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ON THE COVER:
International Legal Studies Program Comes of Age. (Clockwise from top left) alumni Jon Cox, JD'71, and Connie Cox, JD'78; natural resources LLM students Tom Root and Ron Schindler, JD'93; American and comparative law LLM student Erika Schultz (Bogata, Columbia); and alumnus Ralph Lake, JD'73, celebrate the past and explore the future of the College of Law's International Legal Studies Program. See pages 5 through 11 for more information on our International Legal Studies reunions and our new LLM programs in international law.

COMING EVENTS

August 5, 1998
Law Alumni Council Meeting
Hart Faculty Forum

September 11-13, 1998
Colorado Bar Association Convention
Keystone, Colorado

September 16, 1998
DU Law Stars
Westin Tabor Center
3:30pm CLE program
6:00pm dinner

October 18, 1998
Recent Graduate Reunion

October 28, 1998
Named Scholarship Reception

February 1999
1968/1969 Reunion

February 4, 1999
Minnesota Alumni Reception
Minneapolis

March 1999
1988/1989 Reunion

May 14/15, 1999
1949 Reunion
Commencement

NEW!
Updated Alumni & Development website:
http://www.law.du.edu/alumni/
In 1965, Ved Nanda had a dream—he dreamed to introduce International Legal Studies to the then somewhat provincial curriculum at your College of Law. Ved was a visionary. He would not be bound by the jurisdictional limits of a state or the United States. He knew law would soon be practiced globally. Now, 33 years later, his "radical and non traditional" vision is the fact. Law is practiced on a world stage—not only a local or national one.

The early efforts of Ved Nanda in establishing the first International Law course at the College of Law in the late 1960s began a militant march by your College of Law to develop international legal studies into an integral part of the curriculum. Ved was not content with simply adding a course in International Law. In 1971, he established one of the first journals on the subject: The Denver Journal of International Law and Policy. Over the years, the International Legal Studies Program has grown into a strong and respected program.

International fever has spread to other faculty colleagues. Professor J. Robert Brown and Professor Celia Taylor instituted a Russian Studies Program: Brown continues his research in Japan and Kazakhstan. And, the beginning of this academic year under the direction of Professor Paula Rhodes, a Master of Laws program in American Comparative Law is thriving. Of course, throughout all of the history since 1965, the College of Law has been a partner with the University's Graduate School of International Studies from which many graduate dual degrees in International Studies and Law have been granted. Another partnership has been formed with the Daniels College of Business for a dual JD/Master of International Management. Also, under the direction of Professor Jan Lalitos, the Natural Resources and Environment Program created, the beginning of this academic year, a Master of Laws Program in Natural Resources and Environment with emphasis in International Management of Resources and Environment.

These pages document and explain some, but not all, of the activities your College of Law is pursuing in International Legal Studies. As an alumnus, you must be rightly proud of the leadership which your College of Law, and its legendary Ved Nanda, pioneered in American Legal Education. Parenthetically: think about returning to your alma mater to take some courses in the International area—it will surely enhance your professional success.

Respectfully,

Robert B. Yegge, MA'58/JD'59
AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHANCELLOR...

I am pleased to introduce Nell Jessup Newton as the 15th dean of the College of Law. Her combination of experience, scholarly work, and commitment to students is an excellent match for the College of Law. Nell has been on the faculty at American University, Washington College of Law since 1992 teaching constitutional law, property, American Indian law, and comparative and international law relating to indigenous peoples. She taught at Catholic University School of Law for 16 years. She has also been highly involved with her local and national legal communities. She is a member of the California; Washington, DC; the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the US Supreme Court bars. Please help me to welcome her to our College of Law, our University, and our community.

Chancellor Daniel L. Ritchie

I am tremendously excited and honored to have been chosen to lead the University of Denver College of Law. I hope to provide strong and visionary leadership for this great institution as it crosses that famous bridge into the twenty-first century.

The students, faculty, and staff I have met in the last few months demonstrate an impressive commitment to the College of Law. The College of Law is fortunate to have such active and committed alumni and I hope to spend a great deal of time widening and deepening my acquaintance with them.

So many aspects of DU appealed to me when I was considering law schools, such as the energy and enthusiasm of its faculty, their commitment both to excellent teaching and the kind of path-breaking scholarship that puts a law school on the national map. In addition, the College of Law has both a strong basic curriculum and some very well respected programs in natural resources, international, tax law, clinical legal education, and legal administration. As a founding member of the Law & Society movement, the University of Denver has always shown a strong commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship and the kind of empirical scholarship that looks at "law on the ground" instead of merely "law in the air."

The students are the heart of a law school, of course, and DU’s students are talented and enthusiastic. I have had the opportunity to meet with students who have provided me with their frank opinions about the school. I look forward to continuing this dialogue in formal and informal settings throughout my deanship.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming years. I cannot stress enough how important you have been and will continue to be to the College of Law. I am eager to hear your ideas about continuing the project of moving the law school into the forefront of legal education.

Nell Jessup Newton
THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

COMES OF Age

Kyra Epstein

In 1965, one class entitled “International Law” was offered to the College of Law’s 450 students. In 1971/1972, the College of Law unveiled the International Legal Studies Program (ILS), offering its 850 students a choice of eight international law classes and seminars, an International Legal Society, and the Denver Journal of International Law and Policy. Recently, the US News and World Report ranked the College of Law #18 in the nation for international law specialties. In addition, the American Bar Association’s International Lawyer ranked the College of Law’s Denver Journal of International Law and Policy #19 among all international and comparative law journals.
INTERNATIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE OF COLLEGE OF LAW FACULTY

Jerry Borison—Expertise in comparative taxation.

Jay Brown — Participated as an advisor to the Russian government in efforts to develop a system of securities regulation for the country’s market-based economy. His expertise is in the development of securities markets in Japan, Eastern Europe, and Russia and in developing commercial economies.

Paul Dempsey — Was awarded a Hughes Grant to study airports in the Pacific Rim: Seoul, Korea; Bangkok, Thailand; and Hong Kong. He has also studied the new Munich Airport in Germany. He spoke at the International Conference on Air and Space Policy in Seoul, Korea, and at an International Aviation Conference in Montreal, Canada. His expertise is in legal, economic, business, and finance issues at international airlines and airports.

Keith Harrison — Was an instructor for a training session at the University of Buenos Aires, a guest lecturer at the National University in Costa Rica in 1993, and a participant in the tenth Multiplikatorn in Germany.

Jeffrey Hartje—Taught and consulted in Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina.

Neil Littlefield—Studied law in Australia and taught in Canada. His expertise is in comparative and commercial law.

Thanks to dedicated faculty, students, and alumni, both the College of Law and the ILS Program has continued to strengthen as the field of international law has become more critical. With over 30 courses and seminars today, two international graduate legal programs (LLM), and a strong faculty of full-time and adjunct professors, the ILS Program has made a name for itself around the nation and world.

RUSSIAN LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

The Russian Legal Studies program, a part of the ILS Program, offers an opportunity for students to specialize in legal perspectives of the Russian commercial economy. The structure of the program includes three components—academic, internship/externship, and a speaker series. In the academic component, students learn legal perspectives and theory as they relate to legal institutions and business structures of present-day Russia. A Russian language course with emphasis on legal and business terminology is offered—the first language course offered for law school credit at any law school in the country.

Russian Studies Program Director Jay Brown tries to maximize his students’ exposure to real issues taking place in the Russian legal market. He served as an advisor to the Russian government in efforts to develop a system of securities regulation for the country’s market-based economy and has been retained by the US Department of Treasury to act as a consultant to advise officials in the former Soviet Union about their government bond markets. Faculty and students also provide speakers and visiting professors to teach specialized courses. Brown includes a plug for funds for the program: “With the support of alumni and friends, we can afford our students greater opportunities in the Russian Legal Studies program as well as other areas of international law.”

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAMS AT THE COLLEGE OF LAW

Two new internationally focused graduate studies programs are available for students who already have a JD or an international equivalent. The LLM in American and Comparative Law offers international and comparative law in a variety of areas such as trade, human rights, transportation, taxation, Russian law, environmental and natural resources, public interest law, and legal administration. The LLM in International Natural Resources & Environmental Law gives graduate students a comprehensive background in the policies, issues, problems, and regulatory practices relating to the resources sector.
are current graduate studies students. Schultz is from Bogota, Colombia. She finds that legal studies at the College of Law are more flexible and creative than her studies in Colombia. She says, “The classes are more difficult than in Colombia—that makes me prepare ahead of time. I have to understand the precedents, which helps me to understand the facts and how to apply the rule of law.”

COMBINING UNIVERSITY RESOURCES
Other University of Denver programs have also long addressed the international arena. In 1929 the University established the Department of International Relations, one of the first in the nation. The department evolved into today’s Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS).

In recent years, the College of Law has been working together with both GSIS and the Daniels College of Business to share resources for the benefits of all students. A dual degree program between GSIS and the College of Law provides students with a comprehensive understanding of both the legal and international studies. In addition, GSIS now offers a master of arts in International Business Transactions—a degree which may be offered in conjunction with the College of Law in the future. About the new degree, GSIS Dean Tom Farer said:

"The new International Business Transactions degree distinctively blends the law of international business transactions with economic, political and financial analysis. As a creative collaboration of the law and business schools with the Graduate School of International Studies, it offers more than any other international transactions program with which I am familiar. It draws on the several strengths of all schools including the fine economics group at GSIS. The degree will be of great value to business as well as law graduates who now work or aspire to work in the transnational sector and also to mid-career managers without either a law or business degree."
Ed Roche — Taught at two universities in Japan as a visiting professor. His expertise is in domestic and international taxation.

John T. Soma — Has been a visiting research scholar at Max Plank Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright, and Competition Law in Munich, Germany. His expertise is in national and international computer and technology law.

Celia Taylor — Her expertise is in emerging capital markets, the development of securities markets in Eastern Europe and Russia, and in development and human rights.

Adjunct faculty with considerable expertise in international and comparative law include Harry Arkin, Harold Bloomenthal, Robert Heiserman, JD'71, Donald Hoagland, Triplett Mackintosh, David Mazzarella, JD'92, Myron Nordquist, Patricia Parker, T. Andrew Ragusin, Gaylord Virden, and Steve Wallenstein.

The College of Business is also integrating internationalization into their business programs. Dave Hopkins, director of international programs at the Daniels College of Business, has encouraged an international emphasis with programs such as the Master’s in International Management Program and the Master’s in Business Administration Program with international emphasis. The dual degree program with the College of Law and Daniels is seen as an attractive option by students and capitalizes on the strengths of both of the schools.

In addition, the University now boasts a vice provost for internationalization to address the needs of the international students and the University as it expands into this market—our own law professor Ved Nanda. Nanda has dedicated his career to broadening the international programs at the College of Law and the University. The Office of Internationalization spearheads the University’s efforts to integrate international students, programs, and exposure into the University. These efforts have grown considerably in recent years, resulting in a high proportion of international students, study abroad participation, and links with universities all over the world.

Nanda is proud of the University’s accomplishments and has a definite vision for the future of internationalization:

In the next five years, the University will have a distinctive place among American universities for its international activities. Chancellor Ritchie, Provost Zaranka, and the Board of Trustees have provided dynamic leadership and the where-with-all to realize our goal—to be a leader not only in the Rocky Mountain Region but in the nation. The ILS Program is poised to move to the next level of excellence. We are attracting the very best students for the program, resulting in dedicated alumni. With the faculty’s commitment and the alumni’s support, the next 30 years will see continued strength and growth for the program.
INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM
ALUMNI CELEBRATE

On February 20, alumni, students, faculty, and members of the international legal community came together to celebrate the College of Law’s International Legal Studies Program. For this first official reunion, alumni from all over the state, nation, and world met to reminisce and celebrate the program's growth. As part of the reunion, a continuing legal education (CLE) provided a forum for panel members to speak and answer questions from colleagues and students in the audience. With so many outstanding alumni in the international legal field, the reunion and CLE served as an effective method for our practicing "experts" to share experiences and reflections with other alumni, faculty, and students.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
TRANSACTIONS: PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES
The first panel of the CLE program featured alumnus Ian Bird, JD'76, discussing his extensive experience conducting business as former general counsel for CH2M Hill and Waste Management International in Latin America. Now deputy general counsel with Coors Brewing Company, he names Latin America the most intriguing emerging market in the world due to increased economic stability and greater transparency in transactional relationships. Alumnus James E. Nelson, JD'73, discussed his international legal experience as vice president of Gates Corporation in Denver. Former Senator Gary Hart, of Denver law firm Coudert Brothers, led a discussion on the state of international poli-

Working At US v. UK Law Firms
David K. Schollenberger, JD'82*

I am currently a partner at a large English law firm. Having worked at both US and UK law firms in London during the past several years, I have made a few observations about some of the differences in the two environments.

