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Washington, D.C.
Alumni Reception
January 6, 1997
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Law Alumni Council Meeting
College of Law
Hart Faculty Forum
January 11, 1997
Inquiries: 303/871-6122

Minnesota Alumni Reception
Dorsey & Whitney
220 South Sixth Street 12th Floor
Minneapolis, MN.
January 23, 1997  5pm
Inquiries: 303/871-6122

Partners In Law
January 28, 1997
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1966/67 Reunion
February 21, 1997
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DU Law Stars Nominations
March 1, 1997
Inquiries: 303/871-6122

Colorado Springs Alumni Reception
March 19, 1997
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1986/87 Reunion
April 11, 1997
Inquiries: 303/871-6122

1946/47 Reunion
May 17, 1997
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Oops!

In the Alumni Notes section of our last newsletter, we incorrectly noted that the Hon. Jon D. Boltz practiced law in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He practiced law in Denver from 1957 until 1977, and was then appointed a federal administrative law judge, serving as chief judge in Denver, Philadelphia, Dallas, Atlanta, and Albuquerque.

We misspelled the name of Curtis Fong, '33. We apologize.

We mistakenly listed Christopher W. Cozzolli, JD '81 as a judge in Hauppauge, New York.
He is a staff attorney with Debevois & Plimpton in New York City, focusing on commercial litigation.
In this issue of the newsletter you will read about some of the past and current accomplishments of our alumni family. We have always enjoyed a strong partnership with our alumni across the country and we are committed to strengthening the relationship by creating ways for students, faculty, and alumni to interact to the benefit of all groups.

Fostering a strong alumni network is not a new idea, and we plan to further the network this year through an alumni directory and expanded reunion and reception programs across the country. As you read the article on a century-long history of our alumni, you will realize how strong a connection we have enjoyed. We take great pride in our legacy of distinguished and dedicated alumni who have done so much through their professional lives, service organizations, and public service to make their communities better for everyone. We are proud to describe in this issue some outstanding examples of our alumni’s commitment to service.

Alumni give back to the College of Law in many ways. They teach as adjunct faculty, help judge a wide variety of student competitions, provide mentoring to students through PALS, participate in mock interviews and workshops aimed at preparing students for their job searches, supervise internships, and employ our students and graduates. Many outstanding alumni also share their wisdom and provide us guidance on ways to improve our educational mission through their participation in the Law Alumni Council. By way of illustration, we feature some past and current leaders of our Law Alumni Council on the cover of this newsletter.

Finally, of course, it is alumni who will make our Capital Campaign a success. We are deeply grateful for all our alumni do to ensure the success of our educational mission and we are proud of their leadership and accomplishments. With your help we can build an even stronger alumni community and maintain a network that will benefit all members of our law school family.
In 1892, tuition for the University of Denver law school was seventy-five dollars a year, and room and board were five dollars a week. Things have changed a little bit around the College of Law, but whether its a graduating class of six (1893) or one of three hundred (1996), students have always worked hard to achieve a level of education that would serve them well in their later lives. And law alumni have benefited from the experience, education, and friendships made at the law school. From 1895/86 when the Alumni Association was founded through today, alumni have been helping each other and their communities to keep the law school’s tradition of leadership and service alive.

In 1895, the Denver Law Alumni Association was founded, eleven years prior to the formation of an alumni association at the university. The officers of the Law Alumni Association for 1895/96 included:

Homer H. Weaver  
(class of 1893, president)

William W. Garwood  
(class of 1894, vice president)

Willis F. Wolff  
(class of 1895, secretary)

Daniel C. Burns  
(class of 1895, treasurer)
Within its first four years, DU's law school was proud to have two precedent-setting women graduates. Ann Hunt (class of 1894) was the first woman graduate of a law school in the State of Colorado and the first woman law school graduate to be admitted to the Colorado Bar. Mary F. Lathrop (class of 1896) was the first woman member of the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, and one of the two first women admitted to the American Bar Association, in 1918.

**Influence and Service**

DU and Westminster alumni over the 100 years have used the knowledge, information, and friendships gained through law school studies to their advantage and to the advantage of the communities across the nation in which they reside. Some graduates remained in the world of academia to become professors and deans. One such famous graduate didn't even look for a position. The late Thompson Marsh (class of 1927) said about his "decision" to become a professor:

\[\text{The week before I graduated the dean called me down and I wondered what was up. He said that they had decided to appoint the first full-timers... My friends told me I'd never know enough to quit, and I'm glad that they were right.}\]

Professor Marsh established an enviable sixty-year teaching record at the law school.

From the beginning, community lawyers (many of them law school alumni) became active part-time faculty members of the school. The first full-time faculty members as well as the first dean were appointed in 1927. Former Dean Harold E. Hurst noted that, even in 1959, the relationship between the law school and the community was mutual, "...some fifteen distinguished lawyers, each a specialist, regularly accepts teaching chores for which they receive almost no monetary remuneration." An important part of the law school's progressive teaching, adjunct professors keep students in touch with the current legal issues outside of the school.

Dean Emeritus/Professor Robert B. Yegge (class of 1959) served as a professor at the school from the time he graduated until his appointment as dean in 1965. Under Yegge's innovative direction, the law school became a national leader in educating lawyers in various disciplines to enhance their ability to analyze both legal doctrine and issues of public policy, and in clinical education to
THE ROLE OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL TODAY

Philip E. Johnson, JD'74
Chair, Law Alumni Council

The Law Alumni Council serves as a direct link between the University of Denver College of Law and the Denver legal community, including those practicing in both the traditional and nontraditional areas of law. It provides a forum for the legal community, particularly members who are DU law graduates, to communicate directly with the law school’s administration, faculty, and students to increase the likelihood of graduate employment. It also enhances the legal community’s familiarity with the law school’s challenges and problems.

The council is composed of thirty-five members representing a cross-section of graduates over the years. Council members are appointed for three-year terms, and they meet twice annually. Each meeting is spent updating the members on law school happenings, and in break-out groups and reports from the standing committees: program, student, and alumni. All council members are encouraged to participate in discussions of the various matters considered.

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provide students practical experience in lawyering. Today, Yegge remains a valued professor at the College of Law.

Dean Emeritus Daniel S. Hoffman (class of 1958) serves as an adjunct professor yet today. With his appointment as dean of the College of Law in 1978, the school continued a tradition of having as its leader one of the most respected practitioners in the local legal community. In addition to leading the law school through a time of growth and its move to its present Park Hill campus location, Hoffman has been a vast contributor to the community and country through his many legal and civic involvements.

Legal Community Influenced by Alumni Network

Many law school alumni enter into private practice. Often, competition has been stiff for jobs in this arena. Milton Morris (class of 1939)

remembered Denver’s economic climate when he graduated:

*I think that the top salary in Denver at the time I graduated was something like fifty dollars a month and that was with the biggest law firms and maybe one student would get that job.*

Overcoming competition, DU and Westminster law alumni have become an influential part of Denver’s legal community practice — 51 percent of Denver’s lawyers today are DU graduates. One Westminster graduate, Norma L. Comstock (class of 1932), was the first woman president of the Denver Bar Association. A Rocky Mountain News article in 1965 commented, “The new president-elect of the Denver Bar Assn. is the same person who took first place in the bar examination back in 1932. The most remarkable thing about both honors is that they were captured by a woman.” Woman or not, Comstock’s law career, focused primarily in business and estate law, was an influential one. President of both the Westminster and the DU College of Law Alumni Association, adjunct professor, and long-time secretary of the Westminster Board of Trustees, Comstock richly deserved DU’s Law Alumni Award presented to her in 1966 for outstanding accomplishment and service.

To increase interest among members of the Hispanic community in the study of law, Roger Cisneros (Westminster class of 1957) entered into private practice and became actively involved in community affairs. One of the first Hispanics to graduate from law school in Colorado, Cisneros worked with then Dean Robert B. Yegge to initiate a successful summer course for minorities and provide scholarships for study. The program became a model funded by the Ford Foundation and was adopted nation
wide. With over 300,000 Hispanic lawyers in Colorado now, Cisneros feels that DU College of Law “was a leader” in making this change.

**Alumni Council Today**

With increased administrative and alumni support, the Law Alumni Council has grown and become more active in recent years. This year, past and current council chairs (see photograph on front cover) gathered to discuss the future direction of the council, and the school. It became clear that the focus of the council has changed over the years to much more actively involve its members. Connie Hyde (class of 1981) remembered that when she was chair, the council acted more as a sounding board for the dean. “It has now changed along the lines to a support group to get help with admissions, placement, fundraising, and networking.” While Mark Boscoe (class of 1981) was chair this trend continued. “We encouraged the council to become actively involved in fundraising and networking. The Law Stars dinner came out of this.” With an increasingly difficult job market and pressure on schools to keep costs down, an alumni network is critical to help students prepare for and find jobs, and to help fund the costs of a legal education. Al Brenman (class of 1953) confirmed this need. “When I was first on the law alumni council, the great emphasis at that time, and I think it’s appropriate at this time, is making alumni feel like they have a connection to the school. I instituted the telefund, and we increased participation of alumni from 2 or 3 percent up to 10 or 15 percent over a period of three or four years.” The alumni council and the alumni development office is working to involve even greater numbers of alumni in programs, and to provide tools to expand the alumni network.

*Historical information in this article is taken from Philip E. Gauthier and Beverley Roberts, and from the book Lawyers from Denver: A Century of Service to the West and the Nation, by Philip E. Gauthier. The book celebrates the centennial history of the University of Denver College of Law, and is available at the Tattered Cover Bookstore, by calling the Alumni/Development Office at the College of Law 303/871-6118, or by returning the card attached in this newsletter.*

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Through mentoring programs and committee work with fellow council members, law students and recent graduates acquire real-world insight into the different professional lifestyle, economic, and personal fulfillment issues experienced by those practicing in traditional and nontraditional ways. Experienced attorneys are reacquainted with issues facing new lawyers in an evolving legal environment in which they can discuss, for example, the heightened standards of professionalism vital to maintaining the integrity of the legal community.

Other functions served by the Law Alumni Council include increasing the awareness of facilities available at the law school and the use of those facilities by the legal community, and developing programs to benefit the law school — such as the Law Stars dinner and the Partners at Law mentoring program — both of which evolved from standing committee discussions.

Perhaps the most vital, and pervasive, role of the alumni council today is the opportunity it creates for networking. Concerned members of each of the law school’s constituencies meet regularly to provide their different perspectives on issues challenging the entire legal community. We share spirited discussions, refreshments, and social interaction in an informal environment which stimulates creative thinking and follow-up in job referrals, new friends, and valuable professional information. All of us on the law alumni council look forward to expanding the role it plays for the law school and the Denver legal community.
Alumni Working Hard for Recruitment

Kyra Epstein

Despite the 12 percent dropoff nationwide in law school applications, DU is working hard to encourage talented prospective students to apply and attend the law school. The Mountain West Region has been the hardest hit, with applications down 18 percent. Over the past year, DU has faced this challenge with an aggressive approach to recruiting that is helping to keep class sizes competitive and proportional to the job market.

