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OOPS!

In the Winter '96 issue, we incorrectly identified Lisa Hensley '95 as Elisabeth Peshel '95. Our apologies to Lisa and Elisabeth.

The careers of Beth Klein '87, and James Klein '87, were misrepresented in the Winter '96 Alumni Notes. Beth is a national trial counsel for Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation. She is part of a team of twenty-five lawyers nationwide. James is an administrative law judge for the Colorado Division of Workers Compensation along with two other judges. They live in Superior, CO. We are very sorry for our mistake.

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On the Cover: The Poverty Law course requires students to spend twenty hours of field work on a public interest project. Pictured (l-r) are second-year students Jason Lampke, Maria Davis and Lisa McVicker. Their projects are described in this edition.

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FROM THE EDITORS

In the Fall '95 issue, "On the Bench: The Judiciary and the College of Law," there was some confusion about our list of DU law alumni serving as judges. While we recognize that many more of our alumni have previously served as judges, our list was limited to those currently sitting on the bench. We are proud of all our graduates who serve on the bench. We apologize to anyone who was missed (current or retired) and we hope to continue and improve our records of your accomplishments.
Recent issues of the alumni newsletter have addressed the quality and distinctiveness of our curriculum, our faculty and our clinical programs. This issue focuses on our efforts to stay current and creative in our placement office as well as featuring one of our exceptional offerings in the area of poverty law.

We are proud of all that we achieve at the College of Law, but we are also realistic. Legal education is confronted with a number of significant challenges at the national level. First, our accreditation procedures are in the process of being revised as a result of a consent decree between the American Bar Association and the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department. Second, the nature of the job market for young graduates is changing as law firms hire fewer young associates, invest less time in training and mentoring recent graduates, and seek to employ attorneys who already have substantial experience in a specialized area. Third, law schools are faced with declining applicant pools at the national level. Fourth, default rates are increasing in the private student loan market and the increase will result in more stringent credit terms for current students who need to borrow to finance their legal education.

In response to these changes, our faculty has undertaken a thorough self-evaluation and planning process. This process began with our faculty retreat in the fall 1994, and it will peak with the report we prepare for our next ABA accreditation visit in 1997. One of the key issues will be the future size of our student body. We slightly reduced our entering class this year and we will again this fall. More significant reductions would require major changes in the school's structure. We must be confident that any curricular changes we implement as a result of the self-evaluation are consistent with the knowledge and skills training our students will need to succeed in the current job market. We also must complement our students' academic training with the counseling and other assistance they need to make sure that they are able to complete their legal education without assuming an excessive debt burden.

These are difficult issues that involve a comprehensive approach to the education and services we provide our students. The capital campaign will help us create scholarship endowments that partially offset the cost of education to our students. We must also enhance the quality of our career counseling efforts to provide all students with the assistance they need to find permanent employment. We know that our ongoing relationships with alumni are critical to the success of this career counseling effort and we are grateful to the alumni who are working with us in the programs described in this issue. Working together we can meet the challenges of our future, continue to provide our students an exceptional education, and assure their career success after graduation.
POVERTY LAW COURSE

Confronts Students With Real Life

Professor Julie Nice heads up a class on Poverty Law which examines the current poverty state and scrutinizes how poverty laws affect the nearly 40 million people in the U.S. living in poverty. The design of the course culminates from years of her own research and work. Professor Nice's main focus is the examination of how society uses law to impact the lives of people who live in poverty, and it is this focus that she brings to her students. She has incorporated a mandatory field experience for students enrolled in her class believing that the only way to understand the ramifications of living in a state of poverty is to work with the people who do so. With hands on experience comes the practiced vision to heed the complexities of living in poverty, and because these complexities tend to escape the casual observer, a field experience is vital to informed awareness. Nice feels that regardless of one's personal political stand on poverty and welfare issues, the realities facing the impoverished are multifold and convoluted at best. Certainly, gaining knowledge about these realities becomes invaluable in writing poverty law. Indeed, the task of investigating laws affecting people living in poverty is made more informed by a field experience. For the student, this experience may be key to their understanding of the issues involved in welfare legislation and in poverty law as a whole.

The field experiences open to students range from working as volunteers in various shelters, to working on projects that have important practical benefits for the poor. Different shelters where Nice's students have worked include Project Safeguard - a domestic violence shelter, Urban Peak - a troubled and homeless children's shelter, Planned Parenthood - a clinic which offers education and medical services to the poor, and others. Various projects that Nice's students have undertaken include advising legislative candidates on welfare issues, tracking, researching, and evaluating welfare reform bills before the Colorado Legislature, developing a survey on sex education in public school curricula, working to support Guardian ad Litem attorneys, drafting affordable housing legislation, and many others. Some students have devised surveys to interview people living in poverty, which gives a necessary social science angle to drafting such legislation.

The following students were interviewed about their personal field experiences. Although they represent only three of thirty-nine field experiences, their stories offer insight into the public interest projects in which students participate.

Jason Lampke, a second-year student, is helping in the organization of a grassroots movement of homeless people in Denver. The Homeless Action Group began organizing in the last months of 1995, and in January 1996, they met with Denver Mayor Wellington Webb. The focus of the meeting was to propose working with the city in order to provide storage space for the homeless. The proposal included suggesting that storage facilities be run and managed by homeless in Denver. Due to a lack of action in the months of January to March, the group's focus changed from getting storage space, to again getting the mayor's attention.

In March, Lampke transported two carloads of homeless men, women, and children, to the City and County building to meet with the mayor. The impromptu meeting, for which the Homeless Action Group rehearsed the night before in order to way-lay overzealous nerves, generated necessary communication lines between their group and the city. Lampke feels his role is not necessarily to become a voice for the Homeless Action Group, but more to give them the means to be heard. They are still waiting on their request for storage, but Webb certainly is aware of their organization, and has assigned an aide to pursue their requests. Lampke intends to continue homeless advocacy as his professional specialty, and the insights afforded by such field work are invaluable.

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Lisa McVicker and Maria Davis, both second-year students, are setting up possible affordable housing legislation for Colorado. Their field experience involves working with Legal Aid Society, Catholic Charity Services, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, and the Northern Colorado Social Legislation Network, to develop educational tools outlining affordable housing statutes. Colorado's legislative branch may use these statutes in examining affordable housing law.

Colorado's housing law is crucial to the creation of a better society. Being aware of these issues that impact all of our lives is crucial to the creation of a better society. Using the law to serve the public is the idea. Improving the conditions of people living on low-level income and/or on welfare, improves the conditions of society overall.

The Poverty Law class was first taught in 1968 as an evening division course offered once or twice a year. In the 1971-72 school year, Eli Jarmel began teaching Legal Representation of the Poor for day students and Professor Howard Rosenberg taught the class in the evening. When Professor Jarmel died three years later, Professor Rosenberg took over the class, but by 1982-83, interest in the course had waned enough so that he had to let it go. Professor Nice writes that "the process of scrutinizing the use of law to respond to poverty disappeared from visibility for much of the last twenty years. Poverty law simply was not in style [and] the study of poverty steadily fell." Fortunately, Nice has brought the study of poverty law back to the Law School, and with it the forum to examine societal rhetoric as it relates to the state of poverty.

The opportunity offered by field work in the Poverty Law class is one example of how DU Law students get practical experience to put jurisprudential theory into use. Other opportunities offered at the law school for clinical and practical experience include the Lawyering Process program, the Moot Court competitions, the Student Law Office, the Mediation/Arbitration Clinic, and others. We feel that these experiences are crucial to legal education curricula, and intend to insure the availability of such experiences.
PALS EVENTS MIX STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

The Partners At Law (PALS) teams composed of about twelve students and four alumni met twice during the winter to discuss ethical issues new lawyers face, and ideas that may develop into a successful job placement strategy. One hundred nineteen students and forty-two attorneys participated in the program which included twenty-nine evening students.

> Robert Truhrar '81 and Judge Robert Fullerton '54 were pleased to answer student questions regarding small law firms and a judge's perspective of lawyers in his courtroom.

> Gary Polumbus '67 and Ralph Terras 70 encourage students to be creative in developing their strategy for finding a job.

> Sarah Steffols and Christie Truitt '82 decide you need to have a good sense of humor when looking for a job.

> Students Dan Roberts and Stan Gradishas ask Robert Holmes '79 questions about networking in the Denver legal community.

> M.L. Tucker '84 loves her job and shares her enthusiasm with a student.
MARY LAHTROP AWARD

Mary Lathrop, a 1896 graduate from the College of Law, was first in her class at law school. She was also the first woman admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court in Colorado, the first woman to open a law office in the state, the first woman to argue before the Colorado Supreme Court and the first woman admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. She was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1896 and later became the first female member of the Denver Bar Association and the Colorado Bar Association. During her legal career Lathrop helped re-draft probate statutes in Colorado. Her most famous case was *Clayton v. Hallett*, which established the law of charitable bequests. Throughout her lifetime, Lathrop made anonymous donations for the assistance of students and she left the bulk of her estate to establish a student loan fund at DU.

Previous recipients of the Mary Lathrop award are:

1995  
Norma Comstock LLB '32  
Karon Steinhauer HD '90, Adjunct Faculty  
Hon. Zita L. Weinshienk

1994  
Natalie S. Ellwood

1993  
Jean Dubofsky  
Marilyn Traub Meadoff '51  
Hon. Jacqueline St. Joan '77

1992  
Mary Brickner BSBA '47, LLB '58, LLM '80  
Margaret Bates Ellison LLB '43  
Brooke Wunnicke, Former Faculty, Adjunct Faculty

1991  
Elizabeth Adams Conour LLB '36  
Elizabeth L. Guyton Girch Estelle Hadley '31  
Helen T. Street '39, Former Faculty

Sheila Hyatt, associate dean for academic affairs, received a Mary Lathrop Award from the Colorado Women's Bar Association during their annual convention in Keystone, Colorado in late May.