Cultural Differences
English people are more reserved as a rule, and this carries over into office life. Associates are more subtle at English firms in trying to gain respect of partners and don’t act as anxious to please.

Communication
English firms tend to be more secretive about the state of the business and its strategies. They seem to be less communicative than US firms, and partners do not disseminate information about the practice to associates as readily as US firms.

Billable Hours And Vacations
Although English lawyers also work hard during the week, the expectation of English firms for billable hours is typically lower. Weekends are rarely spent in the office at English firms and partners and associates generally enjoy between 4-6 weeks vacation each year.

Offices
In English law offices, clients are always seen in conference rooms rather than in lawyers' offices. There is a reason for this. Offices for lawyers in English firms tend to be small and cramped, with rather basic furniture. Many US firms, in contrast, have quite luxurious offices for partners.

Training and Know-How
A huge amount of time and resources are spent by English firms in training and continuing education of their lawyers. My impression is that this training is done to a much greater extent than in American firms.

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A International solicitor David Schollenberger, JD'82, attended the event from England.
Transnational Precontractual Agreements
Ralph B. Lake, JD ’73

Transactional lawyers are rightly leery of letters of intent, term sheets, heads of agreement and the like. Some recommend not using them altogether. Our clients like them more than we do, however, and they serve some useful purposes. They record partial agreement, and serve as evidence of discussion for third parties like suppliers, prime contractors, and governmental agencies. In an international setting where parties to a future contract are likely to be less sure of the outcome of a negotiation than in a domestic setting, precontractual agreements are sometimes even more valuable.

The risk of precontractual agreements is that they may produce unintended consequences. The worst of these consequences is that a letter of intent that records “partial” agreement may be found to be a complete agreement, subjecting the party who withdraws from a negotiation to full damages for breach of contract. The most notorious instance of this consequence was the Pennzoil case in 1987, and there are some important cases in Europe that had the same outcome. Precontractual agreements may also subject their users to good faith obligations, including obligations to negotiate in good faith which are not specifically agreed on in a letter of intent.

There are some pitfalls in the domestic laws of other countries that international lawyers should always consider. First, obligations to negotiate in good faith are almost always present in countries where Roman law is the basis of civil codes, i.e., most countries of the world. Some countries, Italy for example, expressly provide for such obligations in their civil codes. In others such as Germany, they have been developed by scholars and the courts. The civil law good faith obligation in a precontractual setting obligates a negotiator not to withdraw “abusively” or unreasonably and sometimes obligates him not to conduct undisclosed parallel negotiations with others. On the other hand, English law does not recognize a precontractual obligation to negotiate in good faith even if negotiating parties specifically provide for it in a letter.

Panelists Ian Bird and Jim Nelson with moderator Don Hoagland (l-r).

THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER IN THE 21ST CENTURY

During the second panel, alumna Judith Roberts, JD ’79, (Holme Roberts & Owen) and Barry Sanders (senior partner Latham & Walkens, Los Angeles) discussed the demise of the generalist in international law and other trends. Professor Jay Brown related his experience working in Kazakhstan and Moscow and the need for attorneys to be civic-minded while working in foreign countries. Professor Jim Otto (director, Graduate Program in International Natural Resources and Environmental Law) and Ralph Lake, JD ’73, (general counsel Promus Corporation, Memphis) moderated the panel.

Transcripts of this international CLE program are available. To order, please call 303/871-6940.
INTRODUCTION

ENDOWING THE VED NANDA PROFESSORSHIP

A dinner following the CLE program highlighted the accomplishments of the ILS Program and celebrated the work of Vice Provost of Internationalization Ved Nanda. Committee Chair Connie Cox, JD’78, and her husband Jonathan Cox, JD’71 (first editor of the international law journal) reported the group’s progress in endowing the Ved Nanda Professorship—surpassing the $400,000 level. Former students of Professor Nanda joined forces and resources to ensure the success of this effort. In addition to the Cox family, alumni who worked to raise the funds included Ian Bird, JD’76, Ralph Lake, JD’73, and Doug Scrivner, JD’77.

“The addition of endowed professorships and chairs increases the College of Law’s ability to retain the best faculty and through that raise our profile nationwide. This effort by the international law alumni helps to secure our leadership position in international legal studies,” said Johanna Kelly, executive director of development and external affairs at the College of Law.

WHAT IS THE TRANSNATIONALIST TO DO?

I would suggest two measures, which together should preclude unintended consequences and career derailments. First, we should insist that our clients know what they wish to achieve by the use of a precontractual agreement and write it clearly. Only rarely have courts found a precontractual document such as a letter of intent to be a complete agreement where negotiating parties have not seemed to have chosen ambiguity or to have engaged in disingenuous, murky writing. Courts have been tough on parties who try to oblige the other party while retaining freedom of action for themselves. Second, transnational letters of intent should contain a choice of law and choice of forum clauses. The courts of most countries, including the United States, honor such clauses, and they have the significant advantage of allowing both parties to avoid undesired effects of foreign law.

THEN AND NOW...

members of the Journal of International Law and Policy in 1971 (top) and graduates of the ILS Program today (below).
From the Reunion Chair
Connie Cox, JD’78
When I was asked to become a member of the DU Law Alumni Council, I wondered whether traveling to Denver from California twice a year was a good use of my time. But I loved my legal education and I loved practicing law for the few years I did it.

The impact DU College of Law, its professors, and my fellow students had on me was immense. My husband Jon and I have maintained a close relationship with Ved Nanda and his family and have participated in law school events whenever representatives have visited the Bay Area. Every time I get close to the law school, I am impressed with the caliber and commitment of the people involved. The administration and faculty are energized by the opportunity and the challenge to become an even better, more well defined law school. There is always a sense of excitement. I recently viewed the video created for incoming first year law students. What a masterpiece. It captured the essence of the law school as well as the beauty and opportunity of Denver and the Rocky Mountain region.

DU is personal. As a student, your professors know and challenge you. As an alumnus, you are remembered and welcomed for your ideas and assistance. It is a community. If you are a part of it, you are lucky. The more you participate, the more you belong. I am pleased with my decision to participate.

When I was asked to chair the First-Ever International Law Alumni Reunion coupled with an afternoon of CLE programs, I readily agreed. Although I was not actively involved in the International Law Community at DU, I have a personal attachment to it. When Jon and I met, he told me that going to the College of Law was the best school experience he had ever had, that being instrumental in starting the Denver International Journal of Law and Policy was one of the most important contributions he had made, and that I had to meet his most important mentor and friend, Ved Nanda!

The Nanda Endowed Professorship will provide additional resources to the ILS program from its interest income. Announcing that their goal for the endowed professorship had been reached, Jon Cox challenged his fellow alumni to commit themselves to increasing the fund to the level sufficient for an endowed chair ($1.5 million). Dean Vegge joined in the effort by presenting his own donation to Cox at the podium. This endowment will ensure that the spirit and commitment of Professor Nanda will be perpetuated at the College of Law.

CELEBRATING ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS
The International Reunion and CLE reminded us that the ILS Program has many talented alumni legal practitioners. Through the vision of our faculty and administration, in great part the vision of Vice Provost Ved Nanda, early students of the College of Law ILS Program were exposed to the future of international law. Alumni who benefited from that vision now help to teach current students. With the continued support of alumni on the cutting edge of international legal practice as well as the continued dedication of the faculty, students can anticipate another 30 years of foresight and excellence in international legal education.
A highlight of the reunion event for me was the goal of creating a Ved Nanda Endowed Professorship of Legal Studies by February 20, 1998. Jon accomplished this goal with the help of a very able committee. However, as we proceeded toward the goal, it became quite apparent that it was important, appropriate, and essential to "go for the gold" and create the Ved Nanda Endowed Chair of International Legal Studies. Jon presented Ved with the Endowed Professorship at the reunion, but the fun part was handing him a little chair with the commitment not to stop until $1.5 million is raised for an endowed chair in his name.

The reunion itself was a wonderful, warm experience filled with humor with people from all over the United States and a few people from outside the country. You could see the continuity—alumni connecting again with professors, students meeting alumni, and friends seeing old friends. This was the First-Ever International Law Reunion, which means it is not the last. Don't miss the next one—it will be even better.
Alumni Placement Statistics

Wrestling With the Rankings

From Robert Yegge, Dean
Anne Walker, Director of Career Services

Each year, US News and World Report publishes its rankings of all 174 ABA accredited law schools. Reputation scores, as determined by judges, lawyers and academics, are important criteria in determining a school's rank. This year, US News ranks the University of Denver College of Law in the third tier, where it stands out with high scores in reputation. In fact, while the average reputation score by academics among the 33 schools in this tier is only 2.19, the College of Law enjoys a score of 2.5. The average reputation score as determined by lawyers and judges is 2.45; the College of Law has the highest score in the tier: 2.8. Clearly, our faculty and graduates continue to impress members of the legal community.

Another factor involved in ranking the law schools is placement success. The ability to find a job after graduation is an important consideration for prospective students who are choosing which law school to attend. The willingness of employers to hire from a particular law school is also indicative of a law school's national and regional reputation.

Thus, the Career Services Office and the College of Law community were understandably disappointed by the 1998 placement rankings. Using a mysterious and unfounded methodology, US News arrived at an employment rate that is far below what we know to be accurate and true.

The Career Services Office recognizes our role in the publication of misleading employment statistics. Due to attrition in the Director's position during the past two years, our office was not aware of the peculiar methodology that US News uses in calculating a law school's placement rate. Specifically, US News assumes that 75 percent of all graduates who have not responded to a school's employment survey are unemployed. Because the Career Services Office had a low response rate to our employment survey (52 percent), we were victims of a methodology that we did not understand.

We have resurveyed the class of 1996 and are pleased to counter US News with the accurate employment statistics. As usual, we found that College of Law alumni are pursing rewarding work both in and out of Colorado, in private practice, government, public service, and alternative careers.

We are also surveying 1997 graduates and can report that their employment rates reflect trends similar to those of our 1996 graduates.

To continue to enhance career opportunities for students, we are expanding our on-campus recruitment program to include more small and mid-sized law firms, public sector employers and corporations, as well as employers outside the Denver-Boulder metro area. In addition, the College of Law intends to initiate an aggressive marketing effort to raise our profile in regional and national markets. As always, we welcome suggestions and assistance from our alumni.

The Career Services Office extends a special thanks to every graduate who participated in our recent survey and took the time to answer our questions about their employment history.

Class of 1996
(79 percent responding)

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PROFESSOR LARRY TIFFANY RETIRES

Professor Larry Tiffany retired in May after a 34-year tenure with the College of Law. He served in the academic dean position from 1965 to 1967 and was acting dean from 1977 to 1978. His contributions to the College of Law and to legal education are extensive.

JOHN SHEPHERD NAMED PRACTITIONER-IN-RESIDENCE FOR SPRING 1998

Endowed by alumnus Gerald J. Schissler, JD'69, the A.T. Smith/Gerald J. Schissler Natural Resources Practitioner in Residence Seminar brought in Holland & Hart Partner John F. Shepherd, JD'79, for the Spring 1998 semester. The $100,000 endowment is matched in part by the Burlington Resources Foundation.

Shepherd is former chair of Holland & Hart’s natural resources and environmental law department, having practiced in the field for nearly 30 years. He currently participates on the Land and Legal Committees for the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association and has previously served in the capacity of trustee for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Foundation; member of the Council of the American Bar Association’s Section of Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law; and chair of the ABA Public Lands Committee. As part of his duties, Shepherd will teach a seminar on “How to be a Good Lawyer.”

INTERSEXIONALITY: THE FOURTH ANNUAL LEGAL THEORY SYMPOSIUM

In February, the faculty and Law Review sponsored the annual legal theory symposium—this year entitled “InterSEXionality: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Queering Legal Theory.” The symposium participants included professors Martha Ertman, Nancy Ehrenreich, and Julie Nice, DU political science professor Susan Sterett, and professors from the University of Colorado, University of Iowa, University of Southern California, University of Utah, Fordham University, Stanford Law School, University of Arizona, University of Wisconsin, Columbia University, and the University of Miami. The University of Denver Law Review will publish the papers and comments, along with a (first time) student-written comment on progressive implications of bisexuality.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION HONOR PROFESSORS

Professors Alan Chen and Roberto Corrada are joint recipients of the 1997 Edward Sherman Award in September, which recognizes attorneys in the forefront of initiating legislative changes, reforms, and new concepts in state laws.
NORTON VS. CORRADA
Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton, JD'78, and Professor Roberto Corrada debated affirmative action in November on KBDI-TV 12's "Colorado Inside Out." Professor Corrada also was a December guest on "Talk of the City," aired by NPR affiliate KPCC-FM (Los Angeles) to discuss the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and religion in the workplace.

