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Graduates and Friends of the Law School:

The Law School is an exciting place to be this spring. We will be hosting scholarly conferences, both national (the seventh annual Law, Culture, and Humanities conference) and regional (the Northeast People of Color conference on race, voting and campaigning in the 21st century), as well as the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal symposium on corporate governance and moot court competitions. In addition, on March 12 we will welcome this year's 2004 Day, Berry & Howard LLP Distinguished Speaker, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; and Dennis Archer, the president of the ABA, has agreed to be our commencement speaker.

But that's not all that will be happening in the spring. We also are preparing for a site visit from the American Bar Association and the American Association of Law Schools as part of the re-accreditation process. We cleverly selected April, when the campus is at its best, as our preferred time to welcome the seven-person site team to Hartford. After their three-day visit, the team will prepare a lengthy site report, accompanied by a separate report prepared by the delegate from the AALS. Thereafter, the ABA and AALS consider all the information and issue their opinions.

While I have every expectation that we meet all the standards set by both these organizations, the re-accreditation process provides us with an excellent opportunity to take a look at where we are, what we've done in the past seven years, and where we want to be. In addition, the team members are seasoned legal educators who often make suggestions for improving our academic program and administration.

The Law School surely is doing something right: we expect close to 4,000 applications this year for only 210 seats—and applicants tell us that it is the strength of our curriculum, the talent of our faculty, and the value of the legal education they will receive that impel them to apply.

In the last few issues of the *Graduate Report* we have focused on our expanding business curriculum; we continue this theme by featuring the Insurance Law Center. Under the leadership of Connecticut Mutual Professor Tom Baker, the Insurance Law Center continues to distinguish itself. New faculty and courses have strengthened the curriculum and helped make the Center a force globally and locally.

As always, the magazine also focuses on you, our graduates. I hope that you will keep us informed of your activities and consider involving yourself with the Law School in the coming year. I take this opportunity to thank you for the inspiring and gratifying response to this year's annual fund. Gifts and pledges to the annual fund, which closes June 30, 2004, already have exceeded our goal for the entire year (but of course we will continue to accept gifts!). Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,



Nell Jessup Newton
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Thanks to the perseverance of Robert Googins '61 and the generosity of many insurance companies, law firms, practitioners and friends of the Law School, in August 1997 Tom Baker was brought on board as a major step in realizing Googins' vision for what today is known—around the world—as the Insurance Law Center.

“Going back to the mid '70s, I had this vision of an insurance law center being a perfect fit for the University of Connecticut and Hartford, which was known by everyone at the time as the insurance capital of the world,” says Center founder Googins, a former state

insurance commissioner and executive with Connecticut Mutual and founding executive director of the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA). “Virtually everybody thought it was a neat idea. The question was how do you get from a neat idea to reality?”

Googins answered that question by spearheading efforts to raise funds—through both the University's Second Century capital campaign and the highly successful UCONN 2000 program—in order to gain financial support for the elements he thought were necessary to establish the Insurance Law Center: an endowed chair in insurance law; a

master's program (LL.M.) in insurance law; a student-run journal for scholars and practitioners; an annual symposium; and a variety of conferences. “I also felt it was important that we had more than one full-timer teaching insurance law. That's how John Day, who had retired as CIGNA's senior vice president and chief counsel, came here as the first professor-in-residence.”

“Bob Googins did an amazing thing,” says Baker. “He had a goal of \$3 million and he met it.” Googins notes that there is plenty of credit to go around. “The idea of the Insurance Law Center would have gone nowhere if George Schatzki



Tom Baker, Connecticut Mutual Professor of Law and Director, Insurance Law Center; Yu Qian, LL.M. '04; Angel Garrell-Munne, LL.M. '04; Elisso Torto '05; Ameer Hamburger '05; William Powell '06; Philip Laffey '05

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(Law School dean from 1984-1990) and Hugh Macgill (dean from 1990-2000) weren't highly supportive, both in terms of giving me the opportunity to get this done and helping to raise funds from our many generous donors."

Baker notes that when he arrived on campus in the summer of 1997, there already were some very strong insurance-related programs at the Law School, including the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal, which had published its first issue in 1995. His most immediate challenge was to get the advanced degree program that Googins felt was so critical to the success of the Center—the Phoenix Masters Program—up and running by the fall of 1998. "In getting the LL.M. program started, I was able to rely on a framework that Bob had put together, including a list of potential adjuncts comprised of some terrific people in the industry," says Baker. "That first year involved making decisions on what courses to offer, lining up the adjuncts—which wasn't that difficult because Bob had paved the way—and implementing a marketing program. I was thrilled to pull it all together within a year. Needless to say, without Bob's framework and network it would have been impossible."

"I started teaching insurance law here in 1964 and I have not missed a year since," says Googins, who will be co-teaching a course in liability

Tom Baker in Geneva

On September 18 in Geneva, Switzerland, Connecticut Mutual Professor of Law Tom Baker, director of the Insurance Law Center, delivered the 27th Annual Lecture of the Geneva Association, an organization formed by 80 chief executive officers of the world's most important insurance companies to research the growing economic importance of insurance activities in the major sectors of the economy. Baker is only the third law professor to give the Annual Lecture, joining George Priest of Yale Law School and Steven Shavell of Harvard Law School. Past lecturers also have included internationally known economists, including Nobel Prize winners Kenneth Arrow, Joseph Stiglitz, Ilya Prigogine and Robert Merton. As Dean Nell Jessup Newton said, "Good company for Tom!"

The Geneva Association chose Baker to deliver this year's lecture—"Insuring Liability Risks"—due to its growing interest in the legal aspects of insurance and risk and its recognition of Baker's research and scholarship in liability and insurance as director of the Insurance Law Center. "It was an honor for me to give the lecture, but being chosen also is a clear indication of the Geneva Association's recognition of the importance of the Insurance Law Center," says Baker, who noted that the Association has co-sponsored

two Center conferences held at the Law School. Baker's lecture was published in the *Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance*, giving it a worldwide audience.

The demand for Baker's expertise will extend to France this spring when, on April 29, he will deliver a lecture as part of the Comparative Judicial Cultures annual seminar at the French Civil and Criminal Supreme Court (Cour de cassation). "The theme for the seminar this year is 'Risk, Insurance, and Liability,' says Baker. "Among other people, Justice Breyer has addressed this seminar in the past." More good company, to say the least.

Baker, who teaches torts and insurance law, and serves as faculty advisor to the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal, received his B.A. and J.D. from Harvard University, magna cum laude. Before he began teaching, he clerked for Judge Juan Torruella of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, practiced with the firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., and served as an associate counsel for the independent counsel investigating the Iran-Contra affair. Baker has published articles in numerous scholarly journals and is the author of *Insurance Law and Policy* (Aspen 2003) and co-editor of *Embracing Risk: The Changing Culture of Insurance and Responsibility* (U. Chicago 2002).

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Connecticut Insurance Law Journal

As a result of efforts on the part of several students, including its founding Editor in Chief **Jonathan Starble** '95, the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal (CILJ) published its first issue in the spring of 1995, more than two years before Tom Baker arrived on campus to get the Insurance Law Center up and running. "Some wonderful students stepped up and said 'let's get going with an insurance law journal,'" recalls Bob Googins. "As a result, we changed the game plan and moved the *Journal* up in the schedule."

"We started the *Journal* because we thought it was a natural to have an insurance law journal in Hartford," says Starble, who recently opened his own litigation and commercial law practice in West Hartford after being a partner at a major Hartford law firm. "When I was taking a course with Professor Googins as a second year law student, I approached him with the idea. He was extremely receptive. With Professor Googins' influence and the help of a core group of students, including Erin Sweeny '95 and Neil Kraner '95, we tapped into various resources for assistance getting articles by quality writers from all over the country."

"I think the *Journal* was successful from the outset because the administration and the Law School community as a whole



Jonathan M. Starble '95; Alison O'Shea '04

recognized the importance of journals and this journal in particular," says Starble, who notes that staffs from the Connecticut Law Review and the Connecticut Journal of International Law also were extremely helpful. "I don't know whether that would be the case at other law schools."

Now in its ninth year, the *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal* remains the world's only academic law review dedicated exclusively to the publication of original research on the law relating to insurance, risk and responsibility. Over the years, the *Journal's* authors have included some of the world's leading insurance law scholars and practicing lawyers, a major reason a 1999 study published by the *Florida State University Law Review* ranked the *CILJ* as the sixth best specialized law review—out of 284 journals studied—in the U.S.

According to current Editor in Chief Alison O'Shea '04, starting this year the *CILJ* is being peer reviewed, making it one of a very few student-

edited, peer-reviewed journals in the country. "Instead of students and the faculty advisor choosing the articles, the manuscripts will be sent to experts in various fields to be reviewed and critiqued anonymously," says O'Shea, who received an undergraduate degree and M.B.A. from Fairfield University as well as a degree from the Culinary Institute of America, after which she worked as a pastry chef for five years. "The extra layer of review lends more credibility to the substance of the articles."

So how is the peer-review process going so far? "It has extended the timeline for deciding what to include in the *Journal*, so we will be publishing two issues this spring rather than one in the fall and one in the spring," adds O'Shea, who will be working in Day, Berry & Howard's Stamford office when she graduates. "But we are adjusting quite well." Tom Baker sums it up this way: "The peer review process takes the *Journal* to another level."

<p>insurance law in the spring. “We only had the one basic insurance law course here at the time—Principles of Insurance—which was pretty typical of other law schools in those days, if they offered any insurance courses at all. While I was teaching the basic course as an adjunct there were a few full-time faculty dabbling in insurance law, like Colin Tait and Wendy Susco ’71. That was basically it, until the arrival of Tom Baker.” When the Insurance Law Center kicked off the LL.M. program at the beginning of the 1998-1999 academic year, there were 16 courses available to students. “Part of my mission was to show people that insurance is a much broader topic than most people think,” recalls Baker.</p> <p>Fourteen students started the LL.M. program in 1998, all part-timers. By the second year, there were several full-time students in the program—including former Manager of Graduate Studies Annie Engel LL.M.’00—and there has been a mix ever since. “It is wonderful that there is this continuing strong interest in the insurance LL.M. program from private practitioners and lawyers working for insurance companies who work 50 hours a week and have family commitments,” says Engel, who notes that the Law School also offers an advanced standing program that enables J.D. students (including those from other law schools) to work toward the LL.M. while still J.D. candidates. “It says a lot about</p>	<p>the Insurance Law Center and Hartford.”</p> <p>Since the Phoenix Masters Program began operations in September 1998, 101 students have enrolled in what remains the only insurance LL.M. program in the United States. There have been 33 graduates, including 11 in the class of 2003. Of the 43 students currently enrolled in the program, 35 are employed by insurance companies. The remaining eight are private practitioners. Five are enrolled on a full-time basis, 38 on a part-time basis. “I am surprised and amazed how well the LL.M. program has done,” says Baker, who is ably assisted by Administrative Assistant Pat Carbray. “I am most proud that it has really worked, that people who have earned the degree have found that it is very helpful to them in their careers. The challenge for me now is to adapt the program further so that it better fits the needs and schedules of high achieving lawyers in practice.”</p> <p>Meeting that challenge includes expanding course offerings. “Over the years, the basics of the program have stayed pretty much the same,” continues Baker, “though in recent years we have expanded our focus to address financial services more broadly, without, of course, forgetting insurance. With the addition of Pat McCoy, a leading scholar in banking law, and Sean Griffith, an expert in securities regulation, we are building a really great full-time team.</p>	<p>And we hope to bring a health care expert to the faculty on a full-time basis to fill the shoes of John Day, who is now an adjunct. Clearly, we are not just about insurance any more.”</p> <p>Today, in addition to Principles of Insurance, there are approximately 20 different courses typically available to J.D. and LL.M. candidates in a given academic year, which Baker puts into three categories: courses that deal with a specialty that cuts across different lines of insurance (such as Insurance Regulation); courses that focus on problems associated with a particular type of insurance (such as Liability Insurance); and courses in fields closely aligned with insurance law (such as Health Law and Securities and Banking Regulation). The Law School also offers such unique courses as Carol Weisbrod’s Religion, Risk and Responsibility course, and Introduction to the London Insurance Market, a one-week course, taught by W. Mark Wigmore, president and CEO of St. Paul Re, Inc., that meets in London during spring break and offers a tour of, and lectures on, the London insurance market and the U.K. legal system. “The London course and Mark Janis’ course, International Aspects of Insurance Law, help meet the Center’s and the Law School’s commitment to ensure that there is a strong global perspective to the legal education we provide here,” says Baker.</p> <p>Visiting professors also have played a major role in broadening the</p>
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Insurance Law Adjunct Faculty

The Insurance Law Center is fortunate to be able to draw on the expertise and experience of a talented group of adjunct faculty members associated with some of the region's leading insurance companies and law firms. As a result of their commitment to the Law School, there are more than 20 different insurance courses available to J.D. and LL.M. candidates each academic year.

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Law School's insurance law curriculum. "This year, we are fortunate to have Martha McCluskey from the University at Buffalo Law School and Adam Scales from Washington and Lee University School of Law with us for the entire academic year," Baker says. "Martha is one of the leading experts on workers compensation and is building an expertise in health law/insurance. Adam has done very exciting work at the boundary of tort law and insurance."

"For several years I had been aware of the Insurance Law Center through the *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal* and my familiarity with Tom Baker's scholarly work," says Scales, who recently was awarded tenure by the Washington and Lee faculty. "After thinking about it for a couple of years, I wrote Tom a letter asking if I could visit, teach a few courses and sit in on some of the courses that interested me. I was most attracted to the number of interesting insurance law courses here. While I'm here I try to sit in on as many classes as I can, and I've learned something in each class I have attended, which is a nice plaudit for the Law School."

In addition to teaching Principles of Insurance to LLM. students in the fall and a seminar on product liability in the spring, Scales is spending the academic year doing research on corporate-owned insurance. "This is a great place to do this kind of research. I can regularly talk to

people like Tom, who is a fabulous colleague, John Day and Bob Googins. And by being in Hartford I have access to many insurance executives who are anxious to get their side of the story out."

Baker also notes that foreign visitors come to the Law School on a regular basis to interact with the insurance faculty and take advantage of the Law Library's extensive insurance law collection. "This past fall, Tadao Koezuka, an associate professor of commercial law at Kagawa University in Japan, spent a month here doing research in automobile insurance law, and Clive Walker, head of the Department of Law at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom, was here during the summer doing research on terrorism and insurance."

Looking ahead, Baker notes that one of the Center's near-term goals is to improve its distance learning program, which, since 2000, has made the LLM. degree available through the use of video conferencing technologies. "The Law School has the capacity to connect to our students with real-time video through either ISDN or IP connections," says Engel, who played a key role in implementing the program. "There has been one graduate so far from North Dakota and there are currently four distance learning students involved in the program, two from Washington, D.C., one from California and one who calls in from Brooklyn. Since most of

the LLM. students are working full time, and classes are in the evenings, the distance learning component works well for those out of the region."

"Video-commuting is terrific stuff," adds Baker. "I hope that we will be able to do video-conferencing overseas before long." Baker emphasizes that the Law School also is looking to be more innovative in how the curriculum is structured. "We realize that our core student is someone who is interested in insurance in the context of their employment. We are looking at things like Web-based learning, and perhaps something other than the typical 14-week semester. We want to be able to do these kinds of things while maintaining the traditional curriculum for the full-time LLM. student."

There also is spirited activity anticipated with regard to what Baker refers to as the scholarly impact of the Insurance Law Center. "With Sean and Pat on the faculty, the focus will grow on financial services and be a bit less insurance specific. We also will build on our foreign exchanges, like our relationship with the Geneva Association, to help ensure that we deliver on our pledge to have a strong global perspective at the Insurance Law Center and throughout the Law School. The final scholarly piece is how we translate into the *Journal* our enhanced focus on the global perspective and financial services and how we attract good authors and build subscriptions."

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Insurance Law Librarian

In August 1998, Tom Baker took a major step toward realizing one of the goals of the newly established Insurance Law Center when he and Darcy Kirk, Professor of Law and Director, Law Library, hired **Yan Hong** as the Law School's insurance law librarian. Prior to coming to the Law School, Hong, who has a B.A. from the University of International Studies in Chongqing, P.R. China and an M.L.S. from Brigham Young University, was head of the University of Vermont's government documents department. "When I was interviewed by Tom I told him that I was a fast learner and willing to do whatever work was necessary to build an insurance law library. I actually audited two of his courses to help get me up to speed and to build my confidence."

Hong's dedication to the task at hand has paid off to the extent that, today, the Law School's insurance collection is among the most comprehensive in the country. "We collect all the major U.S., U.K. and Canadian treatises," says Hong, "as well as many other English language and some foreign language treatises. We also have a particularly large collection of books on the history of U.S. insurance companies, probably the best in the U.S., and we are building an impressive collection of insurance fiction. We have thousands of volumes on the shelves plus many on-line resources. In the next five years, our goal is to build the strongest insurance law collection in the world."

Hong, who believes she is the only insurance law librarian employed by a U.S. law school (insurance law librarians typically work in insurance companies), notes that she gets phone calls from around the world seeking her help with research. She also notes that visiting international scholars come to the Law School to confer with insurance faculty. "It's nice to know that so many academics from outside the U.S. think about the Law School when they think about insurance law. They come here specifically because of the reputation of the Insurance Law Center, and while they are here they realize what a terrific collection we have." Not to mention a terrific insurance law librarian.

When Baker started at the Center in 1997, he believed that there were three critical components needed to ensure its success: the teaching component, which was started with the endowed chair he holds and now includes the LL.M. program and the various insurance courses the School offers; the research/scholarly component, which includes faculty writing and research and the Insurance and Society Study Group, an informal association of scholars from law, humanities and the social sciences which Baker founded with Deborah Stone, a political scientist from Brandeis; and the dissemination component, which is comprised of conferences and symposia and the *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal*.

While Googins continues to work to ensure that the Insurance Law Center is the hub of insurance law in the world, he also has been working to develop insurance law centers in other countries in his role as a consultant to various insurance organizations. "I have traveled to many countries over the last several years helping the ministries of finance improve insurance regulations. While I am at these countries I try to determine if the country has any interest in developing an insurance law center."

Has he achieved success? "The University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing has committed to establishing an insurance law center," says Googins. "Zhiyan Li, a Chinese student who was on a



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full scholarship provided by the Insurance Law Center when he was working on his LL.M. in 2000-2001, worked for LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P. and now is back in China practicing and supporting efforts to develop the center at UIBE." Googins also is looking into the possibility of offering a scholarship to an insurance law professor from Hanoi with the hope of setting the stage for the establishment of an insurance law center in one of the leading law schools in Vietnam.

Does the Insurance Law Center still belong in Hartford? "Absolutely," Googins says. "We still have a cadre of expertise second to none. In foreign countries, they still consider Hartford the insurance capital of the world." On that note Googins adds that he would like to see the Center build on the number of students in the LL.M. program, particularly foreign students, "so we can continue to help develop insurance law centers in other parts of the world that would look at us as the mother hen. My vision was that people would look at the Law School as the place to go for expertise in insurance law. With the world shrinking the way it is and the globalization of financial services, insurance is being paid attention to in countries that had little interest just a short time ago. I don't want Connecticut to be the place to go for U.S. students only. I want it to be considered the place to go on a global basis. Why shouldn't we be the focus of insurance law all over the world?"