Named for Mary Lathrop, a female pioneer in the legal profession, the award has been given annually by the CWBA since 1991. This year the award was conferred along the themes of teaching and mentoring. Receiving this award with Dean Hyatt were Barbara Salomon of Feder, Morris Tamblyn and Goldstein and Mimi Wesson, acting dean at the University of Colorado.

Dean Hyatt has been a member of the faculty at the College of Law since 1979. At the time she arrived, there was only one woman on the faculty as a tenured full professor - Cathy Krendl. In her remarks accepting the award, Hyatt praised Krendl as a mentor - representing an excellent role model who combined excellence in teaching and in scholarship while remaining sensitive to the needs of active professionals.

In her acceptance remarks, Dean Hyatt also credited her students for making her job as a teacher one filled with challenge, diversity and rewards.

The most wonderful aspect of teaching for all these years, of course, is the continual exposure to waves of bright, ambitious, purposeful students who come to law school. Each has arrived on our doorstep from her own singular path, with her own background and set of strengths and interests. Each has her own goals; each has her own notions of the good life and hopes for the future. The students close to my heart, however, are those who are not sure what they want to do with their law degrees, who have only vague notions about what kind of law they might want to practice. For them, law school is a real journey of self-discovery...

Dean Hyatt teaches the first semester course in civil procedure, evidence, trial practice and a course called Gender and Law. Her journey into the latter subject began through a series of brown bag lunches, evolving into a course relying heavily on photocopied material, and into a highly popular course for which she now has three casebooks from which to choose.

Hyatt also acknowledged the other women teaching at DU for their friendship and support and her husband, Robert Hyatt, the Denver District Court judge, for the true partnership she shares with him in parenting and in life.

Congratulations to Dean Hyatt and to the many outstanding women alumnae of the College of Law whose efforts and professionalism continue the standards of pioneers such as Mary Lathrop.
Professors Jay Brown and Celia Taylor have launched a Russian Legal Studies Program which will complement international legal studies offered at the Law School. The program, which is in its inaugural year, was initiated by Jay Brown, who participated as an advisor to the Russian government in efforts to develop a system of securities regulation for the country's market-based economy. He was there when Yeltsin's forces stormed the Russian Whitehouse, and as the Whitehouse burned he watched from his hotel room. Professor Celia Taylor's background on emerging capital markets stems from an article she has written proposing the formation of an issuer self-regulatory organization to address the problems faced by Russia and Poland in regulating their markets.

Given both professors' backgrounds in the development of securities markets in Eastern Europe and Russia, and their combined unique depth of expertise on developing commercial economies, it seemed a natural off-shoot to bring a Russian studies program to the DU docket. Money to begin the course development was received from Hughes Research and Development Fund, administered by Dean Emeritus Robert Yegge.

The academic component will teach legal perspectives and theory as they relate to legal institutions and business structures of present-day Russia. In fall 1996, Professor Brown will teach a class on the Russian commercial environment, exploring commercial legal systems in Russia and the Ukraine. He also hopes to teach Russian Judicial Systems which will examine the enforcement of commercial rights. The academic part of the program also includes the first language course offered for law school credit at any law school in the country. Emphasis will be on legal and business terminology.

The internship/externship part of the program will give students an opportunity to get experience in the field by working with Denver business offices that have connections to Russia. Currently, efforts are being made to form these alliances.

The third part of the program is a speaker series which brings distinguished guest lecturers to the law school. Former U.S. Senator Gary Hart was the first guest speaker who visited the law school in the early part of the 1995-96 school year. He discussed the business and legal climate of current-day Russia. The United Nations acting ambassador, Yuri Fedotov, spoke at the Law School on February 7 about legal and political development in the Soviet Union and gave an assessment of the recent Duma election which took place in December 1995. He also discussed implications of the election of the Communist party. Olga S. Khokhryakov, a justice on the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, visited the law school on April 25 and spoke about the workings of that court. She
Associate dean of academic affairs, Sheila Hyatt, is delighted to meet Justice Olga Khokhraykov, who sits on the Russian Constitutional Court. Judge Khokhraykov addressed faculty and students during her visit to the law school.

addressed faculty, staff and students through a translator, and gave an overview of the implementation and workings of the Constitutional Court since 1991. She is one of two women who sit on this court among a total of nineteen justices. They hear cases involving questions of constitutionality and support the legal rights of individuals.

The Russian Legal Studies program takes an innovative approach to getting involved in the ever-expanding world market, and offers a unique opportunity for students to specialize in legal perspectives of the Russian commercial economy. The Russian language class component allows students to focus their scholarship on overcoming one of the first boundaries of international studies, and attention given to legal and business terminology increases their own marketability. This is an exciting new program for the DU curriculum. If you are interested in assisting with the development of this program, and/or if you have any information on the implementation of internship/externship opportunities, please contact Professors Jay Brown or Celia Taylor, at the law school.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert M. Bowen  
AB’39, JD’41  
January 19, 1996  
Arvada, Colorado

Edward B. Cartwright  
AB’29, JD’31  
May 24, 1995  
Littleton, Colorado

Peter Cosgriff  
JD ’56  
April 16, 1996  
Leadville, Colorado

Edward C. Hastings  
JD’42  
February 20, 1996  
Eads, Colorado

Jon L. Holm  
JD’68  
January 17, 1996  
Denver, Colorado

Robert Latham Keeler  
AB’48, MA’61, LLB’51  
September 17, 1995  
Aurora, Colorado

John R. Rasmussen  
JD’70  
February 28, 1996  
Arvada, Colorado

Howard E. Sullivan  
JD ’49  
September 17, 1995  
Santa Ana, California
UNIVERSITY RECEIVES $5 MILLION GIFT

On January 22, the University of Denver announced a $5 million gift from law alumnus Donald Sturm LLB ’58 and his wife Susan for the renovation of the General Classroom Building and the current Daniels College of Business on the University Park campus. When completed, the facility will be renamed Sturm Hall and will become the new home for the humanities and social sciences departments of the University.

The renovation project is a key piece of the overall University of Denver Campaign to expand and improve services and facilities for students. Unveiled in November 1994, the Campaign is the first comprehensive fund-raising effort in the University’s 132-year history.

Completed in 1968, the current Daniels College of Business facility features nearly 95,000 square-feet of space. The General Classroom Building was designed one year later to adjoin the business school by adding 77,000 square feet.

Renovations to create Sturm Hall are slated to begin after the Daniels College of Business moves to its new home near the southwest corner of Evans Avenue and University Boulevard. Groundbreaking for the Daniels College of Business project is expected later this year and is targeted for completion in December 1997.

Both Donald and Susan Sturm have been actively involved with DU over the years. In addition to attending the law school, Don is a trustee of the University and Susan is a member of the Ricks Center Board.

Donald Sturm entered the College of Law in January 1956, a member of what he describes as a class of one. The mid-year start caused Sturm to take all the core, first-year courses second half first, completing the first half of them over the summer and fall. He left the army early in order to enroll in law school and experienced a large dose of culture shock in those first several months. Nonetheless, he attended law school year round, while also working to support himself, and obtained his degree in 26 months. Following DU, Sturm went to NYU Law School where he earned an LLM in taxation.

Upon completing his education, Sturm joined the IRS as a trial attorney. At the time, the IRS required a four year commitment. For the first two years he worked in the regional office in Omaha and then moved to the office in Kansas City. Following the completion of his assignment, Sturm returned to Omaha to join Peter Kiewit Sons’, Inc. as tax counsel. He continued at Peter Kiewit Sons’, Inc. for 26 years, building his career to ultimately become the vice-chair of the parent company and chair of one of the major subsidiaries, Continental Can Corporation. Today, Sturm credits his training in law and taxation for giving him the foundation on which he built his career in business.

Donald Sturm is the owner and chair of the board of Denver’s Bank of Cherry Creek and eight other banks, including Western National Bank in Colorado Springs and Mesa National Bank on Colorado’s Western Slope. Sturm also is a major shareholder in Peter Kiewit Sons’s, Inc.; Metro Fiber Systems Technologies; and Continental Airlines. Additionally, he serves on the airline’s board of directors.

The Sturms met when he was chair of the Continental Can Corporation. At the time, Susan was working with an international management firm doing business with Continental Can. Prior to her management consulting career, she worked for the CIA and for a U.S. Senate subcommittee investigating organized crime and fraud. She is a graduate of Princeton University.

“DU needs community, state and national support from alumni and friends if we want to maintain and enhance the quality of the education offered here” says Donald Sturm. “It is important for those of us who can help to do so.”
Four law school faculty members were honored at the University's twenty-five years of service awards ceremony and reception. Professors Burton Brody, Neil Littlefield, Timothy Walker, and James Winokur, were recognized and thanked for their work at the University and the College of Law.

Professor Arthur Best's treatise, "Comparative Negligence: Law and Practice," questions whether the "fireman's rule" (providing a defense to individuals whose negligent conduct harms a professional rescuer) can continue to be supported on an assumption of the risk theory in jurisdictions where the adoption of comparative negligence has led to the abrogation of most forms of assumption of the risk. Two recent state Supreme Court decisions on this issue have relied in part on Professor Best's treatise. In Heck v. Robey, 659 N.E.2d 498 (Ind. 1995), the court cited the treatise in support of its holding that the doctrine can no longer provide a complete defense. In Carlson v. Headrick, 900 S.W.2d 685 (Tenn. 1995), the court relied on the treatise's historical analysis to reaffirm the doctrine's traditional effect. He has also published Wigmore on Evidence. Best also co-authored Colorado Evidence along with Professors Robert Hardaway and Francis Jamison.

Professor Jay Brown spent two weeks in Kiev, Ukraine in January advising the Ukrainian government about securities matters. In April he spoke to the Japan America Society of Colorado on "Trade Barriers and the Japanese Bureaucracy." In May, his article titled "Of Brokers, Banks and the Case for Regulatory Intervention in the Russian Securities Markets," was published in the Stanford International Law Journal.