MULTI-CHAIRRED ADJUNCT
Adjunct Professor Robert A. Zupkus (trial practice) was recently appointed chair of the Casualty Insurance Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel at its annual meeting in Bermuda last July. He is also the new co-chair of the local chapter of the Federal Communications Bar Association.

CIVIL RIGHTS AWARDEE
Part-time lecturer in law William M. Cohen (international human rights, immigration law) received the Anti-Defamation League's Civil Rights Award in December 1997.

PROJECT SAFEGUARD AND MS. MAGAZINE
Professor Jacqueline St. Joan, JD'77, had two poems published in the January issue of Ms. magazine. She also received the 1998 System Social Change Award from Project Safeguard at its annual dinner.

OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING TRIAL STARS
Professor Robert Hardaway appeared on CNN's "Burden of Proof" in January to discuss the deadlocked Nichols jury, in the Chicago Tribune and the Christian Science Monitor. Professor Frank Jamison, JD'56, appeared on Court TV; Professor Jeff Hartje appeared on MCNDBC.

FACULTY OFFER FREE PRE-BAR REVIEW LECTURES
Professors Julie Nice, Ed Dauer, Arthur Best, Paul Dempsey, Wadine Gehrke, JD'84, Peggy Walker, Roberto Corrada, Keith Harrison, Nancy Ehrenreich, Fred Cheever, and Martha Ertman offered free bar review lectures for students to help them prepare for the Colorado and multi-state bar exams. The review lectures were recommended to students in addition to a traditional bar review course.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

ALUMNI ADJUNCT RECEIVES PROFESSORSHIP
Glen Keller, JD'64, was appointed the Frank H. Ricketson, Jr. Adjunct Professorship for Spring 1998. The chair is awarded for dedication and effectiveness as an adjunct faculty member of the College of Law.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Professor Paul Dempsey co-authored two new books in Coast-Aire Publications' Air Transport Management Series: Air Transportation: Foundations for the 21st Century and Airline Management: Strategies for the 21st Century. He was also quoted in the Philadelphia Inquirer on regulation of the airline industry.
Adjunct Professor Robert G. Heiserman co-authored an article on entitled “Building a Better Mousetrap: Expedited Removal” for the October 1997 issue of Trial Talk (Colorado Trial Lawyers Association). His most recent seminar presentations include:

- “Critical Issues in Elder Law & Managed Health Care,” part of a Denver continuing legal education program in September 1997
- “Practical Legal Ethics & Issues and Answers,” at the National Business Institute in May 1997
- “I-9s and Employment Eligibility Verification,” at the Aspen Chamber & Resort Association in May 1997

Associate Dean Sheila Hyatt presented “Evolving Standards for Scientific Evidence” (focused on polygraph tests) at the September 1997 meeting of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges.

Professor Jan Laitos delivered a paper at the 12th annual Conference of the American Bar Association Section on “Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law.”

Professor Steve Pepper gave four presentations:
- “Applying the Fundamentals of Lawyers’ Ethics to Insurance Defense Practice” at a University of Connecticut Insurance Law Center’s program in October
- A presentation on the gap between law and justice at Hofstra University School of Law’s conference on “Legal Ethics: Access to Justice” in April
- “Ethical Dilemmas in the Corporate Secretary’s Office” for the Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries in November 1997
- A presentation for the annual ethics seminar of the Environmental Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association in December

Professor Margaret Walker, as co-chair of the Civic and Community Affairs Sub Committee of the Colorado Bar, was an editor of the “Colorado Senior Law Handbook” and participated in the Senior Law Day at the University of Denver. Over 500 copies of the “Elder Law Handbook” were given to seniors who attended the seminars.

Professor Jimmy Winokur has recently been appointed to the National Editorial Board of the Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction, based on his work incorporating computers into his property & real estate curriculum and his work on the College of Law’s Technology Committee.

Professor Rock Pring addressed the Colorado River Outfitters Association annual convention January 31st on the topic "Public Rights on Colorado Waters: How DU Opened Colorado’s Rivers to Floaters and Boaters."

Professor Paula Rhoades served as a resource person last fall at high level, off-the-record meetings in Geneva, Switzerland of officials of the World Trade Organization, International Labor Organization, International Monetary Fund and national governments and non-governmental organizations. The meetings focused on establishing and expanding international core labor standards such as freedom of association and abolition of child labor.
On December 19, 1997, 63 students graduated from the College of Law. Graduates were addressed by Board of Trustees member John W. Low, JD’57, Dean Robert B. Yegge, MA’58/JD’59, and Professor Julie Nice. Speaker Judge John L. Kane, Jr., JD’60, received an honorary degree from Chancellor Ritchie. Student Bar Association President Kenneth B. Tolle served as master of ceremonies.
The Honorable Gregory Kellam Scott

Gregory Kellam Scott is no stranger to the University and the College of Law. After serving as a trial attorney for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, he was appointed to the faculty of the College of Law in 1980. He was a professor, gaining rank of full professor with tenure and served 1980 to 1993, when he was appointed professor emeritus.

He left his position at the law school to accept an appointment by Governor Roy Romer as a justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Colorado. He is currently the third most senior justice of the seven-justice court that administers the judicial branch of government, exercises superintending authority over inferior courts, and decides appellate cases involving state and federal law. Scott is an accomplished scholar, teacher and jurist.
Members of the class of 1948 attended ceremonies.

Dean Designate Nell Jessup Newton and Provost Bill Zaranka (l-r) attended the ceremonies.

Robert Wilson (Westminster); Bill Reynard (Westminster); Dean Robert B. Yegge, MA'58/JD'59; Colonel Walter P. Morton, Jr. from Abilene, Texas; and Dean Designate Nell Jessup Newton (l-r).
MSLA/JD graduate Lorni Fenton with her family. Her cousin, Bart Rickenbaugh, graduated in 1994 and her uncle Judge John Brook (deceased) graduated in 1955.

Andrew Robinson and his family.

Charles Brown Dickson, JD'72, and Janet Meyer Dickson, JD'72, with their daughter Elizabeth Dickson (c).

Walter J. Lander, Sr., JD'65, with his son Walter James Lander, Jr. (l).
IN MEMORIUM

Joseph W. Oytelten
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Oswald Charles Abernethy, Sr.
JD’53
October 30, 1997
Denver, Colorado

Kazuyoshi Akita
JD’51
February 1995
Honolulu, Hawaii

Hon. Gilbert A. Alexander
JD’49, Westminster Law School
Denver, Colorado

Eugene A. Archuleta
JD’78
January 10, 1998
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Reta A. Brauchler
JD’87
February 26, 1998
Littleton, Colorado

Patricia E. Burrows
JD’73
February 1998
Grants Pass, Oregon

John Spencer Carroll
JD’52
January 28, 1998
Denver, Colorado

Arthur Cassidy
LLB’40
December 21, 1997
Tесuqe, New Mexico

Thomas A. Cox
LLB’195/BSBA’48
October 4, 1997
Aurora, Colorado

John M. Deisch
LLB’57/BS’56
March 15, 1998
Aurora, Colorado

George E. Dilts
JD’47
March 3, 1998
Mesa, Arizona

Sheldon W. Greene
JD’50/BSL’49
December 18, 1997
Oceanside, California

Edward A. Jersin
JD’46/AB’42
December 20, 1997
Denver, Colorado

Bruce W. Lane
JD’86
December 31, 1997
Denver, Colorado

Hon. Joseph P. Lewis
JD’50
March 15, 1998
Hurley, New Mexico

Peter J. Little
LLB’41, Westminster Law School
October 7, 1997
Denver, Colorado

Arthur Steven Lucero
JD’70
October 16, 1997
Denver, Colorado

Charles R. Lyons
LLB’57
February 27, 1998
Golden, Colorado

Marion MacDonald Neve
LLB’40/AB’33
September 25, 1997
Lakewood, Colorado

Joseph W. Opstelten
LLB’51/BSL’50
July 23, 1997
Golden, Colorado

Harper M. Orahood
JD’40
December 16, 1997
Denver, Colorado

Stanley H. Schwartz
JD’51
September 16, 1997
Denver, Colorado

Richard H. Simon
JD’36/BA’34
December 4, 1995
Denver, Colorado

John "Jack" Benjamin Toll
JD’50
January 4, 1998
Golden, Colorado

Joann G. Ward
JD’61
December 17, 1997
Denver, Colorado

Richard A. Zarlengo
LLB’57
March 19, 1998
Englewood, Colorado
VISITING COMMITTEE
The first week of November 1997, a new visiting committee assembled at the law school to assess programs and curriculum and to provide suggestions for the future. The visiting committee is comprised of legal practitioners, educators, and alumni across the country. A reception was held at the Phipps Mansion.

LAW ALUMNI COUNCIL
On January 24, the Law Alumni Council met for their semi-annual meeting. Professor Jimmy Winokur addressed the council with a presentation on “Technology Advancements: Teaching Property On-Line.” Council members attending from other regions included Robert Lewers, LLB'50, from Pennsylvania and Connie Cox, JD'78, from California.
INAUGURAL ISSUE OF WATER LAW REVIEW

The editors and staff of the Water Law Review proudly presented the inaugural issue of the University of Denver’s newest law journal at their Advisory Board meeting in February. The first issue featured an historical overview of Colorado water law by the Honorable Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr.; an analysis of water quality issues by Holly Holder and Carmen Sover-Hall; and a discussion of watershed planning by Barbara Green. The issue was dedicated to Lucius Ward Bannister, past professor at DU and one of the West’s foremost authorities on water law. Subscriptions may be requested by contacting the Water Law Review office at 303/871-6122.

FOUNDER’S DAY

The University of Denver celebrated its birthday March 7 at the annual Founder’s Day Gala. Alumni and faculty awards were given to Steven Chough, MSW ’63 (Professional Achievement Award); Helen Franzgrode, BA ’68 (Community Service Award); Nancy Sampson, faculty of Daniels College of Business (Distinguished Service to the University Award); Sue Ellen Goss (Randolph McDonough Award for Service to Alumni); Joseph Bagan, BA/MA ’88 (Amni Hyde Award for Young Alumni Achievement, and College of Law graduate Bill Diss, LLB ’59 (Evans Award for Humanitarian Service). The Evans Award is named for John Evans, the principal founder of the University of Denver. Given annually since 1951, the award rewards achievement in an alumnus’ profession, and is given for humanitarian service to the community and continued service to the University. This award is the highest honor that the alumni association can bestow on a member.

PILG AUCTION

March 7, 1998 in the University of Denver’s Driscoll Center, the students of the Public Interest Law Group held their annual auction. This year, they raised $23,000 for their clerkship program and for the endowment of a new loan forgiveness program.
TRIAL TEAMS EXCEL
It was another good year for the trial teams at the College of Law. Teams for the 1997/1998 school year included:

American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA)
Wanda Reas
Jay Rosloniec
Diana Martwick
Steve Tokarz
Lisa Levinson
Becky Keil
Adam Vela
Cathy Smead

American Bar Association (ABA)
Randy Corporon
Dane Torbenson
Randy Jackson
Laura Calse
Sean McDermott
Meredith McDonald

On the ATLA team, students Reas, Rosloniec, Martwick, and Tokarz won the regional competition and qualified for the national competition.

ALTENATIVE CAREER EXPO
On April 9, 200 students attended the third annual Alternative Career Expo hosted by the Career Services Office. More than 30 exhibitors spoke with students at the expo, which is one of the most popular Career Services programs.

HOLLAND & HART PRESENTATION
On March 4, 1998 Peter Houtsma and Scott Barker of Holland & Hart presented Dean Robert Yegge, MS’58/JD’59, with funds they had raised to augment the Charles Johnson Scholarship. The scholarship commemorates the former partner of Holland & Hart. Houtsma and Barker ran the Las Vegas marathon to raise the funds.
COLLEGE OF LAW HOSTS SPRING CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Institute for Advanced Legal Studies presented two CLE courses in April. On April 24, a free CLE program was presented for recent graduates entitled: “Transformative Dreaming—Five Steps to Solo/Small Firm Practice.” Alumnus Patrick Schilken, JD’89 participated in the CLE program. For attorneys in the health field, an April 30 symposium focused on “Medical and Scientific Evidence of Causation” and “Psychiatric and Psychological Evidence.” Attorneys interested in public and private sector whistle blowing enjoyed a May 22 seminar on “False Claim, Whistle Blowing & Civil R.I.C.O.” Alumnus Darold Killmer, JD’86, participated in that CLE.

SUTTON COLLOQUIUM

The annual Sutton Colloquium and McDougal Lecture was held April 17. This year’s program commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Chief Justice Leonard v.B. Sutton, JD’41, presented the Sutton Award to student Christyne J. Vachon for her paper on “Hong Kong’s 1997 Transition: UN Enforcement Mechanisms to Guarantee Hong Kong’s Human Rights Will Endure After the Transition.” Vachon receives a $3,000 prize and has the opportunity to study at the Hague Academy of International Law this summer.

