McWilliams and Hoagland to Chair Centennial Planning Committee

Judge Robert H. McWilliams, Jr., JD '41, and Mary T. Hoagland, MSJA '72, JD '75, have accepted posts as co-chairpersons of the Centennial Planning Committee. As co-chairs they will oversee planning for special events and programs for the Centennial.

Subcommittees have been formed to plan and coordinate various events including a dinner and a full day of events in early October, class reunions, the 100th commencement, an oral and narrative history for publication, and a series of special programs over the course of the academic year to celebrate the College's 100 years of leadership in legal education.

Hoagland and McWilliams will chair a steering committee whose members include Former Chancellor Chester M. Alter, Trustee Marion Gottesfeld, Mary Ricketson, Judge Roger Cisneros, JD '57 (Westminster), Vice-Chancellor Joseph Sanders, James C. Owen, Jr., LLB '56, Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton, JD '78, and DU student Michelle Miller.

Centennial activities will begin during the fall 1992 semester and continue through spring 1993. Activities that have been slated include a kick-off dinner and day of events Oct. 1-2, and a joint luncheon with the University of Colorado law school alumni, celebrating both schools' 100th anniversaries (noon, Thursday, Oct. 22, 1992, at the Brown Palace Hotel).


Public Interest Commitment Strong at College of Law

Public interest and community service have long been important traditions at the College of Law. Recently, the administration, faculty, and students have expanded efforts to involve the law school community in an even more active role. Some of the new efforts include the creation of a public interest faculty committee, the formation of a student Public Interest Law Group, and the Chancellor's Scholars.

The Public Interest Committee, consisting of faculty and student representatives, was formed in order to review and suggest ways in which the College of Law can encourage student participation in public interest activities both during law school and after graduation.

"We're looking to see how we can turn the law school into not only a provider of law student public interest services but how we can create a law school that keeps students wanting to be involved in public interest for the rest of their careers," said Professor George Pring, committee chairman.

A number of options being explored by the committee include instituting mandatory pro bono requirements for students and faculty, offering more public interest courses, creating a public interest concentration in the curriculum, and focusing on employer policies. Also being considered are programs which would provide financial assistance to students through scholarships and awards, and for students choosing public interest careers, loan-forgiveness or loan-repayment assistance plans.

"It's a real win-win deal if you can use public interest to get students involved in doing good both for themselves and for other people," Pring said.

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From left: Dean Dennis O. Lynch, Mary T. Hoagland, Professor Robert B. Yegge, Hon. Robert H. McWilliams.
Colorado Supreme Court Arguments Heard at the College of Law

Oral arguments before the Colorado Supreme Court were held at the College of Law March 26. The sessions were open to the public and more than 600 people attended.

Arguments were heard on an employer's duty to investigate a prospective employee's criminal record and whether an insurance company is liable for injuries when a motorist is shot by another motorist.

The Court came to the College of Law at the invitation of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs James E. Wallace, and its visit was facilitated by the court's clerk Mac Danford, JD '89. A reception followed the hearings.


Judge S. Jay Plager Delivers Appel Lecture

The Hon. S. Jay Plager, of the United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, was featured as guest lecturer for the Robert S. Appel Distinguished Lecture in Law and Technology at the College of Law on March 12.

Judge Plager spoke on "The Federal Circuit and National Subject Matter Jurisdiction: Lessons for Restructuring the Federal Court System." The lecture was preceded by a reception, and more than 300 persons attended the speech held in Davis Auditorium.

The lecture series was established in 1988 honoring Robert S. Appel, a 1952 DU law graduate. Through a gift to the College of Law, the Denver firm of Rothergerber, Appel, Powers & Johnson supports the lectures in recognition of Appel's dedication and service to the firm.

Appel Lecture participants, from left: Chancellor Daniel L. Ritchie, Judge S. Jay Plager, Robert S. Appel, Dean Dennis O. Lynch.

Placement Office Keeps Pace with Innovative Programs

In its efforts to keep pace with the changing needs of the legal community, the College of Law Placement Office has implemented a number of innovative programs aimed at better serving students, alumni, and employers. Such programs include the DUAL Program and the Placement Office Roundtable.

"The DUAL Program, DU Alumni Link, is an experimental program designed to assist students and alumni of the College of Law in relocating to other cities," said Rita Zaslowsky, Placement Office director.

Students or alumni looking to move to a particular city are given the name of an alumni/alumna in that city who then puts that person in contact with other area alumni. The network allows area alumnii to advise the student or alumna/alumna regarding market conditions, job hunting suggestions, and area lifestyle.

The DU Alumni Link is being tested in Chicago with the support of James Moylan, JD '71, of Moylan & Associates.

Another program being introduced is the Placement Office Roundtable. "We want input and participation from our legal community in shaping the placement office of the '90s," Zaslowsky said.