Recruitment Changes Include A “Personal Touch”

DU College of Law’s success in fighting falling application numbers is due—according to Professor Jay Brown and Director of Admission Claudia Tomlin—to changes in recruitment procedures, which show prospective students the personal attention, quality of education, accessibility of faculty, and quality of alumni the school provides. Changes include faculty attending more recruitment fairs. “Faculty have an aura of unapproachability,” says Tomlin, and DU strives to show prospective students that faculty members are available and accessible. In addition, a special program developed by the Admission, Recruitment, and Financial Aid Committee is helping to bring applications, and students, into DU College of Law.

Using an Alumni Network

The committee, made up of faculty, alumni, and students, launched a program last year designed to give prospective students more personal contact with faculty and alumni. The program focuses on two goals: to increase applicant numbers and to increase the likelihood that students accepted to the College of Law actually attend in the fall. To increase applicant numbers, the committee asked alumni to attend recruitment fairs with faculty and admission staff. Approximately 25 percent of the law school’s applicants are recruited through Law School Admissions Council forums and undergraduate fairs. A more effective use of this contact with potential applicants, to personally answer applicants’ questions, is a valuable use of alumni, faculty, and staff time.

“One of the prospective students do want to talk to our alumni—especially those out of state,” says Karen Higganbotham, Assistant Director of Admissions. Students can meet the professors they will be studying with, and alumni can talk about their experiences, the campus, the classes, and other issues that make applicants feel more comfortable and knowledgeable about the law school.

To increase the likelihood that applicants accepted to the law school actually attend, applicants were contacted personally by faculty and staff, and many were contacted by alumni via a network throughout the nation. Prospective students received a list of alumni in their geographical regions to answer additional questions and help them get a more personal, in-depth familiarity with the school. “Prospective students really like getting information from someone nearby,” says former Committee Chair Jay Brown.

One of the alumni who volunteered to help with recruiting new students was Debbie Zalesne, JD’92, a DU law alumna who now lives in Philadelphia. She contacted approximately twenty prospective students, all in Pennsylvania. Many of their questions centered around specific programs, classes, and procedures, and many of the prospective students wanted to know her impression of the school. Zalesne feels that the students could always call the school to answer specific questions, but the personal calls from someone who has been through the process was an effective personal touch. “It showed them that DU was interested and available.” She said she agreed to help with the recruiting to promote the school because of her good experience here.

Rob Smith, faculty chair for the Admission, Recruitment, and Financial Aid Committee for the upcoming year, hopes that the program will grow, and should grow through the coming years. He says that “hearing from an alumnus who is practicing in the area the students want to specialize in may help them make DU their choice.”

If you would like to be a part of the alumni network, helping to recruit strong candidates from across the United States and abroad, contact Ann Polumbus, 303/871-6122.
Attorney Joins McVeigh Defense

Amien Oyer

Veteran Denver criminal defense lawyer, Jeralyn E. Merritt, JD '73, was named to Timothy McVeigh's defense team on May 9 by lead defense attorney Stephen Jones. McVeigh and co-defendant Terry Nichols are charged with the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City. Merritt is a recurring guest on Rivera Live for CNBC and has reported on pre-trial proceedings in the case on several occasions. She has spent twenty-two years in criminal defense, not surprising since she has been drawn to this field for quite some time. Merritt will be working on the preparation and conduct of McVeigh's defense at trial and she conveys real meaning to the principle of due process. "[As a defense attorney] I have a tremendous responsibility to promote fairness and protect the rights of the accused while fostering the integrity of the system as a whole."

Merritt, whose practice is limited to criminal defense and related forfeitures, with emphasis on complex federal drug and white collar crimes and civil and criminal forfeitures, has been given the highest rating by the Martindale-Hubbell law directory and is recognized on a national scale. She is a fellow and member of the board of governors for the American Board of Criminal Lawyers (ABCL). In 1995/96, she was selected by Chief Judge Richard P. Matsch, U.S. District Court District of Colorado, to serve as the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorney District Representative for the District of Colorado to the National Conference of Panel Attorneys (1995 through 1996). Previously, she had been selected by Judge Matsch to serve (1994) and to chair (1995) the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado's seven-lawyer standing committee on the Criminal Justice Act. This committee assists the court in administering the 100-lawyer Criminal Justice Act Panel. In addition, she finds time to give lectures across the country on topics ranging from sentencing guideline amendments, to forfeiture and double jeopardy, to computer programs and the Internet for the criminal defense practitioner.

She has also served as a chair of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) Legislative Committee since 1994. In 1995 she was the first recipient of the NACDL Marshall Stem Award for outstanding legislative achievement, for her leadership efforts in the 1995 NACDL Legislative Fly-In, an annual event at which criminal defense lawyers from all fifty states converge on Washington to meet with their elected representatives in Congress and lobby on criminal justice issues. She writes a monthly column on legislation for The Champion, the NACDL magazine. In March 1996, at the invitation of the chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Crime, she testified before Congress on marijuana sentencing laws. In August 1996, at the request of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, she testified at its hearing in Denver on the subject of federal sentencing guidelines for drug offenses.

A College of Law alumna, Merritt chose DU because of the opportunities available to her by participating in the Student Law Office. As a student attorney Merritt was able to defend cases in court while still in school. In fact, she and fellow student attorney, Linda Donnelly, JD '74, began a clinic in the Student Law Office to defend prostitutes.

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Independence of the Judiciary

Occasionally we print an article written by an alumnus/a that we feel will be of interest to all of our readers. Judge Leopold recently presided over the highly-publicized Chuck E Cheese murder case, which was tried in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Perhaps as a result of all the publicity that case received, he has strong feelings regarding the importance of the independence of the judiciary, detailed in the following article.

In 1987 Leopold was appointed to the 18th Judicial District Court in Arapahoe County by Colorado Governor Roy Romer. He has presided over juvenile and felony matters, civil, probate and mental health matters, and most recently felony matters. He has been a member of the District Judges Association Executive Council, the Trial Judges Council, and the Legislative Advisory Committee. He was president of the Arapahoe County Bar Association from 1985 through 1986 and received the Tommy D. Drinkwine Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award from the Arapahoe County Bar Association. Leopold served in the U.S. Air Force and was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters as a crew member flying on intelligence missions. This fall, Judge Leopold will be transferred out of the criminal division and will be presiding over cases related to civil probate and mental health issues.

Hon. John P. Leopold, JD'74

America's form of government, with its three co-equal branches, has served us well for more than two hundred years. As a trial judge, I have especially strong feelings about the separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary.

Our country was founded in part because of citizens' distrust of government. But today, that sentiment seems to be stronger than ever. All of us know about groups whose antipathy toward all levels of government impels the stockpiling of arms and confrontation with law enforcement.

How should the judiciary act in these circumstances? Certainly, an independent judiciary must not react to any kind of public pressure. Alexander Hamilton recognized the need for independence of the judiciary in Federalist Paper Number 80. "(The) independence of judges is...requisite to guard the Constitution and the rights of individuals from the effects of those ill humors, which the arts of designing men of the influence of particular conjectures sometimes disseminate among the people themselves; and which have a tendency...to occasion dangerous innovations in the government, and serious oppressions of the minor party of the community...." In the same paper, Hamilton refers to judges as "faithful guardians of the Constitution."

Colorado's justices and judges are faithful guardians of the federal and state constitutions. Our merit selection and periodic retention system permits the judiciary to carry forth this responsibility with suitable accountability but without having to be concerned about fund-raising and other corrupting aspects of the campaign process.

Judges must inspire a sense of public confidence. This begins with judges acting in accordance with the highest ethical standards. And whenever a judge presides in any case that attracts a high level of media attention, this responsibility takes on added significance. I have faced this situation in both civil and criminal cases. My primary goal always is that genuine justice prevails. In a criminal case, the presumption of innocence must have real meaning. At the same time, the legitimate interests of the people must receive fair and due consideration.

Judges must never allow any level of personal philosophy to interfere with their sworn duties. This rubric does not constrain a judge from engaging in the requisite constitutional review which is part of our separation of powers. It certainly does not impair a judge's essential and vital sense of compassion. It also does not affect the refusal option of the court. It does require a judge to be candid with himself or herself, lest abuse of office within the guise of traditional judicial independence.
I do not propose that the judicial branch emasculate itself or that it cave in to the (then) existing public whim. Nevertheless, the contemporary judge faces challenges that are far sharper than during many times in our country’s history. Of course, certain parallels exist.

As a high school student, I traveled to North Carolina with my parents to visit colleges. Based on some billboards we saw, I could have wondered whether Chief Justice Warren’s first name was “Impeach.” My reading and recollection of the chief justice is that his efforts in Brown v. Board of Education were not inspired by personal philosophy. He sought and achieved a meaningful, unanimous decision in a case of profound significance.

Early nineteenth century cases concerning railroads and more recent litigation concerning flag burning certainly could have caused politically motivated justices to react inappropriately before issuing rulings. Fortunately, the founders’ establishment of an independent judiciary has permitted judicial officers to rule without regard for popular sentiment. The American judicial system, while far from perfect, has been a faithful guardian of the Constitution and of our liberties.

My responsibilities require that I follow the standards of statutory and constitutional construction which are contained in a long line of precedent. If I wanted to make law, I would have run for the legislature. I prefer the work of the detached, neutral magistrate. I hope I make a contribution to the public’s respect for the law and our system of justice by limiting my rulings accordingly.

In the end, good judges perform all of their duties in a thorough, competent and fearless manner. We should be held to the highest standards of all public servants. I believe that, in the vast majority of instances, we meet that challenge.

Merritt was an associate with Hochstadt, Straw and Davis for eight months. It was here that she co-chaired her first federal criminal trial (a heroin case) and received a not guilty verdict. In 1975, Merritt set up shop on her own, and has been a sole practitioner ever since. From 1981 until 1991, Merritt shared offices with one of her most important mentors and instructors, Joseph Saint-Veltri, JD’68, a prominent and nationally-recognized Colorado drug defense attorney.

Merritt remains in touch with many friends and attorneys with whom she went to law school and feels that DU gave her a wonderful education. “It was small but detailed, and challenging but still allowed me to have a life.” She uses the law library every so often and likes to go there occasionally for a quiet retreat.

Merritt probably won’t be seeing a lot of time for quiet retreats while she is working on the Oklahoma bombing trial. According to a fellow attorney and friend quoted in an article for the Rocky Mountain News, “she can work longer and harder than virtually any lawyer I’ve ever known.” Jeralyn Merritt is a remarkable attorney, and we will be following this trial knowing that she is working to protect the rights of a man who is charged with committing a most heinous crime.
JOHANNA E. KELLY
Executive Director of Development and External Affairs

Yes, I have a new title. While the scope of my activities for the College of Law remain focused on major gift fund raising for the capital campaign, Dean Lynch has combined the Office of Career Services with other external affairs programs. With the focus on our alumni network, this change will enhance the collaboration between alumni relations and career services.

The Capital Campaign is moving forward with great momentum. Over 2.7 million dollars were raised in the past fiscal year through gifts, pledges, and bequests from our alumni and friends. We are now at the midway point in this campaign. A gift appropriate to your own circumstances would make a world of difference to your law school. Gifts can be designated toward scholarships, public interest loan forgiveness, public interest clerkships, and the clinical programs. Please consider a gift to the law school prior to the end of 1996! You will be joining your fellow graduates in supporting leadership in legal education. Thank you.