Insurance Law Symposia

Over the last several years, the student-edited Connecticut Insurance Law Journal and Insurance Law Center sponsored the following symposia, papers from which have been published in the *Journal*:

- March 24-25, 2003: "Vision 20/20: A Think Tank Exploration—The Future of the Civil Justice System," Michael Iannuzzi '03, Editor in Chief
- March 21-22, 2002: "Insurance and Liability after September 11," Gregg T. Burton '02, Editor in Chief
- April 29-30, 2001: "Social Security: Privatization and Reform," Joy M. McConnell '01, Editor in Chief

"When the Insurance Law Center was dedicated six years ago, one of Tom Baker's ambitious goals was to ensure that when people think about law and insurance together, they immediately think about the University of Connecticut School of Law," says Dean Nell Jessup Newton. "Clearly we have met that goal in the U.S.—and with Tom's being asked to deliver this year's Geneva Lecture, the many international scholars who come here to do research, and the efforts of our number one ambassador, Bob Googins, we are well on our way to realizing that goal in every corner of the world."

- March 20, 2000: "Federalism, International Law and the Globalization of Financial Services," Todd E. Cusano '00, Editor in Chief
- April 11-12, 1999: "Insurance, Risk & Responsibility: Toward a New Paradigm?," Susan R. Chmielecki '99, Editor in Chief
- Fall 1997: "Liability Insurance Conflict and Professional Responsibility," Karen T. Staib '98, Editor in Chief

Other major conferences sponsored by the Insurance Law Center include: "A Conference on Insurance and Financial Services: China after WTO," held October 15-17, 2000 in Beijing, China; and "A Conference on Insurance and Financial Services: A Conference for Latin American Regulators," held at the Law School on October 17-20, 1999.

Save the Date! On April 22-23, 2004, the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal and Insurance Law Center will sponsor a symposium on corporate governance. Panel topics will include "Rethinking Executive Compensation," "Institutional Investors: Shareholder Activists or Shotgun Brides," and "Director Independence and Conflicts of Interest."

Where will we be in five years? Well, at the opening of the Insurance Law Center in 1998, we announced the following ambition for the Center: “When people anywhere in the world put insurance and law together, they will think about the University of Connecticut.” Five years from now we will be even closer to that goal.

The ILC will evolve along with the people who are committed to it. With the addition of Pat McCoy and Sean Griffith to the Law School faculty, we gained expertise in the broader financial services and corporate governance arenas. Their energy and interest will push the ILC in those directions, as already evidenced by our corporate governance symposium in April and the addition of their financial services

courses to the LL.M. curriculum. And the wonderful (and, at first, unexpected) interest that our law, culture and humanities colleagues have expressed in questions of insurance, risk and responsibility will keep us growing intellectually in many directions.

Thanks to Annie Engel, our administrative structure and finances are in solid shape, our LL.M. students and adjunct faculty are satisfied, and our distance learning equipment will soon be at full capacity. She transformed the ILC from a collection of ad hoc decisions and procedures into a real organization.

Looking ahead, the biggest new development will be an alternate schedule for some of our LL.M. courses, allowing us to reach a national (and eventually international) market through a combination of educational techniques and technologies. In other areas, change will be more modest, building on the excellent programs and partnerships that we already have in place. In my research I am nearing the end of my exploration of insurance as tort regulation. I have begun writing and thinking about risk perception and management at individual, organizational, and institutional levels of analysis, while building an increasingly global network of research partners and supporters.

Tom Baker
Connecticut Mutual
Professor of Law and Director,
Insurance Law Center



Tom Baker



Sean Griffith

There is a saying, “may you live in interesting times,” and for corporate governance scholars and practitioners, these certainly are interesting times. Since the bursting of the bubble, the spectacular failure of Enron and WorldCom, and a number of other high profile corporate scandals, serious conversations about our system of corporate governance have been taking place in the media, on the floors of legislatures, in courtrooms, classrooms, and boardrooms.

The question, broadly, is “How should our businesses be governed?” Should they be free to govern themselves, constrained only by market pressures? Or should courts and regulators intervene in the conduct of corporate affairs to protect shareholders or other corporate constituencies? And, if courts and regulators should intervene, how should they do it?

These questions also can be framed as problems of risk management, similar to the analysis of insurance problems. Corporate governance, after all, is about managing the risk of fraud or failure. Once the problems are conceived in this way, the synergies between the study of corporate governance and the study of insurance become apparent.

The rich assortment of academic resources of the Insurance Law Center and the natural synergies between the study of insurance problems and governance problems have made the University of Connecticut School of Law a particularly dynamic place for me to pursue my scholarly and professional interests in corporate law. The scholarship and talents assembled by the Insurance Law Center enable questions of corporate governance to be moved out of the classroom and into a more public forum for discussion. A concrete example of this is the Conference on Corporate Governance, scheduled for this spring, featuring legal academics, economists, investment managers, and insurance company executives from across the United States, all coming together to speak to problems of executive compensation, institutional investor activism, and the federalization of corporate law.

Sean Griffith
Associate Professor of Law

In the past half-decade, the once separate worlds of insurance, banking and securities have converged in ways that would have been unimaginable to lawmakers of yore. Fueled by inflationary concerns dating back to the Vietnam War, market forces eroded the walls separating all three industries, eventually making those legal barriers obsolete. In an end run around the strictures of Glass-Steagall, for example, securities firms lured traditional bank customers away with money market mutual funds and commercial paper financing. Insurance companies won the business of former securities brokerage customers by offering variable annuities. And banks, on the ropes but not down, tread on the traditional preserve of insurers by underwriting credit insurance products.

With the passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, Congress finally bowed to the inevitable and repealed many of the old firewalls between insurance, banking, and securities. Now, we must sort out what that new reality means. Can our fragmented U.S. system of financial services regulation, with its four federal banking regulators and fifty state insurance commissioners, survive in its current form? Is Gramm-Leach-Bliley's nod toward functional regulation the right regulatory paradigm or should we regulate according to risk, not function or product? Do consolidation and convergence thwart consumer protection or serve it? What are the resulting privacy concerns? What role do financial services play in improving—or hindering—corporate



Patricia McCoy

governance? And will globalization trump any or all of these concerns by rendering the U.S. financial services industry uncompetitive? These and other timely issues are the focus of our attention at the Insurance Law Center.

Patricia McCoy
Professor of Law ■

Starr Hall Renovation

Students and faculty returning to campus this fall were the beneficiaries of a major renovation of William F. Starr Hall. According to Associate Dean for Finance and Administration Laurie Werling, the initial concept for the renovation of Starr—which was built in the mid-1920s as part of a new facility for the Hartford Seminary—dates back to 1991 when a master plan for the campus identified the need for a new library and subsequent reorganization of space. The University convened an architect selection committee, which included Terry Tondro, chair of the Law School Facilities Committee. The committee selected Allan Dehar Associates, Architects and Planners (ADA). “Our goal was to ensure that the renovation reflected a natural evolution of Starr, rather than something entirely new,” says Werling.

The stars of the Starr renovation—which cost approximately \$5.5

million and was funded primarily through the UCONN 2000 program—are two new courtrooms/classrooms that were built in the three-story area that used to house five levels of the library’s self-supporting steel stacks. The new second floor courtroom is named after William R. Davis ’55, a senior partner at RisCassi and Davis PC. Davis has been an adjunct professor at the Law School for the past 20 years and has endowed a clinical fellowship that enables the School to retain a fellow to supervise students in the Civil Clinics. In honor of Davis, members of his firm made a generous donation to The University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, Inc., which was matched dollar for dollar through UConn 2000 so that the courtroom would be named after their mentor.

The William R. Davis Courtroom doubles as an appellate moot courtroom and a tiered 99-seat auditorium/classroom. The 1,500 square-foot room features curved perforated oak panels along the back wall for better acoustical control and non-perforated panels at the front to reflect sound. The original plaster exterior walls were restored to their original condition and the room’s leaded windows were left untouched. A three-dimensional coffered wood ceiling features soft, indirect lighting through its gridded pattern. “We wanted the room to be really dramatic while recognizing the history of the old building,” notes Tom Haskell, AIA,

senior associate and project manager with ADA.

Each of the room’s seats features an Internet connection and electrical outlet, and the electrical infrastructure is in place to accommodate state-of-the-art video projection and teleconferencing equipment. Furniture includes a five-judge appellate bench, two cherry counsel tables and chairs which are restored pieces that were discovered throughout the campus. Capping off the courtroom furniture is a handsome lectern donated by Claudia Norsworthy, Program Coordinator for the Lawyering Process Department, and dedicated to James D. Bartolini ’75, a partner with RisCassi and Davis PC. “Jim represented me after I had a bike accident that required four shoulder surgeries,” says Norsworthy. “When I found out that the Davis Courtroom needed a lectern I knew it was the perfect way to express my thanks.”

Courtroom 1 on the first floor of Starr is a 1,680 square-foot, 45-seat trial courtroom off of which is a lobby/registration area featuring bluestone flooring and rift-oak paneling that was used throughout the renovation. According to Haskell, all the oak paneling came from just two giant logs purchased in Canada. Like the Davis Courtroom, each of the 45 seats in Courtroom 1 has an electrical outlet and an Internet connection. Unlike the Davis Courtroom, the room features five rows of curved study tables, each featuring a



Site of former library stacks

Starr Hall Renovation

Architect: Allan Dehar Associates, Architects & Planners, New Haven
Structural Engineers: Michael Horton & Associates, Branford
Mechanical and Electrical Engineers: Luchini Milfort Goodell & Associates, Inc., Wethersfield
General Contractor: Dimeo Construction Company, New Haven
Custom Furniture: Thos. Moser Cabinetmakers, Auburn, Maine
Chair Refinishing: OFS Corporation, South Windsor

green-blue laminate and nine expertly refinished Law School chairs. Chairs accompanying the curved three-judge bench and curved custom cherry counsel tables are also older refinished models. Adding to the historical feel of the room is a series of screens along the exterior walls, through which the room's original leaded windows and exterior plaster walls can be seen.

Faculty are extremely impressed with the new courtrooms. "We look forward, with great relish, to holding Criminal Clinic mock trials in the courtrooms," says Tim Everett '84. "It certainly is marvelous to be able to have outside lawyers and active judges preside over the trials in such a great facility. It requires a lot less imagination from all present to hear real issues argued before real judges in a real courtroom. All we are lacking is wigs."

"I am very impressed with the quality of the Starr reconstruction in

general and the new courtrooms in particular," said Dean and Professor of Law and Business, Emeritus, Phillip I. Blumberg, after attending the Connecticut Journal of International Law's fall symposium, which was held in the William R. Davis Courtroom.

The renovation of the 3,150 square-foot former Reading Room, which is known for its leaded glass windows and majestic limestone fireplace, also was an integral part of the project.

Haskell makes special note of the manner in which the plaster walls of the Reading Room were restored. "We repaired and repainted the plaster with what is called plaster impregnated wall-cloth. It gives the walls a beautiful textured look and a warm buckskin color." To further complement the walls, the Reading Room's ornately carved plaster ceiling was repaired and painted a creamy white.

The phase one renovation of Starr Hall also included new conference/



William R. Davis Courtroom



Courtroom 1

seminar rooms, additional office space and a prep area for caterers in what was the former Admissions area on the second floor. Two new classrooms, each of which seats 20-25 students, were built on the ground floor.

With phase one of the Starr Hall renovation essentially complete, Tom Haskell reflects on the project with great pride. "What we did feels fresh but at the same time looks as though it has always been that way. When we start a project we think about what we want the building to be. At some point early in the process, Starr Hall told us what it wanted to be—it revealed itself very easily."

And very beautifully. ■



Reading Room

tarr Hall Renovation



Publications and Activities

Tom Baker
Connecticut Mutual Professor of Law and Director, Insurance Law Center

On September 15 in Geneva, Switzerland, Tom Baker delivered the 27th Annual Lecture of the Geneva Association, an organization formed by 80 chief executive officers of the world's most important insurance companies to research the growing economic significance of insurance activities. His paper, "Insuring Liability Risks," was subsequently published in Vol. 29 of *Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance*. The Geneva Lecture previously has been delivered by internationally known scholars, including several Nobel Prize winners. On route home from Geneva, Baker delivered a paper, "The Virtues of Uncertainty," (which he and Alon Harel presented to the Law School faculty last year) at the meeting of the Law and Economics Association in Toronto.

Paul Schiff Berman
Professor of Law

Paul Schiff Berman's new casebook, *Cyberlaw: Problems of Policy and Jurisprudence in the Information Age*, which he co-wrote with Patricia Bellia and David Post, was published by West Publishing in July.

Paul Chill
Clinical Professor of Law

Paul Chill's article, "Burden of Proof Begone: The Pernicious Effect of Emergency Removal in Child Protective Proceedings," was published in October in a special issue—Vol. 41—of the *Family Court Review*.

Anne C. Dailey
Professor of Law

In November, Anne Dailey won the 2003 CORST (Committee on Research and Special Training) Essay Prize from the American Psychoanalytic Association. Her paper, carved out from her book in progress, applies principles of child development to the concept of childrearing in constitutional law. She presented the paper at the annual meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association in New York City in January.

Laura Dickinson
Associate Professor of Law
 Laura Dickinson's article, "The Promise of Hybrid Courts," was published in September in Vol. 97 of the *American Journal of International Law*. Dickinson's chapter, "The Dance of Complementarity: Relationships Among Domestic, International, and Transnational Accountability Mechanisms in East Timor and Indonesia," was published in the fall in *Accountability for Atrocities*, a book edited by Jane E. Stromseth.

Timothy H. Everett '84
Clinical Professor of Law

Tim Everett delivered a paper comparing the use of lexicographic authority by courts in the early 19th and late 20th centuries at the 14th Biennial Meeting of the Dictionary Society of North America in Durham, NC on May 31. On October 27, Everett served as a panelist at an open forum sponsored by the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Systems PEP (people empowering people) program held at the Enfield Correctional Institution. He also served as a moderator and presenter at the Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal's November 13 symposium on *Gideon v. Wainwright* (see Fall Happenings).

Sean Griffith
Associate Professor of Law

Sean Griffith's opinion piece about a recent ruling by the Delaware Supreme Court and what it means to those in the mergers and acquisitions field was published in the July 2003 issue of *Mergers & Acquisitions*.

Richard Kay
George and Helen England Professor of Law

In September, Rick Kay's essay, "Rights, Rules & Democracy," was published as a chapter in the book, *Protecting Human Rights*, published by Oxford University Press and



Martha T. McCluskey
Visiting Professor of Law

Martha McCluskey’s article, “Efficiency and Social Citizenship: Challenging the Neoliberal Attack on the Welfare State,” was published in August in Vol. 78 of the *Indiana Law Journal*. Her article, “Caring for Workers,” was published in Vol. 55 of the *Maine Law Review*, also in August. On November 7, McCluskey gave a presentation, “Efficiency and Social Citizenship, Progressive Lawyering Project,” at the Conference on Progressive Lawyering, Globalization & Markets at Northeastern University School of Law. Her paper on “Regulating Care, Sex and Work,” was presented at Harvard Law School on November 22 at the Program on Law and Social Thought, Conference on Law and Sex, Sexuality, Gender and the Family. At the New York Law School Law and Society Colloquium on December 5, McCluskey presented a paper entitled, “From ‘Affluent Husband Care’ to Worker Care: Rethinking Support for Family Caretaking Labor” (which also was the subject of a faculty workshop she gave at the Law School in October).

Patricia McCoy
Professor of Law

Comments on Pat McCoy’s *Texas Law Review* article, “A Tale of Three Markets,” which she co-wrote with Kathleen Engel two years ago, were published in December in Vol. 82 of



the *Texas Law Review* in an article. “Revisiting a Tale of Three Markets,” written by Susan Wacter and Elizabeth Renuart.

Nell Jessup Newton
Dean and Professor of Law

On October 6, Nell Newton moderated a panel on Indian gaming at a meeting of the Association of Opinion Page Editors held at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. Later in October, Newton spoke at Indigenous People’s Day at Yale University at the invitation of the Association of Native Americans at Yale (ANAAAY). She also delivered the opening lecture—“Indian Law: A History and Introduction to Basic Principles”—at the Connecticut Center for Judicial Education’s judges training seminar held at the Marriott in Cromwell on November 21. The seminar was entitled “Indian Law: History and Principles, Tribal Judicial Systems and Jurisdictional Issues for Connecticut Courts.”

edited by Tom Campbell, Jeffrey Goldsworthy and Adrienne Stone. In November, Kay was elected to the Executive Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law. On November 13, he gave a speech, “Brandeis on the Supreme Court,” for the Brandeis University Lawyer Alumni in Boston, and on November 15, Kay presented a paper, “Legal Process and the Revolution of 1688-89: The Case of Archbishop Sancroft,” at the Northeast Conference on British Studies at Tufts University.

Hugh C. Macgill
Professor of Law

Hugh Macgill’s opinion piece, “If It Comes To Impeachment,” was featured in the December 28 Commentary section of the *Hartford Courant*. In the piece, which explores the possibility of legislators impeaching Gov. Rowland, Macgill discusses Connecticut’s impeachment process, as set forth in Article 9 of the State’s constitution, and delineated various views on whether an impeachable offense must be an act that would otherwise qualify as a crime.



Faculty on the Air

Tom Baker was interviewed on the September 24 broadcast of WNPR's "All Things Considered." In a story entitled, "Court Backs Insurer in DUI Case," Baker talked about a recent case in which a health insurance company denied coverage for someone who had been injured while intoxicated, noting that "this is another example of privatizing profits and socializing losses."

On October 7, **Bethany Berger** was interviewed by WNPR for a story entitled, "Is It Indian Country?" The story dealt with a member of the Mashantucket Pequot tribe who has filed a lawsuit against the State Department of Revenue Services, claiming that the land she lived on was "Indian country" and she should not have had to pay state taxes.

Jeremy Paul was interviewed for a July 15 WNPR story, "Court Rules on Illegal Searches, Both Sides Celebrate," that examined a state Supreme Court ruling that modifies rules governing prosecution of a suspect for a crime committed while police illegally enter or search property.

Rick Pomp was a featured guest on WRPI radio on July 3. He was interviewed on the subject of tax reform at the state and federal levels.

Richard W. Parker **Professor of Law**

Richard Parker's article, "Grading the Government," was published recently in Vol. 70 of the *University of Chicago Law Review*. The article represents the fruits of Parker's labor over the past several years to evaluate criticisms of government regulatory schemes grounded in cost-benefit analysis.

Jeremy Paul **Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Thomas F. Gallivan, Jr. Professor of Real Property Law**

Jeremy Paul's comment on Jim Gardner's essay on judicial intervention in election disputes, "Free States or Red States: The Supreme Court's Role in Recent Election Disputes," was published in Vol. 35 of the *Connecticut Law Review*. Paul's article, "Beyond Reason and Interest," was published recently in Vol. 57 of the *University of Miami Law Review*, a special symposium issue on the work of Pierre Schlag.

Ellen Ash Peters **Visiting Professor of Law** **Chief Justice, Connecticut Supreme Court (retired)**

The Hon. Ellen Ash Peters' tribute to Eugene V. Rostow, "The Deanship," recently was published in Vol. 113 of the *Yale Law Journal*.