Employers from the legal community and student representatives will discuss placement office strategies addressed to the changing and complex job market. The Roundtable is designed as a forum for brainstorming and discussing how the Placement Office can develop better services to aid employers and students.

"The objective is to form a partnership with the legal community in developing a placement structure that can be relied on and that is responsive to its needs," said Zaslowsky.

The Law Alumni Newsletter is published by the University of Denver College of Law for its alumni and friends. Your comments and suggestions are welcome, especially news about alumni and their careers.

Correspondence should be addressed to Law Alumni Newsletter, University of Denver, College of Law, 7039 East 18th Avenue, Denver, CO 80220.

Editor: Juli A. Richardson
Members of the Class of 1941 were in the spotlight during the College of Law’s 1991 All-Alumni Dinner Dance and reunion observance held Nov. 21 at Denver’s Red Lion Hotel.

In addition to being honored at the dinner, a panel of ’41ers presented an interesting, nostalgic, noontime-discussion to a student/faculty audience at the College of Law. Panel participants included Richard D. Dittemore, James H. Mosley, Hon. Harold P. Moss, Hon. Howard H. Jenkins, Jr., and Hon. Robert H. McWilliams, Jr.

The Hon. John L. Kane, JD ’60, Denver, was master of ceremonies for the dinner program. Law Dean Dennis O. Lynch presented 50th Anniversary Certificates to Class of 1941 members at the dinner. Representatives of the Classes of 1936, 1946, 1951, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, and 1986 at the dinner were also honored.

Public Interest

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Another group formed in 1990 by a number of students to promote public interest among the student body is the Public Interest Law Group.

“Our main goals are to increase awareness and involvement in public interest issues, to create a relationship with and help the community through community service programs, and to encourage student and faculty participation in those programs,” said Lisa Fine, a member of the group since its inception.

The group is involved in projects ranging from a literacy program, where law students help local elementary school children learn to read, to work with Project Safeguard, to an analysis of the Colorado Small Claims Courts. The group is also working with the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver to set up a program in which law students would work with a legal aid staff attorney in cases from beginning to end.

“It is important for students to realize that public interest awareness does not stop after graduation from law school and that it is something we should continue throughout our careers. We are trying to instill the idea now that this is something that should be a part of each law graduate’s professional life,” Fine said.

One primary function of the Public Interest Law Group is to assist in fundraising efforts for the Public Interest Law Clerkship, a privately funded program which allows law students to work full-time during the summer for non-profit organizations that could not otherwise afford law clerks. Organizations pay part of the students’ stipends, and the clerkship program supplements the remainder. Project Safeguard, Children’s Legal Clinic, COPING, the Legal Center for the Handicapped, Colorado Coalition For The Homeless, and the Colorado Lawyers Committee as well as many others have benefitted from participation in the clerkship program.

Since its inception in 1985, when only one clerkship was provided, the program has grown to where in 1992, eight clerkships were funded. The Denver Foundation, the Colorado Bar Foundation, the Colorado Lawyers Trust Account Foundation (COLTAF), and the National Association for Public Interest Law have joined in providing major funding to the program.

A new program which will provide financial assistance to entering first-year students involved in public service is the Chancellor’s Scholarships. These full-tuition scholarships will be awarded beginning in fall 1992 to outstanding students showing academic promise and a strong commitment to public service through law.

These recent efforts to increase public interest awareness and participation have enhanced existing services which have been supported at the College of Law for many years.

The Student Law Office, established in 1904, continues to render valuable legal services to indigent clients. Assistance is provided to the elderly, battered women, the homeless, and many others who would not otherwise receive legal counsel. The Tax Advocacy Clinic, supervised by Professor Jerome Borison, helps those in need as well.

The Internship/Externship Program also furnishes a number of public interest oriented positions. The program encourages students to arrange to work as an intern for non-profit organizations committed to public interest issues.

The school’s long standing programs in conjunction with the recent undertakings to increase awareness and participation have strengthened opportunities for students committed to using their legal training to improve our community.

Alumni Dinner Dance Honors Class of 1941

During the program College of Law alumni honored Phil Gauthier, who retired Dec. 31, 1991, after serving as director of alumni relations at the law school for the past 19 years. Richard H. Simon, JD ’36, and Dean Lynch presented retirement gifts to Gauthier who is assisting the College of Law with plans for the school’s centennial observance.


Alumni Council Examines Job Market Trends

Trends affecting law students graduating and entering the job market was the major area of discussion at the Law Alumni Council meeting Jan. 25.

Changes in the job market are causing firms of all sizes to modify hiring practices. One such change discussed was the shift from a “lawyers’ market to a “client” market. This is prompting larger firms to hire fewer associates and place more emphasis on training and retention of those hired. As a result of fewer openings recruiting standards have become more stringent. In smaller firms, less significance is placed on training with the focus being on retention and compatibility of the attorneys. It was noted too that the corporate legal departments are reducing in size and are hiring fewer entry level attorneys.