ANN M. POLUMBUS
Director of Alumni Relations

While enjoying Colorado's magnificent summer and fall, I have had the added joy of becoming friends with many of you as we worked on our annual DU Law Stars event. This event has become a strong piece of our alumni network, connecting our alumni, students and faculty. Records were set in attendance at the dinner, in participation on the Law Stars committee, and in money raised for the Student Law Office and the Alumni Merit Scholarship Fund.

To further strengthen our Alumni network nationally and abroad, the College of Law will update the Alumni Directory in 1997. You will each be receiving a questionnaire from Publishing Concepts, a private company hired to create and market this directory. Please take some time to look at the information, especially the "legal areas of concentration," and correct us where our data are incomplete.

KYRA EPESTEIN
Associate Director of Development and Alumni

Growing up in Colorado, and having a father who is an alumnus, I was always well aware of DU's reputation for educational excellence and community involvement. After six years in the private sector, I couldn't have been more pleased to accept a position at a university that is a landmark in Colorado history. I am excited to get to know and work with both alumni and the students that are so important to the College of Law.

This volume of the alumni newsletter focuses on you—the network of alumni of DU's College of Law. Many of the articles are a tribute to your involvement, from the Law Alumni Council, to DU Law Stars, to the new program involving alumni in recruitment. In the upcoming year, we'll be working on a new alumni directory and web page to facilitate easier communication. We want to encourage you to get involved in the network: alumni, students, and DU.
One of the most respected international legal academic societies took root at the University of Denver College of Law in 1964: the Law Society Association (LSA). Thirty-two years later, from July 10 through 13, the annual meeting of LSA was held at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. At this meeting, eleven members of the University of Denver faculty were present and participated in the impressive program.

"Globalization and the Quest for Justice" was the theme of the annual meeting and was attended by more than 1,300 persons from around the world. More than half of the participants were from countries other than the United States. The meeting consisted of 250 separate sessions at which papers on significant academic research in the field of law and society were presented. Eight DU law faculty members presented sessions.

The LSA was incorporated as a Colorado Not-For-Profit Corporation in 1964. Dean Emeritus Robert B. Yegge, JD'59, with eleven of his colleagues from across the USA, had a vision of an international academic society for the study of law and society. Yegge became the first president of the LSA and served as president for nearly six years.

With assistance of grants from The Russell Sage Foundation, LSA established the Law and Society Review, now one of the most prestigious juried journals in law and social science. The first issue of Law and Society Review was published in November 1966 with a forward by President Yegge and by co-founder/editor Richard D. Schwartz. The Hughes Research and Development Committee, established by a grant from the Mabel Y. Hughes Trust, supports interdisciplinary research projects for the College of Law faculty.

The headquarters of the LSA was necessarily established at DU where the president resided. In 1971, Professor James E. Wallace became the first executive officer of the LSA. After thirteen years of faithful service, Wallace retired as executive officer and Professor Joyce Sterling of the DU Law faculty became the second executive officer. She served until 1987 when Ronald N. Pipkin of the University of Massachusetts/Amherst became executive officer. The roster of past presidents, trustees, and members of LSA reads like a "Who's Who" of major scholarship in social research about law. This roster of leadership in the LSA is impressive in its power and prestige in legal education.

University of Denver College of Law scholars who presented papers and sessions at the Glasgow conference included:

- Dean Dennis O. Lynch
- Professor Martha Ertman
- Sally Maresh, administrator of the Student Law Office
- Professor Julie Nice
- Professor George "Rock" Pring
- Professor Joyce Sterling
- Professors Penny Bryant and Robert Yegge

The College of Law and the University at large presented visible support in Glasgow for this annual conference that has its roots here at the College of Law. More details on the presentations can be found on page 14.
Faculty Tenured
Professor Roberto Corrada and Professor Robert B. Smith have both been promoted to associate professor with tenure.

American Bar Association Award
The American Bar Association created and named a judicial administration award after Dean Emeritus Robert Yegge, to honor him for outstanding contribution by an attorney to the field of judicial administration (see photo).

Faculty in Scotland
Several faculty members attended and/or presented papers in July at the 1996 Joint Meetings held by the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law conference in Glasgow, Scotland (see article on page 13).

Dean Dennis Lynch spoke on the changing context for socio-legal research in Latin America.

Sally Maresh, from the Student Law Office, presented her paper: “The Impact of Clinical Legal Education on the Decisions of Law Students to Practice Public Interest Law.”

Professor Rock Pring, Professor Penelope Canan (College of Sociology), and Professor Nancy Reichman (College of Sociology) participated in a roundtable on “An International Comparison of the Right to Petition the Government—Formal Rights vs. Institutional Barriers.”

Professor Joyce Sterling presented a paper titled, “Tales from the Trenches: An Ethnographic Study of the State of the Adversary System.”

Professor Martha Ertman presented the paper, “Contractual Purgatory for Sexual Minorities: Not Everything, But Not Nothing Either.”

Professor Julie Nice presented her paper, “Exploring Active Tolerance as a Baseline for Free Expression Analysis: The Difference Between Gay Irish and Anti-Gay Irish.” (see photo)

Fulbright Scholar
CNN Celebrity
Professor Alan Chen appeared June 26th on CNN Headline News and July 1 on the "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" to discuss Oklahoma bombing trial issues.

Anti-Defamation League Award
Attorney Walter Gerash, JD'56 and the University of Denver College of Law Professor Ved Nanda were selected to be the recipients of the 1996 Anti-Defamation League Civil Rights Award. The Civil Rights Award honors individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to ensuring that civil and human rights of all people are protected. Professor Nanda was recognized for his work in the field of international law during the same year that the World Court will be celebrating its 50th year. Walter Gerash is known for the many high-profile, criminal cases for which he has served as counsel—many of them on a pro bono basis, representing minority clients.

Colorado Bar Association Award
Professor Wadine Gehrke received the Colorado Bar Association’s Professionalism Award, for being an outstanding mentor, teacher, and role model to fellow professionals. The Arapahoe County Bar Association nominated her, and presented the award. (see photo)

Presentations and Publications
Professor Ed Ziegler traveled to Spain in May and gave an invited presentation at the University of Barcelona Law School on "Private Property Rights and the United States Constitution." His article, "Visual Beauty, Aesthetics, and Design in United States Land Use Law," will be published in Spanish this fall in that country’s Journal of Urban and Environmental Law. Last year, his article on special zoning districts was published in France’s leading land use journal as “La Proliferation Des Zonages,” in connection with his visit at the Urban Institute of the University of Paris.

In June, Ziegler gave an invited presentation on Zoning, Private Property Rights and Native American Allotments at the Port of Dutch Harbor on the Bering Sea and was the special guest speaker at a zoning law seminar sponsored by the City of Anchorage, Alaska where he spoke on the topic “Property Rights Claims in Zoning and Planning.” His most recent paper, “Partial Taking Claims and Horizontal Equity: Making Sense of Fundamental Fairness and Development Restrictions,” was published in July and examines theories of fundamental fairness and causation related to regulatory taking claims.

Professor Steve Pepper participated as a faculty conference member in the “Legal Ethics: The Core Issues” seminar at Hofstra University School of Law in March 1996.

Professor Arthur Best published "Wigmore on Evidence: 1996 Supplement."
DEAN'S PICNIC

At the annual event, held this year on September 7, students talk with the dean, faculty and staff. The picnic is a fun opportunity to meet fellow students and greet friends after a summer break.

CBA CONVENTION

DU Law hosted its annual reception on September 27, 1996 during the CBA Convention in Vail, Colorado. The reception brought over 100 DU alumni, friends and family together to relax after a day of seminars and speakers.

A. DEAN'S PICNIC

Student Peter Vano and Professor John Reese catch up on the summer's activities.

➤ Students pick up information and meet new friends at the picnic.

➤ Law Alumni Council chair Phil Johnson, JD'74, conference speaker William Peithman, JD'78 and Dean Dennis Lynch meet up at the end of the day's conference proceedings.

➤ Professor John Soma, Carolyn Straustman, JD'94 and Mark Guetsch, JD'93 sample the food at the reception.

A. CBA CONVENTION

(i-l) Sisters and alumnae Barbara L. Corneaus JD'86 and Ida Escobedo-Betson, JD'88 meet at the CBA convention.
LAW ALUMNI COUNCIL

On July 30th, the Law Alumni Council met and voted in a new executive committee. Phil Johnson, JD'74 will serve as chair, Christie Truitt, JD'82 as secretary, and Allan Hale, JD'85 as vice chair. The following new members were elected to the council: John Moran, JD'55, Mary Jo Gross, JD'79, Constance Cox, JD'78, Rico Munn, JD'96, and Susan Nelson, JD'96. A new membership group was added to the council by-laws, which will allow the nominating committee to include more out-of-state alumni on the council. After hearing the various reports on the state of the law school, the council broke into standing committees, which focused on strengthening the law school's alumni network.

> Susan Nelson, JD'96 and Rico Munn, JD'96 are the two most recently-graduated members of the Law Alumni Council.

CARVER LECTURE

This year on October 3, as a part of the John A. Carver, Jr. Lecture Series, Mr. Donald Hodel spoke to a group of 150 students. Mr. Hodel was the Former Secretary of Energy and Former Secretary of the Interior between 1981 and 1988. His lecture was entitled "Reflections on a National Energy Policy."

Dean Dennis Lynch congratulates council member Larry Litvak, JD'52 and outgoing Law Alumni Council chair Ralph Torres, JD'70 for their outstanding contributions of time and service to the College of Law.

(r) Jim Moylan, JD'71, from Chicago, completed his six-year term on the Law Alumni Council with only one absence. Peter Willis, JD'63 joins council members in thanking Moylan for his service.

Speaker Donald Hodel

Speaker Donald Hodel, Professor John A. Carver, Jr. and Dean Dennis Lynch.
LAW STARS HONOREES

Speaking With The Stars

Each year we feature interviews with the Law Stars honorees. This year, interviews were conducted by Mary Jo Gross, JD’79, DU Law Stars chair and shareholder at Fairfield and Woods in Denver, and Ann Polumbus, Director of Alumni Relations. The following comments are not direct quotes; they reflect conversations that occurred.

This year our honorees included alumni Joseph Berenbaum, AB’37, JD’40, Mary T. Hoagland, MSJA’72, JD’75, and Professor John A. Carver, Jr.

Joseph Berenbaum
Outstanding Alumni Award

Gross: It’s an honor for us to be interviewing you. You’ve been in Denver a long time. Why did your family settle here?

Berenbaum: In 1916, I was born in Rostern Saskatchewan Canada, a farming community. My parents came from Russia. When my father was eighteen, he escaped from the Russian army and arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His wife, my mother, was still in Russia, so he snuck back into Russia, retrieved her and they returned to Canada and ran a trading post. My family had a questioning spirit and was very open to adapting to life in a new world.

Polumbus: What did your father do in Denver?