Provost Bill Zaranka made opening remarks for the event and M. Cherif Bassiouni presented the McDougal Lecture. Mr. Bassiouni has been a professor of law at DePaul University since 1964, is vice-chairman of the General Assembly’s Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, and has been on numerous United Nations and other human rights committees.
IVORY STREET LUNCHEON

May 13, alumni and friends of the College of Law gathered for the second annual Ivory Street Luncheon and CLE lecture. Held at the Adams Mark Hotel, the lecture featured Professor Julie Nice’s presentation “Of Ceilings and Floors: Ethics, Law and Welfare Reform.” The luncheon celebrates supporters of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) at the College of Law. Over one hundred attorneys and community members attended the event honoring Mary Catherine Rabbitt, JD’84, and Theodore B. Atllass, BSBA’72. Rabbitt has provided enormous support to the Elder Law Institute and Atllass has been the program chairman for the Advanced Estate Planning Symposium since 1985.

PARTNERS AT LAW

Four Partners At Law (PALS) events were held from February through March to help students meet practicing alumni, exercise networking skills, and find out about the “real world” of legal practice. Eighty students and 25 alumni participated this year.
COLLEGE OF LAW HOSTS ACADEMIC SUPPORT TRAINING WORKSHOP

June 18 through 20, the College of Law was honored to host the 1998 Law School Admissions Council Regional Academic Support Training Workshop. The theme of the workshop was “Methods That Work.” Professor Burt Brody and Assistant Director of Academic Achievement Program Dan Wilson were the hosting members of the Planning Committee.

STUDENT AWARDS

On May 14, 1998, students received recognition for their outstanding efforts at the second annual Student Awards Ceremony. Students Manoo Mofidi and Tracy Kraft-Tharp received the Dufford & Brown Legal Writing Award. The Krendl Award for Business Planning was presented to Student Bar Association President Ken Tolle.

STUDENT LAW OFFICE REFORMS CLEMENCY GUIDELINES

Student Law Office students presented clemency petitions for three women currently in prison in Colorado for homicides related to the deaths of abusive spouses. Through the Battered Women’s Clemency Reform Project, a clinical course in the Student Law Office, the students asked the Governor and Department of Corrections to change guidelines that currently make incarcerated battered women ineligible to apply for clemency. The clemency project is drawing on strong community support from domestic violence groups such as Project Safeguard, AMEND and the National Coalition to Prevent Domestic Violence.
REUNIONS

Recent Graduate Reunion
November 5, 1997

Law Alumni Council member Bart Rickenbaugh, JD'94, (r) enjoys a beer with a fellow alumnus.

Recent graduates, including Carolynne White, JD'93, (l) reacquaint at the reunion.

San Francisco
January 7, 1998

Doug Scriver, JD'77, Jonathan Cox, JD'81, and Jeffrey Brown, JD'71, join the reception of 60 alumni and faculty.

Pueblo, Colorado
March 10, 1998

The College of Law attended the March 10 Pueblo Bar Association meeting.

Minneapolis,
Minnesota
January 29, 1998

Becky Comstock, JD'77, and Mike Goldner, JD'71.

Joe Ringer, JD'72, Jan Sussee, JD'70, and Tim Arends, JD'92/LLM'93.

Clinical faculty answered questions about intern placement in the Pueblo area, and Dean Yogge gave an update about the College of Law at the Pueblo luncheon.

Mark Williamson, JD'94, and professor Keith Harrison with prospective student (l-r).
I A Alumnus Russ Fry and his wife Melissa attended the reunion from Washington DC (right).

A Mary Willis greets Connie Talmage (l-r).

A Gerry Sherk and his guest Suzanne Gregory.

A Sandra and Dr. Tim Colt attended from Laguna Niguel, California.

A Attorney General Gale Norton (center), her husband John Hughes (left), and alumna Kea Bardeen (right).

1977/1978 Reunion
April 17, 1998
1957/1958 Reunion
May 1, 1998

Dean Emeritus Dan Hoffman, Bruce Buell, Judge Mike and Clair Villano enjoy the celebration.

Dan and Susan Sturm (l) and Mel and Beverly Coffee (r) reacquaint.

Dave and Paula Little

The Honorable Jon Boltz attended from Albuquerque, New Mexico

Richard Kranzler is happy to see his classmates.

Beverly Hoffman with Bob and Shirley Pierce (l-r).

Don Sturm listens to the reunion program.
1948 Reunion
May 15, 1998

Robert Allen and Bill Reynard (Westminster Law School)

Marilyn and Gus Ball, Ann and Dick Schmidt, and Bill Rentfro take a campus tour during the reunion.

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The Honorable Harold Reed

Bill Rentfro, Dick Schmidt, and Robert Wilson (Westminster Law School)

Allan Asher
We all have many problems of our own to solve. I suggest we also should do what we reasonably can to protect basic human rights of other human beings, too. Perhaps in that way, peace, harmony, and dignity may eventually prevail for all of us.

Taken from his 1992 Christmas letter, this quote is symbolic of how Leonard von Bibra Sutton, JD'41, has lived his life. From coordinating the delivery of critical information about the trigger for the atom bomb to the President during World War II, to revising the Colorado court system, to participating in a “blood brother” ceremony with the Shoshone Indian Tribe in Wyoming, Sutton has struggled to bring peace, harmony, and dignity into every area of his life.

Sutton's talent is turning chaos into order. This talent was honed during his training and education at the College of Law. He was a member of the distinguished class of 1941, including the Hon. Bob McWilliams, Howard Jenkins, and Governor John Love. Early on, it was apparent that Sutton was bright and had a unique ability to analyze situations and efficiently devise a process to work through problems. Over and over again, he was asked to manage disfunctioning projects and put them in order.

In 1941 after he graduated from the College of Law, he engaged in the practice of law in Colorado Springs and soon thereafter enlisted as a private in the U.S. Army. In due course, he went to the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. After he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, he volunteered to go into the “Ski Troops” that later became the 10th Mountain Division. He then transferred to Camp Carson, now Fort Carson, near Colorado Springs. Survival training trips with his father combined with his talent for bringing order in many situations helped prepare him to become one of the leaders in some of the mountain maneuvers.

At Camp Carson he had many character-building experiences, including an injury while on a maneuver with a mule pack company. He had been given a faulty topography map and thus led his company into an area with camouflaged foxholes in the ground. His mule fell into one of them, and Sutton was severely disabled.
Another highlight of Sutton's army experience occurred when he was assigned to the staff of Major General Milton Boone in Oakland, California. One day, following orders to General Boone's Office from the White House, Sutton was ordered to help obtain part of the process of the "discharge trigger for the atom bomb" and to get that information to Washington, DC immediately. Sutton said:

The LA Army Office had a staff car pick me up to arrange for two Army planes to get data to the White House from Los Angeles. I then took an overnight train to LA and was picked up by a military escort who whisked me off to the scientists at the Weber Showcase Company. Promptly in the morning I was ready to work with a staff of five top stenographers who transcribed the engineers' details on how to trigger the atomic bomb. We rotated the stenographers so one could be typing up a section as the next stenographer came in, allowing us to continue the discussion without losing any time. Once all the material was collected, I coordinated the delivery of the information with the White House. Army Security was waiting to take the top-secret material to a plane waiting at a Military Air Field near Los Angeles. Since planes could not then fly across the country without refueling, I had also ordered to have a fueled plane waiting in St. Louis to fly the information speedily to its destination.

Following the War, Sutton returned to Colorado Springs with his wife Janette Else Gabor and went into private practice until 1956 when Governor Ed Johnson appointed him to the Colorado Supreme Court. At the time he was the youngest State Supreme Court Justice in the country. Governor Johnson urged him to "clean up the God damn system." Quickly, Sutton began getting the Colorado court system revised—eliminating delays and congestion and working to improve methods of selecting judges. He had the Colorado Court of Appeals brought back into existence to help relieve the Supreme Court of its then impossible caseload. Under Sutton's leadership, the Colorado Supreme Court's backlog of cases awaiting decision was reduced from 32 months to 10 months in one year. Colorado then moved from 36th to 1st place that year in terms of state Supreme Courts moving their caseloads. He was selected as Chief Justice of the Court twice during his tenure.

Another connection Sutton has maintained throughout his life is with the Native American People. The connection was first made during his early teenage years when he took off from home, hitchhiking to New Mexico. He also traded with the Ogalala Sioux Indians who came to the Colorado Springs rodeos. He became acquainted with the Pueblo Indians and when in New Mexico spent several days with them observing their activities and rituals and seeing what few white people ever witnessed. Since then, he has been a supporter of Native American tribes and in 1963 was initiated as a blood brother into the Shoshone tribe of Wyoming. Upon college graduation, Sutton was awarded a fellowship in Government Administration from the National Institute of Public Affairs. He chose to work in the Native American Indian Service. He has worked with several American tribes and continued to help them achieve their goals—as well as his goals of peace, harmony, and dignity.

In 1968, Sutton's interest in the international arena was rekindled. Then President Lyndon Johnson called Sutton to be chair of the U.S. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission in Washington, DC. Again, he was called in to "take care of the situation." While in that post, he traveled overseas, handling some claim disputes as well as managing hearings at his Washington office.

In 1935, during the Depression years, what would have been his junior year at Colorado College in Colorado Springs was replaced with a scholarship to attend a Foreign Trade Summer Seminar in Stuttgart, Germany.
and travel around the world. While there, he and other international students were taken as guest students to the Reichs Partie Tag where they saw new fighter planes go by and heard Hitler tell the world about his plans for Germany and future expansionism. On his return to Colorado Springs, he publicly lectured against the great danger of German Expansionism.

Justice Sutton continues to be actively involved in working on court reform. He strongly favors the formation of an international criminal court. Sutton is fluent in German and Spanish and has lectured in Argentina, China, Cyprus, Mexico, Nicaragua, America, Germany and other countries. He has urged other nations to simplify and expedite trial and appellate procedures. He is the only known U.S. citizen who is a member of the Buenos Aires Bar Association. He was once asked to be Chief Justice of Cyprus but declined. In 1987, he received West Germany’s highest civilian award, the Grand Order of Merit, for his effort in promoting good will and in assisting in Human Rights efforts.

At DU Law School, he is credited as founder of what became the International Legal Studies Program and the annual Leonard v.B. Sutton Award for study at the Hague Academy of International Law. Each year the law school holds the Sutton Colloquium—bringing noted international leaders to the law school campus. Sutton has received honorary degrees from the University of Denver, the University of Colorado and Colorado College. He continues to be an active member in the Inter-American Bar Foundation.

Sutton’s life has been influenced by his family—both his parents and his distinguished ancestors. Born in Colorado Springs, one of four children to Benjamin and Anne von Bibra Sutton, his opinion of himself and the world was formed through the lens of his mother’s famous German Bibra family ancestors and his father’s Quaker tradition. During Sutton’s modest upbringing, his father took him hunting and fishing and taught him survival skills. His mother seemed to understand his restless and inquisitive mind. She allowed him a great deal of “growing space” while at the same time encouraged him to become educated and remain honest.

Today, Sutton can look back and feel that he has honored his Bibra ancestors as well as the Quakers and his beloved United States. He has dined with leaders and royalty in the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Mexico. Several years ago he was one of a National Team of 24 people selected by the Department of Defense to inspect and report on the status of our Air Force, Military Naval bases, and Forces for the President of the United States. His Denver condominium is filled with art, Native American treasures, plaques, certificates, photos, and even the skin of a lion that he shot on a hunt in Madagascar with Walter O’Malley and Lauritz Melchior.

He has solved or helped solve many problems during his life—both his own and those of his friends, country, and world. He has honored his family and his own goal to “protect basic human rights of other human beings.” Peace, harmony, and dignity may yet prevail for us all.

—Ann Polumbus
1941
Elizabeth Guyton-Girch
AB’39, JD’41 attended the
College of Law luncheon in
Pueblo, Colorado this spring
and received a medal for her
years of distinctive service to
the profession of law. Girch
grew up in Yuma, Colorado
and was one of two women in
her law school class. She
practiced primarily divorce
law in Denver, Pueblo and
Lajunta, Colorado.

1952
Robert B. Rottman,
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Once again, it is my pleasure,
as Class Scribe, to provide
some current information
regarding members of the
class of 1952.

I had an enjoyable telephone
conversation with Jack
Henderson whom I had not
seen since our 40th class
reunion in 1992. Jack was
most helpful in planning our
40th class reunion. We are
both hopefully anticipating a
50th class reunion in the next
century. The year 2002 seems
far in the future, but really is
not that far away. I am
hopeful that such a reunion
will materialize and that
many of our class will be
able to attend.