Professor Alan Chen was a panelist at a presentation for the Colorado Lawyers for the Arts. The panel discussion on "Censorship in the Arts and Cyberspace" was in conjunction with a show at the Arvada Center called "IN Tolerance: Artists Speak Out." He also gave a speech on Friday, April 12 to the Denver Presbyterian Women's Group on "The First Amendment, Censorship, and the Internet."

Professor Emeritus Al Coco received the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries. He serves as the executive director of the Colorado Bar Association's Federal Pro Bono mentoring program.

Professor Nancy Ehrenreich presented a talk titled "O.J. Simpson & the Myth of Gender/Race Conflict," at a symposium on the Simpson trial held at the University of Colorado on February 23. Her presentation will be published in a symposium issue of the CU Law Review. She also spoke on "The Old and the New in the Privatization Debate" at the DU Law Symposium on The New Private Law held at DU on March 2 and 3. That speech will be published in a symposium issue of the DU Law Review.
Professor Wadine Gehrke has been a guest lecturer for the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, School of Psychiatry, for the University of Colorado School of Social Work, for the Denver Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, and for the Aurora Public Schools continuing Teacher Education. Her work "Immunities of Guardians ad Litem and Other Attorneys," has been accepted for publication by the Loyola Children's Rights Journal and she has a publication in progress as co-editor of the Guardian ad Litem Handbook, to be published by the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Arapahoe Advocates for Children where she chairs the Judicial Liaison Committee for the 18th judicial district and works on the Program Committee. She has also served on the Law Stars planning committee for the past four years, and the steering committee for the College of Law tenth year reunion.


Professor Jan Laitos delivered a speech at the Fifth Annual Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute conference titled, “The Protection of Private Property Rights.” He also spoke to the Western States Land Commissioners Association on “The Evaluation of the Legal Framework of Land Use Regulation,” and to the CLE International Conference on Regulatory Takings on “The History of Takings Jurisprudence.” He also was awarded one of four University wide “Teacher of the Year” awards. Laitos received the "Distinguished Teaching Award" in recognition of his teaching excellence and the degree to which his teaching has constructively influenced his students. The award will be conferred at convocation in September.

Professor Lucy Marsh was honored at the May 4 Denver Bar Association’s Barristers Ball for the probate work her Trusts and Estates class does through the Thursday Night Bar. The class executes wills for the indigent.

Professor Ved Nanda traveled to India in late December to receive a special international award from the India Development Association for his work on human rights and international development. At the end of January he returned to New Delhi to address an International Congress to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the World Court. He spoke on the "Agenda of Peace - The Role of the International Court of Justice in the 21st Century.” He was a speaker at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina in February on, “Conflict in Former Yugoslavia: War Crimes - International Responses.” Other speaking engagements were at Metro State College, Daniels College of Business, Gyro Club, Montview Presbyterian Church, Bahai’s of Douglas County, Park Hill United Methodist Church, Rotary and the World Federalist Association on topics ranging from Bosnia to Martin Luther King Day. Additionally he spoke on the Voice of America and participated in a teleconference on Channel 6. He was also interviewed on Channel 2. In 1996, he has published Nuclear Proliferation and the Legality of Nuclear Weapons, and International Environmental Law and Policy.
Professor Steve Pepper has given a number of talks around the country and was commentator at the Hofstra University School of Law conference on "Legal Ethics: The Core Issues;" presenter, and panel member, at the Eastern Washington University annual public affairs symposium titled "Religion and the Public Order;" panel presenter on the ethics of withdrawing from representation at the American Bar Association Family Law Section annual meeting; and panel presenter at the Colorado Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Topical luncheon on "Hazards of Mediators Providing Legal Information: Unauthorized Practice? Ethical Conflict? Tort Liability? None of the Foregoing?"

Professor George "Rock" Pring and Professor Penelope Canan have published a new book, SLAPPs: Getting Sued for Speaking Out. It was published by Temple University Press in February of this year. Sales are brisk and they were invited to publish an op ed article in the New York Times on SLAPPs in March. They also have an upcoming op ed article scheduled for the National Law Journal in May, and have been interviewed on various radio and TV talk shows, and for media articles.

On March 21, Professor Cindy Savage was the keynote speaker at a symposium entitled "The Role of Gender in Alternative Dispute Resolution," presented by the Washington College of Law at the American University. The symposium was sponsored by the American University Journal of Gender & the Law. Professor Savage spoke from her article "Culture and Mediation, A Red Herring." She was recently accepted as a board member for Colorado Lawyers for the Arts. She has been on the Arts Mediation Service Committee since last fall.

Professor Rob Smith gave a presentation entitled "Selected Planning Considerations Related to the Marital Deduction" at the 41st Annual Estate Planning Institute in Athens, Georgia on February 7.


Professor Margaret Walker has initiated a program that provides legal services to residents of the Samaritan Shelter, a shelter for the homeless. She supervises students enrolled in basic civil litigation who go to the Samaritan Shelter weekly to do intake for the homeless residents. Since 1988 she has done intake at the Aurora Senior Center for low income elderly clients. She participates with Wadine Gehrke on the Homeless Warrants Program that helps homeless people quash warrants for minor criminal matters, and coordinates a program with the Rocky Mountain Adoption Exchange to provide services to families in which the caretakers have HIV/AIDS. She is also a member of the Elder Law Institute of the Law School, sits on the
Aid Education and Elder Law committees, and is a member of the Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association. Additionally, she provides classes to schools in Aurora and Adams County on civil and criminal rights and responsibilities. Her classes usually focus on family issues for teen parents. She has worked with the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies and the Law Stars Committee.

Professor Edward Ziegler’s article “Fundamental Fairness and Regulatory Takings” based on his presentation at the Southwestern Legal Foundation’s recent Institute on Planning, Zoning, and Eminent Domain in Dallas, will soon be published by Matthew Bender in the one-volume compilation of those proceedings. He recently spoke on “Partial Taking Claims: Beyond Categorical and Per Se Takings” at CLE International’s April 1996 conference in Denver. He also spoke on “Regulatory Takings and Takings Legislation” at the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute’s annual land use conference at the College of Law.

FIFTH ANNUAL Land Use Conference

Nearly 500 people, including academics, attorneys, planning professionals, realtors, developers and students attended the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute’s (RMLUI) Fifth Annual Conference at the College of Law. The two-day conference, held March 7-8, focused on public interest and educational issues related to land use and development.

The conference addressed issues involving, among others, wildlife habitat protection, manufactured housing, building moratoria, rural design, challenging development exactions, neighborhood conservation districts, heritage areas, market and fiscal impact analysis and options for financing public facilities.

Nationally known speakers included Professor Julian Juergensmeyer, University of Florida Law School, who spoke on impact fees for wildlife habitat and environmental protection and Professor Kelleann Foster, Penn State University, whose presentation described a revolutionary interactive multimedia development code. In addition, a distinguished group of land use practitioners and scholars spoke on a variety of stimulating development and regulatory issues.


RMLUI has the distinction of sponsoring the largest annual land use conference held west of the Mississippi River. The Institute is also involved in a variety of other educational and service activities, including research projects and workshops related to land use planning and development issues.


On a hot but beautiful May 18th morning, 250 students graduated from the College of Law.

Talbot D'Alemberte, commencement speaker, receives an honorary degree of law from Dean Dennis Lynch(l) and Chancellor Daniel Ritchie(r).

David Foster '96, representing the day division, spoke about how his actions as an attorney will have the potential of affecting a much larger community.

Julie Rosen '96 and her husband Ted '88 celebrate the day.

Mark Neider '96, a member of the evening division, energetically bids adieu to the College of Law.
D'ALEMBERTE ADDRESSES GRADUATION

A bright, sunny, spring morning welcomed 250 Juris Doctor candidates for their commencement ceremony on May 18. Chancellor Daniel Ritchie, of the University of Denver, conferred an Honorary Doctor of Laws on the speaker, Talbot “Sandy” D'Alemberte, president of Florida State University, past dean of Florida State University Law School, and past president of the American Bar Association. Mr. D'Alemberte addressed the audience about changes in the law and in legal education, and celebrated the graduates “talent and tenacity.” With his daughter, Gabrielle D'Alemberte, receiving her JD this day, as well as his admiration for the University, Mr. D'Alemberte had special reason to beam with pride. Recounting the personal statements the class of '96 submitted with their law school applications, D'Alemberte brought three years of work and toil among the books together with singular statements of will and motivation. He summed up his talk with the thought that although the law and legal education have changed over the years, “the vision of service, of public office, and of commitment to community realities has remained constant over the generations.”

Mr. D'Alemberte, parents, family, friends, and we at the law school, are very proud of our graduates, and wish them all the best.
Fred Miles '68 has a big smile for son Jim Miles '96.

University of Denver trustee emeritus Allan Phipps '37 was extremely proud to watch his grandson, Julian Combs '96 receive his diploma.

Mary Hope '82 and her daughter Karen Hay '96 celebrate the profession of law.

Gabrielle D'Alemberte '96 is warmly surrounded by her family, including the commencement speaker who is also her father, Talbot (Sandy) D'Alemberte.

Nancy Pertcheck '82 shared the happy day with her daughter Kerri Pertcheck '96.

Joaquín Padilla '96 and his father Kenneth Padilla '70 are a proud twosome.

Fifty years separate the graduations of Jon-Mark Patterson '96 and his cousin David Dunklee '46.
Moot Court Experience Rewards Students

The Moot Court experience affords students with recognition and an opportunity to enhance their practical legal skills. The combination of theoretical study with competitive practice is invaluable preparation for hitting the legal streets. The 1995-96 Moot Court Board president was Rico Munn '96, vice-president was Will Willis '96, treasurer was second-year student Zeke Knox, and secretary was Darrel Mullins '96.

For practical experience while in law school, Moot Court ranks among the most rewarding. The team members must use theoretical knowledge for actual advocacy in a competitive environment. The preparation alone for Moot Court competition requires hours of research; as with any advocacy issue, preparation pays. After preparation comes performance in competition. There are six intra-school competitions held at the College of Law during the year, outlined below. The participants receive critique on their preparation and performance from local judges and attorneys thus increasing their level of advocacy skills, and receiving recognition from Denver judges and attorneys.