Berenbaum: My father had some money when we came to Denver, but proceeded to lose much of it in the coal and gold mines. Later he got involved in the oil business. My father was always helping other people. He sponsored several of our relatives over to this country from Russia. He had a big impact on my life.

Gross: Where did you go to school in Denver?

Berenbaum: I attended the Denver Public Schools — Cheltenham Elementary, Lake Junior High and North High School. We lived in West Denver and walked to school. I was one of the first head boys at Lake Junior High. I lettered in basketball, was class president and was the newspaper sports editor. I talked the late Pockey Marranzino into writing for that paper. What a grand career he made out of journalism with the Rocky Mountain News. While playing basketball, I had a leg injury which kept me out of school for a semester and later prevented me from being admitted into the army. North High School was a wonderful amalgamation of Irish Catholic, Jewish, and Hispanic kids. I’ve always been grateful that I was raised in a diversified neighborhood.

Polumbus: Why did you go to the University of Denver?

Berenbaum: I attended the University of Denver because it was cheaper for me. I could live at home, pay my tuition in installments and work while I attended school. I’ve always been grateful for the education I received there. At DU I was the Sports Editor of the school paper, The Clarion, and I convinced Frank Haraway to write for me. He went on to be a great sports writer for The Denver Post. After three years at DU, I entered law school and attended classes above Mapelli’s Meat Market. I’ve always been an early riser, getting up at about 4 am. I would study in the morning, drive to law school, run up to my classes, and then leave immediately after class to work for my father’s oil company. At law school, the late Professor Thompson Marsh used to give me a hard time for not putting more effort into my legal studies, but I always managed to get good grades. I fondly remember my law school professors, some of which were top attorneys in Denver at the time.
Gross: Tell us how you built your successful law practice.

Berenbaum: I started my career in 1940 in the Equitable Building working with the firm of Chutkow & Adler. I was given an office and some work, but no salary. You were expected to earn your own way on your own clients. Seven years later, after the war, my brother Mandel, who had been a captain in the Air Force overseas, and I opened our office: Berenbaum & Berenbaum. We had a general practice...you didn't specialize in those days you just took what work came your way.

I began representing a small homebuilder after the war. As the building industry grew, I came in contact with various lending institutions who made loans to some of my clients, and subsequently some of these institutions started hiring me. Simultaneously, I began doing work for oil and gas companies. My clientele began to grow by word of mouth.

Polumbus: Of what legal accomplishments are you most proud?

Berenbaum: During the 1960s and '70s, I did a substantial amount of the annexation and zoning work in Denver. I was involved in the annexation of all the land around 72nd and Federal to the north, and to Sheridan Boulevard on the west, as well as annexation in Thornton, Broomfield, Aurora and south, in Littleton. Most evenings I was attending City Council or commissioners' meetings. One year I handled seven out of the ten largest real estate deals in Denver. As my reputation grew in the real estate industry, I often received new business from clients I had formerly opposed.

Gross: Were you ever tempted to become part of a much larger firm?

Berenbaum: No. Mandel and I formed a partnership with Hubert Weinshienk's firm in 1949 and we had about sixteen lawyers. Today, Berenbaum Weinshienk & Eason has thirty-five lawyers, and I'm very proud that we represent both local and national clients.

Polumbus: Tell us about your family.

Berenbaum: Penny and I have lived in our Hilltop home for forty-four years. Penny came to Denver from a small town in Mississippi. It was quite unusual at the time for a young woman from Mississippi to venture west alone. We were married a year after we met and spent our honeymoon on the United Banana Boat freighter which stopped in Cuba and Guatemala. We have three children, Kay, Sandi and Jim, and two grandchildren, Amy and Katie.

Gross: What changes would you make to the legal system?

Berenbaum: Eliminate legal advertising! I think it has been a disaster for the profession. Advertising distorts clients' perceptions of attorneys' skills. It has stirred up antagonism and helped create a mean competitiveness between lawyers. Advertising has changed the profession of law and made it into a business.

Polumbus: Is there anything we have missed?

Berenbaum: The law is one of the few places an individual can compete with a large law firm and hold his or her own. It still boils down to which lawyer is the best prepared, has reasonably high intelligence, listens, and reacts appropriately while keeping emotions under control. I am grateful for my wonderful marriage and loving children and grandchildren and my warm relationship with my brothers. My parents gave us a strong set of ethical values which have shaped my life.

Mary T. Hoagland
Alumni Professionalism Award

Polumbus:
the law school and meeting us for this interview. Why did you decide to go to law school and become a lawyer?

Hoagland: In 1963 I was a busy wife and mother of four children and found myself relating to Betty Freidan’s book, *The Feminine Mystique*. I agreed with so much of it, but didn't have the self-confidence to act on it until years later. I joined the National Organization for
Women (NOW) when it was organizing in Denver and the group met in our home, which happened to be a former DU sorority house. It was the first time I had the opportunity to interact with professional women and it was a very stimulating experience.

Each month we had fascinating speakers including District Judge Zita Weinshienk who spoke on her experiences at Harvard Law School. I met Pat Schroeder through the League of Women Voters, Susie Barnes, JD’67 through NOW, and Jean Dubofsky through political campaigns. It occurred to me that the one thing all these intelligent women had in common was their law degrees. They got me thinking that maybe I should study law.

**Gross**: I notice that you got a master’s degree in the science of legal administration before you got your law degree.

**Hoagland**: Yes, I first signed up for that program and upon completion applied again for law school admission. Again I was rejected. I dried my tears, buried my frustrations and in desperation showed up on registration day in the fall of 1972 with my check in hand hoping that if anyone didn’t show up there might be room for me. Indeed, there was. I signed up and found myself in Professor Marshall’s property class the next day.

**Polumbus**: You sound like a very determined person. Tell us about your childhood and how you developed into the capable, energetic woman you are today.

**Hoagland**: I was born in Savannah, Georgia, the eldest of three sisters. Our family was a bit unusual for southern families at the time. My father attended Princeton and his sister, my aunt, attended Smith College. At the time and in that part of the world, those were considered extremely liberal schools. My Aunt Inez, who attended Smith College, married the president of Hudson Motor Company in Detroit and they were instrumental in finding a position for my father with Ford Motor Company. We moved to Grosse Pointe, Michigan and my sisters and I attended the local country day school. I even played right inner in field hockey with right wing Julie Harris who later made her name in the theater world. I attended Smith College during World War II and majored in economics. The WAVES trained at Smith. I tried to join up for the program but was not old enough.

**Gross**: How did you ever leave such a comfortable setting?

**Hoagland**: My mother and father had run away from their college to marry and eventually both regretted it. They valued a good education and encouraged us to get one. I believe I was lucky to be encouraged to go to college. Many of my girl friends were not given that opportunity, not because of finances but because the culture hinted that education was a waste for girls. I dated many people in Detroit, but finally the older brother of a best friend, George Caulkins, introduced me to Don Hoagland, teasing me that this was his last friend and I’d better snap him up. We were married a year later when I was a very ancient twenty-five.

**Polumbus**: What brought you to Denver?

**Hoagland**: Both Don and I felt it would be good for us to live in a location totally away from New York City. In 1950 Don interviewed with Dick Davis who became the lead partner of Davis Graham & Stubbs. He was hired and we moved to Denver. We arrived in our “covered” station wagon on a balmy 60 degree day in January. In fine Colorado fashion, the next day leveled just below zero and ... our first child, Peter, was born nine months later. Missy arrived in 1953, Sara “Suki” in 1956, and Ann in 1963. Raising four independent and “near-perfect” children took all of my time and energy and I am most proud of how they have turned out today.

**Gross**: What was your law school experience like?

**Hoagland**: I attended classes both in the day and evening. Law school was sheer terror for me 90 percent of the time. I had my three black marks from Thompson Marsh in record time. My youngest daughter Ann was eight so I still had to run home and do the cooking and the car pools.

A favorite early law school memory of mine is of Ved Nanda, my advisor. The first time he saw me studying in the library in late evening, he offered to walk me to my car. I quickly assured him that I was grateful for the offer, but was quite capable of going on my own and that I had three years to go so he should not start such a precedent.
Colorado’s Centennial

In Colorado Springs we welcomed the first woman to attend the Air Force Academy and then climbed Pikes Peak in honor of Catherine Bates, the composer of America the Beautiful.

Gross: Now that you are retired how do you look back on your work?

Hoagland: I think my causes are ongoing — not completed — and moving slowly if at all. I continue to devote my energy primarily to women’s issues. I work very hard to help women who are running for public office. I met some wonderful friends on the Women’s Forum Outward Bound Green River rafting trip in 1985, and we continue to meet annually for a river trip.

My family has always come first. Don and I have four married children (thankfully employed) living in other time zones, and eight grandchildren so far. I have two sisters, three daughters, and now four granddaughters, so I care deeply how women fare in our culture and around the world.

Gross: Mary, we are asking each of the honorees this question. If you could make any change in the American legal system, what would it be?

Hoagland: After practicing family law for over fifteen years, I believe that our current laws and procedures have a distressing impact on families. “Justice delayed is justice denied” operates here as well as in the rest of the profession. We treat spouses as equals before the court, when there is seldom equality in fact.
John A. Carver, Jr. 
Alumni Faculty Award

Polumbus: Tell us about some of the people and incidents that had a strong influence on your life.

Carver: We are all influenced by our environment. In my case it was a mixture of small-town, rural life in Preston, Idaho, where my father was a lawyer and my grandparents and uncles and aunts were all farmers. My great-grandparents had come to Utah with the early migration, and the community was largely Mormon.

Gross: Why was your father a lawyer?

Carver: At age five he was blinded in an accident. Perhaps that’s why he was such a driving, ambitious man. He studied law by reading in a law office. His ambition took him to the top of his profession. He was a U.S. attorney for twenty years and then a state trial judge. He died in 1962. He had such a strong influence on me that I started thinking about being a lawyer when I was five years old.

Polumbus: Tell us about your mother and the rest of the family.

Carver: I was the oldest of seven children. My mother deserves the most credit, not only for my father’s successes, but for the successes of all the children. Her formal education ended in the eighth grade, but she was my father’s eyes and reader from the time of their marriage.

Polumbus: Tell us some of your earliest memories of your family.

Carver: Speaking of my mother, my earliest memory is of Moscow, Idaho, the home of the Idaho University Law School. I remember watching my dad take notes on his Braille writer, while my mother read case books to him. My father, although already admitted to the bar, believed that college-educated lawyers had an advantage. He later joked that he had to get a law degree to prove to himself that he hadn’t needed one. What I can now picture vividly is that we were all (I at three, a brother at two, another brother at two months) crowded into two rooms with a wood stove for cooking and heating. By a great coincidence, I rented the same place twenty years later, so I know what it was like.

Gross: Was your family in politics?

Carver: Very much so. Democratic politics. I passed out cards in my father’s campaigns for county attorney; and I carried an Al Smith banner in a parade in 1928. I was my father’s driver and companion when he sought his party’s nomination for U.S. senator in 1936. My father’s political work got him the appointment as U.S. attorney by Franklin Roosevelt in 1933, a position he held until Eisenhower replaced Truman in 1953.

Gross: Tell us about your first job away from home.