The question of how to provide young attorneys with much needed practical experience in legal analysis, research, and writing, enabling them to become more competent sooner, was also raised. It was agreed that more creativity and further discussion in this area is imperative.
Named Scholarship Donors and Recipients Recognized; Gerash Honored

Donors and student recipients of College of Law Named and Endowed Scholarships were honored at a reception hosted by Holland & Hart Feb. 12.

The Named Scholarship Reception is one of the highlights of the academic year. The law school recognizes the generosity of donors — individuals, firms, corporations, and foundations, who have established endowed scholarships and those who contribute restricted funds that are distributed annually as awards.

The program has grown steadily in recent years despite the downturn in the economy. This academic year, 53 donors were honored. Eight new restricted funds were added to the program in time for awards to be distributed this year. In addition, scholarships were awarded for the first time from two endowments established in recent years.

Walter Gerash, JD ’56, was honored at the reception for his generosity to law students who experience personal emergencies and financial crises. Gerash contributed $20,000 in December, 1991, to the Benjamin and Leah Gerash Student Emergency Loan Fund established by his family in 1983 as a means of aiding law students in special emergency situations. The students repay the loans received from this fund.

Gerash has made numerous contributions to the fund since its inception. He was presented with a certificate citing his philanthropic commitment to and concern for DU law students in distress.

Holland & Hart Scholars, Scott L. Evans, left, and Bryant E. Esquenazi with Provost Zaranka.

Honorée Walter Gerash, JD ’56, accompanied by Kathryn Bradley, JD ’80, a former Gerash Emergency Loan Fund recipient.

James D. Leonard, left, named Samuel A. Boscoe Memorial Scholar, with Provost William Zaranka.

Newly Awarded Endowed Scholarships

Earl and Anna Hirsch Endowed Scholarship - established by James R. Morrisard, JD ’66, and his wife, Alice Hirsch Morrisard, in memory of her parents.

Stephen Burrell Small Endowed Scholarship - established by Suzanne and Gerald Bergeron in memory of Mrs. Bergeron’s brother to support students who intend to pursue a career in criminal justice.

Named and Endowed Scholarship Program Newly Restricted Scholarships and Awards

Samuel A. Boscoe Memorial Fund - for outstanding academic achievement. Established by Mark, JD ’81, and Krista, JD ’88, Boscoe, and other family members and friends of Samuel Boscoe, 1927 graduate of the School of Business and civic leader in Denver’s Jewish community.

Colorado Trial Lawyers Association - for support of two third-year students who demonstrate an interest in plaintiffs personal injury work and who exhibit potential in trial advocacy.

Hawley Family Foundation - for outstanding academic achievement.

Lampert & Lampert Scholarship Fund for Armed Forces Veterans - contributed by Brian J. Lampert and Bruce A. Lampert, JD ’78, to support law students, with preference given to veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Moye, Giles, O’Keefe, Vermeire & Gorrell Award - contributed by the firm to be presented to a second-year woman demonstrating academic achievement and financial need.

The Jennifer Robbins Scholarship - contributed by the Colorado Women’s Bar Association to assist second- and third-year women law students who are members of the CWBA.

US West Minority Scholarship - a gift from CEO Richard McCormick of his honorarium as the 1990-91 Appel Lecturer to support an outstanding minority law student.

Al R. Zinn Award - contributed by friends and colleagues of Al Zinn, JD ’60, on the occasion of his retirement from practice in 1990.
Bequest Endows Smith Award

The estate of Phyllis H. Smith, sister of law alumnus Kenneth L. Smith, JD ’40, left a bequest of $400,000 to the College of Law. The funds have been endowed as the Kenneth L. Smith Award. Proceeds from the Smith Award will be distributed to third-year students who “excel in examinations covering all phases of legal learning” as stipulated by Ms. Smith in her will.

Kenneth Smith practiced law in Denver for more than 40 years and was active in many charities. Smith lived with her sister Phyllis for many years before his death in 1987 at the age of 80.

The College of Law will remember with gratitude Kenneth and Phyllis Smith and honor them yearly through the merit awards they have provided.

Munch Honored at Retirement Roast

Longtime DU Professor of Law Christopher H. Munch was honored at a retirement “Halloween Roast” Oct. 31, that also marked the initiation of a special scholarship fund in his honor.

Richard M. Schmidt, Jr., JD ’48, of Washington, D.C., served as “roast-master” of the event held at Denver’s Westin Hotel.

Munch’s 25-year career at the College of Law was reviewed in good spirit by several speakers. They included Dean Dennis O. Lynch, Dean Emeritus Robert B. Yegge, former Professor of Law and Associate Dean John E. Moye, Armando C de Baca, JD ’70, the Hon. Joyce S.