To be eligible for the student run Moot Court Board, students must have competed in at least one intra-school competition, and interview with sitting board members. Each board member, while being a competitor, is also responsible for overseeing one of six competitions hosted by the school each year. Because this is accomplished in accordance with their regular course work, the members must be dedicated; the amount of work is huge and the time commitment is voluntary.

The six intra-school competitions cover various areas of the practice of law, and they all require highly detailed knowledge of the cases being argued.

The Rothgerber Appel Powers & Johnson Negotiation Competition, formerly known as The ABA Negotiation Competition - helps team members refine business negotiation skills. The faculty advisor is Professor Cindy Savage. Through practical experience, the students rehearse in any number of roles that are important to being a good negotiator. Skills ranging from the psychology behind negotiating with live clients, to coming up with creative solutions, to the importance of gaining insight into the “other side” advantage, are all visited in depth by negotiations team members. The first place team from the intra-school competition represents DU at the regional competition.

The Philip Jessup International Law Competition, faculty advisor Professor Paula Rhodes, is an appellate advocacy competition in International Law. The participants must write an eight to ten page brief and then give two oral arguments, first on, and then off brief, in preliminary rounds. This competition focuses on student's attention on the importance of skilled research techniques, because performance will be heavily weighted on one's ability to recall, represent, and think critically about all aspects of the issue. These students have the advantage of becoming skilled in a very specialized body of law. The top five students represent DU at regional competitions held in the spring.

The Daniel S. Hoffman Student Trial Competition, faculty advisor Professor Shelia Hyatt, and associate dean of Academic Affairs, is the most popular and challenging competition exclusive to second-, third-, and fourth-year students. Competitors prepare and put on a mock trial. Team members must prepare to argue both sides of the case because they won't know which side they will advocate until right before the trial begins. In doing so, they gain specific insight into the advantages of preparing this way as a professional. Students become familiar with all parts of a trial, including evidence, witness preparation, trial tactics, direct and cross examination, persuasiveness of argument and application of law. Winners from the intra-school level will compete in the regional and national ABA/Young Lawyers Trial Competition, and the American Trial Lawyers Association Competition.
The Client Counseling Competition, faculty advisor Professor Margaret Walker, promotes skills necessary for effective communication between attorney and client. The competitors prepare legal tactics, an practice professionalism in the art of client counseling. They learn practical strategies for getting relevant information from the client and even work out fee schedules. Winners will represent the College of Law at the regional competition.

The Natural Resources Competition, faculty advisor Professor Jan Laitos, is an appellate advocacy competition in the area of natural resources law. Each competitor is provided with briefs from recent cases and must develop a persuasive legal argument for each side of the issue. This competition involves an intense oral argument that is scored on competitors' knowledge of the facts, issues, and laws relating to the case. The training involved in giving these oral arguments is invaluable for future professional practice. Winners from this intra-school competition go on to a regional competition.

The Peter Holme, Jr. Barristers Cup Appellate Competition, faculty advisor Professor Alan Chen, requires competitors to develop an impressive forty page appellate brief in favor of one side. They then give oral arguments, on and off brief in the preliminary rounds, and are scored on combined written and oral performances. The research required in writing the brief and preparing for argument is such that the team members must know enough about the case to essentially master the facts and law of their target area. Winners become members of DU's Appellate Advocacy Team and will compete in regional and national competition.

Next year's intra-school Barrister's Cup Competition will be presided over by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White.

Recently, DU's Trial Team - Rico Munn '96, Daniel Rohner '96, David Macey '96, and Bryan Garrett '96 - competed at the National American Trial Lawyers Association Competition in West Palm Beach, Florida, where they finished among the top four teams in the country. A hearty congratulations to them and their coach, Karen Steinhauser, who is an adjunct professor of trial practice at the Law School, and assistant district attorney for the juvenile division in Denver.

The College of Law's Moot Court team is impressive, and they continue to meet with success. If you are interested in participating as a judge for the Moot Court competitions, or in supporting their efforts, please contact the Moot Court Board at 303/871-6338.
AN EVENING WITH JUDGES AND THEIR CLERKS

Over one hundred judges, clerks, and their guests, gathered for dinner at the Yegge Student Center in Mason Hall February 10, to acknowledge the role judicial clerkships play in the training of young attorneys, and to celebrate the friendships that are created.

A. Patricia Ann Plank, Ann Hume, Hon. Claus Hume and Hon. Leonard Plank '60, were happy to be a part of the celebrations.

A. Dean Dennis Lynch and Hon. Leonard v.B. Sutton '41 exchange ideas on the judiciary.

A. Bill Keating '71 represented the clerks at the podium and is shown here with his wife Mary.

A. Hon. John Porfilio '59, chair of the evening, and his wife Terri are pleased with the excellent turn-out.

A. Hon. John Kane '60 did a superb job representing the judges.
Prof. Jay Brown, Prof. Jan Laitos and Hon. Raymond Dean Jones all clerked for judges before they started their present careers. Laitos and Jones clerked for Judge Pringle.

Hon. Zita Weinshienk, and former clerk Sue Fox '76 and her husband, Bob Martin. Judge Weinshienk has had several DU Law clerks over the years.

Teryl Gorrell '78 and his wife Mary Beth fondly remember Gorrell's law clerking days.
LEGAL INSTITUTE

The sixth annual Legal Institute was held at the College of Law on Saturday, February 17. The Institute is sponsored by the Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL), whose current president is Cathy Pabich, library instruction coordinator at the Westminster Law Library. There were sixty attendees from area law libraries, public libraries and library school. The conference featured three tracks: Basic Legal Research - lecture and hands-on training, Advanced Legal Research - company/corporate background information and intellectual property, and Library Technology - networking services and cataloging retrospective conversion. The session on “Intellectual Property Considerations For The Librarian” was given by John T. Soma, DU law professor and his research associate, Alexander R. Smith '96.

DU LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

This spring, the College of Law and the DU Law Review sponsored a symposium on “The New Private Law: Perspectives on the Current Trend Toward Private Governance.” The symposium offered an opportunity to discuss rhetoric surrounding privatization efforts and is designed to be an intimate exchange among scholars in a variety of legal fields. The class of 1996 has pledged their class gift to go toward continuing support of the symposium and the intellectual forum it brings to our campus.
NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCED

On March 4, the Business Law Society was officially recognized as a student organization by the Student Bar Association. The goal of the newly created organization is to promote academic and practical applications of a legal education to the business world. The focus will be on preparing students for a legal job in the business world and uncovering employment opportunities. The first official meeting of the BLS was on March 27. Speakers offered insights into landing summer jobs in the business world. Board members David Ayraud, Roger Cram, Rick Ike, David Rigsby, and Robert Zach wish to thank Professors Neil Littlefield and Celia Taylor for their efforts in organizing the BLS. One of their first activities was to award David Brookerson Cox with the 1996 Cathy Stricklin Krendl Award for Business Planning on May 16. Cathy Krendl, currently a principal of Krendl & Krendl, and a former professor at the Law School, has generously sponsored the Business Planning Award. Factors involved in the selection included grades in business courses, participation in various internship externship programs and participation in the BLS. Congratulations goes out to Cox for being the first recipient of this award.

Further information on nominations, or questions, please call Professor Celia Taylor, 871-6303 or Professor Neil Littlefield, 871-6301.
SECRETARY-GENERAL SPEAKS

On March 12, Gillian Martin-Sorensen, under secretary-general, and special adviser to the secretary-general for Public Policy for the United Nations, spoke to law students about the United Nations entity. Pictured are Ms. Martin-Sorensen and professor of International Legal Studies, Ved Nanda.

LAW JOURNAL ACKNOWLEDGED

The Transportation Law Journal has been selected by The McKinley Group's professional editorial team as a “3-Star” site. This rating is a special mark of achievement in Magellan, McKinley’s comprehensive Internet directory of over 1.5 million sites and 40,000 reviews. As a Magellan 3-Star site, they were awarded a special logo to recognize the hard work that has gone into establishing and maintaining their site. The award logo is displayed on their homepage, http://mercury.cafr.du.edu/ - transplj.

MILLER LECTURE

Panel members Linda Donnelly ’74, Justice Luis Revira, and Richard Hennessey at the 1996 Martin P. Miller Lecture addressing “Pride & Professionalism: The Relationship Between Lawyer Behavior & Professional Responsibility,” which was held on April 2 at the law school.

WRITING AWARDS PRESENTED

Scott Ausenhus and Jeffrey Joseph, the 1996 winners of the Dufford & Brown Writing Award, were presented with their honors on April 8. Honorable mentions went to Shana Bernstein, Jeffrey Dugdale, Allison Lee, Michael Melanson, and Katherine Resler. The Dufford & Brown Writing Award recognizes excellence in writing performance as part of the first-year Lawyering Process course. Students in the second year of law school are invited to submit a Morandum of Law which is their own work and was submitted for a letter grade during their first year of school.

On April 8, the winner of the Dorr Carson Sloan & Birney Patent Law Writing Award, Lisa Muscari ’96, received a $500 prize for her paper titled “Safe Surfing on the Net,” which discusses the legal ramifications of sharing proprietary information over the Internet.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

On April 11, the recipients of the College of Law Student Leadership Awards were presented with their honors. **Steffanie Clothier '96** received the "Most Innovative Program Outside the Law School Community" award for her research project on Welfare Reform. **Monika Cooper '96** received a "Student Leadership" award for her involvement with school organizations, and she also received an award for the "Most Innovative Program Within the Law School Community" for her work on organizing the first annual PILG auction. Second-year student Michelle Morisseau received the "Most Innovative Program Within the Law School Community" award for her work as a member of the PILG auction organizing team. **Rico Munn '96** received the "Outstanding Leadership Award" for his numerous honors and activities at the law school. First-year student Stephanie St. John received a "Student Leadership" award for her work as a PILG auction organizer, and for her involvement within the law school community.