Richard Pomp

Alva P. Loisel Professor of Law

On September 20, Rick Pomp was a presenter at the National Conference of Trial Court Judges in Cambridge, MA. He also was plenary speaker at several conferences in the fall, including: the National Conference of New England State Tax Administrators in Baltimore (September 30); the Vanderbilt Conference on State Taxation in Nashville (October 23); the Tulane Tax Institute in New Orleans (October 31); the Annual Conference of Wisconsin CPAs in Milwaukee (November 6); and the California Tax Policy Conference in San Francisco (November 7). On October 9 and December 11, respectively, Pomp served as a panelist at the CCH Roundtable on State Taxation in Chicago and at the New York University State Tax Conference in New York City.

Martha Stone **Director, Center for Children's Advocacy**

Martha Stone authored the November 23 *Northeast Magazine* cover story, "Our Broken Home." In the story, Stone emphasizes that fixing the state's child welfare system requires solutions extending beyond the Department of Children and Families to the juvenile justice and mental health systems, the legislature, and the community as a whole.



Kurt Strasser
Phillip I. Blumberg Professor
of Law

While teaching this past summer at the Free University of Berlin, Kurt Strasser gave two presentations: “American Perspectives on Sustainable Development,” at The Long Night of the Sciences, and “United States Predatory Pricing Law” at the Trade Regulation Seminar. On August 3, Strasser served as a reporter for the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act, adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws in Washington, D.C. On October 27, Strasser gave a presentation—“An Introduction to the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act”—at the Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Conference in Portland, OR.

Stephen Utz
Professor of Law

Stephen Utz’s article, “Federalism in Health Care: A Policy Overview,” was published in December in Vol. 3 of the *Houston Journal of Health Law and Policy*.

Robert Whitman
Professor of Law

Robert Whitman was the featured speaker at a program held in Maui on October 10-12 sponsored by the Hawaii Estate Planning Council and the Probate and Estate Planning Section and the Elder Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

Whitman gave two presentations. The first was on the future of fiduciary accounting (Whitman had served as the reporter for the national fiduciary accounting project in the U.S. and is now reporter for the global fiduciary accounting project). The second was on proper procedures for resolution of trust benefit complaints, a presentation he also made at an October 1 faculty workshop and at a meeting of the Hartford Tax Club on October 8.

Adjunct Faculty

The scholarly work of the Law School’s talented adjunct faculty also is published on a regular basis. For example, **Adjunct Professor Elliott Pollack’s** article—“When Can Claimants Under the Federal Privacy Act Recover Statutory Minimum Damages of \$1,000?”—was published in the November 28, 2003 issue of the American Bar Association’s *PREVIEW of United States Supreme Court Cases*.

Faculty in the Courts

The December 23, 2003 issue of the *New York Law Journal* details a recent decision in the New York Court case of Attorney General of Canada v. Gorman, in which the judge liberally cited **Mark Janis’** “An Introduction to International Law” (Aspen 4th Ed - 2003) when explaining how he came to terms with basic rules of international comity and how they might affect the case at bar.

In June, **Richard Pomp** was cited in Glieberman v. Dep’t of Treasury (MTT Docket N. 288104) and in Anonymous Corporation v. South Carolina Department of Revenue (Docket No. 02-ALJ-17-0350-CC). Pomp’s writings were cited in August in Dell Catalog Sales v. Commissioner, Department of Revenue Services (Court: Superior Court, Judicial District of New Britain), a test case for a theory Pomp developed in an article. In November, he was quoted in Jo-Ann Dark-Eyes v. Commissioner of Revenue Services (Court: Connecticut Superior Court). That same month Pomp was described as “one of the leading academic authorities in state and local taxation and was qualified as an expert in tax policy” in LANCO, Inc. v. Director, Division of Taxation (Court: Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 005329-97).

Fall Happenings

Admissions

According to Karen DeMeola '96, up until the last few years a typical entering class at the Law School totaled approximately 180 students. Over the last two years that has changed dramatically: 248 first-year students began classes in the fall of 2002, and the group that began this past August totaled 233. "We had 3,532 J.D. applications for the class of 2006, the most since we began keeping these types of records," says DeMeola. "From January to May we worked 10-12 hour days seven days a week in the midst of computer crashes, the Internet going down, and lots of other crises. When the dust settled, we had admitted 638 students, or approximately 18 percent of those who applied. It was absolutely the most difficult year ever to get accepted."

Why? "It's hard to say exactly why," notes DeMeola, "as we have been doing great things here for years, but on the day the *U.S. News & World Report* ratings came out my phone rang off the hook from people wanting to apply immediately."

According to DeMeola, the new students that arrived on campus late in August are comprised of 163 day division students and 70 in the evening division. Women make up 53 percent of the class, while students of color comprise 27 percent of the class, the highest percentage ever. In addition, there are more out-of-state students than is typical. "We have

students from 23 states and three foreign countries," says DeMeola. "In fact, 48 percent of the class is from outside Connecticut. Usually, about 60 percent of new students are from the state, so we are seeing a pretty significant shift, another indication that the Law School's reputation is growing on a national basis." DeMeola adds that the new class of students represents 128 different undergraduate institutions and 53 different majors.

To welcome the new class, day division orientation activities began on August 21 with the delivery of the graduate address by Patricia Wilson-Coker '81, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Social Services. The Hon. Jorge A. Simon '82 of the Superior Court delivered the graduate address to the entering evening division class. The faculty keynote address to day division students was made by Paul Schiff Berman and a presentation on

diversity was made by LeRoy Nesbitt, senior advisor for institutional diversity at Middlebury College.

Career Services

As of December 2003, the Office of Career Services has a new director: Kristin Bierly Magendantz. Magendantz, a graduate of Bates College and Northeastern University School of Law, joins the Law School following six years of private practice in employment and labor law for two Boston-based firms. She is a member of both the Connecticut and Massachusetts bars and serves on the Legislative Affairs Committee for the Human Resources Association of Central Connecticut. Magendantz joins the office at a time when employment statistics remain strong, despite the lagging economy. Nearly 96 percent of the class of 2002 secured positions in 16 different states, and 2.6 percent of the class went on to pursue advanced degrees.



The Hon. Jorge A. Simon '82; Jeremy Paul

sidebar

The number of students pursuing judicial clerkships the year following graduation was at 15 percent for the class of 2002 and continues to rise: 29 members of the class of 2002 and 30 members of the class of 2003 accepted judicial clerkships across the nation, including at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the District Court for the District of Connecticut, and the Supreme Court of Arizona. The class of 2004 appears to be on track to equal or exceed these totals. To date, Law School students have been interviewed or hired by U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, as well as other federal courts and state supreme, appellate, and trial courts from around the country. The William F. Starr Fellowship Fund has permitted the School to underwrite travel expenses of students interviewing for clerkships, greatly enhancing their ability to secure these prestigious positions.

International Programs

In his new role as director of international graduate studies, former dean Hugh Macgill is responsible for the Law School's LL.M. program in United States Legal Studies. Macgill began his first year as head of the program—which is exclusively for holders of first law degrees from non-U.S. institutions—facing many challenges. “Our enrollment is down,

When **Karen DeMeola '96** graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law, admissions work was not on her radar screen. “I went to work as an associate attorney representing clients in civil rights litigation with a focus on employment discrimination and police brutality,” says DeMeola. “I enjoyed it very much and realized how well the Law School had prepared me.”

In 1998, DeMeola was offered a job as a recruiter for the Law School. “It was really a lot of fun,” she recalls. “I was intrigued by the process,” so much so that when Western New England College School of Law offered her the position of assistant director of admissions in February 1999, she jumped at it. Less than two years later, another admissions opportunity arose—this time at her alma mater—and in July 2000 DeMeola became director of admissions, right when the popularity of the Law School was about to explode. “It’s been pretty hectic the last few years, but we are fortunate to have Rachele Torres and now Deb Funke here as support staff, and the faculty readily offers help at open houses and in many other ways.”

DeMeola’s favorite non-admissions activities involve various student groups. “I plan meetings and outreach events with local minority bar associations including the Crawford Society and the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association. I am active in the development of the Connecticut chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender Bar Association.” Currently, DeMeola serves as a member of Anti-harassment



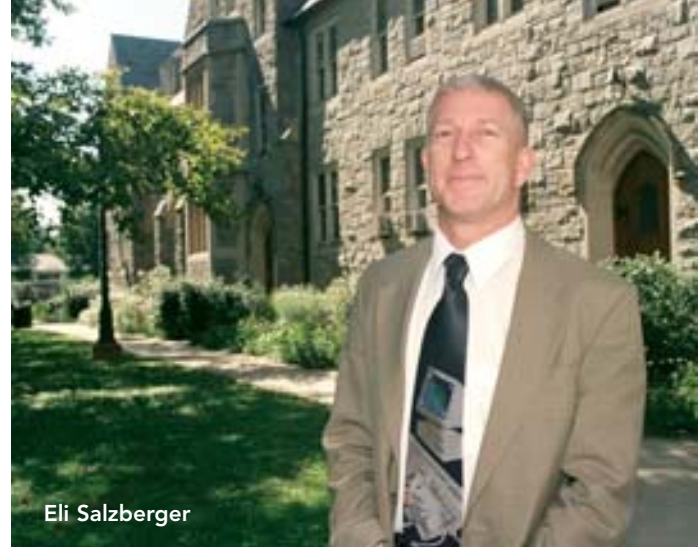
Committee and acts as harassment advisor to student and employee populations. She also is staff advisor to Coalition for a Better UConn Law, the National Lawyers Guild, LAMBDA, and the UConn Law Mentor Program, and serves as a member of the Academic Support and Quality of Life Committees. “My door is always open. I love the feeling that I am integrally involved in the life of the campus.”

It is that time of the year again when DeMeola is integrally involved—immersed is more like it—on who will be offered a spot in the Law School class of 2007. Based on early returns, it will be another hectic year. DeMeola, who refers to herself as a workaholic, is more than up to the task—so much so that Dean Nell Jessup Newton recently promoted her to a new position: assistant dean for admissions and student finance. “I know she will undertake her new responsibilities with the same high degree of professionalism that has marked her service as director of admissions,” said Newton. “Congratulations, Dean DeMeola!”

in large part because of visa difficulties,” says Macgill. “It is no longer an easy matter to get an accepted student into this country. In addition, more U.S. law schools offer similar programs, and we now face strong Australian competition for the growing Asian market for a common-law degree.”

In the LL.M. program’s first decade, the Law School graduated 115 students from 30 countries. Strategies for sustaining the program’s momentum include seeking University and A.B.A. approval of an S.J.D. program. Macgill says, “The addition of a doctoral degree will help attract the best qualified applicants to the LL.M. program which, of course, would be the principal feeder to the doctoral program. The most able and committed LL.M. students would be able to remain at the Law School for an additional year, working with the faculty to bring the work begun in their master’s year to a higher level of professional and scholarly achievement.”

“The strategic objectives of the School’s international programs are best advanced when its various initiatives support one another,” adds Macgill. “Consequently, we want the international graduate studies recruitment effort to reinforce our existing exchange programs with affiliated institutions in Ireland, England, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Italy, China and Puerto Rico. In everything we do, however, we must keep in mind that one of the principal goals of our international programs is to enrich the education of our domestic J.D. candidates by bringing an international and comparative dimension to their Law School experience.”



Eli Salzberger

Blanche Capilos, deputy director of international exchange programs at the Law School reports that there were two new exchange students on campus this fall, both from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law. Five international students are enrolled in the LL.M. program in United States Legal Studies: a Muskie Scholar and graduate of Adilet Higher School of Law from Kazakhstan; a student from Free University in Berlin; a Muskie Scholar from National Shevchenko University and the Ukraine; a student from Brazil; and a graduate of the University of International Business and Economics School of Law in Beijing. In addition, four international students are currently enrolled in the Phoenix Masters Program in Insurance: a student from Saudi Arabia, who is a graduate of King Saud University in Riyadh and Case Western University Law School (LL.M.); a graduate of Soochow University in China; a student from the Facultat de Dret—Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; and a graduate of East China University of Politics and Law.

Martin-Flynn Visiting Professor Eli Salzberger, associate dean of the University of Haifa Law School, was at the Law School in September to deliver the Martin-Flynn lecture, “Economic Analysis of Separation of Powers and the Independence of the Judiciary.” Salzberger, an expert in Israeli constitutional law issues, also spoke at an event sponsored by the Jewish Law Students Association. In his presentation “Israel’s Constitutional Process”, he discussed how the Israeli Supreme Court recently has been drawing upon the Basic Law passed by the Knesset as a form of constitution and how a new form of “constitutionalism” is emerging in Israel.

On October 13, Michael Wallace Gordon ’63, Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law, University of Florida College of Law, delivered the Elihu Burritt



Fernanda Vieira (Brazil); Muna Schultz-Hagenest (Germany); Hugh C. Macgill, Professor of Law; Olena Teslya (Ukraine); Agaisha Ibrasheva (Kazakhstan); Ye Guojun (China)

Lecture in International Law, speaking on “The Breakdown of Civil Procedure in International Litigation.” A West Hartford native, Gordon was an assistant professor and assistant dean at the Law School from 1966 to 1968, during which time he taught the School’s first comparative law course. “I feel like I have come full circle,” said Gordon, “having gone to school at the Woodland Street building, taught at the Asylum Avenue building and now coming to lecture here. It is really wonderful.” Gordon’s presentation dealt primarily with the complex multiple jurisdictional issues involved in litigating cases that involve more than one country, based on his many years as a consultant on international litigation for foreign governments—with a focus in Latin America—and the U.S. departments of State and Justice.

In recognition of International Education Week, the Office of International Exchange Programs held an international career forum on November 18 featuring Laura Dickinson, an international human rights expert whose career includes working as a senior policy advisor to former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Harold Hongju Koh; Marina Cunningham ’93, a partner at McCormick, Paulding & Huber LLP, where she specializes in domestic and foreign patent prosecution, trademark and copyright matters, and e-commerce related issues; Jack Keleher ’03, who interned at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and plans to pursue a job in international law after completing his clerkship for Judge Antoinette Dupont of the Connecticut Appellate Court; Jon Martin ’99 of United Technologies’ Corporate Legal Department, a former Peace Corps volunteer and associate at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP in New York where he specialized in Latin American business transactions; and Laura Santirocco, who, from 2000-2002, was counsel for ING America Legal Services, where she provided legal support to ING America’s Latin America regional office, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions.

Symposia

The Connecticut Journal of International Law/Bingham McCutchen International Symposium—“The New American Hegemony?”—took place at the Law School on October 17. “American isolationism and unilateralism may well have been transformed into American hegemony,



Laura A. Santirocco; Jon P. Martin '99

a new phenomenon,” said Mark Janis, who served as moderator of the first of four panel discussions held throughout the day. “Our conference looks at some of the many questions, political and economic as well as legal, raised by the implications of a U.S. do-it-alone foreign policy in the modern world.”

The opening panel, “Problems of Unilateralism and International Law,” focused on whether and when unilateral foreign policy can be justified and examined when, if ever, it has been practiced justifiably. The panel featured: Kenneth Anderson, Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University; Mark R. Brawley, Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, McGill University; John E. Noyes, Professor of Law, California Western School of Law; David G. Skidmore, Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, Drake University; and Peter J. Spiro, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Faculty Development, Hofstra University School of Law.

Laura Dickinson served as moderator of the day’s second panel: “Security and the New American Hegemony: Iraq, Terrorism, and Other Threats.” Panelists addressing questions about how the U.S. can best ensure the security of its own people and others around the world in the aftermath of September 11 included: Tawia B. Ansah, Assistant Professor of Law, New England School of Law; Peter T. R. Brookes, Senior Fellow for National Security Affairs, The Heritage Foundation; Lt. Col. Walter Gary Sharp, Sr., Director of International Legal Research, The Library of Congress; and David Shorr, Program Officer, U.S. Foreign Policy and Global Governance, The Stanley Foundation.

The symposium's third panel, "Europe and the New American Hegemony," which was moderated by Peter Lindseth, explored several issues, including the extent to which Europe's interests are in opposition to American interests. Panelists were: Alan W. Cafruny, Henry Platt Bristol Professor of International Affairs, Department of Government, Hamilton University; David P. Calleo, University Professor, Dean Acheson Professor and Director of European Studies, The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; Sara A. Dillon, Associate Professor of Law, Suffolk University Law School; and Scheherazade S. Rehman, Associate Professor, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University.

Moderated by Angel Oquendo, the final panel of the day, "American Hegemony and the Developing World," was comprised of: Edward F. Fischer, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Vanderbilt University; Mira U. Kamdar, Senior Fellow, World Policy Institute; and Randolph B. Persaud, Professor, School of International Service, American University. Symposium highlights will appear in Vol. XIX: 2 of the *Connecticut Journal of International Law*.

Americans invariably think of affirmative action as a uniquely American policy. The Connecticut Law Review's November 6 symposium—"Affirmative Action: An International Perspective on a Global Dilemma"—examined ways in which several other countries have confronted affirmative action and the possibility that alternative perspectives might inform United States policy. "This is a wonderful topic for two reasons," said

Paul Schiff Berman, faculty advisor to the Law Review. "First, the U.S. might have something to learn about what is usually looked at as an American issue. Secondly, comparative law is very much on the ascendance, as well as an important part of the Law School's curriculum."

Three distinguished groups of panelists were convened for the symposium. The first panel, "Affirmative Action: The Legitimacy of an International Comparison," was moderated by Richard Kay, who noted that the panel would be addressing the "utility, or lack of utility, of a comparative approach to affirmative action." Panelists were: Clark D. Cunningham, W. Lee Burge Professor of Law and Ethics, Georgia State University College of Law; John David Skrentny, Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego; and Mark V. Tushnet, Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Constitutional Law, Georgetown University Law Center.

Moderated by Laura Dickinson, the second panel addressed the advantages and disadvantages of viewing affirmative action as an international human rights question. Serving on the panel were: Maria Clara Dias, Professor of Philosophy, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro; Laura Dudley Jenkins, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Cincinnati; and Celina Romany, Founder-Director of the Race, Ethnicity and Gender Justice Project in the Americas. The symposium's final panel, moderated by Angel Oquendo, explored the affirmative action policies of Brazil, India, and South Africa, with an emphasis on how these policies might influence America's approach to the advancement of minorities. Panelists were: Marc Galanter, John and Rylla



Randolph B. Persaud; Mira U. Kamdar; Edward F. Fischer; Angel Oquendo



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Bosshard Professor of Law and Professor of South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin Law School, and Centennial Professor in the Department of Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science; Saras Jagwanth, Professor of Law, University of Cape Town; and Seth Racusen, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Political Science, Anna Maria College. The Law Review's third issue will be dedicated, in part, to the affirmative action symposium.

The Eleventh Gallivan Conference on Real Property Law, "Tax and Grow," was held on November 7. "I'm honored to be starting on the path Terry Tondro blazed in his 14 years as Gallivan chair," said recently appointed Thomas F. Gallivan, Jr. Professor of Real Property Law Jeremy Paul, who also is the Law School's associate dean for academic affairs. "We are dedicating today's conference as a valedictory to Terry, the leading scholar in Connecticut on land use policy." The conference focused on the recommendations of Connecticut's Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Burdens and Smart Growth Incentives, which was established under Special Act 02-13 of the Connecticut General Assembly.