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Parcel serves as AMAX Practitioner-in-Residence

Randy L. Parcel, a senior partner in the Denver law firm of Parcel, Mauro, Hultin & Spaanstra, P.C., served as the 1992 Natural Resources Practitioner-in-Residence at the College of Law. Parcel taught a 15-week seminar in which students worked through the stages of a hypothetical natural resources problem during the spring semester.

The program is supported by a grant from the AMAX Foundation, Inc., which has provided instrumental support to the College of Law's natural resources program. In addition to the Practitioner-in-Residence program, AMAX has played a vital role in the joint degree and collaborative program between the College of Law and the Colorado School of Mines.

Parcel received his juris doctor degree from the Northwestern University School of Law in 1970. He was a partner at the Denver firm of Holland & Hart prior to the formation of Parcel, Mauro, Hultin & Spaanstra, P.C. His practice is devoted to natural resources law with an emphasis on the mining industry.

Previous Practitioners-in-Residence include Donald Sherwood of the Denver firm of Sherman & Howard and Charles L. Kaiser and Stephen D. Allers of Davis Graham & Stubbs, Denver.

King Holiday Observed

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, the Minority Affairs Committee sponsored a panel discussion held Jan. 20.

"A Time To Break Silence," the speech made by Martin Luther King, Jr., in opposition to the Vietnam War was the centerpiece of comments for the panel. Members of the panel included chair of the panel, Professor Gregory Kellam Scott, Colorado Bar Association President-elect Wiley Daniel, Professor Emeritus John Carver, Professor Paula Rhodes, and Professor Julie Nice.

The discussion was an open forum for students and other members of the College community. The program was well attended as was the videotaped showing of the discussion replayed for evening students.

Miller Professorship Features Finesilver Lectures

The Hon. Sherman G. Finesilver, chief judge of the United States District Court, District of Colorado, served as the Martin P. Miller Distinguished Professor at the College of Law. Finesilver delivered a series of four lectures in November and January entitled "New Dimensions of Ethics and Advocacy in the '90s."

Finesilver is shown speaking with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller. Mr. Miller established the professorship and lecture series to reinforce the awareness of professional responsibility among new lawyers.

Photo Request for Centennial History Book

Do you have a special, favorite photo remembrance of your law school experience? If so, the College of Law would like you to share it for possible use in the school's Centennial History Book. The book is being produced as part of the College of Law’s 100th anniversary to be noted during the 1992-93 academic year.

Black and white photographs are preferred, but colored photos are acceptable. The photographs may cover a wide range of activities, groups, and special projects. All persons in the photographs should be identified as completely as possible. The photographs will be returned to those submitting them.

Please mail your materials to College of Law, Centennial History Book, Alumni Office, Room 240, 7039 E. 18th Ave., Denver, CO 80220. For information please call Beverley Roberts, (303) 871-6189.

Brewer Inn of Phi Delta Phi Seeks Fraternity Memorabilia

Phi Delta Phi Alumni/ae and friends are asked to help gather a Permanent Collection of all bound legal directories, histories, and other items published periodically by the fraternity since its founding in 1869. Other items such as old photographs, membership certificates, trophies, and awards are also welcome.

The Brewer Inn seeks to form a permanent Phi Delta Phi Library in commemoration of the upcoming Centennial Celebration at the College of Law, as well as the Brewer Inn’s 90-year affiliation with the school.

A formal dedication of the collection is slated for this fall, so your contribution of the items described is immediately encouraged. All contributors will be gratefully acknowledged. Please contact Craig Mercer, Brewer Inn Magister, at (303) 871-6308 or (303) 322-5750.
1935

Hon. Harry H. Ruston, JD, received the Community Service Award at the University of Denver's Founders Day awards ceremony held March 2, 1992.

Carl A. Wyers, JD, is now of counsel to law firm Lembke, Stewart & Coates, Englewood, Colo.

1948

Richard M. Schmidt, Jr., JD, was honored by the National Press Foundation when he received the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Journalism in February. Schmidt is the first non-journalist to receive the lifetime achievement award for his work as a champion of the First Amendment. He is with the Washington law firm of Cohn & Marks and is general counsel for the American Society of Newspaper Editors and Washington counsel to the Association of American Publishers.

1950

Richard C. Cockrell, JD, upon his retirement after 41 years of practice, will remain as of counsel with the law firm of Cockrell, Quinn & Creighton.

1951

Hon. Hilbert Schauer, JD, of Parker, Colo., has retired from his position as United States Magistrate Judge.

1952

Arthur Frazin, JD, was elected vice-president of the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers for the year.

Lawrence Litvak, JD, was elected president of the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers for the year.

Hon. Ralph C. Taylor, JD, Arapahoe County Court judge, retired from the bench on February 1, 1992.

1954

Raymond J. Connell, JD, has joined the Connell Law Firm of Denver. Connell was a former senior partner of Hall & Evans, Denver.