Second-year student Anurag Varma received a "Student Leadership" award for his work as articles editor for the Denver Journal of International Law and Policy, and for his many other activities with the law school. **P.J. Webb '96** received a "Student Leadership" award for her numerous SBA activities and for organizing many important activities, and second-year student Rebecca Wiggins received a "Most Innovative Program Within the Law School" award for her participation on the PILG auction organizing team.

Teacher of the Year awards this year were bestowed by the students on Professors **Julie Nice** - day division, and **Arthur Best** - evening division.

The 1996-97 Student Bar Association officers were announced at the Student Leadership Awards. Rick Ike is the new president, Peter Vano is the first vice president, Jeff Dugdale is the second vice president, Brian Doyle is the SBA delegate to the ABA, James Hunsaker is the treasurer, and Elizabeth Bryans is the secretary.

**Professor Julie Nice celebrates her Teacher of the Year award for the day-division classes.**
1996 PUBLIC INTEREST LAW GROUP CLERKSHIP

The Public Interest Law Clerkship program has been a significant portion of the Public Interest Law Group efforts for the past 11 years and was established in order to provide opportunities for students to engage in paid legal work on behalf of non-profit organizations over summer break.

This summer's PILG clerkship recipients are:

Julie Jackson - Justice Information Center
Shann Jeffery - ACLU Mountain States Office Prison Project
Gregory Johnson - Land and Water Fund of the Rockies
Jason Lampke - American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado
Toddre Delaura Monier - TransAfrica
Karla Robertson - Project Safeguard
Nantiya Ruan Rogers - CU Addiction Research & Treatment Services
Stephanie St. John - Legal Aid Society of Hawaii

* In-house rock and roll counsel, Arthur Best won the Teacher of the Year award for the evening-division classes.

* Students Rick Ike, in-coming SBA president, David Whiting, in-coming SBA senator, Brian Doyle, in-coming ABA delegate to the SBA, Ken Toal, in-coming SBA senator, P.J. Webb, out-going SB senator member, and Antoinette Fuentes, in-coming senator, pose after the Student Leadership Awards ceremony.

* P.J. Webb and Dean Lynch pose after she receives her "Student Leadership" award.

* Public Interest Law group (PILG) members (l-r), vice president Becky Wiggins, president Monika Cooper, tutoring coordinator Michele Morisseau and Stephanie St. John stop for a picture after receiving "Most Innovative Program" awards for organizing the first annual PILG auction held late in March. The auction raised $16,000 for support of public interest clerkships and loan repayment programs.
TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY

Take Our Daughters to Work Day was celebrated on April 25. The participants were treated to a special talk given by Representative Pat Schroeder who fielded questions from many aspiring young women. Schroeder filled the lecture hall with words of inspiration and humor. We are very excited that she chose to celebrate this day with our community.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

On May 2 and 3 the College of Law, the Children's Legal Clinic, and Continuing Legal Education in Colorado sponsored the Sixth Annual Guardian ad Litem and Family Law Program. The program entitled “Protecting Children Before, During and After High Conflict Divorce” provided an in-depth look at how high conflict/violence affects children and how the “fall-out” presents in domestic and juvenile court, and what methods/strategies professionals can use to recognize and respond appropriately to the high conflict/violence. Featured speakers included Judge Dale Harris and Merry Hofford from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and Professor Timothy Walker, chair of the American Bar Association-Family Law Section.

CLASS GIFT

The members of the class of 1996 instituted a class gift this year. Their generous pledges will go to support the DU Law Symposium in order to generate increasing recognition nationwide of the programs and speakers who come to the law school. Susan Nelson '96 and Theresa Adams '96 are co-chairs of the Class Gift Committee, and their work will create a lasting legacy in the name of the graduates of 1996. By pledging a gift this year, members of the '96 class received Rockies tickets for a game vs. the St. Louis Cardinals. Congratulations to our grads!
NICE GIRLS DON'T DO CONFLICT

On March 21 the College of Law hosted the fourth annual Women & Law Conference entitled "Nice Girls Don't Do Conflict: Substance, Myths, and Strategies of Negotiation." The conference, which represents the fourth year in a productive and enjoyable partnership between the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies and the Colorado Women's Bar Association, was attended by over 120 registrants, and twenty-three faculty members - the best attendance yet. The all female audience was treated to presentations and demonstrations given by outstanding attorneys from a variety of areas of law, including Hon. Leslie M. Lawson of Judicial Arbiter Group, who was a participant in the Harvard Negotiation Project, and Dr. Audrey Nelson-Schneider, a nationally recognized authority in gender communications who presents seminars across the country on sex differences in communication. Other outstanding women attorneys who participated include, Joan H. McWilliams '82, Elizabeth H. Temkin, Vicki Mandell-King, Pamela R. Mackey, Frances A. Koncilja, Frances B. McDonald, Florence J. Phillips '81, Elizabeth A. Starrs, Patricia Dean '88, Helen C. Shreves, Linda A. Surbaugh and Marla J. Williams.

The day-long conference was a concrete, practical program of substance, tactics, strategies and style of negotiation. Lectures, panel discussions, as well as demonstrations focused on such topics as assessing the opposition, changing tactics during the negotiation, client counseling, timing, dispelling such myths as "women won't walk" and the myth of "sisterhood," managing the confrontational adversary, creative solutions to impasse, rehabilitation/avoiding conflict aftermath, and others.

Thanks go to the Colorado Women's Bar Association for helping put on this special program. Watch for next year's Women & Law Conference, it's sure to be another great event.

ALTERNATIVE CAREER EXPO

The Placement Office and Student Senate of the Student Bar Association worked as co-sponsors to bring the first Alternative Career Expo to the Law School. The event gave students a chance to make contacts and identify and explore new career avenues. The business community is open to contributions from people who have a legal education on many different levels, and the Alternative Career Expo gave students a chance to tap some of these opportunities.
DU Law alumni seem to be everywhere. Recently, Gary and I sold our home of twenty years, and everywhere we turned we ran into DU Law graduates. The darling young couple who bought our house are both graduates of DU Law. In fact, they met the first day of classes and are now practicing law and raising three rambunctious boys. The realtor we used is married to a DU Law alumnus. The moving company we hired was created and owned by a DU Law alumnus. Our next door neighbor at our new house is...*yes, you are right...a DU Law alumnus. Most of these connections happened by chance. Programs such as DU Law Stars, Partners At Law (PALS), the luncheon held in Ft. Collins, and reunions, help to create and strengthen connections among our graduates, as well as give us the opportunity to highlight their accomplishments. Please continue to send us updates on your careers and your lives so we can strengthen DU Law's network among our alumni and our students.

Johanna Elizabeth Kelly
Director of Development and Major Gifts

Your law school is an exciting dynamic place to study, teach, research and work. Through my interaction with students, faculty and alumni, I am constantly being made aware of the myriad of challenges facing our school as we educate the next generation of first-class attorneys. This issue of the Alumni Newsletter focuses on some of these - particularly our constant attempt to provide real-life experiences and settings within which our students can learn and apply theoretical learning which is so key to the study of law. We are also working hard to address the issues of the changing market place - both from a marketing angle for admissions as well as from the standpoint of preparing our students for the challenges they will face while still in school in finding a meaningful and rewarding career after graduation. All of this takes resources and energy. Without the commitment of our alumni and friends in the local community who support the programs at the College of Law with both their time and financial resources, we would not be able to enjoy the multi-faceted programming of which we are so proud. Thank you for your time. Also, please remember that it is not too late to give to the Law Alumni Fund for this academic year!

The Alumni and Development Office has experienced some staff transitions since our last issue. Karen Middleton, director of Operations, left the College of Law in early April to become the director of Admissions at the Graduate School of International Studies. In this new position, Karen will be able to work with students, an area which she loves. We are fortunate that Karen remains a part of the University. Barbara Thomas, assistant to the director of Development, left the College of Law in early May after thirteen years of service. During her tenure, Barbara was responsible for all gift processing and acknowledgements, among many other tasks. We are grateful to both these colleagues for their commitment, professionalism and friendship. The very best to them as they move forward in their lives.
Sam enjoyed seeing old friends.

Martin Semple '76 and his wife Jo Ann looked through the reunion book catching up on their classmates.

Professors Lucy Marsh, Burton Brody, and Dean Emeritus Bob Yege visited with former students.

Gail Laxalt Johnson '76, co-chair of the reunion with her husband Roger Johnson '53.

Hon. Marguerite Langstaff '76 and her husband Sam enjoyed seeing old friends.

TWENTIETH REUNION
A BIG SUCCESS

On March 9 over 100 alumni and their guests from the classes of 1975 and 1976 gathered at the Petroleum Club in Denver for dinner and an evening of fun. Lee Anderson '75 and Charlie Richardson '76 made comments on behalf of their classmates. Proceeds from the reunion went toward the Donald P. Welch Memorial Scholarship.

Barbara Jacobi '76, James Ludvik '76, Andrew Turi '76, and Carol Kavanaugh '76 remain good friends.

Randy Goldenhersh '76, a reunion committee member, and his wife Vivian look quite smart.

Ralph Hegsted '76 and his wife Nancy enjoyed the poem Bob Dreke '76 wrote for Thompson Marsh's property class.

Ian Bird '76 recently moved back to Denver from London and was entertaining Dean Lynch with stories about living in England.
ALUMNI REGIONAL EVENT

On April 30, the Alumni Office, Dean Lynch, and Professors Ved Nanda, and Nancy Ehrenreich traveled to Ft. Collins, CO for an Alumni Luncheon with alumni from Ft. Collins and the surrounding cities. It was a wonderful gathering enjoyed by all.

Joel Funk ’86, and Timms Fowler ’86 are welcomed to the luncheon by A. Lenore Martinez ’84, who traveled from Denver as a representative of the Alumni Council.

Judges Arnaud Newton, Jr. ’64 and Joseph Coyne ’71 chat before lunch.