Moderated by Paul, the first panel was comprised of three members of the 17-person Blue Ribbon Commission—New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., the Commission's chairman; West Hartford Mayor Jonathan Harris; and Christopher J. Smith '83, a partner with Pullman & Comley, LLC. "We focused on property tax reform and smart growth with an emphasis on

mutual, not narrow, interests," said DeStefano. Moderated by Tondro, the second panel focused on "smart growth," which the Commission defined as "a comprehensive planning process that encourages more efficient land use patterns of development that accommodate sustainable economic growth, reduce transportation congestion, protect natural resources, preserve the traditional character of communities and ensure equitable access to affordable housing, jobs and community services." Panelists were: Mark Bobrowski, Professor of Law, New England School of Law; Robert Ellickson, Walter E. Meyer Professor of Property and Urban Law, Yale Law School; Louise Halper, Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law; and Patricia Salkin, Associate Dean and Director of the Government Law Center, Albany Law School. The final panel of the day dealt with the Commission's recommendations that Connecticut reduce its over-reliance on property taxes by increasing State aid to local government by more than \$1 billion in order to help pay for public school education. Moderated by Kurt Strasser, panelists were: Richard England, Professor of Economics and Natural Resources, University of New Hampshire; Oliver Oldman, Learned Hand Professor Emeritus, Harvard Law School; and Bruce Wallin, Associate Professor of Political Science, Northeastern University.

The Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal Symposium marked the 40th anniversary of the landmark 1963 Supreme Court decision that extended the Sixth Amendment right to counsel to all indigent criminal defendants. "Gideon v. Wainwright After 40 Years: Are We Keeping the Promise?" explored the impact the decision has had over the years and assessed where the legal



The Hon. John DeStefano, Jr.;
The Hon. Jonathan Harris; Christopher J. Smith '83

system is now with regard to the defense of indigent criminal defendants.

Connecticut Supreme Court Justice David N. Borden opened the panel discussion by reviewing the jurisprudential history leading up to *Gideon V. Wainwright*, the history of the case itself, and what he referred to as a “local history” of the case—what it was like in pre-Gideon Connecticut regarding the right to be represented by a public defender. “This is an extraordinary case filled with tragedy, irony and, ultimately, honor,” said Borden. Jacob D. Zeldes, a partner in Zeldes, Needle & Cooper, P.C., followed Borden by sharing what he called “anecdotes from the past” defending indigent criminal defendants. “The Gideon case reversed 175 years of making the Sixth Amendment irrelevant for poor people,” said Zeldes. “But I think one of the most important results of Gideon is benefiting you as law students—and that is the emergence of criminal clinics at law schools.”

Timothy Everett '84, who noted that following Borden and Zeldes was like following Joe DiMaggio at the Old Timers' Game, spoke on post-Gideon development, reviewing several Connecticut cases involving the right to counsel and the common belief that private counsel will provide a better defense than a public defender. “This is not necessarily the case,” he said. “The perception about the disparity between private and public counsel is illusory in many ways.” On that note, Everett introduced Connecticut Superior Court Judge Michael R. Sheldon as a “man who has inspired a generation or more of criminal defense lawyers” through the Criminal Clinic he directed at the Law School from 1976 until his appointment to the bench in 1991. “Gideon tells us that even if you are a layman who can articulate your defense in a way that will make the judge sit up and pay attention, you are not the functional equivalent of a lawyer,” said Sheldon, who spoke on the role of counsel. “A lawyer who is appointed to represent a criminal defendant must be more than a warm body with a law degree. There is nothing better than representing a poor person and being a giant for your client. If you do this kind of work, don't dabble in it. The person on the other side of the table is worth every drop of your blood.”

Susan O. Storey '82, deputy chief public defender for the State of Connecticut and a former Sheldon student, focused her remarks on the challenges facing the public



defense system. “Gideon’s story is really no different than the stories I hear today when interviewing clients in lock-up,” said Storey. “Fortunately, Connecticut has been a leader in representing indigents. But there is still too much pressure to ‘move the business’ and we continue to have insufficient time and confidential space to interview clients. A parity of resources should exist between public defenders and prosecutors.”

Student Sponsored Events and Discussions

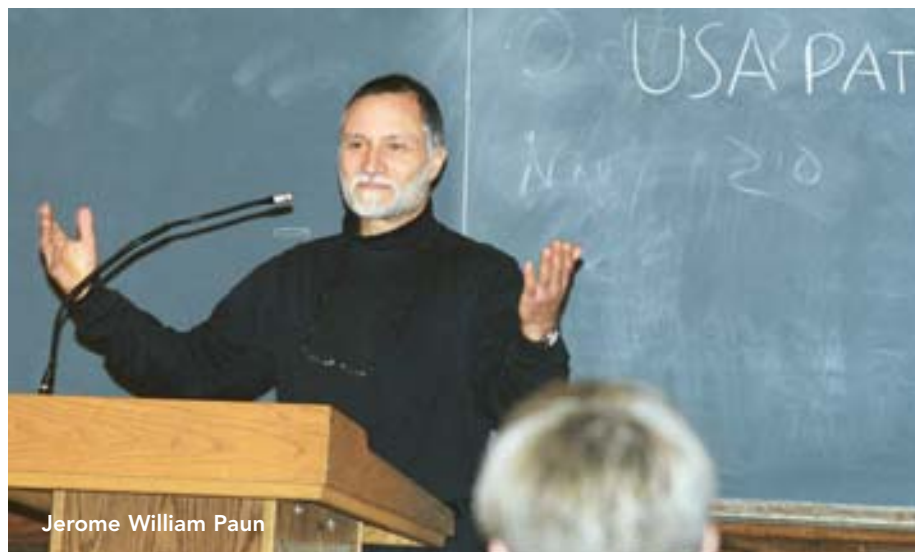
On September 22, the Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal, the Faculty Committee on Public Interest Law and the Public Interest Law Group co-sponsored a panel discussion on careers in public interest law moderated by Elizabeth McCormick. Panelists included Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Joette Katz '77; Stephen Pevar, National Staff Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union; Ann Blanchard, Litigation Director, Children At Risk, Connecticut Legal Services; and Lucy Potter '84, Staff Attorney, Greater Hartford Legal Aid. PILG Co-President Eden Hauslaib '05 observed that “the speakers were open and honest about the financial difficulties of a public interest career, but secure in their convictions that it’s not impossible to do. It was an inspiring event, timed to occur during the traditional firm-recruitment season.”

The 11th annual Public Interest Law Group Auction was held on November 14 to raise funds for the Law School Foundation endowment that provides funds for

grants for Law School students working in public interest law internships over the summer. Recent grant recipients have worked at the International Human Rights Organization, Advocates for Children of New York City, Inc., the Conservation Law Foundation, Greater Hartford Legal Aid and the Center for Children's Advocacy. According to PILG co-president Elissa Torto '05, this year's auction, which took place at the West Hartford Town Hall, raised more than \$26,000. Among the wonderful items available at the live and silent phases of the auction were use of Dean Nell Jessup Newton's parking space for two weeks, a chance to be dean for a day, an auto-graphed/personalized photo of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, fine wines, a day of sailing with Kurt Strasser, a pool party at Lewis Kurlantzick's, lunch with former Dean Phillip I. Blumberg, shopping sprees, and a juggling lesson. Save the date of Friday, November 12, West Hartford Town Hall, for the 2004 PILG Auction.

The Law School's chapter of the National Lawyers Guild sponsored three events this fall on a range of topics. The U.S.A. Patriot Act was the subject of a September 23 presentation by Jerome William Paun, attorney and national treasurer of the Guild. "Since the tragedy of September 11, the Guild has been providing legal advice and helping to spearhead efforts to repeal the Patriot Act," said Paun. "The Act essentially creates an illusion of being about security when it is, in fact, about tyranny and a threat to civil and human rights." Addressing how the government could put together such a 342-page act so quickly, Paun, who practices labor law in Willimantic, noted that the "vast majority of the act consists of provisions that have been brought to Congress in the past but judged to be too Draconian. 9/11 changed all that. Lots of what was illegal was made legal under the U.S.A. Patriot Act."

On October 15, the Guild sponsored a presentation by Harry Williams of the New Haven-based American Civil Liberties Union's Drug Policy Litigation Project. Williams' remarks focused primarily on medical marijuana, a topic of particular interest given that the day before, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review a lower-court ruling that, for all intents and purposes, enables physicians in the nine states that allow the medical use of marijuana for seriously ill patients to do so without being punished by the federal government.



On November 12, Martin Scherr, director of the Child Welfare League of America's International Office, spoke about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), an international treaty designed to protect and preserve the individual rights and basic human needs of children. The U.N. adopted CRC in 1989: only two of the 193 member nations—Somalia and the United States—failed to ratify the treaty.

On October 29, the Connecticut Moot Court Board held the finals of the 2003 William H. Hastie Memorial Moot Court Competition in the William R. Davis Courtroom in Starr Hall. Presiding over the case—which involved whether a failure to give a suspect warnings pre-



scribed by Miranda v. Arizona requires the suppression of physical evidence derived from the suspect's unwarned but voluntary statement—were Justice Richard N. Palmer '77 of the Connecticut Supreme Court; Judge Thomas A. Bishop of the Connecticut Appellate Court; and Judge Linda Pearce Prestley '85 of the Connecticut Superior Court. Elissa Torto '05 argued on behalf of the petitioner, the United States of America, while Melissa Murphy '05 argued on behalf of the respondent, Samuel Francis Patane. Erica Wardle '04, intramural director, announced the 2003 Hastie honorees: Melissa Murphy '05, champion; Elissa Torto '05, finalist; David Michel '05, best oralist; and Lauren Palmisano '05, best brief.

This fall, trial advocacy teams from STLA, the student chapter of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) competed in two mock trial competitions. On October 9-12, a team of four Law School students—Elizabeth Burne '06, Patrick Hughes '05, Loretta Ortega '06 and Melissa Pomfred '05—competed in the Lone Star Classic at St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio. On the weekend of October 25 another STLA team competed at the Quinnipiac Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition sponsored by the Quinnipiac University School of Law and the Criminal Trial Advocacy Division of the ABA. Representing the Law School in a complex homicide case were Eric Chester '04, Emily Dean '06, Josh Martin '04, and Dawson Hodgson '04.

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) played host to an academic retreat at the Law School campus on October 11 for BLSA chapters from throughout the

Northeast. "It was a great opportunity for the chapters to interact and learn together," said Tony Pitts '05, president of the Law School chapter of the BLSA. According to Pitts, more than 100 people attended the retreat, sponsors of which included LexisNexis, Barbri, Kaplan, Westlaw, and the Dean's Office. Facilitators were the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association and Professor Christopher Metzler of Cornell. Regina Hopkins, Director of the Nonprofit Pro Bono Initiative of the Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative, Inc. delivered the keynote address.

On October 23, BLSA sponsored a panel discussion, "Rebuilding Our Community," which provided an opportunity for Law School students to talk with City of Hartford political leaders Deputy Mayor Veronica Airey-Wilson, Corporation Counsel Alexander Aponte, and City Councilman Kenneth Kennedy. "One of the purposes of the panel discussion was to learn how we as law students could help to revitalize Hartford," said Pitts.

"In law school, we spend a great deal of time studying cases, but not much time learning how lawyers who practice corporate law got where they are. That is what this evening is all about." With those words, Jarod Panza '05, president of the Corporate and Securities Law Society, a student organization now in its second year, convened a November 5 panel discussion entitled, "Corporate Raw (sushi was served): The Role of Corporate Law in Today's Environment." Panelists were: Peter Brown, counsel to Northeast Utilities; Steven M. Greenspan '85, a partner at Day, Berry & Howard LLP and chair of its Commercial Litigation Department; and



BLSA academic retreat

Richard D. Harris '90, chair of Day, Berry & Howard LLP's Technology and Intellectual Property Business Law Department. In his remarks, Brown spoke on the difference between working as a corporate lawyer in a firm and being an in-house corporate lawyer. "When you are on the inside you have access to a lot more information than when you represent a client as a member of an outside law firm," said Brown. "As an in-house lawyer, it is much more difficult to say 'no' to the client."

"As a corporate lawyer, your job is to come up with a creative way for your client to accomplish what they want, when at all possible," said Harris. "Every legal conclusion you reach will have an impact on the business you represent." Harris then walked the audience through one of his typical days to illustrate the depth, breadth—and hectic pace—of his practice.

Greenspan, a trial lawyer who is currently president of the Hartford County Bar Association, noted that "what I do is similar to a business lawyer, but I generally get involved when deals go awry. The general concept for me is to figure out a way to settle the case as quickly and cheaply as possible—to figure out a way to fix the situation so the business deal can move forward."

On November 6, the Italian Student Bar Association sponsored a speaking engagement by Judge Joseph H. Pellegrino, chief administrative justice of the Connecticut Appellate Court. Pellegrino's presentation, which was co-sponsored by the Connecticut Italian Bar Association, focused on the implementation and current use of the E-filing system in the Connecticut trial court system. "The intimate setting allowed Judge Pellegrino pull up a chair and speak candidly about his experiences and general thoughts on the legal profession," said Mario Coppola '04, president of the Association. "In closing, Judge Pellegrino expounded upon the duty we hold as young attorneys entering the profession to maintain the traditions and respect for the court that have remained the cornerstone of our judicial system, but which are all too often taken for granted."

The Hon. Robert N. Chatigny, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, was the featured speaker at the inaugural event of the Law School's chapter of the American Constitution Society. Chatigny's November 11 remarks centered on the Feeney Amendment, a legislative amendment successfully intro-



Steven M. Greenspan '85;
Richard D. Harris '90; Peter Brown



The Hon. Joseph H. Pellegrino



The Hon. Robert N. Chatigny



duced by U.S. Rep. Tom Feeney of Florida that limits the ability of trial judges to effect downward departures in all criminal cases. “My main objective is to help explain what I perceive to be a significant problem with regard to criminal justice and the growing conflict between the legislative and judicial branches of government,” said Chatigny. “The Feeney Amendment is a step in the wrong direction, a step toward mandatory sentencing in the federal courts. In order to live up to the principles of liberty that bind us all together, we must achieve an appropriate balance between unfettered discretion on the part of sentencing judges and mandatory sentencing.”

Chatigny emphasized that judges departing from mandatory sentencing seek to do the right thing. “Most often, the departing judges are treating the person before them with dignity, respect and equality. If the Feeney Amendment takes hold I fear I will be placed in a position of having to impose mandatory sentencing far more often. Judges must have hearts; mandatory sentencing is at odds with this.”

On December 3, the Law School chapter of LAMBDA and the Rainbow Center at Storrs co-sponsored a presentation by Elvia R. Arriola, Associate Professor, Northern Illinois University College of Law. Arriola spoke about the Solomon Amendment—a federal law that provides for the Secretary of Defense to deny federal funding to institutions of higher learning if they prohibit or prevent ROTC or military recruitment on campus—and several lawsuits filed by law professors and law schools who have restricted

the military’s ability to recruit on campus because of its implicit policy of discriminating against gays. “This battle between universities and the Department of Defense clearly illustrates that we are still living in dangerous times when it comes to civil rights...especially if you think of gay and lesbian rights as a struggle similar to the civil rights movement of the ’50s and ’60s,” said Arriola, a former staff attorney at the national headquarters of the ACLU and assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Department of Law. “Since 9/11 we have moved from fighting for equality to fighting a non-stop war against terrorism through racial profiling and the U.S.A. Patriot Act. Nobody is looking at what I would call ‘domestic terrorism’ targeted toward gays and lesbians. The Solomon Amendment looks like an instrument of war against those working to oppose discrimination.”

In the News

On September 10, the Criminal Clinic was the recipient of The Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association’s 2003 “Champion of Liberty” award “in recognition of over 30 years of training criminal defense lawyers.” In accepting the award, Todd Fernow, director of the Criminal Clinic, noted that Clinic graduates include many federal and state prosecutors, as well as scores of public defenders, eight Connecticut judges and many others in public service.

The Law School received nationwide publicity on September 24 on the CBS TV show “Judging Amy.” About halfway through the episode, Judge Amy’s new law assistant pulled out her framed law school diploma to hang on the wall and the camera panned in to reveal—yes, a diploma from the University of Connecticut School of Law. The Law School thanks Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Finances Karen DeMeola ’96, who was kind enough to let a copy of her diploma be sent to the show’s prop master.

In September, The University of Connecticut School of Law was named as one of the top 25 law schools for Hispanics by *Hispanic Business Magazine*. The magazine, which noted that 36 Hispanic students were currently enrolled at the Law School (approximately six percent of the School’s total enrollment) said that the Law School’s “program emphasizes intellectual discipline and the development of the professional analytic skills required

to respond effectively to the challenge of continuing change in the law and in the society it serves...The diverse backgrounds, specialties, and intellectual approaches of the faculty assure a wide variety of teaching styles and formats, including clinical instruction, skills training, interdisciplinary work, and courses and workshops employing the problem method."

In November, the *Connecticut Law Review* was the 26th most cited legal periodical among more than 700 general and specialized journals ranked by the Washington and Lee University School of Law Library. The *Law Review* outranked such other prestigious journals as the *Boston College Law Review*, *Boston University Law Review*, *Emory Law Journal*, *George Washington Law Review*, and *Hastings Law Journal*. Complete rankings can be found at www.law.wlu.edu/library/research/lawrevs/mostcited.asp

On December 1, U.S. Representative John B. Larson of Connecticut's First District was the featured speaker and moderator at a public policy forum entitled "Continuity of Congress: How Will Congress Survive in the Event of a Disaster?" The forum, which was covered by the local electronic and print media, focused on the first report of the Continuity of Government Commission, an American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and Brookings Institution project that was established in 2002 to recommend reforms to ensure the continuity of America's governmental institutions in the event a catastrophic attack killed or incapacitated a large number of members of Congress. "Thank you for providing an opportunity for us to be at the Law School for such an important dialogue," said Larson. "While it is difficult to come to grips with one's own demise, it is very important that Congress demonstrate to terrorists that there is a plan in place to keep the government running. I have come to the conclusion that we need a constitutional amendment to best accomplish this." Larson was joined on the panel by Norman Ornstein of the AEI, a senior counselor on the project; Jilda Aliotta, the chair of the Department of Politics and Government at the University of Hartford; Diana Evans, a professor of political science at Trinity College; Kenneth Long, an associate professor and chair of the Department of History and Political Science at St. Joseph College; Hugh Macgill, an expert in constitutional law; Angelo Messori, a professor of

history and political science at Manchester Community College; Paul Petterson, an associate professor and chair of the Political Science Department at Central Connecticut State University; and David Yalof, an associate professor of political science at the University of Connecticut. "With great reluctance, I believe the succession issue should be addressed by a constitutional amendment," said Macgill, whose view was shared, at least in part, by each of the panelists. "It is unimaginable what could go wrong if it took 90 days for new elections."

The Federal Economic Development Administration has awarded a \$1,940,000 grant to the campus-based Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative (CULI). The funds will be spent over the next three years to implement a technology-based economic development strategy for Hartford, East Hartford and the remaining 27 Capital Region communities. CULI will administer these funds and serve as counsel to various entities engaged on the project.