Jack is still engaged in the full
time practice of law, his
primary areas of activities
being in real estate and
business transactions. He
serves as general counsel for
the Colorado Trust, a private
foundation created as a
result of the sale of

Presbyterian and Saint Luke’s
Hospitals. Jack has been a
resident of Lodo for some
time, which he greatly enjoys.
He will soon be moving into
a new Lodo location. Jack
spends a great deal of time
enjoying skiing and golfing.
He stated that he particularly
enjoys skiing now, having
reached the age of 70 and
being able to ski for free on
most of the Colorado ski
slopes. I guess that most of
the members of the Class of
’52 could now join Jack on
the ski slopes enjoying this
special senior citizen benefit.

Art Frazin tells me that he
has greatly enjoyed his service
as a part time magistrate for
the City and County of
Denver over the past three
years. He truly enjoys serving
on the bench, stating that it
is most refreshing to receive
the respect and courtesy
which is generally accorded
to members of the bench,
somewhat in contrast to the
lack of respect presently
being accorded to members
of the legal profession.

I received a most cordial
letter from Bob Vaughn who
offered his appreciation of
my serving as our Class
Scribe. Bob expressed his
hope that a portion of the
1952 Class Notes section
would recognize Jack Hull,
who retired from a very suc-
cessful career as of January 1.
Bob stated that he and Jack
had enjoyed an association
in the practice of law for 44
years as partners and later as
co-stockholders of Vaughn
and Hull, Ltd., which
constituted the longest
“partnership” in the State of
Nevada. Bob informed me
that the partnership of

Vaughn and Hull was
planned while they were in
law school together. After
graduation, Jack served for
two years as a Special Agent
for the FBI. In 1955, Jack and
Bob opened a firm in Elko,
Nevada. Bob has served in
the State Legislature. Both
Bob and Jack have served as
City Attorney for Elko and
Wells. Jack has served as a
bar examiner, fee dispute
chairman, and as president of
the state bar. Bob will
continue the practice of law
under the firm name, and
Jack has become “of counsel”
to the firm. Jack also dropped
me a note advising me of his
retirement and offering some
further biographical informa-
tion which included a most
auspicious legal career,
umerous community and
civic activities and numerous
recreational and sportsman
activities. One of his most
interesting activities included
his portrayals of Mark Twain
for which he became widely
recognized in Nevada.

Jerry Boatsright sent me a
letter summarizing his life
subsequent to law school as
having been busy, stimulating
and rewarding, intellectually
and financially. He noted that
the years have passed far too
quickly. Jerry described his
passion for golf, stating that
he and his wife vacation
about one week of every
month (October – March),
principally along the
Mexican West Coast and
sometimes in Hawaii and the
Caribbean. Jerry stated that
he has not given retirement a
serious thought and does not
wish to “vegetate” in Florida
or Arizona. He stated that he
grew up in North Dakota
and, consequently, Colorado
is God's country as far as he is concerned and that he has no intention of leaving while still breathing.

I received a letter from Dean Norris who thanked me for my letter addressed to “Classmates” which had been forwarded to him. Unfortunately, he had not been receiving recent communications from the College of Law. Dean stated that except for an abortive attempt at a reunion by the class of 1952 sometime in the 1960s, he hadn't heard of or from anyone in that class since graduation. He noted that, as one might imagine, a night law school is not conducive to the establishment of long term social relationships. Most of the class had wives and kids and other places to go after class, which ended at 10:30 p.m. with no time to chit-chat. Dean gave me an update regarding his activities since graduating from law school. He practiced in Lakewood from 1955 to 1971. From 1970 to 1987, he was with the Environmental Protection Agency in Denver, Washington and Atlanta. In 1993, he moved to Fredericksburg, Virginia (having married a lady from Virginia in 1987) where he opened a law practice. Dean stated that during his years in Colorado, he and his children raised and trained horses. They rode with the Westernaires in Lakewood, and he rode for nine years with a riding group called the Roundup Riders of the Rockies. Between the “horseie segments,” he spent 27 years on the ski patrol, ten years in Vail. I was pleased to place Dean back on the active mailing list and hope that he will renew his contact with members of his class with his alma mater. If any of the members of the Westminster Law School Class of ’52 would like to contact Dean, his address is 101 Lafayette Boulevard, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401.

I am sorry to report that we have lost another member of the Class of ’52 – John Carroll. The last two times I had written John, I received a note from one of his daughters who described his worsening condition and valiant dealing with Parkinson's Disease. I was not aware that John had died until I received the February edition of Trial Talk, the publication of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, which was dedicated to the Memory of . . . An advocate for Law and Justice – John Carroll. Family and friends offered personal tributes to John, and a summary of his career was presented. After graduating from law school, John practiced in California for a short while and then worked for the Asia Foundation, living in Southeast Asia for six years.

Returning to Denver, he was a founding member of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, an administrative assistant to Governor Steve McNichols, a member of the Colorado House of Representatives for 10 years and a candidate for U.S. Congress. He was in private practice from 1965 until his retirement in 1989, handling criminal defense matters, personal injury litigation, workman's compensation and divorce cases. In addition to publishing several articles in Archaeological Review and similar publications, John wrote A Search for Quetzalcoat in 1994. His gift for language aided him in his extensive travels throughout Southeast Asia, Central and South America, Europe and the Middle East.

The CTLA memorial included a beautiful tribute from his youngest daughter, Morgan Lenore Carroll, who described her father as a courageous idealist who was willing to take on the big guy, the big fight, even a losing one, to protect the rights and interests of the little guy. She stated that he always represented people, working class people, that his heart was committed to guaranteeing decent and dignified treatment of ordinary individuals at the hands of the law. She stated that when her father was diagnosed with Parkinson's, he could have retired, but he didn't, couldn't. He still had too many battles left to fight. She described her father as a creative intellect who had great strength to try new thoughts, new approaches and new solutions. It was his bravery and brilliance that she saluted foremost. John will be missed by all who knew him.

Yours truly (Bob Rottman) continues to remain active in the practice of law. I am still playing tennis three times a week, ski on occasion, travel and generally keep busy. During the months of April and May, I traveled with a Denver group to Israel in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel and then to Jordan. I have truly enjoyed serving as Class Scribe and having the opportunity of communicating with members of our class and passing on the information received to our fellow classmates. I hope to hear from many more of you when I next contact you for news to be reported in future publications of the College of Law Alumni Magazine.

1953
Alfred R. Sondern from Kansas City, Missouri is still traveling doing international business, but admits retirement looks appealing.

1956
Warwick Downing BA’54/JD’56 is mired in a writ of habeas corpus on a pro bono case. He hopes to be finishing a lawyer oriented novel by the end of the year. He is an avid bicyclist racing in the Ironhorse Race from Durango to Silverton which is an elevation gain of about 6,000 feet. His goal is to finish in three hours.

1957

Hon. Jon D. Boltz has moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico.
1959
William T. Diss received the Evans Award from the University of Denver. This is the highest honor that the Alumni Association bestows on an alumnus/a in recognition of professional achievement, community service and service to the University. Diss taught classes at the law school since 1963. He and his wife, Minnie, have ten grown children.

1960
Robert R. Gallagher, Jr. retired after twenty-eight years as the elected District Attorney in the 18th Judicial District of Colorado. He is now practicing law part-time at 5600 South Quebec Street in Greenwood Village, Colorado.

Sheldon E. Friedman writes that he has returned to his old/new firm of Isaacson Rosenbaum Woods & Levy in Denver.

1961
R. Sterling Ambler has become "of counsel" to Linville & Johns, LLC. The principals of the firm are W. Todd Linville and David K. Johns, JD’90.

1966
Hon. Louis Parkinson has retired as municipal judge of Englewood, Colorado.

1967
Richard Korpan is president and chief operating officer of the Florida Progress Corporation in Oldsmar, Florida.

1969
Col. Michael R. Emerson was selected as 4th Permanent Professor and head of the United States Air Force Academy Department of Law. Chris Munch was the recipient of the first permanent professor. The all-lawyer faculty of twenty-two teaches core and elective law courses and administers the fast growing legal studies major.

Hon. Charles M. McGee was made chief judge of the 2nd Judicial District Court in Reno, Nevada for a two-year term commencing in January, 1998.

Gerald J. Schissler, BME ’66/ JD’69, executive vice president/law and corporate affairs for Burlington Resources, Inc., led negotiations for the Houston-based company in its definitive agreement to acquire The Louisiana Land and Exploration Co. of New Orleans for approximately $3 billion. In February 1998 the College of Law announced that Gerald Schissler is endowing an annual practitioner-in-residence seminar. The A.T. Smith/Gerald J. Schissler Natural Resources Practitioner-in-Residence Seminar brings in practicing natural resources attorneys to teach students how to perform professionally and competently as lawyers. (See Faculty Notes Section). Before joining Burlington Resources, Schissler was a partner in the Denver law firm of Holland & Hart. He is active in the Houston community having served on the Board of Directors of the Houston Symphony and the Board of Trustees of the Houston Grand Opera.

1970
Robert Booms is in his seventh year as director of civil litigation in the New Mexico Attorney General’s office representing the Governor and top cabinet officials.

Russell E. Yates has joined the national law firm Watson & Renner to head its Denver office. Yates is most recognized for his successes in insurance trial claims. Most recently he chaired the trial defense of a $9 million coverage and bad faith claim against Lloyd’s of London. At Watson & Renner, he will chair the firm’s Insurance Practice Group. In addition, he has significant experience in environmental litigation. He was lead counsel on behalf of the City of Denver in City and County of Denver v. Adolph Coors, Inc., et. al. (U.S. District Court, District of Colorado) The case was settled one month prior to trial with the defendants agreeing to pay the City of Denver more than $127 million in damages. He also chaired the Colorado Highway Commission, served as La Plata County Attorney and served on the Grievance Committee of the US District Court for the District of Colorado.

1973
Michael G. Sabbeth, a Denver lawyer, is a radio broadcaster on a children’s station every Sunday. On his program, Sailing the Seven C’s, he leads a discussion on moral and ethical behavior. The C’s stand for things like character, choices, consequences, community, civility, compassion, cooperation and conscience. Sabbeth thought of the idea seven years ago while recovering from open heart surgery. He’s been going to schools as a volunteer teacher ever since, leading discussions on ethics with children.

James E. Nelson, vice president and general counsel of Gates Rubber Company, has been appointed by the Dept. of State to the prestigious position of an alternate member of the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes.

David Szumowski has been appointed a San Diego Municipal Court judge. He is the only judge in California who is blind, and one of only a few across the country.

1974
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Russell E. Carparelli has joined the firm of Messner, Pavek & Reeves, LLC as a partner. His practice will continue to emphasize the resolution of commercial disputes.
through mediation, arbitration, litigation and trial. Russ received his bachelor's degree from the United States Air Force Academy, which qualifies him to be a stealth attack advocate.

Jeralyn E. Merritt was recently appointed to serve on a task force of lawyers and judges to form the Faculty of Federal Advocates for the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. After serving as attorney counsel for TIMOTHY McVEIGH, she appears regularly as legal analyst for M.S.N.B.C., "Rivera Live" and "Nightline." In spite of her successful career practicing law, we all remember her as the first manager of the student bookstore in the basement of the old law building. Your class scribe was the assistant manager at that time. I have personal knowledge that she "borrowed" fifty-five cents from the cash drawer to purchase a soda and never repaid the loan. Please contact me if you wish to join the class action suit on behalf of the "class with no class photograph."

The Honorable Steven E. Shinn is now serving as a District Court Judge in Colorado's Thirteenth Judicial District. In Judge Pacheco's Litigation Skills Course, Judge Shinn once made an opening statement for the plaintiff who had allegedly been injured in an automobile accident that went something like this: "Your honor, I have a temperature of 102. I have a ruptured disc and am currently on pain medication that cost a fortune whether purchased at a pharmacy or on the street. And yet, I am still here to represent the plaintiff who is suffering much more than I am at this time. We will ask for a judgment in favor of the plaintiff." Your scribe represented the defendant in that case. While no objection was made to the opening statement one must wonder how the judge might react today to the same tactic.

1975
Ryan Armbuster was named managing director of the law firm of Elam and Burke, in Boise, Idaho.

Virginia Housum moved from the Denver office to the Minneapolis office of Dorsey & Whitney. She will continue to emphasize banking law.

John L. Watson has moved from Holme Roberts & Owen to the Denver office of Freeburn & Peters where he continues his practice as a trial lawyer emphasizing toxic tort and environmental defense.

1976
Paul Driessen has wrapped up a courtroom video project on a biotechnology case and has joined the Atlas Economic Research Foundation as vice president for operations and corporate development. Paul and his wife, Dvorah Richman, have a twelve year old son and a four year old daughter they recently adopted from Shenzhen, China.