Bill Guna ’73 talks with former classmate Ned Giles ’73, who traveled from Denver as a representative of the Alumni Council.

Kathryna Losowski ’84 and A. Lenore Martinez ’84 with Losowski’s three-week old baby girl, Anne Kathryn. She was a wonderful addition to our gathering.

Alden V. Hill ’63 shares memories of his student days at the law school.
Susan Nash Harris Dixon '84 was named after her paternal grandmother, Susani Nash Harris, a Cherokee Indian. They never actually named her Susani, as it didn't seem appropriate at the time in Augusta, Georgia, but she always wished they had. After hearing Dixon's story, Susan seems quite appropriate. At the age of three, Dixon's parents were divorced and she and her brother were taken to Washington, D.C. by their father where they lived with one of their aunts. Her father had ten sisters and two brothers and between the ages of three to fifteen, Dixon and her brother lived with each of their aunts and uncles at least once. That meant moving between Washington, D.C., Cleveland, Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Amityville, NY.

When I asked Dixon about mentors in her life, she mentioned "Daddy Brewster," an uncle by marriage who was Mohawk and lived in Amityville, NY. He taught her how to live her life in balance with nature. It was important to him that people avoid hatred because hatred ended up wounding the person who was doing the hating. He helped Dixon learn to go inside herself at difficult times and emerge with a new strength that enabled her to deal with situations rationally. She relates the tale of how Daddy Brewster had a huge vegetable garden which was bordered on one side by a lovely rose garden. Early many mornings Daddy Brewster would wake her up and the two would tip-toe outside and sit in the middle of the garden. While smoking his pipe, Daddy Brewster would very quietly point things out in nature to her. Sometimes they would just sit there and enjoy the morning. When Dixon was seven, she complained to Daddy Brewster that kids in her school were calling her names - names like "nigger." Daddy Brewster took a puff on his pipe and quietly asked her if she remembered the roses from the garden last summer. Dixon was a bit annoyed that he wasn't paying attention to her complaints, but answered, "Yes, I remember the roses." Daddy Brewster asked her what she liked about them. She replied that she liked their smell. "And what else did you like about the roses?" asked Daddy Brewster. Dixon said she liked the many colors of the roses. With that reply, Daddy Brewster told her that the world is filled with many colors and all people are not able to see the beauty in all the colors. "Some people are blind to the beauty of colors. They don't mean to be blind, they just are. Susan, you can see." It was Daddy Brewster's wish
that she share her vision by teaching others to see the beauty in all the colors in life. Years later Dixon looks back on the wisdom of Daddy Brewster and the profound effect he had on her life.

At fourteen she left Daddy Brewster’s home to attend a convent boarding school for Negro and Indian girls in Powhatan, Virginia. Dixon spent her last three years of high school there and she loved the quiet nurturing atmosphere the nuns provided. All the girls were required to take Latin and they offered French and Spanish as well. She was so excited to have the opportunity to study languages that she took them all.

Dixon was so taken with the quiet but strong demeanor of the nuns that she thought she had a vocation to become a nun. During her junior year in high school she made an appointment to visit the Mother Superior and explained that she wished to become a nun. The wise Mother Superior told her that she should concentrate on finishing school and they could talk about this later. The following year, just before she graduated, the Mother Superior called her into her office and said that she had been thinking about her interest in becoming a nun. She said many nice things about Dixon but then said, “...but Susan you like the boys. We will help you get into college. Go to college and we will see what happens later.”

Dixon attended Howard University on a scholarship and met her former husband, Jim, the first year there. She chose marrying Jim over becoming a nun, but has always been grateful to the kind nuns who provided so much encouragement to her when she so needed it. Jim was an officer in the Air Force which meant they moved around with their two children quite often. Susan continued to take classes everywhere they were stationed and finally earned her bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 1976. The Air Force Academy sent Jim to the University of Arizona to get his Ph.D. in philosophy and the family accompanied him. She earned her master’s in scientific linguistics at the University of Arizona too. They moved back to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs with their two teenage children. Dixon enrolled at DU Law School and drove two hours round-trip each day to school. That same year her in-laws moved in with the family and they discovered that her father-in-law had Alzheimer’s. Also that year, her father became terminally ill, and she brought him to Colorado Springs where he spent the last two years of his life in a nursing home. She faithfully visited her father each day after driving back from law school and then returned home to her own family and her in-laws. It was a stressful period in her life, and again school was a comforting quiet refuge for her.

“School is a place where the world is larger than the situation. As you stretch your mind, you discover that there is a place for all things. It helps you put in perspective the problems at hand,” muses Dixon.

Dixon was a summer clerk for Holland & Hart and was hired as an associate following graduation. She practiced in the field of natural resources. Today she is the director of attorney recruitment & development at Holland & Hart in Denver. She helps new lawyers get integrated into the firm, supervises their annual evaluation and informally counsels many Holland & Hart lawyers. She helps the firm in its efforts to achieve and retain diversity. Dixon has been consulted by major corporations and other large law firms who are also interested in creating an environment where diversity flourishes. She smiles as we conclude our interview and says she thinks Daddy Brewster would be proud of her.
1950
Dominc A. DeRose writes that he has retired.

Alex Stephen Keller was the honorary chairman of the Winterfest Ball in Denver. The benefit supports the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center with proceeds going to support research in lung diseases. Keller was the 13th person in CO to undergo lung-reduction surgery. Today he is practicing law with Keller Wahlberg & Morrato in Denver and feeling quite well.

Hon. William C. Murray, Jr. has served as a Denver County Court judge and Denver County Court magistrate.

1951
Hon. William D. Ford is now associated with the firm of Patton Boggs in Washington, D.C. Dick Schmidt '41 writes to say that he recently attended the ceremony for the presentation of a portrait of William D. Ford which is now hanging in the Hearing Room of the House Committee on Education and Labor. Bill chaired this committee until he retired from Congress in 1995. The national direct student lending program is named in Ford’s honor, the William D. Ford Direct Lending Program. Schmidt teases Ford that he is starting to break the record for the number of portraits in the U.S. Capitol. He also has a portrait in the Hearing Room of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service which she chaired prior to becoming chair of Education and Labor.

Ben Klein won another term as chairman of the Regional Transportation District in Denver. The board, considered one of the most politically powerful in the state, controls the metro area’s mass transit system and a $300 million budget.

1954
Geraldine R. Keyes retired from the practice of law in December.

1956
Bernard H. Thorn '55 BSL, '56 LLB retired two years ago and is now busy traveling - most recently to Africa and volunteering as a docent at the Denver Zoo.

James C. Owen, Jr. attended a very select car show, the Concours Villa d’este, in Lake Como, Italy recently. Owners of the forty best cars ever built between 1930 and 1940 were invited to compete. Owen’s car, a Phantom III Rolls Royce, built in 1939 won first place in the Big Car category.

1957
Hon. Jon D. Boltz has been appointed chief judge of the Federal Office of Hearings & Appeals in San Juan, Puerto Rico hearing cases in San Juan and the Virgin Islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix. He writes that all of his judicial career has been as a federal administrative law judge. Previously, he practiced in Albuquerque.

Robert H. Davenport recently retired after two decades as regional administrator of the Securities and Exchange Commission office in Denver. He is noted as one who led the clean-up of Denver’s penny-stock industry in the 1980s. Davenport rose from staff SEC attorney in 1958 to administering the Denver regional office in 1974. He was honored in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan and given oversight of four additional states in 1993.

1958
Bruce T. Buell sent us a clever card announcing his retirement from Holland & Hart after 37 happy years in a great firm: “Having tired of retirement, Bruce launched the Buell Law Firm” in Colorado Springs. He continues to emphasize estate planning and probate, banking and business transactions.

Hon. Richard L. Ott has served in the second judicial district of CO as a district judge.

1960
William S. Wilkinson has retired after serving thirty years as general counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies in Lansing, MI.

1966
Gary M. Polumbus, formerly the head of Holland & Hart’s intellectual property practice, has moved to Dorsey & Whitney as a partner in their Denver office.

1969
Paula M. Lallier is associated with the firm of Rush & Rush in Salida, CO.

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1970
Hon. O. Edward Schlatter is a U.S. magistrate judge in CO.

1971
Donald E. Lincoln of Salinas, CA was appointed general counsel & intellectual property counsel at the naval postgraduate school in Monterey, CA. The school has 350 Ph.D. professors, 2,000 students from the navy, air force, army, marines and the coast guard, and 20 foreign students.

1972
William E. Hart from Amherst, MA writes that the name of his law firm is now Brown Hart Reed & Kaplan. (We don’t get much news from MA; we’d love to hear more!)

Jim Nicholson, a vice chairman of the Republican National Committee, heads a special panel that will make recommendations to the GOP national convention in August on how to change the primary election system. The task force will analyze the effects of the compressed presidential primary and caucus schedule.

1973
Hon. Jeffrey L. Beattie is serving as an associate justice on the Supreme Court of Palau.

William Dorsey writes that after 20 years of lawyering as a Navy JAG officer, in private practice, and as an attorney for the federal government, he’s decided to “pack it in.” He is currently working as a program analyst for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He’s been back to school twice. He earned an LLM in criminal law in 1983 and is currently about halfway through a Ph.D. program at George Mason University in Virginia in Computational Mathematics.

Craig Eley, president-elect of the Denver Bar Association, co-chaired the DBA’s eighth annual Barristers Benefit Ball with Marian L. Carlson ’88.

1974
Katherine Vessen of Bloomington, MN was named to serve on the 1996 Board of Ethics and Professional Review for the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards. Vessen of president of Vestment Consulting, has been in the financial planning industry since 1989. She has published numerous books and articles on financial planning.

