 17, 2012, was head of the Minnesota State Bar Association in 2008-09 and was extremely active in professional organizations, including serving as president of the Stearns Benton Bar Association and the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association.

Throughout his career at the Quinlivan & Hughes law firm in St. Cloud, Ford was well known for his advocacy of getting involved, often encouraging young attorneys to do more than just their jobs.

"Mike cared about people in general, no matter their status or position," said Minnesota State Bar Association President Brent Routman in a statement following Ford's death. "He was not afraid to challenge the status quo or ask tough questions. However, he always did so in the most genial way, as a seeker of information and as a way to forge something better. He was humble, quick to give credit to others."

He was also quick to help others. In 2009, Ford helped form an MSBA response team to help with issues related to the Red River flooding in the Fargo-Moorhead area, promising that the organization would provide any assistance it could.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Ford was involved in youth soccer, Boy Scouts, and mock trial. He is survived by his wife, Rose, sons Timothy and Joseph, and granddaughter Vivian Rose.



to the POINT

Stephen Bonner '72
CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Where would we be if not for Mitchell?

As Mitchell begins its 113th school year, 260 new students have settled into their chairs to begin their careers in law. They have made a personal investment in the quality and creativity of Mitchell, counting on us to open many doors of opportunity and success. Their decision to come to Mitchell is an honor for us all, since the students had many law school options.

In my comments to the 2012 graduating class last spring, I mentioned how I still recall the first lecture to my class 44 years ago. Take a few seconds to remember your own arrival at Mitchell; you were probably a bit nervous, excited, and not entirely sure what to expect.

Today we are travelling the paths of our lives with the skills we developed at Mitchell there to support us. We all expect Mitchell's brand and reputation to enhance our own. We expect Mitchell to stand for its mission and continue to enhance our communities.

Indeed, where would we be if not for Mitchell? We all share the strengths of Mitchell. And we all share the opportunity—and the obligation—to support the growth and success of the college.

As the new chair of Mitchell's board of trustees, I ask each of you to take a moment this year to show your appreciation for the contributions Mitchell has made in your life. I'm not asking for a lot, just three things:

1. **BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR MITCHELL.** Share your success story with others. Tell prospective students about Mitchell's brand of practical legal education, how it works, and why they should consider attending William Mitchell.
2. **BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED.** Attend an event. Read the eNewsletter. Mentor a student. Come back to campus; you may be surprised at how good it feels to deepen your Mitchell connection.
3. **SUPPORT MITCHELL FINANCIALLY.** Make a gift to the Annual Fund in support of scholarships, clinics, the law review, or another area in which you're interested. Make a longer-term gift through your estate planning, or by contributing to an endowed chair or one of the other strategic programs. Your support helps us recruit top students, strengthen our academic programs, and enhance Mitchell's reputation.

This year's incoming class made the same decision you did—to attend the law school “for the real world.” Let's show them how thrilled we are for them, and about our alma mater, by doing all we can to support our law school.

Have a great year!

See for yourself how your gifts make a difference

Every gift to Mitchell matters.

Students get scholarships.

Real people get help through our clinics.

And judges and lawyers rely on our Law Review.

It happens every day. And it can happen before your eyes.
Stop by Mitchell and see for yourself the difference your gifts make.

NEED HELP MAKING A GIFT TO MITCHELL? Reach out to a Mitchell graduate who's an expert and can help.

The William Mitchell Gift Planning Board of Advisors comprises 14 people (including 11 Mitchell graduates) with expertise in specific areas of financial planning. They are available to answer your giving questions.

Want to know more about them?
Visit wmitchell.edu/Giving.



WILLIAM MITCHELL
COLLEGE OF LAW



WILLIAM MITCHELL
COLLEGE OF LAW

875 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105-3076

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage

PAID

Twin Cities, MN
Permit No. 1300