Carver: That was political, too. I went with my father to Washington, D.C. in 1936, when I was eighteen, and he had just lost his bid to be a U.S. senate candidate. With the family’s political connections, I decided I could get a job there.

Gross: Did you?

Carver: Sort of. I spent the first six weeks as a night “curb-boy” at a drive-in restaurant, and spent the days looking for a job. Finally, a republican interstate commerce commissioner from Idaho recommended me for a job as messenger for a subcommittee of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. At ninety dollars a month, I was in high cotton. Senator Wheeler of Montana was my boss: Senator Harry Truman was a committee member, and his wife Bess, who ran his senate office, took a liking to me, referring to me as “her boy” whenever I took material to that office.

Polumbus: What about school?

Carver: I went to night classes at George Washington University. During the committee’s hearings (that was when a midget sat on J.P. Morgan’s lap) I cranked mimeographed testimony, sometimes all night. My messenger duties
expanded and I helped the lawyers (Telford Taylor was one of them) by doing research at the Library of Congress. School work suffered.

Polumbus: So you returned to the west after a year.

Carver: Yes. At the urging of my parents, I enrolled at Brigham Young University in 1937, at the start of my junior year. That school agreed that since I had completed all required courses for an undergraduate degree, I could complete my senior year at a law school. So I went to law school at Missoula, Montana in 1938, but graduated at BYU with my class in 1939.

Polumbus: But your law degree was at Georgetown. How did you get back to Washington?

Carver: The story is a little complicated. While at Missoula, I took a Civil Service examination. While completing my second year of law in the spring of 1940 (at the University of Idaho) I was offered a job in Washington at 150 dollars a month, which I promptly accepted. I knew I could go to school at night, which I did. I studied at Georgetown in 1940/41, and after the war returned to finish in 1947.

Gross: So the war interrupted your schooling.

Carver: Yes. I worked for the Office of the Secretary of War, and ran field offices at Ogden, Utah, Baltimore, and New York until I was drafted in 1943. I was commissioned in 1944, and was civilian personnel officer for the U.S. strategic bombing survey in England and Japan. I returned to my civilian job with the Department of the Army and to school at Georgetown in January 1946 and took bar examinations in Idaho and D.C. in June. I continued at Georgetown until graduation in December 1947.

Polumbus: You had time to get married. When did that happen?

Carver: That, too, is a long story. Ruth O'Connor, from Seattle, had taken the same Civil Service exam in her senior year at the University of Washington. She was offered and accepted a job in Washington where I was. We worked for the War Department in the same office, but got serious only after I was transferred to Baltimore. After a long distance telephone proposal, she quit and we were married in 1942. Our first son was born just before I went overseas in 1945.

Gross: How long did you practice law in Idaho?

Carver: I practiced until 1956. Later I was part of Idaho senator Frank Church’s campaign staff and became his administrative assistant when he took office in 1957. I worked for the election of John F. Kennedy in 1960, and he appointed me assistant secretary of the interior in 1961. President Johnson promoted me to under secretary in 1964, and appointed me as a federal power commissioner in 1966.

Gross: How did you happen to come to DU?

Carver: I became acquainted with Bob Yegge, then a young dean, about 1963. His circle of friends in Washington was enormous. In 1972, when Nixon was President, Bob asked me if I would be interested in coming to DU when my term expired in 1973. I said, “What about right now?” He agreed, and I resigned and came here in August. The rest is recent history. I retired here in 1988, but haven’t been able to give up teaching.

Gross: You’ve had what might be called a varied career—government, private practice, teaching. Have we left anything out? What about highlights and anecdotes as we conclude?

Carver: Well, I might conclude with a couple of anecdotes I sometimes tell students. One involves President Johnson, who was talking with me about being a federal power commissioner. “What I want in that job,” he said, “is someone who can be fair even to sons-of-bitches.” There is a lot of wisdom in that. The other concerns the nature of power and position. Vice President Hubert Humphrey and I, the Under Secretary of the Interior, were talking about our jobs. What he said applied to both of them: “John, there is nothing the matter with this job a little power wouldn’t cure.”

Polumbus: No highlight?

Carver: Well, you can tell that as I continue to teach eight years after retirement, teaching here is the highlight of my career.
An audience of 650 people attended the fourth annual DU Law Stars dinner on September 17 at the Westin Hotel Tabor Center. The event, a celebration of the profession of law, honored:

**Joe Berenbaum, AB’37, JD’40,**  
Outstanding Alumni Award

**Mary Hoagland, MSJA’72, JD’75,**  
Alumni Professionalism Award

**John Carver, Jr.,**  
Alumni Faculty Award

The evening was made possible by Lexis-Nexis and the generous sponsors, community volunteers, dedicated faculty, student volunteers, and the entire legal community. A multi-media slide show, written by Craig Eley, JD’73 and John Moye, presented a humorous and entertaining chronicle of the lives of the honorees. Forty-seven thousand dollars was raised for the Student Law Office and the Alumni Merit Scholarship Fund.
A Brilliant Evening

Best Star Attire award goes to Doris Trouhlar, JD '80 accompanied by her husband and law partner, Bob Trouhlar, JD '61.

Hon. Steve Phillips, Mary Phillips, JD '82 and Alan Friedberg (l-r) enjoyed the festivities.

Hon. Robert McWilliams, JD '41, wife Joan, JD '82 and Hon. Zita Weinschenk proudly salute the 1996 DU Law Stars.

Nancy Cohen, JD '81, former Law Star; and her husband Jim Wason, JD '76 celebrate the profession of law.

Randall Jackson, one of sixty students who attended the dinner, is engrossed in conversation with past DU Law Star Bruce Buell, LLB '58 and his wife Joan.

Another end to a perfectly starry night, DU Law Star Mary Hoagland and her family after the evening festivities.
Marian Davenport, JD '78 has always found her career exciting and invigorating. As vice president, general counsel, and secretary for Destec Energy Inc., a majority-owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company traded on the New York Stock Exchange, she has watched the practice of law change since her graduation from DU. She particularly notes a transformation in the status and the recognition of the “value added” by in-house counsel. In her experience, in-house practice has always been rigorous. However, as corporations continue to seek more efficient and cost-effective ways to meet their legal needs, in-house counsel are uniquely situated to meet those needs.

According to Davenport, “In-depth knowledge of a corporate client and the ability to handle all of the legal aspects of a project from start to finish, make the in-house practice of law particularly satisfying.”

Davenport grew up in Colorado and Texas, in a family that valued individuality and education. Her father, Dr. Manuel Davenport, currently is a Professor of Philosophy at Texas A & M University. She credits her father with encouraging the development of her inner strength and determination, qualities that have served her well in her legal career. Her mother, Maxine Davenport, also used her master’s degree to teach and is currently practicing law as a sole practitioner in Colorado Springs. Davenport’s mother commenced her legal education at the University of Oklahoma during Davenport’s second year at DU. “My mother serves as a constant reminder that it is never too late to enrich your life by tackling a new challenge, whether professionally or otherwise.”

Upon graduation from high school, Davenport returned to Colorado for her undergraduate education at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. She considers college to be one of the most pivotal stages of her life; she feels privileged to have had the opportunity to pursue a liberal arts education. While at Colorado College, Davenport participated in a month-long Outward Bound experience based in Marble, Colorado, in connection with a training program to work in the residence halls. She learned so much about overcoming self-imposed limitations and about trusting other people for support that it is an experience she will never forget. Davenport credits her undergraduate experience with playing a major role in making her the person
she is today, reinforcing her love of learning, exploration and challenge. In addition, many of the relationships she established during college are still maintained today, reflecting the importance of friendships in her life.

Graduating from college with a degree in liberal arts and sciences and no specific career aspirations, Davenport took a position as a clerk/typist at Colorado College. She describes this position as the only one at which she "failed miserably"—it took her some time to realize that she was not in charge of running the entire office. Shortly into this experience, she began to look for a career that would be intellectually stimulating and rewarding while permitting her to grow and make a difference in the world around her. As she continued this exploration, seeking advice from former professors and family, she decided to attend law school.

At the time Davenport began her first year at the College of Law, she was married and lived in Colorado Springs. Determined to receive a legal education, she commuted to Denver every day to attend classes, regardless of the sometimes inclement weather. She vividly remembers one icy winter morning when she and her carpool of fellow law students were commuting in a VW Beetle that lost traction and repeatedly spun down Interstate 25. Fortunately no one was injured and everyone got to class on time! Davenport also recalls increasing enjoyment in her studies in the second and third years of law school. She began to split her schedule between the day and the evening divisions to take greater advantage of practitioners who taught in the evenings. Davenport found the viewpoints of these active members of the bar especially meaningful as they were able to supplement analysis of legal principles with practical, business considerations.

Upon graduation, Davenport returned to Texas. More than once while preparing for the Texas bar, Davenport was grateful for DU’s strength in mineral and environmental law, key elements in the Texas exams. Through a lead from a college friend, Davenport secured her first position as a member of the law department with Southern Union Company, a natural gas utility headquartered in Dallas. Although at the time in-house legal positions may have been considered less prestigious than a post with a law firm, Davenport chose to live by her own definition of success, a choice that has been validated throughout her career.

During her tenure at Southern Union, Davenport focused on general corporate law and securities compliance matters. She credits her time at Southern Union for having provided her with excellent hands-on training. Eighteen years later, she still holds herself to the strong work ethic and high standards of quality that were part of the law department culture at Southern Union.

Concurrent with a move to Houston, Davenport joined the legal department of the Cameron Iron Works, a corporation in the oilfield supply business. There she continued to develop her career in corporate and securities law. During this period, she expanded her areas of expertise to include election and employment law. After four years at Cameron, Davenport joined the legal staff at PSE Inc. A new, publicly-traded company, PSE hired Davenport to organize and implement an in-house securities compliance program.

After two years, Davenport shifted directions in her career and began to provide legal support to the development of the company’s cogeneration projects. Cogeneration plants use one source of fuel, in this case natural gas, to generate two forms of useful energy, electricity and steam. These projects were legally intensive, requiring a wide variety of legal expertise including real estate, environmental and land use permitting, contract negotiations and project finance. Davenport valued the opportunity to work on projects that were win-win for both the ecosystem in

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which they were developed and the industries that used the resulting energy. In addition, the regulatory framework underlying what is now called the "independent power industry" was continually changing. As a result, Davenport found that she had the opportunity to participate in the evolution of the law as it applied to her corporate client. In the transactional practice associated with the independent power industry, she found the challenge and opportunity for professional growth to which she had aspired when she chose to be a lawyer.

Destec acquired PSE in December 1989, resulting in dramatic growth and a change in scope of business. Davenport continued to provide legal counsel to the company in the development of new cogeneration and independent power projects in northeastern United States and Canada. In 1994, Davenport left the legal department to become the director of project development for Destec. In this position she supervised project development activity on both domestic and international projects from the execution of the power purchase agreement through the financial closing. During her two-year tenure in this role, three projects totaling 269 megawatts achieved financial closing, and another five projects totaling approximately 1500 megawatts were under development.

Davenport also supervised the environmental services department, which supported projects through site visits and environmental due diligence, permitting, training, environmental audits and permit compliance activities. This change was unexpected; Davenport had never envisioned accepting a position outside the practice of law.