1975
George Ash was in the USAF from 1973-92 and is working for Dykema Gossett in Detroit, MI.

1976
William G. Meyer is currently serving as a Denver district judge and is the former and first presiding judge of the Denver Drug Court. In April he came to the law school and spoke to students about his courtroom. Meyer is a leader in numerous organizations including chair of the Drug Court Advisory Committee, president of the Rhone-Brackett American Inns of Court, a director of the American Probation and Parole Association, and elected to the Board of Governors for the Colorado Bar Association. Last year, he received the Harry Tinsley Award from the Colorado Correctional Association, the Annual Judicial Award from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Addiction and Research Treatment Services, and the Special Award of Merit from the Mile High Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Richard W. Moore, Jr. is a tax director with the Avery Dennison Group. He and wife Jennifer live in Passadena, CA.

Lawrence Rafal is the dean of Creighton Law School in Omaha, NB. He and his wife Dinah have three daughters and they spend their summers traveling to baseball parks across the USA.

William J. Russell works for KPMG Peat Marwick in Washington, D.C.

Richard Segerblom is in private practice in Las Vegas, NV.

1977
Robert C. Aronoff is in private practice with Aronoff & Soukup in Los Angeles. He was a delegate to the U.S. /China joint session on trade and economic law, is a commissioner for the parks and recreation district for the city of Hermosa Beach, CA and is a judge pro tem in L.A. municipal court.

Michael A. Casaus is a deputy district attorney and in the CDR Sage U.S. Naval Reserve. He and his wife Narda live in Lemoore, CA.
Anthony J. Cicerelli is special counsel with Hughes, Clikeman and Associates in Denver. He is head of their personal injury department and works in the areas of personal injury, divorce matters, and occasionally criminal felonies.

Paul Conaway is a U.S. administrative law judge in San Francisco.

Paul K. Driessen of Annandale, VA is self-employed with PKD Associates. He has traveled extensively in the Middle East. Driessen enjoys scuba diving and writing for diving magazines and is a producer of videos on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, marine life and Ellis Island.

Susan R. Fox continues to practice in commercial real estate law in the Denver area and she serves on the Denver Metro Commercial Association of Realtors Education Committee and teaches DMCR’s commercial lease seminar. She was also appointed to the Colorado Real Estate Commission on Forms.

Ellen Geis and Stephen Temko came to the Denver 1975-76 reunion from La Jolla, CA. Geis has been involved with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Appellate Defenders, Inc., and in private practice doing court appointed criminal appeals cases. Temko is self-employed and specializes in appeals and family law.

Hon. Peggy T. Gehl is a judge in Broward County, FL and lives in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Arthur P. Herman works for Discovery Communications and lives in San Francisco with his wife Susan.

Valerie Holvick works for the Bay Area Industrial Corporation in Palo Alto, CA.

Gail Laxalt Johnson was co-chair of the 1975-76 class reunion and worked hard to get many of her classmates to the event. She and her husband Roger Johnson ’53 live in Englewood, CO.

Jim Masingill has completed over twenty years service as a judge advocate in the U.S. Navy serving in California, Virginia, Hawaii, and Rhode Island. Currently he is head of the civil law division. He and his wife Margaret Ann live in San Diego, CA.

Mary Ann Maul works for the West Virginia Attorney General’s Office. She has traveled all over the country on assignments to clean up hazardous waste sites. “If we win in court or settle, I take a victory lap.”

R. Brent Olson works for Merck & Company in West Point, PA. He and his wife Dianne have seven children.

Donald Glenn Peterson is a second generation Swede, a practicing attorney and vice-consul for Sweden for Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. He was knighted by the King of Sweden in 1994 and is the recipient of the Royal Order of the Polar Star medal. Peterson has a general civil trial and appellate practice.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Schneider is a supervising attorney for the Monroe County Legal Assistance Corp. in Rochester, NY. She has traveled extensively through Mexico and Central America and lives in Rochester with her husband Michael.

Hon. Susan Erte Teppola is president of the Laurel Ridge Winery and an administrative law judge. Her family opened the winery in Carlton, OR in 1986. Her husband David is the CEO and she does the “legal stuff.”

Andrew Turi came to the 1975-76 class reunion from New York City. He is the owner of the Charles Turi Jewelry Company.

Alvin Wiederspahn practices law with Wiederspahn, Lumnis & Liepas in Cheyenne, WY. He served in the Wyoming legislature for ten years, both in the House and the Senate.

A. Stephen Zaveii works for Chevron Corporation in San Francisco. He enjoys skiing, backpacking and in-line skating and traveling with an active four-year old son.

Doris R. MacKenzie Ehrens became associated with the firm of Murphy Hesse Toomey and Lehanne in Quincy, MA. MacKenzie Ehrens is a principal civil litigator for the firm emphasizing the areas of commercial, employee benefits and personal injuries. She is an active participant in outreach and community service programs to Quincy’s Asian community and recently assisted in incorporating the Asian American Services Association.

Colonel Brenda J. Hollis serves as a war crimes prosecutor in the Hague. Before her current assignment, she served as the chief legal officer at the Rhein-Main Air Force base in Frankfurt, Germany. Preceding that she was a circuit prosecuting attorney and government counsel responsible for criminal appeals. Away from the courtroom, Hollis plays rugby and likes to hike and cycle in Germany and along the Dutch coast.

Gilbert D. Porter has joined the New York office of McDermott Will & Emery as the head of that office’s Finance and Structured Lending Group. In addition, Porter will co-chair McDermott’s national and international Project Finance Group. Porter is the former head of King & Spalding’s Project Finance Group and New York-based Banking and Finance Group. Prior to joining King & Spalding in 1992, Porter was a founding partner and the managing partner of Porter & Travers in New York.

Hon. Virginia L. Chavez is working in private alternative dispute resolution with Judicial Resolutions Colorado.


Walter D. Schwidetzky, a professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law and director of its Graduate Tax Program, co-authored the 1995-96 edition of the Limited Liability Company Handbook, published by Clark Boardman Callaghan. The handbook contains sample agreements from most states, and is designed to be of practical use to attorneys.

Nancy Severson is vice president and general counsel for the Lutheran Medical Center in Wheatridge, CO.
Rebecca W. Thomson has joined Gough, Shanahan, Johnson & Cramer in Helena, MT in their natural resources and environmental practice. Formerly Thomson was an attorney at Crowell & Moring, a Washington, D.C. firm which specializes in federal natural resources and environmental law. While at Crowell & Moring, she litigated a series of Endangered Species Act cases involving the grizzly bear and access in Montana and Idaho for the timber industry. Thomson advised the timber and mining industries on the impacts to resource development from laws governing Native American cultural resources.

1980
Lisa L. Helling is on a three year assignment as press and cultural attache at the U.S. Embassy in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Hon. Katherine Fordyce Peake from Fredericksburg, TX is serving as a municipal judge.

1981
Kathleen J. Gormley left Cyprus Amax Minerals Company as their general attorney and has joined Popham Haik Schnobrich & Kaufman as a shareholder. Gormley’s practice emphasizes mergers and acquisitions, securities, and general corporate law.

Hon. John Carbone Porfilio changed his name in January. He went from John Porfilio Moore to John Carbone Porfilio. He writes, “this was not part of an effort to avoid prosecution from my creditors, but the culmination of a long term desire to reunite myself with my deceased father and his family.”

James M. Towarnicky has started his own practice in tax and real estate in northern Virginia. He is married to Lisa Anne and they live in Fairfax, VA with their two children Rachel age 7 and Leah age 5.

1982
Laune C. Addis LLM is a shareholder in the firm of Katz Karacic Helmin & Addis in Chicago.

Kingsley R. Browne is an associate professor at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, MI. He teaches courses in employment discrimination, employee law and torts. Browne published an article in the 1995 Arizona Law Review entitled “Sex and Gender in Modern Society: A Darwinian View of the Glass Ceiling and the Gender Gap.”

John David Carver has decided to pursue a career change and has been accepted into the University of Colorado Medical School.

Nancy S. Resnick is a senior attorney with the office of the United States Trustee in Dallas. She is proud to announce the birth of her first child, Katie Ann Resnick.

Christine K. Tritts has left Fairfield and Woods after fourteen years and is now in partnership with her husband Leigh. They have formed Specialty Publications which produces a bi-weekly health care newspaper, the Rocky Mountain Health Care Observer.

1983
Caroline Grogger is the vice president/general counsel at Sultan Hays Brokerage Company in Denver.

Barbara M. Japha has been promoted at US West in Denver and is their current chief financial officer replacing James Hewlett. The Rocky Mountain News writes that she is becoming CFO at a crucial time in the company’s history. Colorado and federal lawmakers are moving to end its local phone monopoly in its 14-state service area.

Christina Middendorf is now working with Blackman & Levine in Denver.

Brian Renfro is a partner with Braden Frient, Stinar & Stageman in Colorado Springs.

1984
Thomas Blumenthal is happily pursuing a criminal defense practice in the Crawford Hill Mansion in Denver and is raising three young defenders of liberty.

Cynthia Barnes has joined the law firm of Kathleen Mullin, PC in the practice of civil rights, employment and nursing home litigation. Barnes most recently was working for the University of Illinois in the area of employment and civil rights. She is happy to report that her husband, David, has completed everything except his thesis defense for his Ph.D. in computer science.

Paul J. Zylstra has been named a partner with Rotherber Appel Powers & Johnson in their Denver office. Zylstra’s practice emphasizes commercial litigation.

1985
Cynthia Cyphers left the Colorado Public Defenders Office and has started her own practice in Grand Junction, CO with emphasis on juvenile and criminal law in Mesa, Delta and Montrose Counties.

Hon. Dana E. Murray is serving as a county court judge in Aurora, CO.

Mary Driscoll Peyser writes that she recently met Lee Corbin ’85 at a real estate closing in her Portsmouth, NH office. They were both equally astonished to learn that they were graduates of DU Law School. Peyser formed a title company, Signature Title Corporation, in late 1994 after focusing her law practice on real estate for several years. She and her husband David have three children, ages 7, 5, and 3.