Hon. Robert Fullerton, JD, received an award presented by Cenikor, a non-profit organization which provides services to people with substance abuse problems.

Gerald F. Groszold, JD, was presented the Professional Achievement Award at the University of Denver's Founders Day award ceremony held March 2, 1992.

1956

John Phillip Linn, JD, received the Distinguished Labor Arbiter Award presented by the American Arbitration Association at the Denver office's 10th anniversary and Arbitration Day celebration. Linn was recognized for outstanding contributions to the responsible use of alternative dispute resolution. Also acknowledged for his contributions to ADR was former faculty member Philip G. Dufford who received the Whitney North Seymour, Sr., Award.

R. George Silvola, JD, has served as president, since 1984, of Natural Resources Business Consultants, Inc., which provides landman services, accounting and tax services along with trouble shooting services to oil, gas, and mining industries for the Western United States and Australia.

1959

Ted Epstein, JD, at 56, successfully finished the Quintuple Ironman Triathlon—swimming 12 miles, biking 560 miles, and running 131 miles in an uninterrupted sequence.

1966

Alan Stewart Andre, JD, has recently established his offices in Vancouver, British Columbia.

1967

Robert Hinds, JD, was chosen as president-elect of the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers for the year.

Richard Korpan, JD, was recently named president and chief operating officer of the Florida Progress Corporation. Korpan will oversee the St. Petersburg-based utility company's operating groups which include Florida Power Corp., Electric Fuels Corp., Mid-Continental Life Insurance Co., Progress Credit Corp., and Advanced Separation Technologies.

Gary Polidori, JD, was elected treasurer of the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers for the year.

Timothy Walker, JD, a member of the faculty at the College of Law, was elected secretary of the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers for the year.

1968

Hon. Joyce S. Steinhardt, JD, Chief Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District, retired from the bench in January, 1992. Steinhardt held the position since 1987. She was the first woman appointed to a district judgeship in 1979.

1970

Herbert A. Delap, JD, formerly of Delap & Barry, will continue the firm's practice under the name of Herbert A. Delap & Associates, P.C., Denver.

Hon. O. Edward Schlatter, JD, was recently appointed United States magistrate in Colorado Springs, Colo. Schlatter resigned his position as chief judge of the Eleventh Judicial District.

Ralph G. Torres, JD, received the Outstanding Lawyer of the Year Award presented by the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association at its annual meeting and award banquet recently held in Denver.

1971

Hon. Lynne Hufnagel, JD, received an award presented by Cenikor, a non-profit organization which provides services to people with substance abuse problems.

Greg Long, JD, has become a deputy district attorney in Denver after resigning
his position as district attorney in Northwestern Colorado.

1972

Terence A. Gilmore, JD, was elected as president of the Larimer County Bar Association.

James B. Lapin, JD, has joined with Randall S. Herrick-Stare, JD ‘76, Bruce A. Hubbard, and Stephen M. Johnson in the formation of their new law firm Lapin, Herrick-Stare, Hubbard & Johnson, P.C., Denver.

Clinton P. Swift, JD, became a partner with the law firm of Hall & Evans, Denver.

Sandra L. Younghans, JD, has joined the Boulder, Colo., law firm of Woolrab & Shelley, P.C.

1973

James W. Hill, JD, was recently elected by the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel as a Fellow of the College. The College is an international association of lawyers recognized as outstanding practitioners in the laws of wills, trusts, and estate planning and administration. Hill is a partner in the Denver law firm of Wade, Ash, Woods & Hill, P.C.

Sheldon H. Smith, JD, has joined with William Carr in the formation of their firm Smith & Carr, Englewood, Colo. The practice will emphasize business and estate planning, tax and compensation.

1974

Roy S. Howard, JD, was appointed city attorney for the city of Broomfield. Howard served as Arvada city attorney for the past eight years.

Mark C. Paulte, JD, chief deputy district attorney, First Judicial District, received an award presented by Cenikor, a non-profit organization which provides services to people with substance abuse problems.

Merrill W. Sherman, JD, was recently elected president, chief executive officer, and director of Eastland Financial Corp., Eastland Savings Bank and Eastland Bank in Woonsocket, R.I. Sherman is a former partner in the Providence law firm of Hinckley, Allen, Snyder & Comen.

1975

Leland P. Anderson, JD, has joined with Lance Sears and Victoria Swanson in the formation of their new firm Sears, Anderson & Swanson, P.C., Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo.

W. Michael Clowdus, JD, has joined the Denver law firm of Bearman Talesnick & Clowdus as a shareholder.

Rumi Engineer, JD, has become a member of the Law Offices of Ann Allott, P.C., Littleton, Colo.

A. Craig Fleishman, JD, was named chairman of the recently formed Colorado Executive Network. The network, a group of professional firms representing law, accounting, real estate, marketing consulting and insurance, plans to review trends, issue “white papers,” and sponsor forums.