And last, but not least, Law School Business Manager Donna Gionfriddo was one of the winners of the University of Connecticut Alumni Association calendar photography contest this year thanks to what Dean Nell Jessup Newton aptly described as "her fabulous picture of the Law Library in February (sans scaffolding, of course)." Other Gionfriddo photos of the Law School campus can be found throughout the Web site: www.law.uconn.edu ■



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Giving Back

On October 25, 2003, Daniel F. Flynn '62 died. Flynn, chief operating officer of Resources Management Group at the time of his death, was the 1999 recipient of the Law School Alumni Association's Distinguished Graduate Award and president of the Law School Foundation from 1988-1990. In 1997, he established the Martin-Flynn International Law Fund, an endowment that, in Flynn's words, "helps equip the Law School with the means to offer first rate programs in diverse areas of international law." The following is a tribute to Flynn from his good friend Hugh Macgill, former dean of the Law School.



Barbara and Daniel F. Flynn '62

During my first year as dean, Dan and I circled each other warily. What might this new dean, untested as an administrator, bode for the School? Would this influential graduate be a force for progress or an obstacle to it? At the end of that year I faced an important problem of great delicacy which I could not solve alone. I took the risk of describing the problem to Dan, without asking him to help. The problem went away. What did Dan do? I have no idea—we never spoke of the matter again. With each year, trust grew between us. I came to know him as a man of profound loyalty, integrity and generosity. With his family and his faith at the core of all he did, he extended his friendship and loyalty with the same thoughtfulness and care he exercised in financial investments. Dan's commitment, once made, was without limit. I trusted him, I counted on him, and I enjoyed him thoroughly. Much of the time he was holding my feet to the fire: Was my thinking bold enough? Were my ambitions for the School high enough? I don't think I ever left a conversation with him without something to laugh over and something new to think about. I still haven't absorbed the reality that he is gone. It saddens me especially that while his name will be recorded as one of the most generous donors in the history of the Law School, those who did not know him will not have felt the fierce loyalty and boundless generosity of spirit that was his greatest gift to all of us.

Hugh C. Macgill
Former Dean
Professor of Law

The Law School Web site—www.law.uconn.edu—now includes an online printable form for use by graduates wishing to donate to benefit the School. The form can be found by clicking on the alumni/ae button on the site's home page.

Donor/Scholar Reception

The Law School's fourth annual Donor/Scholar Reception was held in the Reading Room on November 13 to thank the generous donors of scholarships and to recognize all scholarship recipients. Anyone interested in establishing an endowed scholarship should call The University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, Inc. at 860-523-0077. ■



John Lobon; Dr. John H. Bennett; Jennai S. Williams '06



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Elida Salcedo '06; The Hon. Ellen Ash Peters



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A lumni Association Awards Dinner

On October 9, Law School graduates and faculty joined together at the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner of The University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc. to honor this year's award recipients: Thomas J. Groark, Jr. '65 and The Hon. Donna F. Martinez '78. Groark received the Distinguished Graduate Award, Judge Martinez the Distinguished Service Award.

"I can't believe this is my fourth year as your dean," said Dean Nell Jessup Newton, who kicked off the festivities at the Hawthorne Inn after a gracious introduction by outgoing Alumni Association President S. Dave Vatti '92. "One of the great pleasures I have in this job is working with our wonderful Alumni Association. I have so enjoyed working with Dave Vatti and look forward to working with the new president, Kim Murphy '70. Enjoy the evening. We are honoring two terrific graduates."

"When I knew I was going to introduce Tom Groark tonight I started asking around about him," said Murphy. "I was told that he was a good man, a good lawyer and a good citizen." A brief look at some of the highlights of Groark's career clearly supports Murphy's findings.

Thomas Groark worked with the Civil Rights Division in the U.S. Justice Department before beginning his distinguished career with Day, Berry & Howard LLP,

where he has served as chair of the firm, a member of its Executive Committee and chair of its Litigation Department. A specialist in complex commercial litigation, Groark has

represented directors and officers of Connecticut corporations in security litigation and insurance companies in environmental, products liability, asbestos and other types of insurance coverage litigation. His work representing insurance companies in the highest courts in New York and Connecticut is frequently cited.

A fellow and former state chairman of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Groark was a founder of the Hartford County Volunteer Defenders. His bar-related activities include advocating legislation to unify the state courts; evaluating U.S. District Court nominees; revising process and procedures for the U.S. District Court; and mediating disputes between lawyers. An active member of the greater Hartford community, Groark is the vice chairman and a member of the Executive Committee of the board of regents of the University of Hartford; past chairman of the board and member of the Executive Committee of the Metro Hartford Chamber of Commerce; director and past chairman of the Hartford Stage Company; director of the Holy Apostles College and Seminary; trustee of the Roberts Foundation; incorporator of the St. Francis Medical Center and of the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital; and past president of The Hartford Golf Club.

"A few of the nice things said about me tonight were true," said Groark upon receiving the Distinguished Graduate Award. "I'm glad no one was here to tell the other side of the story. Seriously, I am delighted to receive this award and very much humbled when I look at the list of distinguished people who have received this award before me.

"There are many people responsible for my success. First and foremost is my wife, Eunice, whom I met on



Thomas J. Groark, Jr. '65



Dean Nell Jessup Newton; The Hon. Donna F. Martinez '78; Thomas J. Groark, Jr. '65

The University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc. thanks the following for their generosity in buying tables to support the 2003 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner.

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my first day of law school. She has been my advisor and confidant for all these years. I also want to thank the many lawyers who have worked with me at Day, Berry & Howard. I have taken on many complex litigation cases and, while I may have gotten the credit for those cases that went well, you don't achieve success without a strong team behind you.

"Finally, I want to thank the Law School for providing me with the tools to achieve what I have achieved. When I started, tuition was \$150 a semester. I wasn't one to spend a lot of money in those days but even I thought it was well worth it. I found out very quickly when I was working for the U.S. Department of Justice that I could compete with lawyers who had graduated from the top-ranked law schools in the country. Now we have graduates going to all the major law firms in the country. We at Day, Berry & Howard are delighted when we can get top students from here. I thank the Law School for giving me a passion for the law and community service, and for honoring me tonight."

United States Magistrate Judge Donna Martinez earned an undergraduate degree and master's degree in

social work from the University of Connecticut before pursuing her legal education. Upon graduation from the Law School, Martinez worked as an assistant corporation counsel for the City of Hartford. In 1980, she joined the Office of the United States Attorney in the District of Connecticut. As an assistant United States attorney, she represented the government in a wide array of civil and criminal litigation cases. When she was appointed United States Magistrate Judge in February 1994, Martinez was serving as the United States attorney's chief of the Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Judge Martinez has taught at the U.S. Department of Justice Advocacy Institute and at Yale Law School. A member of the Connecticut Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Hispanic Bar Association and the Federal Magistrate Judges' Association, she is a past president and vice president of the Oliver Ellsworth Chapter of the American Inns of Court and a member of the board of directors of the American Leadership Forum.

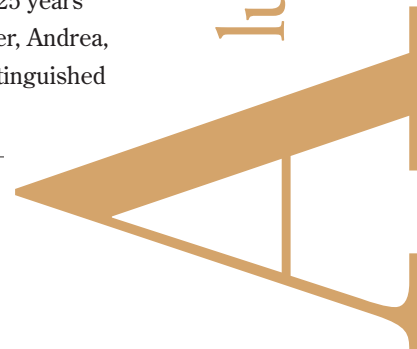
"Judge Martinez enjoys a great reputation on the bench and is known to be extremely bright and hard-working," said Kim Murphy in his introduction. "The Alumni Association is proud to be honoring her tonight."

"I am so proud and grateful to be in such distinguished company this evening," said Judge Martinez in accepting the Distinguished Service Award. "I graduated 25 years ago when all Law School classes were held in three classrooms in that building on Asylum Avenue. What a return I have gotten on that investment. I have enjoyed abundant awards and I treasure the relationships that I developed during my years at the Law School. Today, I watch with terrific pride as the School's reputation is steadily on the rise.

"I have so many people to thank. First and foremost I want to thank my wonderful staff who work so very hard and who give me so much support. I also want to recognize my many dear friends who are here tonight, most of whom are Law School friends from 25 years ago. And, finally, I want to thank my daughter, Andrea, and my parents. They truly deserve the Distinguished Service Award." ■



Alumni Association Awards Dinner



Class Notes

1939—REUNION CLASS

Elizabeth Hutchins' accomplishments are included in *Ladies of the Lake*, a book edited by Carmen Vance that pays tribute to the pioneering spirit and dedication to public service of a group of professional women living on Columbia Lake in Connecticut.

1948

Philip Morehouse was honored at the Darien Old Timers Athletic Association Annual Sports Awards Dinner with the Old Timers Civic Award. Retired, he is involved with numerous civic groups in Darien.

1952

Ben Gunn and his wife, Mary, were named co-chairs for the Norwalk Hospital Centennial Society Gala, which was held October 17, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency in Old Greenwich. Gunn, a senior partner with Gunn, Godfrey & Allison, served as director, secretary and general counsel to the R.C. Bigelow Company, Inc., and general counsel to The Educational Foundation of America and to Brooks Community Newspapers. He served as secretary, vice chairman and board chairman to the Norwalk Hospital board of trustees; in 2003 he was named an honorary trustee. Gunn also served on the board of trustees at the University of Bridgeport. In 1994 he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Bridgeport. He is a former chairman of the Nature Center for Environmental Activities, Inc. (now Earthplace).

1957

Stanley Barall was appointed as a magistrate of the Superior Court of Connecticut. **John Maiocco** is a judge trial referee, sitting in Fairfield Judicial District, Bridgeport. He presides over Part A criminal trials.

1962

Michael Mack spoke at a training seminar sponsored by the Center for Children's Advocacy at the Law School in December. Mack, the state's chief administrative judge for juvenile matters, indicated that he has "spent much of the last 12 months cleaning house." He stated, "Each of us in the juvenile court system can never forget the awesome responsibility we must meet each day as we embark upon our daily task of furthering the best interest of the child. There is no room for sloppiness, neglectfulness, or failure to fulfill our duty every day to that child. They have nowhere else to turn."

1963

Dale Faulkner was congratulated by members of his firm, Faulkner & Boyce, P.C., on "40 years of professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm in the practice of law." His accomplishments include fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers and NBTA board certification as a civil trial advocate. A highly respected and popular adjunct professor at the Law School for many years, he continues to educate the bar as co-author of the *Connecticut Trial Evidence Notebook*. **Sydney Schulman** and his wife, Elba, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. In November 2003, Schulman was re-elected mayor of Bloomfield. He is the owner of his law firm, Schulman & Associates, Hartford. **Richard Zeisler** was congratulated by his firm, Zeisler & Zeisler, P.C., on 40 years of dedicated service to the practice of law. He has served the community with his continued interest in education, lecturing on legal matters through the Bridgeport Bar Association's continuing legal education program and has served as chairman of numerous boards and associations during his distinguished career.

1964—REUNION CLASS

Nicholas Cardwell was featured in a front-page article in the August 11, 2003 edition of *The Connecticut Law Tribune*. Cardwell, a partner with the Hartford firm of Cardwell, Cardwell & Smoragiewicz, is a pilot and recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first solo flight. "I love the peacefulness of it," he proclaimed, his eyes gleaming at the mere thought of taking to the skies again."

1965

Eunice and **Thomas Groark** hosted a barbecue to benefit Hartford's Camp Courant. **Eunice Groark** was honored by the Hartford College for Women as the Laura A. Johnson Woman of the Year at the 11th annual Celebration of Women Leaders Luncheon at the Hartford Hilton on October 3.

1966

Michael Koskoff's op-ed piece, "Let Doctors Share The Cost Of Malpractice Insurance," appeared in the August 25 edition of the *Hartford Courant*. On September 20, 2003 he participated in the CTLA-Civil Justice Foundation, Inc.'s 21st Annual College of Evidence. His presentation was entitled, "Toward a 'Connecticut Rule' on Duabert/Porter: A Practical Approach." Koskoff co-chaired the CTLA-Civil Justice Foundation, Inc.'s presentation, "Trial

Demonstration/Medical Malpractice: From Jury Selection To Final Argument—Koskoff Failure To Diagnose Breast Cancer" on October 10, 2003 at the Omni Hotel, New Haven. He also served as a faculty member for the program.

1968

James Lotstein is a partner in the corporate practice group of Edwards & Angell LLP, Hartford.

1970

Mark Asmar, a partner in the Hartford office of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, was named among the best practitioners in real estate practice in the 2003-2004 edition of Chambers & Partners' guide to *America's Leading Business Lawyers*.

1971

Stephen Goddard spoke about his latest book, *Race to the Sky: the Wright Brothers Versus the United States Government*, at the Hartford Public Library on November 20, 2003. His article, "Driving Us Crazy," appeared in the Commentary section of the Sunday *Hartford Courant* on December 21, 2003. Goddard, a Hartford attorney, is an expert on transportation issues.

1972

Dennis Anderson received one of six East Haven High School Hall of Fame and Distinguished Graduate awards on November 23, 2003. Anderson is a state underwriting counsel and claims manager for Stewart Title Guaranty Company, Wethersfield. He has served as director of the Bridgeport Bar Association, and was a contributing editor to *Connecticut Lawyers Deskbook* and *Connecticut Foreclosures*. He is co-author of the *Connecticut Common Interest Community Manual* and author of *Practical Guide to Condominium Law in Connecticut*. Stuart and his wife, Ann, live in Milford. They have three children, Katherine, Nora, and William. **Chester Fairlie** was featured in an article in "The Practice" section of *The Connecticut Law Tribune's* September 22 issue. Fairlie, formerly a defense lawyer, became an advocate for victims after training as a part-time emergency medical technician. "I just began to see some of the effects of violence—car accidents and injury—from a very close-up perspective," said Fairlie, who went on approximately 500 calls as an EMT while still practicing law. **John Sponheimer** was inducted into Notre Dame High School's Knights of Honor membership at the West Haven school's 18th annual



As assistant vice president and associate counsel in the General Counsel Department of The Chubb Corporation's Simsbury office, **DAWN S. GREENLAW '96, LL.M. '03** is responsible for providing legal advice to the United States field operation of Chubb Specialty Insurance, a multi-billion dollar strategic business unit that provides specialty insurance products. "In addition to advising on a range of policy language and coverage issues, I will be assuming a new role that involves coordinating our field operations outside of the U.S. on all non-product specific legal issues," says Greenlaw.

Greenlaw, who has been with Chubb since 1997, notes that her interest in insurance law dates back to her days as a J.D. candidate. "My interest started in 1993 when I took a part-time law clerk position at Kennedy and Woodbridge, a captive insurance defense firm of CIGNA," notes Greenlaw, who has a B.A. and M.P.A. from the University of Vermont, an M.A. in political science from Boston College and an LL.M. in banking and finance law from Boston University School of Law. "While at the Law School, I was a member of the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal and the Connecticut Moot Court Board, where I created the issues to be argued at the Starr Insurance Law Moot Court Competition. Around that same time, I took a full-time position at Skelley Rottner P.C., an insurance defense firm."

So what led Greenlaw to add the LL.M. in insurance law to her impressive list of academic degrees? "As an insurance lawyer, I thought that the LL.M. would enhance my understanding of many areas of property and casualty insurance and assist me in my handling of specialty lines matters," Greenlaw says. "The program provided far more than I anticipated. I was able to study auto, property, commercial general liability, fidelity, and other types of insurance. In addition, I studied insurance regulation, reinsurance, alternative risk transfer and other insurance matters that span product lines. I attribute my ability to handle my new responsibilities at Chubb, in many ways, to my studies in the LL.M. program."

Knights of Honor Dinner on October 25, 2003 in New Haven. Sponheimer is a partner with Hoyle and Sponheimer, Ansonia.

1973

Robert Langer co-authored the *Connecticut Practice Series, Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices*, Vol. 12, with John T. Morgan and David L. Belt. **Robert Metzler** was elected chairman of the United Way of Connecticut, Inc.'s board of directors. Metzler is a partner at Tyler Cooper & Alcorn LLP, Hartford.

1974—REUNION CLASS

Henry Banach was this year's Shem Tov honoree at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Bridgeport. He was honored at Shabbat services on October 4, 2003. Banach was a longtime employee with United Technologies and is currently the owner of Minutemen Press in Monroe. He served on the Congregation's board of directors and on the Men's Club board, as well as on the boards of Congregation Shaare Torah, the JCCS, and the Greater Bridgeport Jewish Federation. He also has served on the boards of the Rotary Club, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, the Connecticut Association of Purchasing Management, and Connecticut Minority Purchasing Council. Banach resides in Trumbull with his wife, Marilyn. They have two children. **John Kelly** is a partner with Nixon Peabody LLP, New York. **Richard Meehan's** op-ed piece, "Ashcroft's Get-Tough Policy Will Hinder Prosecutors," appeared in the October 6, 2003 edition of the *Hartford Courant*. **James Robertson** was sworn in as a Connecticut Superior Court judge in November 2003. Judge Robertson sits on the bench in New Britain.

1975

James Bartolini participated in CTLA-Civil Justice Foundation, Inc.'s 21st Annual College of Evidence on September 20, 2003 at Quinnipiac University School of Law. His presentation was entitled, "Presenting the One Car Unwitnessed Accident Case." **Thomas Condon**, a *Hartford Courant* veteran journalist, has taken over the editorship of "Place," a weekly two-page section, and also will write a Sunday column on improving the physical world of cities, suburbs and towns. Condon has won numerous awards, including the New England Society of Newspaper Editors' Master Reporter Award and an Emmy for TV commentary on Channel 30. His *Northeast Magazine* article on Richard LaPointe, the mentally handicapped man convicted of murdering his wife's grandmother, was featured on "60 Minutes." **William Fitzpatrick** and

Michael Bologna '81 were featured in a November 19 *Fairfield Citizen-News* article entitled "Development Interest: Land Use and Bread and Butter." Both are partners with the Fairfield firm of Fitzpatrick, Frey & Bologna, LLC. Much of Fitzpatrick's early legal work dealt with mortgages and closings, both in the commercial and residential sectors. Today he does more applicant work than opposition work of a land-use proposal. **Jerald Hurwitz** is of counsel for Stradley Ronon, Attorneys at Law, Philadelphia, PA, specializing in the areas of commercial and consumer credit law, asset-based lending and factoring, bankruptcies and workouts, bank loans and regulations and mortgage lending. Hurwitz is a member of the executive board of the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys. He has been a member since 1977. **Howard Schiller** is a board certified workers' compensation specialist. Schiller is principal for the Law Offices of Howard B. Schiller, Willimantic. He is a member of the CBA's Workers' Compensation Section, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, the Windham County Bar Association, and the National Organization of Social Security Claimant's Representatives. He also is a fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. Schiller served as town attorney for the town of Windham from 1981-84 and as chairman of the Windham Charter Revision Commission. He is president of the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry, Inc.