Kenneth R. Kay is CEO and founder of Infotech Strategies in Washington DC. He uses both his computer industry expertise and his knowledge on the role of public policy in high technology industries to promote the importance of information technology applications in health care, education, electronic commerce and government services. Kay coordinated the partnership between PBS, IBM, CBS and the U.S. Olympic Committee to create "U.S. Olympic PBS Cyber School Powered by IBM." The Cyber School was a web site filled with a series of educational challenges relating to all aspects of the Winter Olympic games. It was an exciting example of how the Internet can take advantage of teachable moments by linking people together.

Laura J. Vogelgesang is an associate with Slivka Robinson Waters & O'Dorisio in Denver. She is special counsel with an emphasis on estate planning, trust and beneficiaries' estate administration, trust and estate litigation.

1977
Hon. Vance Gillette is chief judge for the three affiliated tribes, tribal court in New Town, North Dakota. He says the summers in North Dakota are great and encourages his friends to look him up.

Col. Brenda Hollis has retired from active duty after twenty-two years in the Air Force. She has accepted a position at The Hague in the Netherlands as Senior Trial Attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia. A retirement party was held for her at Bellingham Air Force Base in April 1998.

Chip Mellor is president and general counsel for the Institute for Justice in Washington DC, which is a libertarian public interest law firm that litigates throughout the US. He will open the nation's first Clinic on Entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago Law School in fall of 1998. Mellor writes that he followed a non-traditional entrepreneurial career path that led him across the country. He has been able to apply his legal training to national issues like civil rights, environmental policy, school choice and free speech. He has worked with people ranging from Nobel Laureates to inner-city entrepreneurs.

Steve F. Smith has been appointed vice president, general counsel and chief financial officer of Exabyte in Boulder, Colorado.

Michael Spink, five years ago formed the firm Spink & Butler, which specializes in real estate and land, use related practice. Spink lives in Boise, Idaho.

1978
Marion M. Davenport is vice president and general counsel of Destec Energy, Inc. in Houston, Texas.

Candace Cole Figa was elected to her third term on the Greenwood Village City Council. She also serves on the Executive Board of the Denver Regional Council of Governments and the Board of the E-470 Tollway Authority. Candy and her husband Phil traveled on a Congressional mission to Israel and Jordan in January 1998. Congressman David
Skaggs coordinated the trip from the Congressional side as part of his civility movement. The Anti-Defamation League of Denver sponsored the trip to present a balanced look at Middle East issues. The group met with Shimon Perez, members of Netanyahu government, and Yassar Arafat. Ariel Sharon, Israeli minister, led them on a tour of disputed areas.

John A. Sadwith is president of the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Colorado as well as serving as executive director of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association.

George W. Sherk taught International and Comparative Water law at the University of Dundee in Scotland last summer. He came to both the International Law Reunion and his class reunion this spring.

Hon. Sharon Shuteran is a county judge in San Miguel County, does mediation work, has the pleasure of living in Telluride, Colorado and is starting a charter school there.

J. Steven Whisler is the president and CEO of Phelps Dodge Mining Company headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona.

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Some of our classmates have again written with news of their accomplishments and whereabouts. Thanks again to all of you who responded to my request for news of our class. Please keep us advised of where you are and what you are doing.

Lynn Boak writes to let us know that she has been in the same job for almost ten years, with the IRS in the estate tax area. She also has an outside practice and handles the occasional appeal, divorce, or workers' compensation case on her own time. She also volunteers for pro bono work when time allows. Lynn is living in Cheyenne and after 15 years there doesn't even miss Denver anymore! And, as Lynn says, it's right down the road! Lynn sends her regards to the class of '79 and hopes to hear news of everyone else.

It was great to hear from Christopher C. Cross. Chris has been appointed as a judge of the Arapahoe County Court. He is located at the main courthouse and presides over preliminary hearings, first advisements, and bond hearings. He misses the client contact and seeing friends at courthouses and in depositions — but he does not miss the stresses encountered daily in private practice. Chris is enjoying being home more and enjoying weekends, holidays, and vacations!!

Bruce Deadman wrote twice—once to fill us in and once to let us know that he had partially paid off his Super Bowl bet with Chris Cross by shipping him some Titletown Championship Pale Ale (what is it?). He is still obligated to send a video of himself cavorting in front of Lambeau Field in a "beautiful" Bronco Super Bowl t-shirt. As you may have surmised, Bruce is in Green Bay, Wisconsin (his hometown). After 18 years of active practice, Bruce has joined private industry and since May last year has been Human Resources Manager and de facto general counsel for Ver Halen Inc. The corporation was his client for many years and Bruce is pleased to be helping it reach a new level in its business. Ver Halen Inc. is a large Pella window distributor and commercial interior firm with locations throughout Wisconsin. Bruce is also wrapping up a 2-year term as State Chairman of Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited. He helped that organization raise well over $8 million for wetlands restoration.

Patrick E. Garland was kind enough to call and let me know that he and his family are doing well. It was great to hear from Pat! We had a great talk, and he promises to send more news.

Judith Hanson Holmes has joined the newly-opened Denver office of Littler Mendelson, P.C., a national law firm specializing in labor and employment law. Judy is currently serving as Vice President of the Colorado Bar Association and has just completed a term as Vice President of the Denver Bar Association.

We also heard from Robert A. Holmes. Bob and I have been practicing together at Fairfield and Woods for over 18 years, and it is good to see someone you were "young" with almost every day. Bob continues to be active with bar and continuing education activities and has even found a way to combine the two by serving on the Board of CLE in Colorado, Inc. Bob continues to emphasize a practice in commercial real estate and development law.

Great news about Lynn Jordan! Lynn is now with the Denver office of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll and is practicing commercial real estate law, including leasing and the purchase and sale of office buildings and shopping centers. Lynn has significant experience with the creation and representation of planned communities and condominiums. As many of you may know, Lynn served on the legislative committee that drafted the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act that was enacted in 1992.
We have more recent news from **Jack Langworthy**. Jack has left IBM and has accepted a position as Vice President in the Corporate Finance Department at Nationsbane Montgomery Securities in Boston. Jack says that if you have a technology company you would like to buy or sell let him know! Jack can be reached at: Corporate Department, M/D 223, 2B-155-2, New Orchard Road, Armonk, New York 10504; telephone: (914) 499-4177; facsimile: (914) 499-6006; e-mail: jlangworthy@us.ibm.com or jhlangworthy@alum.mit.edu.

**Arthur Lindquist-Kleissler** reports that he is a partner in a small firm in Cherry Creek, Lindquist-Kleissler, Cooper & Moore, L.L.C. He has been practicing in Denver since graduation in 1979 and concentrates primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, bankruptcy litigation, civil litigation, and employment law. Arthur and his wife have 3 children and live in Greenwood Village. They enjoy a number of outdoor recreational activities and, like the rest of us, are trying to balance the ever-demanding requirements of a practice and family life.

**Judy Lucero** is in Hollywood writing screenplays about evil judges. She wants us to know that her mailing address is 3816 Edenhurst Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90039.

There is very recent news from **Michael L. O'Donnell**. Mike is now President of Wheeler Trigg & Kennedy, P.C., a 20-lawyer firm with offices in Denver and New York. His firm will be emphasizing pattern, class action, commercial, and complex civil litigation. They are subleasing space from Parcel, Mauro & Spannstra at 1801 California Street, and their clients include Exxon, Ford, Chrysler, Pfizer, and Whirlpool. Mike's new address is: Wheeler Trigg & Kennedy, P.C., 1801 California Street, Suite 3400, Denver, CO 80202; e-mail: odonnell@wtklaw.com.

**Kathleen Snead** and I met up at a DU lunch last summer. After 18 years of working "on the railroad," she left last April rather than moving to Omaha. Kathleen has set up her own solo practice and has continued to do a lot of work for the Union Pacific. She can now be reached at: Kathleen M. Snead, P.C., 233 S. Devinney Street, Golden, Colorado 80401; telephone: (303) 278-3111; facsimile: (303) 216-2733; e-mail: sneadkm@aol.com. Kathleen continues to bike, golf, and ice skate. Her husband is still in the golf business and Kathleen says that he plays golf more than any human being should be allowed to do. (I need to meet this guy!) Apparently Kathleen has passed on her love of ice skating to her 12-year-old daughter, who loves competitions and performing.

We have heard from **David F. Steinhoff**, who has retired from 18 years in the public sector (Colorado Rural Legal Services and Colorado Attorney General's office) to private practice with Solem & Dittemore in Englewood. Dave is practicing elder law, probate, estate planning, and real estate law.

**1981**

**William Mathews** was appointed vice president and general counsel of Duke Energy Field Services, one of the nations largest natural gas gatherers, processors and marketers. Mathews lives in Denver.

**Mark Quinn** runs his own securities litigation practice in New York City sharing office space with classmate **Ken Gomez**.

**R. Daniel Scheid** has joined LeBoeuf Lamb Greene & MacRae in their Denver Office.

**Joel N. Varnell** is finishing his fifth year as managing attorney for Farmers Insurance in their Denver legal office.

**1982**

**Peter Michaelson** resigned as district attorney in the 5th Judicial District of Colorado and has moved into private practice. He resides in Breckenridge, Colorado.

**Robert Schween** has a new office in Highlands Ranch, Colorado and continues to practice water law along with property and real estate.
Eleanor S. Towns was named regional forester for the Southwestern Region, headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For the past year and a half she was director of lands for the Forest Service. In her new position, she will serve as one of nine regional foresters in the agency and will assume leadership of eleven National Forests and four National Grasslands comprising more than 20 million acres of National Forest System lands in Arizona and New Mexico.

Additionally, the Southwestern Region provides conservation assistance through its state and private forestry program to states and private landowners. She is married to Dr. Grady Towns and has two children, a grown daughter Erika Wyrick and a son Brandon.

Christie Truitt is counsel with LeBoeuf Lamb Greene & MacRae in their Denver office working primarily on General Motors transactional matters.

1983

Hon. Celeste M.C. deBaca taught a criminal law class to undergraduates at Metropolitan State College. She is a Denver county court judge.

Kathleen Sheehan Eck is associate general counsel for Lockheed Martin and works out of their Littleton, Colorado offices. Eck travels about 10 to 15 days a month carrying out her responsibilities as health and safety counsel for the corporation. She serves on the College of Law Alumni Council and is involved in the PALs mentoring program. She lives outside of Vail with her husband, Jack and they enjoy horses and all the sports and opportunities available in the Vail Valley.

Hon. Tina Olsen is county court judge for the First Judicial District of Colorado.

Katherine Vaggalis Schaaf has a son, Garrett, born in September 1997.

Sharon Tarr Worley sent us an announcement which we thought quite clever. "In anticipation of the adoption of her second child, she is pleased to announce that she will spend more time being a mother, less time being an attorney, and is relocating her office to 3209 Springridge Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906, Telephone: 719/538-5988. Her reduced practice will continue to emphasize employee benefits (ERISA, COBRA, FMLA, HIPAA, etc.) and, whenever possible, estate planning and probate."

1984

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Robert Liechty is serving as a liaison for The Central and East European Law Initiative in Kyiv, Ukraine for a year. Liechty is a partner at Halaby Cross Liechty and Schluter in Denver.

Lenore Martinez was selected by the Colorado Bar Association Foundation as a Foundation Fellow in recognition of her professional, public and private careers demonstrated by her outstanding dedication to the welfare of the community, the traditions of the legal profession and the maintenance and advancement of the objectives of the Colorado Bar Association. She is chair of the 1998 DU Law Stars dinner and is a member of the College of Law Alumni Council. Lenore has agreed to be class scribe so you will be receiving a letter from her in the future requesting news for this section of the Alumni Magazine. Please send her your news.

Mary Mohr is senior vice president of Denver-based First Trust Corporation and was named the first non-banking chair of the Colorado State Bank Board. The Colorado State Bank Board operates within the Division of Banking under the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies. Members are appointed by the governor of Colorado. It is a policymaking and rule-making authority for the Division of Banking. She plans to focus on ensuring the continued growth of the diverse financial services industry during her term as chair. She is founder and current chair of the Savings Coalition of America, headquartered in Washington D.C. She is a two-term appointee to the Colorado Health Facility Authority Board and is involved in the Colorado and International Women's Forum and the International Association of Financial Planners.

Timothy J. O'Connor represents elderly victims of securities fraud. He is with the firm Ainsworth Sullivan in Albany, New York and invites his classmates to visit him at his web site, www.brokerlaw.com or drop him a note at toc@brokerlaw.com.

Tim and Tina Woods live in Dublin, Ohio where Tim is senior claims attorney with Nationwide Mutual Insurance and Tina is senior environmental attorney with Ashland Chemical Company. They have two children, a son and daughter.

1985

Susan Hargleroad was elected president of the Denver firm Pendleton Friedberg Wilson & Hennessey. She has been active in the management of the firm, most recently as head of the litigation.