Mark K. Shaner, JD, has become of counsel to the new Denver law firm of Woodrow & Gruskin.

Harold R. Smethills, JD, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry for a three-year term.

Lawrence B. Swartz, JD, has become of counsel to the new law firm of Woodrow & Gruskin, Denver.

1976


Rebecca Elliott, JD, was elected as a representative of the Larimer County Bar Association to the CBA Board of Governors.

Randall S. Herrick-Stare, JD, has joined with James B. Lapin, JD ’72, Bruce A. Hubbard and Stephen M. Johnson in the the formation of their new Denver law firm Lapin, Herrick-Stare, Hubbard & Johnson, P.C.

Mark D. Gruskin, JD, has joined with Daniel L. Woodrow, JD ’76, and Jeanne M. Toro in the formation of Woodrow & Gruskin in Denver.

Hon. Patricia A. Madsen, JD, Denver County judge, recently retired from the bench. Madsen plans to practice law part-time and devote herself to writing plays, short stories, and essays.

Mary Anne Maul, JD, is a staff attorney with the Public Utility Law Project in Albany, N.Y.

Nora E. Milner, JD, maintains a private practice specializing in immigration law and international business in San Diego, Calif. She is of counsel to the San Diego law firm of Hinchee, Witte, Wood, Anderson & Hodges.

Daniel L. Woodrow, JD, has joined with Mark D. Gruskin, JD ’76, and Jeanne M. Toro in the formation of their Denver law firm Woodrow & Gruskin.

1977

Doris Besikof, JD, participated in a program which brings technical information and expertise to those responsible for Romania’s handicapped, orphaned, and abandoned children. She went to Bucharest, Romania, in June of 1991 at
ment and Denver's Rocky Mountain Adoption Exchange. Besikof took various state laws as examples of how American laws care for children.

Ronald Montoya, JD, has resigned as director of the Minority Business Office. Appointed to the position by Governor Roy Romer in 1988 as a liaison to the minority business community. Montoya resigned in order to take a more active role in managing his company, Plastic Supply, Inc.

1978

James B. Holden, JD, formerly a partner with Sherman & Howard, has joined with Douglas Jessop in the formation of their law firm Holden & Jessop, P.C., Denver. The firm will emphasize commercial bankruptcy, reorganizations, and creditor's rights.

Daniel S. Japha, JD, is now in-house counsel for the Manville Corporation. His responsibilities range from securities, mergers, etc., to personal injury and property damage.

Michael K. Singer, JD, of Sterling, Colo., recently became the president of the 13th Judicial District Bar Association.

Robert W. Smith, JD, of the Denver law firm of Hellerstein, Hellerstein & Shore, was named the 1991 Boss of the Year by the Denver Legal Secretaries' Association.

1980

Jeremiah B. Barry, JD, formerly of Delap & Barry, has become a member of the legal staff of the Intermountain Consolidated Office of the Resolution Trust Corporation.

Janis Ann Breggin, JD, has been appointed by Mayor Wellington Webb to chair the Denver Women's Commission for 1991-92.

Lisa L. Helling, JD, is currently serving a two-three year term as the director of the first American Cultural Center in Warsaw, Poland. The Center promotes American culture overseas through art exhibits, films, seminars, English classes, and a library.

Jamey W. Jamison, JD, has become a partner in the law firm of Hall & Evans, Denver.

Hon. Stephen R. Ruddick, JD, was presented an award by the Aurora Area Business and Professional Women for his legislative support of working people and their families.

1981

Claire E. Holmes, JD, has joined the Denver law office of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll as of counsel.

Kelly J. Krattenmaker, JD, became vice-president for Natural Gas Supply for Associated Natural Gas, Inc., in Houston, Texas.

John McGown, LLM-Taxation, was a featured speaker at the 33rd Annual Idaho State Tax Institute. He serves as president of two non-profit organizations and is a tax partner in Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley, Idaho's largest and oldest law firm.

John McGown, LLM-Taxation '81


Frederick R. Thomas, JD, is in investment banking and public finance as senior vice-president of a securities firm in North Carolina.

1982

K.K. DuVivier, JD, was elected president of the Boulder Women's Bar Association.

Michael F. Feeley, JD, formed the new partnership of Overton & Feeley, P.C., Denver.

Albert J. Mrozik, Jr., JD, was appointed as pro bono New Jersey counsel to the Gay Officer's Action League.

1983

Kevin F. Amatuzio, JD, became a partner in the law firm of Montgomery, Green, Jarvis, Kolodny & Markusson, Denver.

Loyce A. Forrest, JD, was recently re-appointed by the CBA Executive Council to the board of directors governing the Lend-A-Lawyer program. The program places attorneys from larger cities who volunteer to take court-appointed cases and do pro bono work in rural areas for a set period of time.