1976

David Hinkle reports, "I had the good fortune to host Secretary of the Navy Gordon England on his visit to Southeastern Connecticut. One of our Sonalysts studio's sound stages was able to hold the large crowd attending a Chamber of Commerce

reception in his honor." Hinkle is chairman emeritus of Sonalysts, Inc., Waterford, CT. **Francis Pennarola** was re-elected to Newtown's town council. He and his wife, Maureen, live in Newtown with their three sons, Adam, Brian, and Patrick. **John Thomas** is vice president and branch counsel for Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, East Hartford.

1977

William Curry was featured in the article, "How Do You Like Me Now?", which appeared in *Northeast Magazine* in the December 21, 2003 *Hartford Courant*. The article addressed the issue of corruption and the failures of politics in Connecticut. **Mark Dubois** recently left the Law School faculty to accept a position as Connecticut's first chief discipline counsel. He is charged with establishing a new office within the Judicial Branch, which will investigate matters of professional discipline against lawyers and investigate and prosecute the unauthorized practice of law. **Richard Palmer**, a Connecticut Supreme Court justice, was featured in a front-page article in the September 8, 2003 issue of *The Connecticut Law Tribune*. Palmer spent his summer break presiding over two criminal cases in the state's Superior Court. Said Palmer, "Having never been a trial judge, the opportunity to sit as one is an invaluable experience for me." He stated that the stint has helped him to appreciate more fully the pressures faced elsewhere in the judicial system. **James Ruane** became president of the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association on September 10, 2003, at the CCDLA's annual meeting in New Haven. Ruane is a partner with Ruane, Attorneys at Law, Bridgeport. **Mark Stapleton** was appointed to serve as Connecticut's interim

KAREN T. STAIB '98 is an associate at Shipman & Goodwin LLP, where she practices in the areas of complex business and intellectual property litigation, with particular emphasis on franchise, petroleum marketing, noncompetition and trade secret matters, both at the trial and appellate levels. A member of the firm's Appellate, Complex Business Litigation and Intellectual Property Litigation practice groups, Staib clerked for The Hon. Flemming L. Norcott, Jr., of the Connecticut Supreme Court prior to joining Shipman & Goodwin in 1999.



While a student at the Law School, Staib, a graduate of Dartmouth College, served as president of the Women Law Students Association, a teaching assistant in the Lawyering Process program, and editor in chief of the *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal*. "Tom Baker came to the Law School the year I was editor in chief, when the CILJ was still in its relative infancy. Along with his enthusiasm for insurance law and his commitment to increasing the Law School's prominence in the field through the development of the Insurance Law Center, Tom's involvement enabled us to take the *Journal* to the next level by attracting increasingly prominent authors."

Staib currently teaches Moot Court as an adjunct instructor at the Law School and is the president-elect of The University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc. "The Law School provided me with a terrific educational experience," she says, "and it has been gratifying to see the School's reputation increase both regionally and nationally. Given the positive experience I had here, it just makes sense to be involved with the Alumni Association, and help strengthen the connection between the School and its graduates." In addition to her Law School activities, Staib is secretary for the Oliver Ellsworth Inn of Court, a member of the Civil Practice and Local Rules Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association Federal Practice Section, and a member of the Miss Porter's School Alumnae Board.

commissioner of education. Stapleton, director of the department's Office of Legal and Government Affairs, joined the department in 1980.

1978

Lee Bennett is executive vice president of insurance operations at XL Insurance, Inc., Stamford. **Cheryl Chase** and her husband, Stuart Bear, were the high bidders at the Hartford Stage gala for a dinner with Kate Mulgrew, which they enjoyed on July 28 at the Roth Steakhouse in New York City. Chase's daughter, Dara Chase Freedman, is graduating from Emerson College with a degree in women's studies and is moving to Washington. **Curtissa Cofield** was the keynote speaker at the 40th anniversary dinner of the Norwich chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Norwich. Cofield is a Superior Court judge in Enfield. **John Connelly**, Waterbury's state's attorney, was featured in a front-page article titled, "In Theater Of The Courtroom, He's The Heavy," in the *Hartford Courant's* December 7, 2003 edition. **Gaetano Ferro's** letter to the editor entitled "Divorce Advocacy Not So Clear Cut As Arbitrator Makes It Seem," appeared in the September 8 edition of *The Connecticut Law Tribune*. **Rosemary Giuliano** was installed as president of the New England Bar Association. Giuliano, senior counsel to the law firm of Giuliano & Richardson, served as the 1994-95 CBA president. In 1999 she received the CBA's John Eldred Shields Memorial Distinguished Professional Service Award. **William Luddy**, professor at the Lally School of Management and Technology, Rensselaer at Hartford, and a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, participated in the UNCITRAL Working Group on E-Commerce at the United Nations head-

quarters in New York. UNCITRAL's mandate is to further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade. Luddy noted, "When we consider the lessons of the last 60 years and the economic inter-development in Europe, it's not hard to envision a similar evolution brought about by these efforts in the field of global e-commerce. It's a 'change the world' opportunity." In August 2003, Luddy was named chair of the ABA Section of Science and Technology's E-Commerce Division and vice chair of its International Policy Coordinating Committee. **Grant Miller** was sworn in as a Superior Court judge in November 2003 and sits on the bench in Hartford. **Michael Neubert** served as a faculty member for the CTLA-Civil Justice Foundation, Inc.'s presentation, "Trial Demonstration/Medical Malpractice: From Jury Selection To Final Argument—Failure To Diagnose Breast Cancer," on October 10, 2003 at the Omni Hotel, New Haven. Neubert is a partner with Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C., New Haven.

1979—REUNION CLASS

William Narwold is a partner with Motley Rice LLC. Narwold, who has office space in Hartford, spends much of his time working out of Motley Rice's Charleston and Providence offices. He leads the firm's expansion in the area of commercial litigation. Narwold serves on the board of directors of numerous bar associations and non-profit organizations, including the Connecticut Bar Foundation, The University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, the Greater Hartford Legal Assistance Foundation, and Lawyers for Children. He was named one of the eleven lawyers "who made a difference" by *The Connecticut Law Tribune*. **Loren Stolp** is vice president and deputy general counsel at Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford.

1980

Gregory Nokes is a partner with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford. He concentrates his practice on labor, employment and benefits matters, representing management before state and federal agencies and trial and appellate courts. **Dona Young**, president and CEO of The Phoenix Companies, wrote an op-ed piece for the Labor Day 2003 edition of the *Hartford Courant*. The article, entitled "A Spirit That Doesn't Quit," was about Josephine Melusky, who celebrated her 50th anniversary at the Phoenix Companies in Hartford. Young wrote, "This Labor Day, when we salute workers for their loyalty, spirit, energy and ability, perhaps we should recognize another quality—longevity...I admire [Ms. Melusky] and feel privileged to be a co-worker." Young was featured in the *Hartford Business Journal's* September 15, 2003 Q&A column in an article entitled "Phoenix Chief Heads 2003 United Way Community Campaign: Dona Young On Giving, Volunteerism And Lessons From The Brickyard."

1981

Michael Bologna and **William Fitzpatrick '75** were featured in a November 19 *Fairfield Citizen-News* article entitled "Development Interest: Land Use and Bread and Butter." Both are partners with the firm of Fitzpatrick, Frey & Bologna, LLC. Bologna concentrates on litigation. Says Bologna, "I tell people I will handle anything involving a court that's not a divorce or a crime." **Susan Dixon** is representing Evans Cooling Systems Inc. CEO, John Evans. Evans holds 19 U.S. patents for engine-cooling innovations. Evans and Dixon met through racing circles as in her spare time Dixon races vintage Alfa Romeos. She is a partner with Goring & Dixon, Winsted. **Jan French** was awarded her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology, specializing in legal anthropology, from Duke University in May 2003. **Philip Steele** spoke at the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Newington, on September 16 and at the Southington Library on September 24, and at numerous other libraries throughout the state. Steele, a Hartford lawyer who concentrates his practice in discrimination and employment issues, co-authored *The Word for the Day* with his late father, Bob Steele. **Alphonso Tindall, Jr.** was named one of America's top black lawyers by *Black Enterprise* magazine. Tindall is a partner with Nixon Peabody LLP, New York.

1982

John Eichner was elected to Windsor's board of education in November 2003. **J. Michael Farren** and his wife, **Mary Margaret Farren '92**, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Marion Farren, born December 12, 2002. **Evan Flaschen** is representing the largest Parmalat bondholder group in Parmalat's bankruptcy case. Flaschen has

been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Forbes*, and the *Taipei Times*, and was interviewed by Tom Brokaw for the NBC Nightly News early in January. "Fifteen minutes of fame indeed!" says Flaschen. **Kevin Kopetz** was elected first selectman of North Haven in November 2003. **Susan Storey**, Deputy Chief Public Defender for the State of Connecticut, participated in the Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal's fall 2003 symposium. **Lucas Strunk** is a board certified workers' compensation specialist in Connecticut. Strunk is among 13 lawyers who comprise the second group of Connecticut attorneys to achieve board certification under a program sponsored by the CBA and its Workers' Compensation Section. Strunk, a partner with Pomeranz, Drayton & Stabnick, Glastonbury, is a member of the Section and he serves as the legislative liaison to the Section's Executive Committee. **James Wakim** and **Robert Randich '86**, with Lawrence Merlin, have formed the firm of Wakim, Merlin & Randich, LLP, East Hartford.

1983

Jason Dodge is a board certified workers' compensation specialist. Dodge, a partner with Pomeranz, Drayton & Stabnick LLC, Glastonbury, is a member of the CBA's Workers' Compensation Section Executive Committee, the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and the Hartford County Bar Association. He is a commissioner of the Glastonbury Basketball Association. **Marianne Dubuque**, a partner with Carmody & Torrance, Waterbury, was a member of the firm's team that won the corporate team competition at the 26th annual New Haven Road Race on September 1. **Rafael Santiago** was featured in Karen Cortés' article, "Hartford Attorney Is A Lawyer And A Leader: Rafael Santiago Mixes Law And Community Involvement," in the June 30 edition of *The Hartford Business Journal*. Santiago, who opened Santiago Law Group in Hartford in 2002, was the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission's 2002 Latino of the Year. **Christopher Smith**, a partner with Pullman & Comley, LLC, Bridgeport, was a featured speaker at the Law School's 2003 Gallivan Conference on November 7, 2003. **Mark Taylor** was sworn in as a Superior Court judge in November 2003 and sits on the bench in Bridgeport.

1984—REUNION CLASS

Sandra Kee Borges attended the annual fashion show sponsored by the Urban League of Greater Hartford Guild, where she modeled Afro-centric golfwear and evening wear. Borges is practicing law with Lisa Silvestri. "Life is good," she said. "I'm enjoying my children." **Maureen Sullivan Dinnan** has become of counsel to Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C., New Haven. **Timothy Everett**, clinical professor of law at the Law School, participated in the

Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal's fall 2003 symposium. **Theresa Hopkins-Staten** is the director of community relations and programs for the Connecticut Light & Power Company. **Richard Lehr** joined the faculty at Boston University as a visiting professor in the College of Communication. He is a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter for *The Boston Globe* and a former deputy assistant state's attorney in Connecticut.

1985

Gail Bogossian was elected president of the board of trustees for the Connecticut Opera. Bogossian is vice president and general counsel of ConnectiCare, Farmington. **Paul Chill's** article, "Burden of Proof Begone: The Pernicious Effect of Emergency Removal in Child Protective Proceedings," was published in a special issue of the *Family Court Review*, on child protection in the 21st century. The article may be found in Vol. 41, published in October 2003. Chill is a clinical professor of law at the Law School. **Barbara Green** was elected chair of the board of directors of the Kennedy Center, a rehabilitation agency headquartered in Trumbull with offices in Connecticut, New York City and Boston. She also was elected to a new three-year term on the board. She discussed estate planning for disabled family members at the November 5, 2003 meeting of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Fairfield. Green, a partner with the Law Offices of Green and Gross, P.C., Bridgeport, resides in New Haven with her husband, Jeffrey Orell, and their sons, Joshua, Benjamin, and Jonathan. **Steven Greenspan** was elected to the Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows Program. Greenspan, a partner at Day, Berry & Howard LLP, Hartford, is the president of the Hartford County Bar Association board of directors and a trustee of The University of Connecticut Law School Foundation. He served as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the town of West Hartford from 1986-1992. Greenspan and his wife, Jodi, have three children, Michael, Robert, and Rachel. **Robert Zelinger**, a partner at Levy & Droney, P.C., was elected chairman of the Greater Waterbury Chamber's board of directors.

1986

Michael Collins joined the Municipal Law and Governmental Liability Practice Group as counsel in Halloran & Sage LLP's Hartford office. Collins focuses primarily on representing government entities in litigation matters including tax assessment appeals, personal injury, and civil rights. Formerly he served as senior assistant counsel for the City of Hartford. **Richard Goldberg** is the director of Global Transfer Pricing for Citigroup Inc., New York, NY. Goldberg thanks "the UConn tax law faculty for enlightenment." **Michael Lanza** and his wife, Terry, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, John Quinn Lanza, who

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was born December 9, 2003. **Nancy Matthews** was appointed chancellor of the Diocese of Bridgeport. She and her husband, Jeffrey, have two daughters; Sarah, who is a sophomore at Boston University, and Claire, a freshman at St. Joseph High School, Trumbull. **Kathleen Nastri** is president of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association. Nastri is a trial lawyer with Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder, PC, Bridgeport. **Humbert Polito** was a member of the faculty for the CTLA-Civil Justice Foundation, Inc.'s "Nuts & Bolts Seminar: Handling Personal Injury Cases from Beginning to End," held on December 12, 2003 at the New Haven Lawn Club. Polito is a partner with Polito & Quinn, Waterford. **Robert Randich** and **James Wakim '82**, with Lawrence Merlin, have formed the firm of Wakim, Merlin & Randich, LLP, East Hartford. **Cindy Robinson** served as a faculty member for the CTLA-Civil Justice Foundation, Inc.'s presentation, "Trial Demonstration/Medical Malpractice:

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has reconfirmed the relevance of insurance issues and given me a unique specialization at Foley & Lardner.”

Prior to heading West to practice, Talesh clerked for The Hon. Flemming Norcott, Jr. of the Connecticut Supreme Court and interned for The Hon. Robert N. Chatigny of the United States District Court in Hartford. As a Law School student, he was articles editor for the *Connecticut Law Review*, as well as the recipient of awards for the most outstanding *Law Review* note/comment and the highest grade in eight courses, including Principles of Insurance and International Aspects of Insurance. Talesh has had two articles published in the *Connecticut Law Review*: “Welfare Migration to Capture Higher Welfare Benefits: Fact or Fiction?” (Vol. 32) and “Parole Officers and the Exclusionary Rule: Is There Any Deterrent Left?” (Vol. 31). His insurance LL.M. thesis—an article on health care and insurance—recently was published in Vol. 26 of the *University of Alabama Law & Psychology Review*. “Professor Baker, as well as many other professors at the Law School, deserve a lot of credit for helping improve my writing,” Talesh says.

A Rhodes Scholar candidate while an undergraduate at the University of California, Irvine, from which he earned Phi Beta Kappa honors and a degree in criminology, law and society, Talesh is an active member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and Amnesty International. He was recently awarded the 2003 Lynford Lardner award for Pro Bono services provided at Foley & Lardner.

December 29, 2003 edition of *The Connecticut Law Tribune*. **Lawrence Peck** is a public defender in Bantam. He and his wife, Anne, and their son, Joshua, live in Winsted. Peck has been involved with a number of civic organizations, including the Northwest Connecticut Dialysis Fund as director, and he coaches youth soccer.

Jeffrey Rashba lives in Jerusalem with his wife, Hedy, and their four daughters, Orli, Yaella, Naama, and Aviya. Rashba reports, “I practiced tax law and then aircraft law in Washington, DC for six years. In 1994 I moved to Israel with my family, where I served as a business/legal consultant for the next year and a half. In 1996 I sat for the Israeli bar, served my articulated clerkship with Ephraim Abramson & Co. Law Offices (a corporate/commercial boutique of 20+ lawyers), and was admitted to the Israeli bar. I have since become a partner, specializing in the commercialization of IP in the hi-tech and bio-tech industries, as well as corporate deals. During the boom, I was somewhat of a specialist in taking Israeli companies public in Germany, and M&A activity throughout Europe. For the past two years, the work has concentrated on IP licensing and venture capital financings.”

Lisa Shrewsberry and her husband, Brian Braden, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Bennett Hinckley Braden, who was born on May 18, 2003. Shrewsberry is a partner with Traub Eglin Lieberman & Straus LLP, Hawthorne, NY.

1989—REUNION CLASS

Mary Johnson is the young-adult librarian at the North Castle Public Library in Armonk, NY. She says, “I love it! I am in touch with Maria Alfonso and Richard Biggar.” **Wendi Kemp** is a partner with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford. Kemp works with private and public sector employers on employment-related litigation, including discrimination, wrongful discharge and breach of contract disputes, and she counsels employers on all aspects of the employment relationship. She advises business clients on the hiring of foreign nationals and sponsorship of those individuals for permanent resident status. **Charles Ray** is a partner with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford. He concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate litigation and tax litigation.

1990

William O’Sullivan’s commentary, “Litigating and Lobbying: To Win, You Might Need Both,” appeared in the September 8 edition of *The Connecticut Law Tribune*.

Michael Twomey is Entergy Services, Inc.’s vice president of regulatory affairs—Louisiana. Twomey serves on the board of trustees for Trinity Episcopal School, and was recently named a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. He and his wife, Gail, live in New Orleans with their children, William and Elizabeth. **John Welsh** and his wife, **Natalie Welsh '94**, welcomed their

From Jury Selection To Final Argument—Failure To Diagnose Breast Cancer,” on October 10, 2003 at the Omni Hotel, New Haven. Robinson is a partner with Tremont & Sheldon, P.C., Bridgeport. Robinson co-chaired the CTLA/Civil Justice Foundation, Inc.’s presentation, “Trial Practice Workshop: Cross Examination in the Connective Tissue Case” on October 25 at Quinnipiac University School of Law. She also served as a member of the presentation’s faculty. **Theodore Sergi** is president and chief executive officer for the Connecticut Center for Science & Exploration, to be located at Hartford’s Adriaen’s Landing. **Jane Warren** is a partner with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford. She concentrates her practice in the areas of environmental law and real estate transactions and land use.

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Anthony Bonadies was a member of the faculty for the CTLA-Civil Justice Foundation, Inc.’s “Nuts & Bolts Seminar: Handling Personal Injury Cases from Beginning to End,” held on December 12, 2003 at the New Haven Lawn Club. Bonadies is a partner with Sette & Bonadies, PC, Hamden. **Nancy Brouillet** joined the Law Offices of H. B.

Schiller, Willimantic, practicing in the areas of personal injury, litigation, workers’ compensation, small business, family law, and zoning issues. Brouillet was a workers’ compensation commissioner for 10 years. Before that time, she was in private practice for eight years. She and her husband, Mark, live in Lebanon. **Scott Chadwick**, a partner with Chadwick & Stone LLP, Hartford, is the incoming president of the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce. **Irene Cornish** was appointed to be Stratford’s superintendent of schools. Cornish, formerly the superintendent of the Chelsea, MA school system, began her new job on February 1, 2004. **Mark Giarratana** is a partner with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford. He chairs the firm’s Intellectual Property Group. Giarratana was formerly chair of the Intellectual Property Law Section of the CBA. **Jamie Mills’** op-ed piece, “Public Accepts Same-Sex Unions,” appeared in the November 25, 2003 edition of the *Hartford Courant*. The article comments on the recent Massachusetts court ruling upholding same-sex marriage. **James Pickett** was named deputy mayor of Rocky Hill by Mayor **Todd Cusano '00**. Pickett also is in private practice. He and his wife, Erin, are the proud parents of a daughter, Morgan. **David Shaiken** is of counsel to the firm of Shipman, Sosensky & Shaiken, LLC, Hartford.