She did, however, welcome the opportunity to use her business perspective and gain management experience. As it had in law school, business experience enhanced and complemented her legal expertise.

In January of this year, Dean Dennis Lynch visited with Davenport in her offices in Houston. At this meeting, Davenport shared the news that she had just been named the vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Destec Energy. She explained that she felt that the breadth of her experience in the industry, and specifically within the company, had been instrumental in her election for the position. She is delighted in her new role and the opportunity it gives her to continue to expand her impact on Destec’s success in the industry. In contemplating her new position, Davenport stated that she intends to review all of the legal work that in-house counsel do for the company and to ensure that it adds value to the client — Destec. She hopes to instill such a high level of professionalism and quality within the in-house legal staff that the various departments within Destec will consider Destec’s lawyers as the “preferred provider for legal services.”

She also intends to maintain a high level of focus within the legal department on the professional and ethical responsibilities of in-house counsel, as various business clients turn to them to advance the corporation’s interests. In Davenport’s view, in-house counsel are uniquely challenged to represent the corporation, first and foremost, constantly keeping in mind obligations of confidentiality and avoiding conflicts. Even routine, daily requests for legal services can present complex ethical questions.

Davenport celebrates her tenth anniversary working in the independent power industry this year. Her career, like her education, has provided her with opportunities to learn and grow throughout each new challenge. Along the way, her relationships with her family and friends have sustained her and provided her with opportunities to renew her energy and gain new perspectives. Currently, her most highly-valued relationships are with her children, ages fifteen and twelve.

“My children are a balancing force in my life: to listen to my daughter sing, to watch my son play soccer, or to share a special moment with them re-energizes me and gives me the most important perspective of all.” Davenport is excited about the possibilities her career holds for this year and the future. She has learned to anticipate the unexpected, secure in the knowledge that she can do things she has never done before, and in the support of her family and friends.

-Johanna Kelly
1949
Ray Hayes passed the February 1996 Arizona bar exam, making him the second-oldest person ever to pass the Arizona bar. Hayes practiced insurance law with his private practice firm in Washington for several years. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II and had his law career interrupted by a tour of duty in Korea from 1951 to 1952. Hayes says "I just wanted my ticket to practice in Arizona. It’s nice to see I could go up against some of these young, enthusiastic, and bright kids who are just starting their careers." He is also a member of the Sun City Lawyers Club.

1951
Robert E. Hiemstra, BA’48, JD’51 has had a full career flying planes. During World War II, he flew B-24s in England for the 8th Air Force division. Later he became a captain for Continental Airlines and flew for thirty-one years. He piloted everything from DC-3s to DC-10s. Hiemstra retired sixteen years ago and he has become very interested in history, especially the Civil War era. Today he and his wife live in Nipomo, California.

1952
Robert S. Appel, after forty-four years of counsel to Rothergber Appel Powers and Johnson, announces the opening of his office at Suite A, 1666 S. University Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80210-2890 where there will be no rules, regulations or inter-office memos.

1953
Albert Brenman and his wife Rosalie were honored at the 17th annual dinner held by Ayn. Ayn is the only long-term orthopedic hospital and rehabilitation center for physically handicapped children in Israel. After visiting the Jerusalem hospital in 1976, the Brenmans organized a chapter to support the institution in Denver.

Edward P. Kurz, BSBA’48, JD’53 retired June 30, 1996 from his position of small claims court magistrate. He served in Arapahoe and Denver counties.

1956
Walter L. Gerash received the 1996 Anti-Defamation League Civil Rights Award. The Civil Rights Award honors individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to ensuring that civil and human rights of all people are protected. Gerash is known for the many high-profile, criminal cases for which he has served as counsel, many of them on a pro bono basis, representing minority clients.

1959
Ted Epstein raced in the 45 mile Grand Canyon Run, which includes an 11,000-foot elevation gain in 18 hours. Epstein was quoted in the publication of the Denver Bar Association, The Docket, saying that this was his last ultra distance race. He was accompanied by Elliott L. Schoen ’92 who ran his first ultra distance race.

Hon. John Herron will step down at the end of his term as Rio Blanco County Court judge on January 14, 1997.

1965
Alan Bucholtz is continuing his position on the Board of Trustees at the Denver Bar Association.

E. Michael Canges, BA’62, JD’65 and Nancy Cohen, JD’81 are co-chairs of a Thursday Night Bar (TNB) mentor/mentee program in Denver that matches experienced TNB attorney volunteers with newer attorneys. If you are interested in participating in this program, contact Donna Lloyd at the Colorado Bar Association office.

1966 Reunion
Hon. Willis Kulp recently retired his position as Weld County court judge.

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R. Franklin Erisman is the current vice president of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. He is a partner at Holme Roberts & Owen in their Denver office emphasizing natural resources law for the domestic and international mining industry. He spends considerable time in their London and Moscow offices. Erisman is the former chair of the ABA section of natural resources energy and environmental law. He has been an adjunct professor at the College of Law teaching a natural resources transactions seminar. In his spare time he coaches soccer for his seven year old son’s soccer team.

William P. Buckley, retiring from public service with the Denver District Attorney's Office as chief deputy district attorney, is joining the Denver law firm of Leonard M. Chesler ’67. Buckley is available for consultation, association and referral of complex litigation in civil and criminal cases. His courtroom skills are well known.

Hon. Alfred C. Harrell is continuing his position on the board of trustees at the Denver Bar Association.

Craig C. Eley was co-chair for the 1996 Barriers Benefit Ball. The theme of the ball was “Hollywood” and approximately 800 members of Denver’s legal community gathered for the event. The gala is sponsored by the Denver Bar Association and proceeds go to the Thursday Night Bar, founded to provide free or low-cost civil legal aid. Eley is the new Denver Bar Association President for 1996/97. His firm, Eley & Eley, represents the injured in worker’s comp and social security disability cases. He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and has hosted a legal program on Denver radio station KNUS.

Ralph B. Lake is senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Promus Hotel Corporation in Memphis, Tennessee. Promus is the parent company of the Embassy Suites, Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites hotel chains. He and Professor Nanda are currently co-editors of The Law of Transnational Business Transactions.

Leland P. Anderson has been named a CBA board of governors representative for the Denver Bar Association.

Sheldon Smith, JD ’73 LLM ’80, formerly president and shareholder at Smith and Carr in Denver, has become a new partner with Davis Graham & Stubbs in Denver and will specialize in employee benefits practice.

Craig R. Carver is proud to announce the formation of Aifers & Carver in Denver, emphasizing public lands, mining, oil and gas, corporate and business transactions, and commercial litigation relating to lands and natural resources.

James M. Mulligan, previously with Feder Morris Tamblyn & Goldstein, has formed the Mulligan Professional Corporation in Denver and continues to emphasize real estate and corporate law. He has been named legal counsel to the Colorado Mortgage Lenders Association.

Judith Beggs Pierson is of counsel to the Denver firm Thomas P. Malone & Associates.

Rodney R. Patula, formerly of Pryor Carney & Johnson, has joined the law firm of Graham & James in their San Francisco office. Twenty-two years after passing the Colorado bar exam, he took and passed the California examination. Patula continues to handle complex and multi-district business, trade, regulations, securities and products liability cases. His new address is One Maritime Plaza, Suite 300, San Francisco, California 94111.
Rebecca A. Comstock is a partner with Dorsey & Whitney in its home office in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Comstock is a member of the firm's Management Committee responsible for regional domestic offices including Seattle; Orange County; Denver; Salt Lake City; three Montana offices; Fargo, North Dakota; Des Moines, Iowa; New York; and Washington, DC. The firm also has offices in London, Brussels and Hong Kong. Dorsey & Whitney has approximately 400 lawyers worldwide with 250 in the Minneapolis office.

Mary E. Ricketson has become the director of the Colorado Lawyer's Committee and will be located in Morrison & Foerster's Denver office.

Barbara M.A. Walker resigned her position as Colorado state banking commissioner and accepted, starting in January 1997, the position of executive director of the Independent Bankers of Colorado, a trade organization of locally headquartered banks. In the interim she is working for McKenna & Cuneo in their Denver office.

Mary Jo Gross has been named a CBA board of governors representative for the Denver Bar Association and was elected to the College of Law Alumni Council.

Bette J. Heller has recently associated with the new Englewood, Colorado firm of Solem and Dittemore.

Judith H. Holmes has been named the Denver Bar Association first vice president for 1996-97.

Fay M. Matsukage is continuing her position on the board of trustees for the Denver Bar Association.

John F. Shepherd '79, Charlie Greenhouse '80 and Dan Reilly '81 made up part of a group of lawyers who went to Cleveland for the National Masters Club basketball championship. The team lost in last year's competition to San Francisco's Olympic Club.

Jo Anna Goddard and her sister, Susan, were recently profiled in Bill Husted's Rocky Mountain News column as partners in what is probably the only female-twin law firm in the country. The twin sisters were raised in Wheat Ridge, Colorado and separated when they left for college. They attended different law schools but after working in different legal positions they formed the firm of Goddard & Goddard in 1987. The firm emphasizes estate planning, probate and sisterhood.
Todd L. Vriesman, formerly of Kirkland & Ellis, has set up shop along with Andrew Petrie and Scott Bauer, also formerly of Kirkland & Ellis, at 1601 Emerson in Denver as a limited liability partnership.

1982

Glenn K. Beaton has been named partner with the Denver firm Davis Graham & Stubbs. Beaton specializes in intellectual property work.

Elizabeth R. Carver, previously general counsel for Columbia-HealthOne, has joined the Denver firm of Yu Stromberg Huotari & Cleveland.

Deborah L. Freeman, formerly with Root & Allbright, joined the Denver firm of Hobbs Trout & Raley this spring. Her practice will continue to emphasize natural resources, environmental regulation and compliance, public lands, and water law.

Karen K. Holland is with the Denver firm Wade Ash Woods Hill & Farley in their estate department.

Rochelle G. Kroivitz has moved her offices. The Kroivitz Law Firm is now located at 216 16th Street, #900, Denver, Colorado 80202.

Frederic H. Marienthal III, a partner of Kutak Rock in Denver, has been appointed by the Boulder County commissioners to serve on the mountain area advisory committee, which will examine the way Boulder county is currently managing residential development in the mountains.

Daniel W. Patterson and Ian Karpel, formerly of Holland & Hart, have set up Patterson & Karpel in the Equitable Building. They will continue their practices as trial lawyers in the areas of commercial, construction, plaintiff's personal injury, and product liability claims.

Steven W. Sackman, formerly with the Denver law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland, has affiliated with the Denver office of Morrison & Foerster where he works in the corporate finance group.

David K. Schollenberger recently passed the examinations necessary to become fully qualified as an English solicitor. He has recently become a partner in the London firm of S.J. Berwin and Co. where he heads the firm’s intellectual property section. He, his wife and two children live in Richmond, Surrey.

1983

Wannell M. Crook, formerly a shareholder at Willian Brinks Hofer Gibson & Lione of Chicago, has become of counsel with the Denver firm Sheridan Ross & McIntosh. Crook’s many years of experience in biotechnology patent law strengthens the firm’s practice in biochemical and medical device technology protection.