Friedrick C. Haines, JD, has become a partner in the law firm of Katch, Wasserman & Johnin, Denver.

Cynthia S. Leap, JD, became a partner in the law firm of Holland and Hart, Denver.

Joyce H. Nakamura, JD, has become a partner with the Denver law firm of Hall & Evans.

1984

John C. Barajas, JD, has been elected president of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association.

Lisa A. Hogan, JD, has become a shareholder of the Denver law firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland, P.C.

Steven E. Klausing, JD, was named city attorney for the city of Arvada. Previously, Klausing was in private practice with Miles and Epstein, Denver.

Joanne Viola Salazar, JD, was elected secretary of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association.

Ellen E. Stewart, JD, was named as a partner in the Denver law firm of Gorsuch, Kirgis, Campbell, Walker and Grover.
Thomas Henry Wilson, III, JD, has become an assistant attorney general for the state of Alaska working in the natural resources office.

1985

Aldo DelPiccolo, JD, has joined with Sam Livingston forming the new law firm of Livingston & DelPiccolo, Denver.

Pamela A. Gagel, JD, recently joined the Denver law firm of Kobayashi and Associates and is president-elect of the Colorado Women’s Bar Association.

Sandra R. Goldman, JD, became a partner in the law firm of Holland and Hart, Denver.

Bruce A. James, JD, has become a shareholder in the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland, P.C., Denver.

Celine M. Lillie, JD, is a new shareholder with the law firm of Long & Jaudon, P.C., Denver. She is the first woman shareholder, and she specializes in corporate and estate planning.

Stewart McNab, JD, has become a partner in the law firm of Morrison & Foerster, Denver.

Mark C. Overturf, JD, has become a partner in the Denver law firm of Greengard Senter Goldfarb and Rice.

Marc Salzberg, JD, won third prize in the International Defense of Human Rights Competition in Caen, France. He was one of 12 finalists from around the world who participated in the March competition. Salzberg’s pleading, entitled "The Hong Kong Government’s Vietnamese Screening Procedure Violates the European Convention on Human Rights," argues that the screening procedure violates provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights banning collective expulsions of aliens and requiring due process in the determination of each applicant’s case.

Jon K. Schmidt, JD, began a 12-month law clerkship with the Honorable Warren O. Martin, in Denver District Court.

1986

Mark E. Appel, JD, was recognized by the Denver Bar Association for his outstanding contribution to the legal system through his work as regional vice-president of the American Arbitration Association.

Elizabeth Lamb Kearney, JD, became associated with the law firm of Feiger, Collison & Killmer, Denver.

David D. Pavek, JD, became associated with the Denver law firm of Reinhart, Boerner, Van Deuren, Norris & Rieselbach, P.C.

James W. Saffell, JD, merged his practice with the law firm of Bierbaum & Dalgoutte, Boulder, Colo.

Susan L. Sanger, JD, became a partner at the medical malpractice firm of Katz & Associates, Denver.

Peter J. Schaffer, JD, was recently assigned as a staff attorney in the Criminal Defense Division of the New York Legal Aid Society, Bronx, N.Y. Prior to this he was a staff attorney in the Juvenile Rights Division.

1987

Jacquelyn Kilmer, JD, has become an associate with the law firm of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll in its Denver office.

Bryant S. "Corky" Messner, JD, formerly with Kirkland & Ellis, has become associated with the law firm of Bradley, Campbell, Carney & Madsen, P.C., Golden, Colo.

Stephen C. Miller, JD, became of counsel with the Boulder law firm of Krassa, Lindholm, Kumli & Madsen, emphasizing real estate, environmental, and general business law.

1988

Tom Blickensderfer, JD, recently became a member of the Colorado Senate. A former state representative, Blickensderfer assumed the Senate seat after Sen. Terry Considine resigned.

Glenda M. Dominguez, JD, was elected treasurer of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association.

Curtis R. Henry, JD, became associated with the Denver law firm of Murray Thompson & Lewis.

David L. Kolko, JD, opened his new law office in the Kittredge Building, Denver.

Kathleen S. McDuff, JD, formerly with Holme Roberts & Owen, has become associated with Ankele, Icenogle, Norton & White, Denver.

Doris A. Waters, JD, is associated with the Denver law firm of White, Pickard & Herren, formerly White & Pickard.

1989

J. Barton Maxwell, JD, has become associated with the Denver law firm of Miles & Epstein, P.C.

Douglas G. Smith, JD, was named general partner in the nationally known engineering firm of Black & Veatch. Smith, based in Tampa, Fla., is the Southeast Regional Manager for Environmental Services. He will continue his duties as Partner in Charge of the Southeast Region for Environmental Services. The company provides engineering, architectural, financial, and management services.

Douglas G. Smith, JD '89

Janet K. Whisler, JD, became associated with the law firm of Mulliken, Gleason & Weiner, P.C., Colorado Springs, Colo.