Susan Hargleroad
John M. Morrison is president of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association and a founding partner of Meloy & Morrison. He and his wife authored a book, *Mavericks* which was published by the University of Idaho Press in December. It is about the courage of famous Montana political figures.

**1987**

Craig A. Adams, BA’83, JD’87 became a partner with Dickinson, Everstine & Prud’Homme in Denver.

Lisa Clay writes that she is opening an Ace Hardware Store in Windsor, Colorado.

Andra Ozols was named general counsel of Meridian Investment Management Corporation located in Englewood, Colorado. She is responsible for all of the legal affairs pertaining to Meridian Investment Management and its ICON Family of sector mutual funds.

Margaret “Pip” Porter has been a district attorney in Denver since 1988.

**1988**

**Randle W. Case, II**

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*Before the next Alumni Magazine, I’ll be sending all members of the class of 1988 a letter requesting news to put in the 1988 Alumni Notes column. Please respond so I don’t have to make up things about you. The tenth year reunion will be in 1999 with the class of 1988.*

Marion Carlson moved from McKenna & Cuneo in Denver to the boutique litigation firm of Cortez Macaulay & Bernhardt.

Jay Junekun Choi works with Cohen Brame & Smith in Denver.

Buck Dominick received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Colorado Bar Association. Dominick is in a general civil trial practice. He was a mock trial coach for Kent Denver school from 1991-1995. In 1995, the team won first in Colorado and fourth in the nation. He also organized young lawyers to cover the Oklahoma City bombing trial. Each night the person who had attended court that day would write a review and post it on the CBA home page. Survivors, victim’s families and others could then get a detailed explanation of the day’s events. He has been on the Executive Council and Board of Governors and chaired the Young Lawyers Division of the CBA in 1995-96.

Major Terry L. McElwee is assistant professor of law at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Prior to that he was circuit defense counsel assigned to the Central Circuit in San Antonio, Texas.

Linda R. Williams was elected president-elect of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists in October 1997. She will begin her tenure as president in August 1998. Williams holds a number of degrees. She received her nursing education from St. Mary’s School of Nursing, Huntington, West Virginia; her anesthesia education from Ohio State University School of Allied Health, a BA degree from Stephens College AND a JD from DU! Williams is a private practitioner and medical/legal consultant living in Englewood, Colorado.

Steven Choquette sent us news that “our beloved 1986 classmate, Bruce Lane died in Cherry Hills, Colorado on December 31, 1997. He will be sorely missed by his fellow ‘86ers.” Steve was honored at the Denver Bar Association’s 10th annual Barristers Ball in May this year for his efforts in supporting free legal services for the poor. He is a partner with Holland & Hart in their Denver office.
1989
Celeste R. Gamache was promoted to the rank of major in the US Air Force in October 1997. She is a trial attorney with the general litigation division, Air Force Legal Services Agency in Arlington, Virginia.

Veronica J. May, BA'86, JD'89 writes that after seven and one half years working at Holland & Hart in Denver, she has taken an extended leave of absence in order to work at home, be a full-time Mom to their two young children, and is happy that her husband Don finished his six year urological surgery residency last May.

1990
Leslie Kline Capelle lives in Tustin, California and is co-chair of the newly merged California State Bar legal service section standing committee on legal services for the poor and human rights.

David K. Johns has formed a new firm—Johns & Associates—with his brother, John E. Johns. Formerly, their firm name was Linville & Johns.

Elizabeth Kitchen Jones and Lisa A. Kirschner were named shareholders with Parsons Behle & Latimer in Salt Lake City, Utah. Jones practices natural resources and public land law. Kirschner is a member of the natural resources and environmental departments.

Phil C. Pearson formerly with Johnson Ruddy Norman & McConaty has started his solo practice specializing in plaintiff's medical malpractice as well as death and serious personal injury. Pearson practiced seven years of medical malpractice defense law, emergency medicine full time for seven years and family medicine full time for seven years.

1991
Ouisa D. Davis lives in El Paso, Texas. After five years, she left the County Attorney’s office to take a position with The Catholic Diocese of El Paso as executive director of diocesan migrant and refugee services, the non-profit immigration law firm.

Patricia J. Wheeler moved from associate counsel to attorney at bombardier Capital Inc. in Jacksonville, Florida. The company specializes in consumer financial services and commercial transactions.

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Send us news about you! Please mail, fax, or e-mail some news about yourself for inclusion in the next issue of the Alumni Magazine.

In the news . . .

Barbara Maes was featured in an October 5, 1997, Rocky Mountain News article about breast cancer survivors and the importance of early detection. Barbara practices out of a charming renovated turn-of-the-century Victorian house on Gaylord Street.

News from the coast . . .

Fred Adam sends his greetings from San Francisco. Fred practices with the firm of Howard, Rice, Nemirovski, Canady, Falk & Arbabkin.

Kent Baril e-mails that he has been serving as the head of the national accounts sales operations for MCI in the State of Washington for the past year and a half. Kent and his family enjoy living in
the Northwest but look forward to an opportunity to return home to Colorado at some point in the future. He extends his best wishes to the members of the Class of '92.

Closer to home . . .

Philip Zimmerman has joined Holme Roberts & Owen.

Judith Weaver is in private practice now and has recently opened the Denver Mediation Center.

Steve Whitmore served as a panelist for a D.U. Office of Career Services program entitled "Beyond ROC—Other Job Search Strategies."

Jayne Candea-Ramsey has been lured out of private practice and has returned to public service with the El Paso County District Attorney's office. Jayne is prosecuting felons in District Court and balances a busy family life with architect husband Jim and active two-year-old son Nick.

Like daughter like father . . .

Beth Nesis has convinced her father Joseph Nesis to join her Boulder firm. Nesis & Nesis will benefit from Joseph's vast experience in estate planning, commercial litigation and transactions.

Close encounters . . .

I was delighted to have an opportunity recently to be involved in a transaction with classmate Stacey Bowers who is in-house at J. D. Edwards Company. Other news . . .

Debbie Zalesne is an assistant professor of law at CUNY school of law in Flushing, New York. She teaches contracts, corporations, and UCC. Debbie returned to Colorado in March for her spring break.

On the move...

Congratulations to Jill Murray who moved from Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland to Otten Johnson Neff & Ragonetti effective February 1998. Best wishes to Jill for much continued success.

1993

Michael Burke was honored by Mesa State College in Colorado as a Distinguished Young Alumni in October, 1997.

Mark Guetlich and Martin Shively have become directors and shareholders in the firm Duft, Graziano & Forest. The Boulder, Colorado firm specializes in intellectual property law.

Peter Murphy, an attorney with the Denver law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland was awarded one of two 1998 Pegasus Trust Scholarships by the American Inns of Court Foundation. He spent three months in England learning the English legal system. He worked in the barristers' chambers in London and with several English judges as they traveled to hear cases around the country. Murphy is a member of the William Doyle American Inn of Court in Denver.

James Shortall moved from the Denver office of McKenna & Cuneo to join the litigation boutique called Cortez Macaulay & Bernhardt

1994

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Craig Morlang and his wife Melissa were married on April 22, 1995. Their son, Dylan Klaus, was born on January 26, 1998. Craig has opened his own firm, Morlang & Morlang, and practices mainly in the field of Estate Administration and real estate. Craig is also the village attorney for the Village of Cobleskill, NY.

Nicholas Panos is pleased to report that he has been employed by the Securities and Exchange Commission since November of 1994. Since June of 1996, he has been working in the Division of Corporation Finance in Washington D.C. Nicholas recently ran the U.S. Marine Corps. Marathon and finished 7811 out of 19,000!

Charlie Groves has become a shareholder in Groves & Butcher, P.C. Charlie is focusing primarily on commercial litigation.

Elizabeth A. Kelly opened her own firm in Fort Collins in May of 1997. Elizabeth's practice emphasizes disability, health, long-term care and mental health law including social security, Medicare, Medicaid, and managed care issues.

Laurie Gallegos is living in New Mexico and is a staff attorney for Los Alamos National Laboratory in the litigation and employment law division. Her husband, Vince, also works at Los Alamos as a security specialist regarding chemical and biological studies. Laurie and Vince are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Aletta, on July 5, 1997.

Laynie Giles Gilida and her husband Nick are pleased to announce the birth of their child, Nicholas (my godson) on August 18, 1997.

Livia Hur Chung has moved to Maryland and is working at Deloitte & Touche in their Washington, D.C. office. Livia married Mike Chung who went to dental school at the University of Maryland and has a dental practice in the area. Livia and Mike are expecting their first child sometime this summer. Congratulations!
David M. Paz Soldan was recently honored by the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Immigration section, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and the Mexican-American Bar Association as the 1997 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year in Immigration Practice in Southern California. Congratulations!

Brian J. Pinkowski has recently been named to the Board of Directors for the Colorado Foundation for Public Health and the Environment. Brian has also recently left behind 13 years of environmental work with the EPA to open his own law office, Pinkowski & Associates, LLC. Brian's firm will emphasize environmental and natural resources law, real estate, and business transactions connecting these practice areas. Brian also works with investors purchasing property in the Rocky Mountains for commercial and residential development. You can reach Brian at 303-432-2878 or at Pinkowski@msn.com

Richard Postma married Chandra Ramey (Case Western, J.D. 94) on June 15, 1996. Their daughter, Kathryn Grace was born February 1, 1998. Richard and Chandra have been living in Fairbanks, Alaska since August of 1997 where they are military prosecutors and Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys. Their can be reached at jagtrial@wainwright.army.mil

Christopher C. McNatt is living in Clermont, California. He and his wife Sue are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Charles, on September 3, 1997. Chris is practicing at Berman, Berman & Berman, LLP in L.A. Chris is practicing primarily in the field of insurance coverage and customs broker defense.

Peter A. Gergely and his wife Lisa are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Anna. Peter is practicing in the field of commercial litigation at Cooley Godward, LLP.

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Suzie Trinh Almony writes that after finishing her two-year clerkship with Chief Justice Anthony Vollick on the Colorado Supreme Court, she had a baby daughter on September 4, 1997 and is happy at home with her baby.

Ellen Bovarnick has moved and is living at 1412 Ridge Side Place, Raleigh, North Carolina 27613.

Richard Cohn moved from the Denver office of McKenna & Cuneo to join the litigation boutique Cortez Macaulay & Bernhardt.

Kelly Elefant is working for Gorsuch Kirsig in Denver. She works in their real estate and lending department.

Paul Grant is in private practice in Parker, Colorado specializing in constitutional law, commercial litigation and criminal defense. He has presented five cases in the Colorado Supreme Court, five in the Court of Appeals, and one in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. His most recognized case to date is handling the defense of Laura Kriho, a Colorado juror prosecuted for "not being forthcoming during voir dire" after being the lone holdout for acquittal in a Gilpin County drug case.

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Derek and Jeanne - Congratulations on your recent nuptials. From all of your friends at D.U. Law!

Jennifer Arthur works for the downtown firm of Jones & Keller in the field of commercial litigation.

Christopher Baker was named the executive director of the Colorado Republican Party. According to the Daily Journal (date unknown) he "led the party's opposition to the Guide the Ride initiative that voters soundly defeated Nov. 4."
Johnathan Batt has two items to mention. “First, I have been working as a management consultant for the City of Broomfield. The elected officials are considering creating a consolidated city and county. My role is to advise the city council on court and jurisdictional issues related to a change in government structure. Second, I am pursuing a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Natural Resources and Environmental Law. I will obtain specializations in Energy and Environmental Law.” He can be reached at: jbatt@lib.law.du.edu or (303) 337-3980.

Hayley Belt: Hey there, everyone! “I practice in the narrow field of foreclosure and bankruptcy litigation, representing corporate lending institutions. Since last fall, I’ve worked with the wonderful people in the DTC firm of Meinhold, Stawarski, Shapiro & Codilis. In my free time, I still indulge in painting and mass-media artwork (while also writing a bit of fiction here and there). Please feel free to contact me—I’d love to hear from you.” (303) 751-3376, 8390 E. Yale Ave. #8-204, Denver, CO 80231, email: Hayley.Belt@CSLegal.com.”

Scott Berdan is an Associate in the Denver office of Dorsey & Whitney. His practice areas include: Securities Law, Mergers and Acquisitions; Corporate Finance; and General Corporate Law. He was also married last summer to Kristin Cavenah, a former DU law student and an attorney in the Denver office of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae L.L.P.

Laurel Buckner received an LLM in Tax from the University of Washington in Seattle. She will be working at Coopers and Lybrand as an international tax consultant.

Randy Cherry reports that he is an associate with the intellectual property firm he clerked for as a student, Lowe Meyer LLC. He just finished assisting in a patent infringement trial that began three years ago when he first started and even had the opportunity to examine a witness during the trial. The claims were found valid and the opinion will be published in a few months. At the end of the summer Randy will sit for the Patent and Trademark Office Examination. Doesn’t that sound like fun!