Lucien J. Dhooge has joined the faculty of the University of the Pacific as an assistant professor of law. He received his L.L.M. in international law from Georgetown University Law Center in 1995 and recently published articles on European television programming regulation and the United Nations’ operation in Haiti. He lives in Walnut Creek, California.

Mark A. Kling is general attorney for Cyprus Amax Minerals Co. He is responsible for legal work for a world wide exploration program, as well as miscellaneous domestic transactional and litigation matters.

Anmita Menogan has become a director of the Denver firm Hopper and Kanouf.

Dani R. Newsam was voted best new radio talk show host by the “1996 Best of Denver” edition of Westword newspaper. Westword wrote that she “finally gives KOA a female voice listeners can sink their teeth into.” She knows her issues and doesn’t sound whiny while laying into them. She can be heard Saturdays and Sundays from 8 pm to midnight on KOA.

John O. Rauch and John R. Sleeman, Jr. ’86 have formed their new firm of Barber Rauch & Sleeman in Denver.

C. Brian Renfro is a member with the firm Braden Frindt Stinar & Stageman in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He will continue his practice in family law and real estate.

Richard Vincent is a new member of the Ridgway Romeo firm in Denver. The firm is now known as Ridgway Romeo & Vincent.

1984

Judith C. Bregman is of counsel to the Denver firm Thomas P. Malone & Associates.

Jeffrey M. Brennan reports that he is practicing law with Reiman and Associates in Denver.

Caroleen Jolivet has become a member of the firm Braden Frindt Stinar & Stageman in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She will continue her practice in real estate.

Peter L. Karlson

Peter L. Karlson has been promoted to associate vice president for the Angell Pension Group in Rumford, Rhode Island. Karlson has been employed at APG since 1990 where he has held the position of senior consultant and director of technical services. In addition to his promotion, he also becomes a stock holder at APG. Karlson lives in Bristol, Rhode Island with his wife Candace.
Bruce Kirchhoff, formerly general attorney for Cyprus Amax Minerals Company, has joined the new Denver firm Aflairs & Curver as a member.

A. Lenore Martinez was asked to serve on the executive council of the Colorado Bar Association. She was also the publicity chair for the 1996 DU Law Stars dinner and serves on the College of Law’s Alumni Council.

Diane Vaksdal Smith is pleased to announce the opening of her new law office at 1776 Lincoln Street, #1010, Denver, Colorado 80203. She is of counsel to C.E. Brooks & Associates. Her practice will continue to emphasize insurance coverage and defense, employment law, products liability, representing attorneys in grievance proceedings, and guardian ad litem.

Joseph C. Fichter, Jr., formerly a principal with Fichter & Clistenstein, is now with Cox Buchanan Padmore & Shakarchy in Denver. He will continue concentration in the areas of business litigation, business counseling and international transactions.

Bradly Holmes, formerly assistant general counsel to KN Energy, and assistant attorney general for the State of Colorado, has joined the Denver firm McAllister & Murphy as a trial lawyer emphasizing environmental law, personal injury, taxation, anti-trust, employment law, gas royalty litigation, and appellate law.


1986 Reunion

Hon. Dana Daniels Murray was named the Tommy D. Drinkwine outstanding young lawyer of the year by the Arapahoe County Bar Association. The award is given to an outstanding lawyer under the age of thirty-seven who has made remarkable contributions to the bar at large and to the Arapahoe County Bar Association. She is recognized for her efforts to streamline the criminal docket process in her courtroom, granting the opportunity to be heard within a reasonable period of time.

Molly K. Myer is a new associate at Friedlob Sanderson Raskin Paulson & Tourillott in Denver.

Gregory D. Penkowski and Robert G. Lewis ’81 are pleased to announce the formation of Lewis & Penkowski in Denver.

John R. Sleeman, Jr. and John O. Rauch ’83 have formed their new firm of Barber Rauch & Sleeman in Denver.

1987 Reunion

Steven R. Anderson and Alan Jahde have formed Anderson & Jahde Attorneys at Law. The Denver firm will specialize in civil and criminal tax controversies, asset protection planning, estate planning, accountant liability, business and tax planning and commercial and civil litigation.

Angela L. Eckers has become associated with the Denver firm Branney Hilyard and Barnhart.

Hugh S. Pixler is a new shareholder with the Gregson Law Offices in Denver. The firm is now known as Gregson and Pixler.

1988

Kevin Baird has become a member of the firm Gorsuch Kirgis in Denver. His practice emphasizes commercial litigation.

Leslie Eaton has become a partner with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll in their Denver office. “Leslie is a talented and dynamic lawyer, and we are delighted to see her join the partnership,” said Roger Thomasch, managing partner of the law firm’s Denver office. She has been with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll since 1988 and practices in the area of commercial litigation. Eaton also served on the DU Law Stars committee.

Jay Junekun Choi was written up in the Rocky Mountain News business section for the work he did in helping to entice Korean Air Lines to fly directly into Denver. Korean Air Lines plans to fly three flights a week into Denver and it is hoped that Colorado will benefit from Korean investments and tourists.

C. Brent Parker and his wife, Maureen, had a baby boy (their first) this spring and are living in Burbank, California.


Doris A. Waters, is welcomed back to Joe Pickard & Associates in Denver.

Marisa L. Williams has been named to the board of trustees for the Denver Bar Association.

Woodson L. Herring, LLM ’89 and Jerome Borison, associate professor at DU College of Law, are joining the new Denver firm Anderson & Jahde as of counsel.

Carolyn Q. Tillery recently authored The African American Heritage Cookbook which features recipes, remembrances and photos from the Tuskegee Institute. Her book is available in local bookstores.

Rebecca Adelman has joined the Memphis, Tennessee firm of Glassman Jeter Edwards & Wade as an associate. Adelman received her B.A. in economics and French from the University of Michigan and an M.A. in economics from the Universite de Droit, D’Economie et des Sciences d’Aix-Marseille II. She is licensed and admitted to practice in Illinois, Tennessee and Arkansas. She is a member of the Illinois, Tennessee and Arkansas state and local bar associations. Her practice is concentrated in civil litigation with particular emphasis in medical malpractice, personal injury and insurance law. She will be working principally with senior partner and founder of the firm, Richard Glassman.

Susan Bridges Nies is of counsel with Frie Arndt & Trujillo in Arvada, Colorado.

Ann Eastburn, formerly of Murray Thompson & Lewis in Denver, has become associated with the new firm Lewis & Penkowski in Denver.

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LeaAnn Groesser, formerly an associate with the Denver firm of Popham Haik Schnobrich & Kaufman, is now associated with Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland in Denver.

Kyle L. Maus has joined the firm Ritsema & Lyon in their Denver office.

Gregory J. Mayers has become an associate with the Denver firm Pearson Milligan & Horowitz.

Marc H. Schut is a new associate at Woodrow & Gruskin. He was formerly with Isaacson Rosenbaum Woods & Levy.

Malcolm B. Seawell, former deputy district attorney for the 18th judicial district is pleased to announce the formation of Malcolm B. Seawell at D&T Tower, 10th floor, 1601 Arapahoe Street, Denver, Colorado 80202. Seawell’s practice will emphasize personal injury, criminal defense, civil litigation, corporations and wills and estates planning.

Kent C. Veio is a new associate with the Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland firm in Denver.

Joel B. Schaefer, formerly associated with Hall & Evans in Denver, is pleased to announce the opening of his law office, Joel B. Schaefer Attorney at Law, in Lakewood, Colorado.

1992

Ginger Bulgarelli (Adair) and her husband, Michael, announced the birth of their son, Maximo Adair Bulgarelli on April 29. His older brother, London, is excited to have him around.

Heidi A. Harpowiski, formerly with Senter Goldfarb & Rice, has become associated with the Denver firm Halaby Cross Liechty & Schluter.

Scott P. Landry has been named a CBA Board of governors representative for the Denver Bar Association.

Hillary D. Lipton and Marianne Marshall Tims have created Lipton & Tims at 1009 Grant Street. Their phone number is 303/830-8023 and they emphasize juvenile, family and real estate law.

Elliot L. Schoen has become associated with the firm Chalat Justino in Denver. He ran the forty-five mile Grand Canyon run which includes an 11,000-foot elevation gain. This was his first ultra distance event. He was accompanied by Ted Epstein ‘59 who ran his last ultra distance race.

John J. Zodrow left the law firm of Rothgerber Apell Powers & Johnson to form his own firm, Zodrow, et al which specializes in industry-oriented environmental law and the litigation of cases with complex chemistry and sophisticated scientific issues.

1993

Colleen R. Belak has moved firms and is now working for Montgomery Green Jarvis Kolody & Markussin in Denver. She is the co-editor of The Advocate, the newsletter of the Colorado Women’s Bar Association and serves on the recent graduate reunion committee at the College of Law.

Kathy H. Bridges is happy to report that she is working at Downey & Knickrehm in Denver doing general litigation and some domestic relations work.

Craig W. Mercer, MSJA ’93, JD ’93 has moved from administrat- or at the Legal Aid Society to paralegal program specialist at the Denver Business College.

Connie L. Nelson-Cleverley is a new associate with the Silver Law Offices in Denver.

Jennifer S. Fox has become an associate of the firm Haligman and Lottner in Denver.

Pantea Garroussi has joined the Berkowitz Firm in Denver, which emphasizes business and technology law. Previously she worked in the legal department of Samsonite and Texas Instruments and she speaks five languages.

David M. Naples LLM ’93 has joined the firm Arcey & Reha in Littleton, Colorado. His practice will emphasize estate planning and business planning for closely held entities, and domestic and civil litigation.

Martin L. Shively, formerly general counsel of Micro Motion, Inc., has become associated with the firm Duf Graziano & Forest in Boulder, Colorado. He practices in the area of intellectual property matters, including patents, technology, licensing, trademarks, and copyrights.

Cynthia C. Tester has joined the firm Leavenworth & Associates in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Mark E. Zaleski is an associate at the Rockford, Illinois firm of Nicolosi & Associates where he concentrates on municipal tort defense and municipal law. Last summer he married Jo Alisago in Estes Park, Colorado. They met while he was a second-year law student.

1994

Yves Bonnard started with the tax department of Baker & McKenzie in Chicago after graduation. In January 1995, he was asked to open a new office for Baker & McKenzie in Lausanne, Switzerland. Bonnard writes that the city of Lausanne is on Lake Geneva, about sixty miles away from Geneva. His practice includes general corporate and tax work, but he specializes in estate and trust planning for both Swiss and foreign citizens who do business with the Swiss private banking industry.

Margaret E. Clark is vice consul in Tirana, Albania working for the Department of State. She hopes to serve in New Zealand or South Africa for her next tour as a general services/contracting officer, responsible for the daily operations of the post.

Paul R. Danborn is a new associate with Frie Arndt & Trujillo in Arvada, Colorado.

Scott L. Evans is now with Cairns Dworkin & Chambers in Denver.

Margaret Brown Funk has become associated with the Denver law firm of Todd J. McNamara.

Jill A. Gilpin is a new associate with Gorsuch Kirgis in Denver.

D.C. Harris is clerking for Leventhal & Bogue in Denver, primarily doing medical malpractice and personal injury. She is proud to say she passed the Texas Bar.