1990

Kip A. Anderson, JD, has joined the Denver law firm of Kuhn & Carnes as a partner. The firm’s name is now Kuhn, Carnes, & Anderson, P.C.

Diana E. Black, JD, joined Margaret E.
Walker in the formation of a partnership, Black and Walker, Englewood, Colo.

Rita L. Booker, JD, was recently elected secretary of the Sam Cary Bar Association.

Laura Mikolowsky Brooks, JD, became an associate with the law firm of Poulson, Odell, & Peterson.

Kristen A. Cogswell, JD, became an associate of the Denver law firm of Anderson, Campbell and Laugesen, P.C.

Thomas J. Gibson, JD, became associated with the law firm of Krenbl & Krendl, P.C., Denver.

Bruce E. Hayden, JD, became associated with the Denver law firm of Fields, Lewis, Pittenger & Rost.

Brent M. Martin, JD, joined the law firm of Kutz & Peekham, Denver, as an associate.

Brendan O. Powers, JD, has become an associate with the law firm of Burg & Eldredge, P.C., Denver.

Julie Murphy Seavy, JD, became an associate with The Mathis Law Firm, P.C., Denver.

Cynthia R. Shearon, JD, joined the Denver law firm of Robinson, Waters, O'Dorisio and Rapson, as an associate.

Sherri-Valentine, JD, is counsel for Simon Hydro-Search, Inc., an environmental consulting firm headquartered in Golden, Colo., with offices in five states.

Sherri D. Way, JD, has become an associate with the Denver law firm of Krendl & Krendl, P.C.

1991

Deborah J. Bennett, JD, has become an associate with the law firm of Gorsuch, Kirgis, Campbell, Walker & Grover, Denver.

Monica E. Brion, JD, became an associate with the Denver law firm of Gorsuch, Kirgis, Campbell, Walker & Grover.

Julia D. Cirbo, JD, has become associated with the law firm of Greengard Senter Goldfarb & Rice, Denver.

Ted E. Fitzke, JD, became a new associate with the law firm of Zupkus & Ayd, P.C., Denver.

Steven Scott Henderson, JD, has become associated with the law firm of Epstein & Lawrence, P.C., Denver.

Moira R. Jamieson, JD, is a new associate with the law firm of Accetta & McWilliams, P.C., Denver.

Andrea Mary Ketch, JD, became associated with the Denver law firm of Cooper & Kelley, P.C.

Virginia J. Lindgren, JD, has become associated with the law firm of Fowler, Schimberg and Cowman, P.C., Denver.

Walt D. Lowry, JD, was elected chief operating officer and general counsel of Hallador Petroleum Company.

Donald L. McCoy, JD, has become associated with the McNair Law Firm, P.A., Columbia, S.C.

Clark L. McCutchen, JD, has become associated with the law firm of Cooper & Kelley, P.C., Denver.

Katherine A. Pettersen, JD, became an associate with the Denver law firm of Wood, Ris & Hames, P.C.

Marc H. Schutl, JD, has become associated with the law firm of Tilly & Graves, P.C., Denver.

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Steinhardt, JD '68, Daniel E. Muse, JD '71.

The Christopher H. Munch Scholarship was established in honor of Munch's many years of service to the school. He joined the law faculty in 1967 and soon became an advocate and special friend of many law school students. Munch served as associate dean of admissions for a decade, a period when the school experienced great gains in enrollment. Munch retired from the full-time faculty in 1991. He will return to the classroom to teach two classes during the first semester of the 1992-93 academic year.

Persons wishing to honor Professor Munch with a gift to the fund may send their contribution to the Christopher H. Munch Scholarship Fund, University of Denver College of Law, 7039 East 18th Avenue, Denver, CO 80220.

In Memoriam

Don O. Blackham, LLB '53, June 2, 1991, Salt Lake City, UT.


Hon. Paul Goldman, JD '64, September 14, 1991, Las Vegas, NV.

Paul H. Hunter, JD '70, October 17, 1991, Denver.

Corinne F. Jobe, LLB '51, March 7, 1992, Denver.

Hon. Martin C. Molholm, LLB '26, April 7, 1992, Lakewood, CO.


Forrest C. "Frosty" O'Dell, LLB '39, February 23, 1992, Denver.


Violette W. Sorensen, LLB '39, December, 1990, Clearwater, FL.
College of Law Commencement, Fall 1991

Juris Doctor degrees were conferred on 65 candidates during the College of Law's commencement exercises Dec. 20, 1991.

The faculty speaker, selected by the graduates, was Lecturer in Law David S. Kaplan. Kaplan’s selection exemplifies the College of Law’s appreciation of the valuable contributions provided by the adjunct faculty to the school’s educational mission.

Student speakers also chosen by their classmates were graduates Ann L. Sussman, left, representing the Evening Division, and Vernon A. Evans, representing the Day Division.