Darrell Collette and Julie Jackson: Congratulations on your engagement!

Kimberly Dasse reports that she passed the July 1997 administration of the bar examination for the State of New York.

Heidi Decker had the following to report: “Shortly after graduation my husband and I moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. I am now working as an Assistant Attorney General for the Natural Resources Division of the Utah Attorney General’s Office. I primarily work in the area of water law. I can honestly say that I love my job. I’m fortunate to have been given some interesting cases and also to get outside the office quite often on field trips. We are finding Salt Lake to be a great city, the skiing is really close by and the other outdoor recreation opportunities are wonderful. Contrary to what many believe, YES you can get a beer in Utah. Actually there are quite a few good breweries and wineries here. I’d love to hear from classmates. I can be contacted at nraghdeer@state.ut.us.

FYI: I was pleased to find that fellow classmate John Lish is working for a firm here, (I don’t know the name offhand) Jessica Harsharger (who attended DU our first year and then transferred to Arizona) also works for the Salt Lake City office of Holme Roberts and Owen.”

Bryan Dempsey is alive and well and living in Denver. A member of the Colorado Bar, his primary employment consists of International Business Development. He currently works on the acquisition of a mineral extraction facility in Honduras, as a project development officer for a resort destination in Venezuela, and independent power production in Caribbean, East Asia, and Eastern Europe. Further, he maintains the status of a Solo Practitioner who focuses on business, corporate, real estate, and construction law. With regard to his personal life, Bryan states the following: “I am still living with Claire Freeman, and I completed my first winter ascent of a 14er, Quandary Peak, on February 28, 1998.” You may reach him at: 1938 S. Columbine Street, Denver, CO 80210, (303) 998-9954, Fax (303) 721-0896, E-Mail: BryDempsey@aol.com.

Diane Duplissis reports that she moved to Colorado Springs, has joined the El Paso County Bar Association and is a member of the Colorado Women’s Bar Association. She attends the local Women’s Bar Association meetings in addition to the Probate Section meetings. Diane started working for New England Financial in January as a registered representative and says, “Although I’m not currently practicing law, I get to do the type of work I enjoy — that is — financial and estate planning for my clients” who range from individuals desiring to invest for retirement or education to businesses who need help addressing employee health and retirement issues. Even though “I’m not practicing law, I have volunteered with the monthly Call-a-Lawyer program, and am available to represent people pro bono.” She loves living in “The Springs” and will move into a house with a wonderful view of Pike’s Peak in April!”
Michelle Foley is currently clerking for Justice Marsha K. Ternus of the Supreme Court of Iowa. (Cool job.) “I have accepted an associate position with the Chicago office of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, in their Employee Benefits practice group. That position begins mid-August, with a few weeks for me after the bar to go ocean kayaking in Alaska. Oh yeah, my name will be changed in about a month to be “Michelle Anne Potts,” and not because of marriage.”

Cynthia Louise Ivers is working as an Associate for Davis, Graham & Stubbs in the employment law section, which is what she has always wanted. She is active in the Inns of Court group and has written a couple of articles, one on securities mediation for an ABA publication and one on sexual harassment. Cindy has also had the opportunity to take her first depositions in a case.

Jeff Joseph is engaged to Kirby Gamblin, who graduated from DU this past December. What a surprise!! The wedding is set for June 6th in Colorado Springs. Jeff is working for the Law Office of Ann Allott, P.C., “practicing immigration law and doing my best to remedy the harsh injustice of the Immigration Reform of 1996. I love what I am doing, and the people I get to work with.”

Brian Jumps: Since graduation, Brian Jumps has worked at Gorsuch Kirgis in downtown Denver. His practice focuses on real estate, commercial lending, and public law.

Kathleen Kelly now works with Griffiths, Tanoue & Light, P.C., in LoDo. Her practice emphasizes all aspects of local government law. Her e-mail address is kelly@e-central.com.

Allison Lee says, “I am clerking for Justice Rebecca Love Kourlis on the Colorado Supreme Court. It is a great job. The judge is wonderful and brilliant and I am learning a lot from her. This has been a rare opportunity to get to do stimulating and challenging work, but still only have to work 40 or so hours a week. I’m sure this will be the last time that happens. I am also working on a few pro bono projects and putting together another Take Our Daughters To Work Day event at the law school (mock trial and speaker panel). I just published a paper in the University of Texas Journal of Women and the Law about Title IX and the Virginia Military Institute case. My kids are doing well (2 daughters ages 11 and 13) and are enjoying having me home a little more often. I will finish the clerkship in August, and start work in September for Sherman & Howard, a law firm here in town. I will join their Litigation Department.”

Shannon Mack married Matt Sherwin (’96) on August 30, 1997. Shannon is in the USAF JAG Corps as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and is currently stationed in Alabama for JSOC and basic training. In April she will begin work at David Monthan in Tucson, Arizona.

Elizabeth (Lisa) McVicker reports that she is involved in the following: (1) Mediation and mediation training for Dependency and Neglect cases in El Paso County; (2) Judicial appointment to the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District (CCWCD) in Park County, fighting the urban guzzlers from mining Park County water; (3) Legislative lobbying for CCWCD and the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless... the Colorado legislative session has not been kind to the old, poor, or rural folks of this State. (4) Started her own practice—Elizabeth McVicker, P.C.—but has not yet figured out how to charge, much less get paid. (5) Skiing, cooking, eating, drinking, and staying very merry despite all the woes of the world. Ciao!” She can be reached at 2015 S. Pontiac Way, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80224, (303) 691-1188, Fax: (303) 691-8860, and E-mail: emcv@plinet.com.

Laura Meyer is with the Law Offices of William K. Carr in LoDo. She practices pension fund work.

Thomas Daniel Platt passed the July 1997 administration of the California Bar Examination. Congratulations!!

Lita Punukulu has successfully completed courses in the Graduate Tax program at D.U. and will soon graduate with a degree in Tax. She practices tax law in a Cherry Creek firm.

Sunita Sharma writes that she is the newest Assistant City Attorney for the City of Greeley. “I represent the City when people sue the government... and conduct arraignments in court, prosecute traffic tickets and criminal misdemeanors once a week.” She is getting quite a lot of trial experience and some legislative experience as well, drafting municipal ordinances.

Lori Shepard is enrolled in the Graduate Tax program at D.U.

Nicoie Thomas took and passed the “May ‘97 Denver bar exam,” is engaged to Jason Groshart, a software engineer, and is currently employed as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Larry J. Naves, District Court Judge.

Jennifer Weaver writes that she is clerking for the Honorable Joseph Meyer in Denver District Court. Courtroom 7, in the civil division. “I started working in August - a week after the bar. I’m still happily married and living in beautiful Colorado Springs. I’ve been doing a lot of skiing, but I can’t wait for spring and summer. Due to the bar exam last summer, it’s like I never had a summer. (Know what I mean?)”
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Margaret (P.J.) Webb is glad to be back at home in Durango with her family (though her volleyball-playing daughter has yet to see her attend a game)! She is busy with numerous community service projects and has opened a solo practice. Her favorite project is teaching “Street Law” at the Community of Learners Academy. She is on the Board of Directors for Alternative Horizons (an advocacy organization for domestic violence survivors), working on a Pro Se Divorce Forms Workshop (a combined project of the Southwest Colorado Women’s Bar and the Women’s Resource Center), advocating for safer schools for gay and lesbian students (through the Violence Prevention Coalition and P-FLAG), working with Planned Parenthood and various other assorted activities. After surviving law school with a modicum of sanity intact, setting up a practice is just another learning experience for her. She says that if you can survive the “Socratic method”, facing clients (and high school students) is like a vacation — well, almost. You may reach her at: P.O. BOX 2594, DURANGO, COLORADO 81302-2594, 970/259-5184 or 970/759-0934, FAX: 970/259-4982, E-MAIL: mwebb@frontier.net.

David Whiting received his JD/MA in December and moved to Washington, D.C. at the end of March.
Judith Roberts, JD'79, can't imagine going through life without "having a passion" for what she's doing. One of her passions must include the realm of the international—during her 13 years with Holme Roberts & Owen (HRO), she has set up offices in London, Moscow, and Kiev, and she is currently working on expanding the firm's Chinese practice. Her life outside of work has echoed this international theme, combined with her passion for literature and writing.

Judith Roberts grew up in Seattle, Washington. She was one of four siblings, and her father was a senior partner with a major Seattle law firm. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Michigan in English with minors in German and comparative literature. Following graduation, she was named both a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and a Fulbright Scholar, choosing to use the Fulbright Scholarship to spend a year studying literature at Tubingen University in Germany. All her classes were conducted in German.

Following her Fulbright year, she earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin and then completed all but the dissertation for a Ph.D. in English at the University of California at Berkeley. Instead of completing her dissertation, she married a Berkeley molecular biologist who had just accepted a faculty position at the University of Colorado Medical Center, and they moved to Denver.

Before entering law school, Roberts taught at Arapahoe Community College and did freelance writing for The Denver Post. Interestingly, Roberts did not take any international law classes at the College of Law because she was convinced she wanted to practice solely as a litigator. She clerked for HRO her last summer and accepted a job with them following graduation.

After a year of litigating, Roberts experienced the frustration many feel with the U.S. litigation system and decided to shift her practice focus. At the same time, her husband had an opportunity to pursue his research in London. Roberts went to the HRO management team and requested their assistance in arranging a way for her to continue her HRO affiliation while in London. They creatively worked out an arrangement for her to join the London office of Fulbright & Jaworski, working on projects for both firms. This international experience proved to be pivotal in her career.
Upon her return to Denver in the mid-80s, Roberts was asked to form an International Practice Group within HRO. At that time, Roberts was one of only a few lawyers in Denver practicing international law full time, but within a dozen years, the HRO International Practice included 30 lawyers, 15 practicing international full time. To better service its expanding client base for international business, the firm opened three foreign offices: London in 1991, Moscow in 1993 and Kiev in 1996. The firm’s Moscow and Kiev offices became profitable almost immediately and generated a strong and diverse client base that, contrary to initial expectations, included major banks, investment houses and companies in Europe and the eastern U.S. Roberts attributes that success primarily to two factors: the unique combination of legal and entrepreneurial skills of Margaret McLean, the HRO partner who worked with Judith to establish the Moscow office and who then moved to Moscow to run the office, and the firm’s determination to rely heavily on indigenous Russian lawyers trained by HRO.

As Roberts and others noted recently in talks presented at the DU meetings honoring Ved Nanda, the practice of international law is changing. HRO, like many large firms with a strong international practice, has been reintegrating its international work into its substantive practice groups and expanding the scope of its international expertise immediately available in Denver. As part of its ongoing assessment of how its international resources can be positioned and applied most effectively, HRO recently arranged for Margaret McLean to return full-time to Denver—to make her expertise in international finance and emerging market legal issues more accessible to Rocky Mountain-based companies. The firm decided that increased legal expertise and practice sophistication developed by indigenous CIS lawyers over the past five years have made it less necessary for HRO to provide continuous oversight in Moscow and Kiev. HRO can effectively assist U.S. clients with CIS transactions by relying on indigenous CIS lawyers working with HRO partners experienced in CIS legal transactions who are now residing in Denver and London. As a result, the firm also decided to close its two CIS offices. In addition to continuing its CIS practice from Denver and London, the firm also expanded its practice in other areas of the world including key countries in Western Europe, Latin America, and the Pacific Rim — all areas which have become more critical than the CIS to the global business of many companies in the firm’s Rocky Mountain client base.

The Rocky Mountain clients served by HRO’s international team in Denver include companies in the cable and telecommunications industry, the high tech field, manufacturing industries and environmental companies. The HRO international team servicing those clients includes tax specialists, real estate, corporate, finance, employment, litigation, intellectual property and natural resources lawyers in addition to specialists in international trade and contract law and foreign lawyers with whom HRO has strong working relations, as needed.

An additional change in international practice is the increased desire of companies to handle more of their international legal needs in house. That change requires increased training of in-house counsel and executives. Roberts has been heavily involved addressing training needs through her service as vice chair of the International Commercial Transactions Committee of the ABA’s International Section, through her frequent appearances as a speaker and her authoring of several articles relating to international business law, and through her service as a founding director and chair of the Board of the Denver World Trade Center. Roberts also recently developed a new type of legal service at HRO that involves training clients’ in-house staff on specialized international topics. Roberts will be expanding that training function by teaching several courses in DU’s new graduate degree program on International Business Transactions beginning in January 1999. As to the future, Roberts hopes to become even more involved in educating international lawyers and business people. She also plans to publish her thoughts addressing critical international legal issues she believes are not currently being adequately addressed. Roberts looks to the future with continued enthusiasm and passion — who knows where it will take her next?
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