Shannon Way Roberts, formerly of Sherman & Howard, has joined Stettner Miller and Cohn as an associate. Her practice will continue to emphasize management labor and employment law, and public school law. Roberts serves on the DU Law Stars committee.

Julie M. Walker is a new associate with Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren Norris & Rieselbach in Denver.

1995

Shanise M. Black has joined the Denver firm White and Steele in their liability and insurance law group.

Laura E. Flenniken is associated with the firm Recht & Pepin in Denver.

Shane J. Harvey has joined the firm Leavenworth & Associates in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Robert J. Hopp, Jr. and Steven G. Navaro are proud to announce the formation of Navaro & Hopp, in Englewood, Colorado. Their practice emphasizes real estate, probate, and estate planning.

Edmund M. Monas is a new associate with the Silvem Law Offices in Denver.

Christopher J. Oliver is an associate with Robinson Waters O’Dorriso & Rapson in Denver.
Brian Pinkowski was given the Vice President's Reinventing Government Award in December 1995. He led an effort by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to help a community resolve a contaminated drinking water problem. His creative use of federal authority fostered community-based environmental decision-making in North Boulder, Colorado, to develop a solution to a groundwater contamination problem with minimal EPA involvement. This approach has saved Boulder as much as ten years of Superfund involvement and as much as twelve million dollars. Further, the approach taken at this site sets a new standard for Superfund enforcement based on mediation skills and consensus building to allow communities to solve their own problems, in their own manner, with EPA support.

Kathryn A. Plonsky is an associate with the Denver firm of Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti. She practices with the firm's labor and employment group.

Daniel P. Queen has become an associate of the firm Cockrell Quinn & Geighton in Denver.

Richard S. Shea is a new associate with LeBoeuf Lamb Greene & McRae, a Denver firm.

Sally Sullivan has become a shareholder of the Boulder firm Greenlee, Winner and Sullivan.

Ansley S. Westbrook is now with the Allegheny County P.A.'s office in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

THE CLASS OF 1956

An Alumni Network Of Friends

The class of 1956 has had a special bond for forty years — friendship. Many of the people in the class of 1956 served in the Korean conflict and later entered DU College of Law on the G.I. Bill. Most of their classmates were men. Many of them had wives, some lived in Quonset huts, and few had much money. Over the years this group has prospered and has stayed in touch. They have met at football games, celebrated New Year's Eve, rejoiced in the birth of children, and shared the sorrow of death. Some have had children graduate from the College of Law. Organizer Sonny Thorn said, "We have stayed a close group of friends over the years. At times we have helped each other with our law practice and most often we have supported each other as friends." This summer, seventeen members of the class of 1956 gathered in Vail to celebrate their 40th class reunion. The outing was arranged by Sonny Thorn and his committee of 1956 graduates including Hon. John Criswell, Ray Turner, Jerry Snyder, David Burlingame and David Michael.
John R. Moran, Jr., JD'55 has built a successful career helping other people reach their goals. He is gifted at working with people and over the years many have benefited from his expertise. Sitting in his office at the Colorado Trust, a block north of the Colorado State Capitol, Moran discussed with me how his career evolved.

Born in Oklahoma, Moran, his brother and sister were raised in Denver. He has fond memories of attending Regis High School and particularly remembers a few special teachers. Years later he was asked to join the board of trustees of Regis Educational Corporation, which was the parent of both Regis College and Regis High. He served as a member of that board for eleven years and became the first non-Jesuit chair of the board.

Following high school he attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. He recalls that following the Christmas holidays, it was his job to escort his grandmother on the Denver Zephyr from Denver to Chicago. He obviously enjoyed those trips, and he smiled as he described his grandmother as a "squeezer." She would squeeze a dollar bill into the hand of porters and waiters all along the way. His reward was a steak dinner in the dining car, and he sheepishly smiled, "I would return to school a little richer myself."

When I asked him why he selected DU for law school, he replied, "I thought I might be getting married soon...and Barbara was in Denver." Barbara and John met in high school, dated in college, and were married after the summer of his first year in law school.

He was accepted into DU law by going downtown and talking with then dean Gordon Johnston. The Korean conflict was going on at the time, and Johnston told him that he could take a few courses in the fall while he awaited a military deferment. If the deferment were granted, he could sign up for a full course load. That is precisely what he did. During law school, the Morans made friends with many of the other married couples in the class. Couples frequently met for informal suppers and get-togethers. There was a strong social infrastructure among this group. Today many of these couples remain friends.

After serving a three-year tour of duty with the Navy as a commissioned officer, the Morans returned to Denver where John was
ready to start his career. He said that many of his law school friends had been practicing law since graduation, and he felt he had lost some time while he was in the service. He was hired by the firm of Moran Reidy & Voorhees, a noted oil and gas firm in Denver and in which his father was a partner. He started out examining titles for oil and gas clients. Moran explained that by working for the firm in which his father was a partner, he felt pressure to perform in order to dispel any image that he was only hired because of this relationship.

Some early mentors helped him through this period. Jim Voorhees taught him precise legal skills and John Tippit, another mentor, gave him confidence at a very important time in his career. Voorhees said,

*When John, Jr. came back from the Navy, we were so busy working with our oil and gas clients that we literally had abstracts strewn all over the office desks and floors. We needed John when he came, and he quickly became a good lawyer. He is 100 percent a good man. We had a wonderful camaraderie at that office among both the lawyers and the staff.*

As it happened in the early 1960s, several of the firm’s oil and gas clients had major estates and they began to establish charitable trusts. No one in the firm was handling this, so Moran took on these projects. By the mid-seventies, Moran was doing work for underwriters putting together financings for hospital projects. This work started out very modestly and led to working with major investment banking firms representing issuers and non-profit hospitals. Moran found himself doing work on their corporate structures and their foundations. By the end of the 1970s, substantially all of his work was doing hospital transactions all over the country. It was an exciting time for Moran.

After John Moran, Sr. died in 1976, Moran Jr. helped arrange the merger of Moran Reidy & Voorhees into the Denver office of what was then known as Kutak Rock and Huie. Kutak Rock had substantial hospital financing experience which melded very well with Moran’s practice. In the late ‘70s and ‘80s, he helped structure tax-exempt bond issues for the Presbyterian and St. Luke’s Hospital system in Denver. In 1985, when the hospital system was sold, Moran represented the seller. He was asked by the seller board to help establish a private foundation. The Colorado Trust, endowed with the proceeds of the sale, was the result. Moran was asked to be the foundation’s general counsel and in 1991 he became its president.

Moran fondly remembers the days when Denver’s legal community was a small world, easily entered. District Court, is a no-nonsense type of judge who inspired precision in his courtroom. Also, he has always held U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Robert H. McWilliams in high esteem.

Moran had a few flirtations with politics. During the early years of his career, he was appointed a member of the Colorado House of Representatives. He served with Bill Armstrong, who later became a U.S. senator from Colorado, and much of their time was spent dealing with redistricting in Colorado. He ran for reelection and lost. Moran considered his loss a reality check, and realized that he needed to support his growing family and focus his energy on his legal career. A few years later and shortly after the death of Bert Keating, Denver District Attorney, Moran received a phone call from classmate Mike McKevitt JD’56 who was sitting in Governor John Love’s (JD’41) office. McKevitt asked, “Irish, how would you like to be the next Denver DA? I’ll you call back in forty-five minutes for an answer.” Moran and his wife discussed this possibility on their front porch, and they seemed to feel it would be an exciting challenge. McKevitt called several times for an answer, and when finally Moran got on the phone to respond, he wasn’t sure what he would say until the words came out. His reply
was “no”. Within hours, Mike McKevitt was named Denver District attorney and John Moran continued developing his legal career. McKevitt went on to have a political career in Washington and Moran found his excitement executing hospital bond deals and with Barbara, raising their six children.

As well as practicing law, Moran has always been a very active volunteer. In addition to leading the Regis College board of trustees, he helped create and serve on the board of the Metropolitan Denver Provider Network which continues to operate neighborhood health clinics for Denver’s medically indigent. As president of the Colorado Trust, Moran continues to be an active member of many civic and professional organization. He serves on the boards of Grantmakers in Health in Washington D.C., Conference of Southwest Foundations in Dallas, the Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation in Denver, the Robert J. Kutak Foundation in Omaha, and the University of Denver College of Law’s Alumni Council. He is a frequent speaker on the role of foundations with respect to health care and foundation leadership, and this year he was the emcee for his fortieth law school class reunion. He wowed the crowd.

Moran reflects that law has been a rewarding career. At times it was a struggle, but he never expected it to be easy. If he has a weakness, Moran would say that he has difficulty putting work aside. His work has always been completely consuming. Regarding advice to new attorneys he says, “persevere.” He feels that it took him twelve to fourteen years of private practice before he could really begin to make things happen. Today, Moran oversees the work of the Colorado Trust, which holds assets of over 310 million dollars. The trust works to promote and enhance the health and well-being of the people of Colorado. He is leading a foundation that has the financial and creative resources to address issues of affordable health care programs for Coloradoans, and to strengthen families in the process. In his spare time, Moran and his wife Barbara visit their six children and sixteen grandchildren.

-Ann Polumbus

CAREER SERVICES—A NEW DIRECTION

I am anxious to begin as DU’s new director of Career Services. Having been assistant director of Vermont Law School’s office of career planning, and trained at Dartmouth’s Amos Tuck School of Business career office, I look forward to increasing DU’s presence in both regional and national legal markets. We (Andrea Forest and I) will emphasize a wide range of skills required in any thoughtful career plan, including resume workshops, cover letter composition, mock interviews, and networking fundamentals. We will demonstrate how DU’s alumni community can ease an otherwise painful job hunt.

In addition, students will be encouraged to explore opportunities in alternative careers where legal degrees can offer clear advantages. Since law student audiences are traditionally skeptical and my advice must withstand the “real-world” test, I will draw on relevant anecdotes (job hunting and otherwise) that saw me through a twelve year legal career practicing civil and criminal law at the Travis County attorney’s office and in private practice. I expect to “hit the ground running” this fall overseeing a busy recruitment season and I look forward to introducing myself to each of you personally.
HELP US STRENGTHEN OUR ALUMNI NETWORK

Alumni,

As members of the College of Law Alumni Council, we are focusing on ways to increase our national alumni network. The College of Law has hired Publishing Concepts to publish a new Alumni Directory in 1997 and we feel the directory will be a very useful tool for you to use in referring cases across the country. If we each had the directory at our finger tips, referrals would be easy.

You will be receiving a questionnaire from Publishing Concepts, and we encourage you to fill it out. The section entitled Legal Areas of Practice and Other Occupations is especially important to the referral process. For example, my listing in that section will be under Estate Planning, Probate, Carol Barger, Denver. In addition, there will be an alphabetical directory with address, phone, a class index, a geographic index and the “legal areas of practice” section. The members of my committee plan to purchase a directory for this purpose and we hope you will do the same.

Our committee is working on numerous ideas to strengthen our alumni network, so you may be hearing from us again in another newsletter. Please don’t hesitate to contact any of us with your questions or, better yet, your ideas.

Sincerely,

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