1988

Bruce Chudwick was elected chairman of Farmington’s Town Council. **Cynthia Watts Elder** was appointed counsel in the Law Department at The Phoenix Companies Inc., Hartford. Her responsibilities include employment related matters. **Maureen Keegan** was featured in a front-page article, “Precision Unclouded by Emotion,” in the

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son, Nathaniel James Welsh, to the world on December 16, 2003. Nathaniel joins big sister Jacqueline at home in East Granby.

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Betsy Conway returned to her position as director of the firm of Brown Jacobson P.C., Norwich. From 2000-2003 she was a member of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe's Legal Department. Conway continues to practice federal Indian law, in addition to commercial and general litigation. **Rudolph DeFelice** is president and CEO of Practice Technologies, Inc., Santa Monica, CA. DeFelice had been a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Belin Rawlings & Badal LLP where his practice focused on general commercial and intellectual property litigation. **Eric Grondahl** is a partner with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford. Grondahl's practice focuses on patent prosecution, licensing and patent infringement litigation, concentrating on chemicals, pharmaceuticals and medical devices. His patent prosecution practice includes representation of colleges and universities, independent researchers, and companies involved in biotechnology and pharmaceutical research. He has obtained patents covering various medical treatments, including methods for cancer treatment. His litigation practice includes copyright, trademark and patent infringement matters. **Michele Volpe** was inducted into the North Haven High School Sports Hall of Fame on November 8, 2003. She lettered all four years in soccer and track, and led both teams as captain in her senior year. Volpe is a practicing attorney with her own firm in New Haven. She and her husband, Thomas LaTorre, reside in Madison with their two children. **Angelo Ziotas** served as a faculty member for the CTIA/Civil Justice Foundation, Inc.'s presentation, "Trial Practice Workshop: Cross Examination In The Connective Tissue Case." Ziotas is a partner with Silver, Golub & Teitell, Stamford.

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Mary Margaret Farren and her husband, **J. Michael Farren '82**, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Marion Farren, born December 12, 2002. **Derek Gilman**, counsel at Day, Berry, & Howard LLP's Stamford office, was the subject of a front-page article in *The Connecticut Law Tribune's* October 6, 2003 edition. Gilman, a U.S. army lieutenant colonel, "helped to write the script for rebuilding Iraq." Thus far he has helped to write the rules setting up the Central Court of Iraq, the Central Bank, the trade bank, a code of discipline for the new Iraqi army, and orders creating a new Iraqi civil defense corps. **Nancy Mendel** is the chairperson of the New Haven County Bar Association's Environmental Law Committee. Mendel is a partner with Caplan, Hecht, Scanlon & Mendel, L.L.C., New Haven. **Kevin O'Connor**, United States attorney for the District of Connecticut, was featured in a

When **ANNE HANNA ENGEL, LL.M. '00** graduated among the first class of students to complete the Phoenix Masters Program in Insurance, she thought her days at the Law School were over. "I had an opportunity to do insurance coverage work at a firm I really liked when I was offered the job as deputy director of the Insurance Law Center," recalls Engel, a Pittsburgh native and graduate of Dickinson College and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. "Working at the Center seemed too good to pass up. I would be able to teach, spend time with interesting students, and get involved in all sorts of new things. To work at such a dynamic place without having the pressures of a law firm seemed like a perfect situation."



With that motivation, Engel accepted the offer to be deputy director of the Center, where she worked from 2000 until just recently, for the last year as manager of graduate studies in charge of day-to-day activities and management of both the Insurance Law LL.M. program and the Law School's Masters Program in U. S. Legal Studies. She also taught Insurance Regulation and Principles of Insurance. "It was extremely challenging because the programs are very different in so many ways," says Engel, who handled a diverse range of commercial litigation matters at Pietragallo, Bosick & Gordon in Pittsburgh before enrolling in the Law School's Insurance LL.M. program. "Working at the Center was a great experience."

That experience came to end in January when Engel returned to her hometown, where she will take some time off to be with her family and work on her article on the hard market in homeowner's insurance. In the next year she plans to join her family's real estate services company evaluating corporate and transactional risk as counsel in the company's corporate division. "I hope to continue to be able to teach insurance at a law school in Pittsburgh," says Engel, a member of the bar in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

front-page article in the July 21, 2003 edition of *The Connecticut Law Tribune*. In the article, O'Connor predicts a "significant increase in corporate fraud cases." His op-ed piece, "Facts Don't Support Criticism Of Patriot Act," appeared in the September 11, 2003 edition of the *Hartford Courant*. **Dolores Schiesel** was re-elected Kent's first select-person. **James Sullivan** was elected alderman in New Britain. Sullivan, a partner with Howard, Kohn, Sprague & FitzGerald, Hartford, lives in New Britain with his wife, **Elizabeth Sullivan '92** and their children, Daniel and Irene. **Al Terzi** was the grand marshal of the 35th Apple Harvest Festival Parade in Southington. Terzi is a news anchor for WFSB, Channel 3, Hartford.

1993

Richard Baran is a corporate ombudsman for Tyco International, Princeton, NJ. **Michael Boyle** was quoted extensively in Bob Sudyk's cover story, "Detained," in the January 4, 2004 issue of the *Hartford Courant's Northeast Magazine*. Boyle is a North Haven immigration lawyer, who "operates with a staff of five and processes 600 immigration case files a year, many through the Hartford Courthouse." **Alan Chandler** and **Meredith Singer Chandler '97** proudly announce the birth of their son, Ethan Singer Chandler, on June 23, 2003. **Michelle Duprey** was named one of *The Connecticut Law Tribune's* "New Leaders of the Law" for 2003 in recognition of her work

in advocacy. Duprey is the director of the Department of Services for Persons With Disabilities for the City of New Haven. She is president of the Americans with Disabilities Act Coalition of Connecticut, and lobbies at the state legislature for more effective laws protecting the civil rights of the disabled. She is co-chair of the Office of Victim Services Advisory Council and is a member of the Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Advisory Council, the Connecticut Women's Health Campaign, and the Connecticut Women and Disability Network. **Patrick Fahey's** article, "Fighting Back Against Cybersmearing: Identifying And Pursuing Internet Posters Of Rumors, Slurs, And Other Harmful Information," appeared in the August 25 edition of the *Hartford Business Journal*. **Kathleen Grover** is an associate with Kenny, O'Keefe & Usseglio, P.C., Hartford. **Karen Haabestad** has been an assistant attorney general for the State of Connecticut for nine years. She currently is working in the area of health fraud. **Janis Jerman** was elected constable in New Britain. **Kerry Knobelsdorff** is a solo practitioner in Old Saybrook. **Theodore Lothstein** and his wife, Penni, have adopted a son, Simon ("the most wonderful boy in the world"), from Guatemala. The Lothsteins live in Kittery, ME. Ted is a public defender for the State of New Hampshire. **Richard Ryan** is a senior patent counsel for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Wallingford.

The Law School chapter of LAMBDA (formerly the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Law Student Association) is interested in establishing a network among students and graduates of the Law School. If you are interested in being a mentor, sharing your experiences at the Law School and in practice, or wish to be added to the LAMBDA mailing list, please contact LAMBDA at lambda@law.uconn.edu or the LAMBDA advisor, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Finance Karen L. DeMeola '96, at kdemeola@law.uconn.edu.



A member of the first graduating class of the Law School's Phoenix Masters Program, **RICHARD W. WIRTH, LL.M. '00** is vice president and insurance and investment products counsel with The Phoenix Companies, Inc. in Hartford, where he handles insurance, mutual fund, variable products and securities law regulatory and board governance matters; international mergers and acquisitions; and reinsurance transactions. An employee of the Phoenix since 1993, Wirth, who also provides advice regarding market conduct issues, headed the

company's Business Practices Department from 1997 to 1999, developing many of the policies and procedures that enabled Phoenix to be among the founding members of the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association.

"As a practitioner in Hartford working for an insurance company, I thought it was brilliant to have the LL.M. program at the Law School," says Wirth, who received his J.D. from Cardozo School of Law in 1983. "The exposure to the many different aspects of this body of law gained through being a LL.M. student, especially after having the opportunity to practice in this area, has tremendously helped me to be more effective in representing my company. My sense is that by being located in the insurance capital, the Law School has a huge untapped opportunity to serve the corporate community and public at large by letting them know about the resources available through this program. Too many lawyers become specialists in their particular niche and often overlook the possibility that they can be even better lawyers by simply broadening their exposure to related areas. The LL.M. program is a perfect way for practitioners to do this in an environment where their clients and employers could only applaud them for such efforts."

In addition to his work at the Phoenix, Wirth also is an adjunct professor at Western New England School of Law, where he teaches insurance law, and an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and the Connecticut Automobile Dispute Settlement Program. He has published numerous national trade and law review articles and recently spoke before the National Association of Variable Annuities and ALL-ABA on emerging issues affecting attorney conduct before the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Journal of Law and Technology, Vol. 16, No. 2, Spring 2003, received the first place award of the Finnegan Prize of the George Washington University Law School and a National Award in the 2003 Judge John R. Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing. Davé received his LL.M. in intellectual property/patent law from The George Washington University Law School in 2003. He is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Davé is of counsel with Morrison & Foerster, McLean, VA. **Deborah DelBarba** and her husband, **John DelBarba '00** announce the birth of their first child, Alicea Danielle DelBarba, who was born on May 28, 2003. They report, "We could not be more thrilled (despite the persistent lack of sleep!)." Deborah is an attorney with the Law Offices of Scott B. Clendaniel. Her practice includes insurance defense litigation and workers' compensation defense. **John Kennelly** co-authored an op-ed piece entitled "City Leaders Must Pull Together To Improve Schools," which appeared in the August 25 edition of the *Hartford Courant*. He participated in a locally produced religious film, "Contending for the Faith," that premiered December 5, 2003 at Capital Community College. He played a judge presiding over a secret trial of a man accused of sedition. Kennelly joined A. Paul Spinella to form a new law firm, Kennelly & Associates, LLC, in Hartford. **Andrea O'Connor** was elected as Sherman's first selectperson. **Kristine Otto** is the assistant director of development for the College of Education at The Pennsylvania State University. She reports that, "as part of my job I travel around the U.S. visiting alumni and friends of Penn State and am enjoying it very much. I would welcome hearing from former classmates at kotto@psu.edu." **Kevin Tighe** opened the Law Office of Kevin M. Tighe in Coventry. His practice is focused on civil litigation, including personal injury claims and criminal defense, which includes defense of DUI charges. Tighe believes that quality legal representation can, and should be, both user-friendly and cost-effective. "I'm not passionate about the law. I'm passionate about helping people solve their legal problems," said Tighe. **Oscar Urizar** was named to *The Connecticut Law Tribune's* 2003 "New Leaders of the Law" list for his work in development of the law. Urizar, an associate with Bingham McCutchen LLP, Hartford, primarily represents public and private bondholders in cross-border financial restructurings, with an emphasis on Latin American restructurings. He has worked with the legal department of the International Monetary Fund to produce the IMF publication, *Orderly and Effective Insolvency Procedures: An Overview of Key Issues*. Urizar served as co-chairman of the Hartford Conference on Mexican Insolvency Law and Practice. **Zachary Weinberger** was appointed to the board of directors of the Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut. Weinberger is president of

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Kathleen Barry is "taking a break from being a prosecutor to raise daughters Abigail and Ellen" with her husband, Hank Cormier. The family lives in northern Virginia. **Christina Burnham** has joined the law practice of William Childress in Old Saybrook. Burnham is a certified mediator and focuses her practice on mediation, real estate, elder law, and family law. She currently serves as the minister of music at Grace Episcopal Church and as the vice chairman of the Old Saybrook Charter Revision Commission. **Stephen Kindseth** was named to *The Connecticut Law Tribune's* 2003 "New Leaders of the Law" list for his work in development of the law. Kindseth, a partner with Zeisler & Zeisler, P.C., Bridgeport, has worked to help define the scope and nature of bankruptcy issues. He has co-chaired the Bankruptcy Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section and has served as a contributing editor to a tome on stockbroker liquidations. **Laurie Molinari** is counsel to the firm of Murtha Cullina LLP, Hartford. **Natalie Welsh** and her husband, **John Welsh '90**, welcomed their son, Nathaniel James Welsh, to the world on December 16, 2003. Nathaniel joins big sister Jacqueline at home in East Granby.

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P.J. Cimini was named one of *The Connecticut Law Tribune's* 2003 "New Leaders of the Law" for his work in advocacy. Cimini is a partner with Capitol Strategies Group LLC, the only firm consisting solely of attorneys that lobby on behalf of clients in Hartford, and has served on the town coun-

cil in Newington and on a number of local and state boards and commissions. He lectures to high school students about the legislative process, and runs continuing legal education seminars concerning government relations and policymaking. **Barnaby Horton** is a financial advisor in Merrill Lynch's Global Private Client Group, Hartford. **Natasha Lipcan** was named a "New Leader in Law" in the area of community contributions by *The Connecticut Law Tribune* in the November 11, 2003 edition. Lipcan, an associate with Day, Berry & Howard LLP, Stamford, volunteers her time and talent to The Stamford Museum and Nature Center, The Domestic Violence Crisis Center, and the Volunteer Center of Southwestern Fairfield County. She also has worked with the Stamford Chamber of Commerce Business Resource Council and has taught at the Entrepreneurial Center of Hartford College for Women. **Jennifer Macierowski** is counsel to the Senate Republican Office in Hartford. She and her husband, Ted, honeymooned for two weeks in Europe. They are building a home and horse farm in Windsor on the Connecticut River. **Tasos Paindiris** was named partner in the firm of Jackson Lewis LLP, Hartford. Paindiris practices in the areas of employment litigation, affirmative action compliance, and management counseling. **Mark Steinberg** is an associate with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford. He practices in the area of intellectual property litigation.

1996

Raju Davé's paper, "A Mathematical Approach to Claim Elements and the Doctrine of Equivalents," published in the *Harvard*

Total Human Resources Services, LLC, Stamford, a human resources consulting and advising firm that provides services to help organizations to meet their HR needs.

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Meredith Singer Chandler and Alan Chandler '93 proudly announce the birth of their son, Ethan Singer Chandler, on June 23, 2003. **Glenn Conway**, a founding member of Knight, Conway & Cerritelli, L.L.C., New Haven, was named to *The Connecticut Law Tribune's* 2003 "New Leaders of the Law" list for overall achievement in New Haven County. Conway is recognized as one of the region's top criminal defense lawyers. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court of Connecticut and the Connecticut Superior Court, and is a special public defender for the State of Connecticut in both its trial and appellate units. A member of the CBA, the New Haven County Bar Association, the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the National Organization for the Reformation of Marijuana Law, Conway has been a featured speaker in 2002 and 2003 for the New Haven County Bar Association's "Practice Skills Program-Overview of Criminal and G.A. Courts" and for the Yale Student Legal Action Movement in 2002. **Jennifer Haddad** is an associate with Cohn Birnbaum & Shea P.C., Hartford. **Jennifer Hamilton Lewis** is an associate with Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford. She concentrates her practice on labor and employment litigation and counseling. **Catherine Moreton** was elected to Windsor's board of education. **Craig Perra** joined the Claim and Legal Management Services Unit of The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc. **Adam Walsh** was recruited by Merrill Lynch to join their Park Avenue office. He is a financial advisor in their Global Private Client Group. Walsh is a former institutional equities trader at Bankers Trust and a former securities and corporate litigation attorney at Winston & Strawn and Kaplan Fox, New York.

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David Blackwell is a member of the board of trustees of the Connecticut Community-Technical Colleges. A former member of the Connecticut General Assembly, Blackwell practices law with the firm of Blackwell, Davis & Spadaccini, LLC, Manchester. He and his wife, Kathryn, and their daughter, Mary Claire (7), live in Manchester. **Monique Mattei Ferraro** was named *The Connecticut Law Tribune's* "New Leaders of the Law" inspiration leader. Ferraro, counsel for the State of Connecticut's Computer Crimes and Electronic Evidence Unit, has written and lectured extensively on the field of technology law in Connecticut, and is co-authoring a book with Eoghan Casey on computer assisted child exploitation. She is a founding member of Connecticut's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and led in the development of the "Play it Safe

Online" program. Ferraro is president of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Organization for Women. She has served as chair of the Executive Committee of the CBA's Computer Law Section. **Robert Gallo** is an associate with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford. He concentrates his practice in employment litigation. **Jennifer Kim** is an associate at Gordon & Silber, P.C., New York. Kim reports that she is "working in medical malpractice and insurance defense, living in the West Village, and spending free time learning to snowboard." **Timothy Palmbach** supervises the Connecticut State Police Forensic Science Laboratory in Meriden. **Matthew Peterson**, an associate with Carmody & Torrance, Waterbury, was a member of the firm's team that won the corporate team competition at the 26th annual New Haven Road Race on September 1. **Natasha Pierre** was named to *The Connecticut Law Tribune's* 2003 "New Leaders of the Law" list for her work in advocacy. Pierre, the legislative analyst for the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women in Hartford, has spearheaded efforts with key legislators and collaborated with advocacy groups to win passage of many important laws that impact women and children in Connecticut, including a law allowing courts to order divorcing and non-custodial parents to pay for college costs for their children, a law establishing an "address confidentiality program" for victims of stalking, and a law aiding child care workers to earn higher wages if they enroll in advanced educational sessions. **Robin Schwartz** is an associate in Day, Berry & Howard LLP's Commercial Litigation Group. She and her husband, **Adam Schwartz '97**, celebrated their fifth anniversary on October 3, 2003 and their daughter Nell's third birthday on January 31, 2004. Contact her at rsschwartz@dbh.com. **Susannah Stapleton** is an associate with Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C., Milford. **Alexandra Stevens** is an associate with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford. She concentrates her practice in the areas of complex commercial litigation and general business litigation. Stevens participates in the firm's Lawyers for Children program, representing children in juvenile court and tutoring first grade students. She also serves as secretary of the CBA's Sports and Entertainment Law Section. **Michael and Joanna Therway** report that, "after much contemplation and effort, we are finally taking the plunge and relocating out of the DC legal scene. Joanna accepted an academic administration position with Simon's Rock College of Bard in Great Barrington, MA (a part of Bard College), and Michael is vice president of business development, working from a home office for a legal technology company in Chicago. It is scary to leave our current life in DC behind, but we are excited to follow new horizons both personally and professionally to see where it may lead us."

William F. Mangan, Jr. '48
August 4, 2003

Richard W. Martin '50
September 10, 2003

Michael A. Connor, Jr. '54
September 26, 2003

John A. McGarry '55
January 3, 2004

Stanley J. Jezyk, Jr. '56
December 29, 2003

Raymond E. Coburn '60
September 7, 2003

Mitchell Gardner '60
November 22, 2003

Daniel F. Flynn '62
October 25, 2003

John P. Maloney '63
November 2, 2003

Joseph F. Keefe '67
December 18, 2003

Douglas A. Strauss '67
November 25, 2003

David L. Mortrud '74
October 10, 2003

Barbara B. Sacks '86
August 2, 2003

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Suzanne Bogle-Pablo married Dr. John A. Pablo on March 22, 2003 on Daufauskie Island, SC. Law School graduates in attendance were **Audrey Felsen '99**, **Jason Marsh '99**, **Sara Naylor-Robinson '99**, and **Michael Byrne '98**. **Audrey Felsen** and **Jason Marsh** are the proud parents of identical twins, Emma and Madeline Marsh, born September 5, 2003. **Daniel Krisch** is a principal of the Hartford firm of Horton, Shields & Knox, P.C. **Jon Martin** is counsel for United Technologies Corporation, Hartford. He and his wife, Min-Shan Liu, celebrated the birth of their son, Nicolas, who was born on October 17, 2003 "at the end of my first week at UTC," says Jon. **Ingrid Moll** is an associate with Motley Rice LLC. She has an office in Hartford, but spends much of her time working out of the firm's Charleston and Providence offices. **Timothy Olson** is an associate with Wiggin & Dana LLP, New Haven. **Romain Sabatier, LL.M.** is an associate with Hoche Demolin Brulard, Brussels, Belgium. **Allison Wood** is an associate with McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford, where she concentrates her practice in the areas

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Christopher Carrozzella '87
Mary Jane Gaynor
August 15, 2003

Mark J. Sommaruga '91
Monette M. Goodrich
June 29, 2003

Mary J. Ambrogio '92
Tony Cashman
May 3, 2003

Jennifer A. Butler '95
Theodore J. Macierowski
July 12, 2003

Michael S. Toma '95
Amiena Ceesay
August 3, 2003

Sophie M. Crassous LL.M. '97
Martin J. Henkelmann
May 31, 2003

Suzanne R. Bogle '99
John A. Pablo
March 22, 2003

Tiffany K. Forsberg '00
Alexander C. Thacher '00
July 12, 2003

James W. Gwinn '00
Karla J. Hazlett '00
October 11, 2003

Sarah A. Teachworth '01
John H. Boehs, Jr.
August 23, 2003

Fletcher C. Thomson '01
Mariadh A. Ross
September 19, 2003

William Harold Sawyer '02
Michelle Ann Paquette
September 20, 2003

Thomas B. Bare, III '02
Kathryn L. Ward '03
August 15, 2003

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Reunions for classes ending in 4 and 9 will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2004. Stay tuned for further details. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Julia B. Dunlop, Director of External Relations.

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of product liability, toxic tort, and business litigation.

2000

Jurabek Aripov, LL.M. returned to Tashkent where he is a criminal law attorney with ABA CEELI. He and his wife, Madina, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kamron, born June 5, 2003. **Brian Baldrate** is a captain in the JAG branch of the U.S. Army, assigned to the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment, on duty in Iraq. Baldrate sends regular updates to the Law School on his life in Iraq. One case he investigated was the first case tried before the new Iraqi Central Criminal Court, a nationwide Iraqi-run court—for the first time U.S. soldiers testified in Iraqi court. **Todd Cusano** was elected mayor of Rocky Hill. **John DelBarba** and his wife, **Deborah DelBarba '96**, announce the birth of their first child, Alicea Danielle DelBarba, who was born on May 28, 2003. They report, "We could not be more thrilled (despite the persistent lack of sleep!)." John is an attorney with the Connecticut Public Defender's Office, New Haven. **Anne Engel, LL.M.**, and her husband, Gus, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Helen Freyvogel Engel (to be known as "Rory") on July 24, 2003. Rory joins her brother, William. **Tiffany Forsberg** and **Alexander Thacher** were married in Tiburon California on July 12, 2003. **David Toro** was the best man, **James Loonam**, **William Lohnes** and **Ryan McKain** were among the groomsmen and **Barbara Sheehy** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were **Elizabeth (Byrne) Chartrand** and her husband Brad. "We spent our honeymoon in Kauai and now live in the Washington, DC area." **Harold Hongju Koh, LL.D.** has been named dean of Yale Law School effective August 2004. Koh, the Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law, is one of the country's leading experts on international law. **Shahin Talesh** is an associate with Foley & Lardner, Los Angeles, CA.

2001

Sarah Teachworth Boehs is a commercial real estate associate with Nixon Peabody LLP, Boston. **Todd Federico** is an associate in the Litigation Department of Reid and Riege, P.C., Hartford. **Andrew Noga, LL.M.** is vice president and associate general counsel for Endurance Reinsurance Corporation, White Plains, NY. **Alejandro Rodriguez** was a speaker at the University of Connecticut's Day of Pride and Nutmeg Scholarship Banquet. Rodriguez is an associate with Cohen and Wolf, P.C., Bridgeport. **Fletcher Thomson** celebrated his marriage to Mariadh Ross with a traditional Scottish wedding ceremony in Glasgow. The ceremony was officiated by Queen Elizabeth's private chaplain, a friend of the Ross family. Attending from the Class of 2001 were **Jonathan Shapiro**, **Michael**

Cornell, **John Gaffney**, and **Tara Corbett**. The celebration included a Scottish Ceilidh band and Highland dancing. Shapiro, Cornell, and Gaffney (along with the groom, of course) donned kilts to honor the Scottish tradition. Thomson met his wife, who is from the Scottish Highlands, while they were both pursuing their LL.M. degrees at Trinity College, Dublin. Thomson is an associate with Diserio Martin, O'Connor & Castiglioni LLP, Stamford.

2002

Thomas Bare is an associate with Kutak Rock, LLP, Omaha. Bare practices in the areas of public finance and municipal bonds. **Emily Bell** is an associate with Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, McLean, VA. **Peter Dagostino** is an associate with Durant, Nichols, Houston, Hodgson & Cortese-Costa, P.C., Bridgeport. **Oona Kingston** is an associate with Esser Wainstein, Attorneys at Law, Greenfield, MA. **Rachel Krinsky** is an associate with Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C., Milford. **Michael Sheehy** is an associate with Wiggin & Dana LLP, Hartford. He previously served as a clerk to Associate Justice **Joette Katz '77** of the Connecticut Supreme Court. **Christopher Wethje** and Richard Vitarelli co-authored an article entitled "2nd Circuit Ruling Alters Medical Info Requests," which appeared in the August 18, 2003 edition of *The Labor & Employment Supplement to The Connecticut Law Tribune*. Wethje is an associate with Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford. **Shelby Wilson** is an associate with Cramer & Anderson L.L.P., New Milford, where she practices in the areas of taxation, estate planning, and elder law. She received her LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 2003.

2003

Aviad Brisman has a two-year clerkship for the Arizona Supreme Court. Following this clerkship, he will clerk for two years with Judge Alan S. Gold of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Brisman's article, "A Less Tragic Commons?: Using Harvester and Processing Quotas to Address Crab Overfishing," was published in the *Seattle University Law Review*, Vol. 26, p. 929 (2003). **Bryan Cafferelli** reports that he passed both the Arizona and Connecticut bar examinations. He is now an associate with Bonnett, Fairbourn, Friedman & Balint, P.C., Phoenix, AZ. **Scott DeVito** is an associate with Lewis and Roca LLP, Phoenix. DeVito practices in the firm's Tort Litigation Group. **Joy Gordon** was offered a clerkship for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court. She will clerk for the court in 2004-05. **Bruce Jacoby** is an associate with Wiggin & Dana LLP, New Haven. **Andrea Merkle** is an associate with Fitzpatrick, Fray & Bologna, LLC, Fairfield. **Alexander Niethammer, LL.M.** returned

From the Iraqi Front

The following are excerpts from an e-mail sent by Brian Baldrate '00, a captain in the Judge Advocate General's branch of the U.S. Army, presently assigned to the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment on duty in Iraq.

As you can imagine, December has been a very busy and emotionally charged month, with Saddam's capture occupying most of our time and energy. The anticipation and uncertainty we felt in the first hours after learning of Saddam's supposed capture (again) was palpable, as were the feelings of excitement and relief when we learned, in fact, "we got him!" Unfortunately, our exuberance was disrupted just hours later when we lost another soldier from the Third Cavalry who died while out on a convoy. As a result, the cheering and celebration over Saddam's capture was quickly tempered with the knowledge that someone back home was getting that dreaded knock on the door informing them that another loved one had passed on. I guess these conflicted emotions are a common theme of my e-mails. They certainly are a prevailing sentiment in my daily life out here.

For me, Saddam's capture created such intense feelings because it was the first time in many months I let down my normally cautious guard and allowed myself any real feeling of optimism and hope. The greatest frustration we've felt over these last nine months is that our soldiers really want to be appreciated and liked by the Iraqi people. Whatever the politics, our soldiers on the ground don't have grand or nefarious foreign policy objectives. They spend their days building schools, paving roads, training policemen, trying to catch "bad guys," and working to improve the lives of local Iraqis. I can't tell you how many times I've heard soldiers complain that "these people don't get it," or question "why Iraqis don't understand we are trying to help them." In frustration, I have probably expressed similar sentiments. Prior to Saddam's capture many of us clung to this wishful, perhaps overly idealistic belief, that once Iraqis no longer feared Saddam they would be more welcoming of U.S. troops, and peace and stability would follow.

Of course the truth is a good deal more complicated, and even after Saddam's capture Iraqi resentment toward Americans remains high. Iraqis have understandably mixed feelings toward U.S. soldiers. The most rewarding part of training Iraqi border guards, policemen, and soldiers is we get to witness Iraqis undergo an attitude transformation from resentment and disdain for the United States to respect and appreciation. Iraqis are amazed that our troops follow orders, and accomplish missions without resorting to fear, threats, and physical violence. They are awestruck

that we treat all people, even their "lowly" privates, or suspected criminals, with respect and dignity, and are amazed when we train them to do the same. It is refreshing and gratifying watching the satisfaction these Iraqis feel simply by being treated humanely. At the same time, our other daily missions of conducting raids to route out "extremists" and "terrorists" is a very imprecise art, at best, and, as a result, innocent Iraqis are often swept up in our arrests and subjected to degrading treatment at our hands. Having their doors kicked in and being pulled from their houses in handcuffs and blindfolds, or being shot at a traffic control checkpoint for driving too fast can't help but harden Iraqis hearts in the same way that roadside bombs and suicide attacks continue to harden our soldiers' hearts against the Iraqi people.

A perfect illustration of Iraqis conflicted feelings occurred last week at our detention cage when two teenage brothers admitted to setting roadside bombs (IEDs) in attempts to kill U.S. forces. The teens claimed they were setting the IEDs not only to get the whopping \$10 reward money being paid by foreign fighters, but also because Americans were evil occupiers who were trying to destroy Saddam and ruin Iraqi pride. When we brought in the boys' father and uncle, who were also being detained (perhaps unwisely), and told them what the teenagers did, the father broke down sobbing and the uncle needed to be restrained from strangling the two teens. It turns out the uncle had been ruthlessly tortured by Saddam's regime and couldn't believe his own relatives would be working against the freedom he had spent his whole life hoping for. I like to think that the uncle's sentiment is the prevailing view in Iraq, but there is no doubt that the teenagers' view is alive, perhaps even growing. While Saddam's capture may someday lead to more peace and stability in Iraq, regrettably, right now the effect of his capture has been marginal, and life on the ground remains largely unchanged.

On the personal side, I have nothing too exciting to report. Truth be told, Christmas in Iraq was perhaps as depressing as you would imagine. It was almost better that the day passed without much notice as it left less time to dwell on how much we all missed our families and friends. Luckily for me I received more kindness and generosity from people back home than I could have ever imagined possible. I received gifts, cards, and letters from dozens of people—my family and friends; cousins, aunts, and in-laws; classmates and teachers from grade school through law school; childhood neighbors who'd lost touch and I assumed had long since forgotten me. I received even more letters and packages from friends I

have never met, people who share mutual friends with me, and wanted to send something to brighten my day. It really meant a lot to feel so loved and cared for when we were all feeling as lonely as we were. Your letters and packages were shared with my whole troop and put smiles on the faces of many soldiers. Thank you. Well, please have a safe, happy, and healthy New Year. I promise we are doing our best to make sure this New Year is more peaceful and joyful than this past year. I am looking forward to seeing you in it.

More From the Iraqi Front

The following are excerpts from an e-mail received by Sherman R. McGrew '97, a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserve, stationed in Balad, Iraq.

Greetings from that garden spot of the Middle East: Iraq. The weather has moderated here, hardly ever getting over 110 degrees. This really beats the 122+ degree weather we had in mid-summer. A nice cool spell, kind of...I had two days notice to prepare for mobilization. This was just a tad challenging since I am a solo practitioner. So I spent one day skiing (not much of that here) and one day referring cases out, etc. Life is "interesting" here. I have been "in country" through the prep phase of the war, the war itself and now the "post hostilities" phase. I have been scudded, mortared, and ambushed with small arms. I can't believe I used to complain about short calendar. At least opposing counsel isn't likely to lob a few mortar rounds or an RPG (rocket propelled grenade) your way if you make a good argument. Then again, maybe my arguments haven't been that good...Lots of good work being done here as this country needs a lot of help. The Iraqi kids are great and we're refurbishing almost all their schools. There's a long way to go, but we're getting there. Oops, boom off in the distance. Probably the Fedayeen keeping us on our toes by sending a few mortar rounds our way...again. Those guys! Got to go! Looking forward to seeing classmates on my return...Sorry if this is a little disjointed, but I'm writing it...(this is painful, sorry)... under the gun!

For more on McGrew's experiences in Iraq, check out the Waterbury Republican-American's Web site at www.rep-am.com and search for McGrew.



Since March 2003, **THOMAS E. BARTELL, LL.M. '03** has been assistant vice president and assistant director of government affairs at Hartford Life Insurance Company, where he manages federal and state legislative and regulatory matters for Hartford Life and its subsidiaries. Prior to assuming his current duties, he was tax counsel for Hartford Life with responsibility for providing tax-related guidance to law department attorneys and business clients on various issues, including corporate tax matters, compliance, product taxation, mergers and acquisitions, and state and local taxation.

Bartell, who has been with Hartford Life since 1996, gives high marks to the Law School's LL.M. program in insurance when it comes to helping him in his current position. "Aside from satisfying my intellectual appetite, the program offered me a very practical benefit," says Bartell, who worked as an associate in the tax department at Day, Berry & Howard LLP after graduating from Cornell University School of Law in 1994. "It gave me the opportunity to explore areas of the law that, while outside of my practice area, were of particular relevance to the insurance industry. The course I took on insurance finance, for example, not only gave me an understanding of the language of finance, but actually helped me develop a deeper conceptual appreciation of some of the regulatory issues that the industry faces. That kind of knowledge and background inevitably makes you more effective in the advice and counseling you provide to your clients. I was also very impressed with the student group—which ranged from newly minted J.D.s to seasoned private practitioners to senior in-house lawyers at insurance companies—and the top-notch and highly committed faculty."

Bartell spent five years as an officer in the U.S. Navy after earning his B.S. at Cornell in 1986, including a two-and-a-half-year stint as the anti-submarine warfare officer aboard the U.S.S. Truett (FF-1095). In addition to his duties at Hartford Life, Bartell serves as chairman of the American Council of Life Insurers' COLI Task Force and is a member of the American Bar Association Tax Section.

to Germany to finish his Ph.D. in copyright law. In November 2003 he held a lecture in Munich about his Law School research topic, "The Digital First Sale Doctrine in the USA." He plans to publish an article about the topic in a German copyright law review. Last summer Niethammer passed the New York bar examination. **Nicole Rothgeb** received the Seaman Family Foundation Fellowship, which funds a two-year attorney position at Connecticut Legal Services. Rothgeb is working at the Stamford office, primarily in the area of public benefits. **Scott Schaffer** is an associate with Murtha Cullina LLP, Hartford. **Heather Wood** is a clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Robert Chatigny in Hartford.

Current students

Brian Hole '04 argued an important child protection appeal before the Connecticut Supreme Court on September 24. The trial judge in the case drew an "adverse inference" from the parents' exercise of their right not to testify, using this inference as part of his rationale for terminating their parental rights. The outcome resolved a critical question of Connecticut law and also

determined whether the parents and their seven-year-old daughter will ever see each other again. Hole represents the parents under the auspices of the Law School's Civil Appellate Clinic. **Dorothy Puzio '04** was the first place winner of the annual Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section's 2003 Law Student Writing Competition. Her winning paper was "Health Insurance Coverage for Emerging Medical Technologies: A New Approach." Puzio will clerk with Justice Flemming Norcott of the Connecticut Supreme Court next year. The Connecticut Moot Court Board congratulates the competitors of the 2003 Hastie Competition. The 2003 Hastie Honorees are **Melissa Murphy '06**, 2003 Hastie Competition Champion; **Elissa Torto '05**, 2003 Hastie Competition Finalist; **David Michel '05**, 2003 Hastie Competition Best Oralist; and **Lauren Palmisano '05**, 2003 Hastie Competition Best Brief. **Joseph Chambers '04** published his article, "In re Exxon Valdez: Application Of Due Process Constraints On Punitive Damage Awards," in the *Alaska Law Review*, Vol. XX, number II, page 195, published by Duke Law School. ■

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

It has been five months since I assumed the duties of president of this Association at our Annual Awards Dinner in October. Recognizing the accomplishments of Thomas J. Groark, Jr. '65 and The Honorable Donna F. Martinez '78 was a great way to begin my term. I am pleased that so many of you could be there.

I am also pleased that many of you were able to attend the graduate gathering held in Hartford in November, as well as the Stamford gathering that Brian O'Connor graciously hosted in September. Our Graduate Gatherings Committee is in the process of organizing springtime gatherings in Washington, D.C., New York, Boston and New Haven. At these events, graduates will have an opportunity to chat with Dean Newton and hear firsthand about the many things that are happening at the Law School. On behalf of all graduates, I thank the dean for involving so many of us in the life of the School and for maintaining such excellent lines of communication.



Last year the Alumni Association adopted a mission statement, which states that *"This Association seeks to cultivate the spirit of community and pride among those who have attended the Law School and to contribute to the advancement of the School and the legal profession."* Our board and its committees are actively involved in fulfilling this mission. For example, the Communication Committee, chaired by Greg Harris, recently accepted board member Don Ballman's offer to create a Web site for the Alumni Association. Once established, the site will provide easy access to information about the Law School's many activities and programs as well as how you can get involved in those that interest you. I believe it will be an effective resource to help cultivate the spirit of community and pride among graduates.

In other Association news, the Long Range Planning Committee is reviewing the infrastructure of the board in order to make recommendations for organizational improvement. In addition, the Reunion Committee is planning a June 5, 2004 reunion for graduate classes ending in 4 and 9. I have had the pleasure of attending two of the last three reunions on our beautiful campus and found them to be thoroughly enjoyable events. I expect that Reunion 2004 will be another fine evening.

As each of my predecessors has done since the rebirth of the Law School magazine, let me take this opportunity to urge all of you to let us know what you are doing by submitting news about your careers and families.

In closing, please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about the Law School and your board. We are here to serve all of you.

Very truly yours,

Neil F. Murphy, Jr. '70
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