Michael Powders BA’83, JD’86, MBA’87, MA’98 transferred to Buckinghamshire, England with his English wife Anne and one-year-old son Matthew, after having worked in Brussels since February 1991. As legal counsel for Europe, the Middle East & Africa for Denver based software developer J.D. Edwards & Company, Powders has had to keep a sense of humor while coping with 50 per cent per year company growth, reviewing company agreements in six languages involving numerous jurisdictions, and managing four lawyers and a paralegal of different nationalities spread across France, Italy, Germany and the UK.

Lt. David M. Wunder was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. His tour as the environmental attorney at the Eastern Area Counsel Office at Camp Lejeune, NC, has been extended through the summer of 1997.

1986
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Kevin Duffy is a prosecutor for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Gloucester, MA. Duffy enforces the nation’s marine mammal protection and commercial fisheries laws covering the Northeast Atlantic region.
1988
Sen. Tom Blickensderfer is running for re-election to the CO Senate District 26. Blickensderfer was elected to the CO House of Representatives in 1990 before being appointed to the State Senate in 1992. He currently serves as vice-chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and is a member of the state's powerful Joint Budget Committee.

Marian L. Carlson co-chaired the Denver Bar Association’s eighth annual Barristers Benefit Ball with Craig Eley ’73, president-elect of the DGA.

Jay Junchun Choi announces that he has relocated his office to 5690 DTC Boulevard, Suite 240 East, Englewood, CO. His firm continues to emphasize U.S./Korean representation, commercial law and personal injury litigation. Choi is a member of the College of Law Alumni Council.

Karen M. Smart is a litigation paralegal with Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin in Philadelphia. She is part of an accomplished team of attorneys and paralegals who move product liability and toxic tort cases quickly and efficiently.

1989
Gerald L. Jorgensen sent us a card announcing that his firm, Jorgensen Pepin & Smith has a new address in Longmont, CO. He can be reached at The Hamm House, 709 3rd Av., Longmont 80501.

Cindy Slevin sent us a letter updating us on her life. After graduating from law school, she went to work for Hall & Evans specializing in workers’ compensation defense. Four years later she and six other attorneys left Hall & Evans and formed the partnership of Ritsema & Lyon. They have grown from six attorneys to fourteen in two years. In 1994 she traveled to China and adopted a beautiful 7 month old orphan girl. She would love to hear from any of her classmates.

1990
Simon Krauss and his wife Cheryl Alongi have a new baby girl, Anna Elizabeth, who was born October 13, 1995.

G.C. Slawson, Jr., has been named a shareholder in the New Orleans office of Liskow & Lewis, a 72-member law firm with offices in New Orleans and Lafayette.

1991
Hon. Christopher W. Cuzzucoli from Hauppauge, NY serves as a district court judge on Long Islands’ 11th judicial circuit.

Judi Rogers recently relocated to Honolulu and would enjoy hearing from other DU law graduates on the island.

Major Richard W. Schieke, Jr. and his wife Wendy moved from Camp Pendleton, CA to Camp Lejeune, NC during the summer of 1995. Schieke is the senior trial counsel at Camp Lejeune.

Daniel H. Hernandez is a new attorney with Ray McChristian & Jeans in El Paso, TX.

1992
Cynthia McKay owns Le Gift Basket, a nationally franchised gift basket company. She came to the law school this spring and spoke to law students about alternative career paths using the formation of her company as an example.

Richard Ray is a sole practitioner in New York City specializing in entertainment law. Roy knew he wanted to go into entertainment law when he was in law school and his first job in New York after graduating involved working on the sound track of the motion picture Zebrahead. Since then he has worked hard to develop clients in the entertainment industry. In his spare time, Roy likes to write screenplays. He had been nurturing an idea for a play for a year and a half and on a recent trip to Denver, he was able to complete his first screenplay and started writing a second one. He did all this in a two-week time period. He foresees his future working on entertainment contracts and writing on the side. A high school and college classmate, Jeff Friedman ’92 was the impetus behind Roy deciding to attend DU Law School. Richard and Jeff stay in contact and both seem to think the other has the more interesting job. Friedman deals with major infractions for the NCAA and lives in Overland Park, KS.

1993
Bob Neuhard is the manager of contracts and strategic assets at First Data Corporation in Denver. Previously, Neuhard was a contract manager with Apollo.

Chris Payne has moved from Berenbaum Weinschenk & Eason to the First United Bank in Englewood, CO.

Kevin Severson is assistant district attorney in Manassas, VA. He is also in private practice with Bankston & Severson in Covington, VA.

Curtis Wong is an editor for Warren Gorham & Lamont, a professional publishing company in New York City. Wong concentrates on publications for human resource and legal professionals. He enjoys living in the city and welcomes calls at home 212/889-6681 from new comers to NYC or from any of his classmates.

1995
Philip Smith and his wife Sylvia had a baby boy, John-Rudolph Hatcher Smith born on February 12.
John Moran '55, master of ceremonies and reunion chair, and his wife Barbara enjoyed hearing the stories of former classmates.

Hon. Robert McWilliams '41, Dean Dennis Lynch, Walter Gerash '56, and Harry Akin '56 remember the days when Judge McWilliams taught some of their classes.

FORTIETH REUNION
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Richard Bryan '55, Paul Kaiser '55, from Waukegan, IL, Jim Owen LLB '56, and John Moran '55 helped make the evening especially nice.

Hon. Tony Vavourack '56 and John B. Smith '56 from Yuma, AZ, joined forty-two of their classmates and guests for dinner at the Brown Palace Club on May 3.

Bill Myrick, with his wife Char, was responsible for getting many of his classmates to attend the dinner.

Hon. Gasparr Perricone LLB '56 and his wife were married with children during Perricone's law school days.
Balancing a successful national legal career with a wife and family is always difficult. Jack R. Trigg '63 has been able to do both by developing a nationally recognized practice defending auto manufacturers in product liability cases, and becoming extremely active in national legal associations. His involvement in legal organizations, particularly the Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel (FICC) has been going on for twenty years. As a result, his wife, Wendy, and their three children, have made numerous close friendships with attorneys and their families from all across the nation.

Trigg grew up in Peoria, Illinois and came to Colorado in the late '50s to attend the University of Colorado. After college, he was not particularly excited about his job offers, so he decided to follow his father's advice which was to attend law school and learn about contracts. He discovered he not only benefited from studying contracts, but he liked law school. A part of his positive law school experience must be attributed to his wife. They were married after the first quarter of his first year at law school and lived in an apartment on 17th Avenue. They sometimes woke up to the roar of the lions from the nearby Denver Zoo. As he recalled the story, it became obvious those were nice memories to savor.

Among Trigg's early mentors shines Bob Yegge. He was an excellent teacher who made the law interesting to study. The summer after his first year at law school, Trigg clerked for Yegge, Hall and Evans and continued in this capacity for each summer thereafter until he was hired by the firm upon graduation. With dreams of becoming a business lawyer, Trigg formed a relationship with Don Evans, who became his primary teacher, mentor and friend. In 1969, Trigg was made partner.

Tragically in 1976, Don Evans and several members of the firm were killed in a plane crash. Trigg attended six funerals in a week, in one of the worst periods of his life. Following the accident, he was asked to take over Evans' litigation cases, one of which was the Sunshine Mine Disaster case. This singular case involving the death of 97 miners in Utah, consumed two and a half years of his life, and would become the most formative case of his career. Because Trigg had dedicated all his time and energy to this...
It is more efficient and human for lawyers to treat each other with respect...

case he found himself with few clients after the five and a half month trial. However, shortly thereafter, Ford Motor Company called and asked him to represent them on special cases. Starting in 1978, Trigg represented Ford Motor Company as their national counsel in numerous "Park to Reverse" cases. He has entered appearances in all but two jurisdictions of the United States and continues to practice on a national basis.

Doing national work required that Trigg travel a lot and he found he was out of town at least two weeks of every month. At this same time in his life, he became a member of the FICC, a 1300 member organization of national defense litigators, including about 200 insurance and corporate counsels. The organization promotes the professionalism of defense attorneys, legal education and exchange of information. Trigg became involved on committees and was eventually asked to be Program Chair for an annual meeting of the FICC.

Of course, Trigg, with the help of his wife, did such a fine job organizing the programs that they were next asked to be convention chairs.

Wendy Trigg describes this assignment as "throwing a house party for 700 people for six continuous days." The Triggs were so good at chairing these committees that today he is the current president of the FICC and will preside at their July convention held in London. It is obvious that this experience with the FICC has given them time to spend together in the face of Trigg's time-consuming career.

In addition to the FICC, Trigg serves on the board of the Defense Research Institute, a 19,000 member association of civil litigation defense lawyers. He also serves on the board of Lawyers for Civil Justice.

For Trigg, professionalism is one of the biggest problems facing the profession of law today. "There is a lack of respect for both people and the law. People will not allow the process to work. I feel the courts are allowing this to happen. The adversarial process works just fine if allowed to function." Trigg is a member of the Professionalism Committee of each of the boards he serves on and is becoming quite an expert on programs and ways "professionalism" among lawyers can be renewed. "It is much more efficient and humane for lawyers to treat each other with respect than for lawyers to be continually rude and aggressive, pushing every possible rule to their own advantage." Trigg points out that simple rules of behavior such as setting times for depositions that are agreeable with both sides, or treating clients well, can create a more amiable climate between two opposing sides. In many cases the aggressive behavior of attorneys can work against them. "It seems so simple...you just don't do things that are not appropriate." Trigg feels that as an older attorney, he has a responsibility to promote the professionalism he sees lacking, and law schools should become part of the process in turning out good attorneys. He is committed to spending volunteer time helping promote professionalism within the legal world.

Trigg became affiliated with the Denver firm of Parcel Mauro Hultin & Spaanstra when he was called by Malcom Wheeler, a then-partner with Skadden & Arps in their L.A. office, who proposed they go into practice together. Trigg was extremely flattered by the offer and after negotiating an arrangement with Parcel Mauro Hultin & Spaanstra, they became the 34th and 35th partners of the firm. Today there are 75 attorneys with the firm.

As we concluded our chat, Trigg stood up, all 6' 7", smiled and said that he has loved practicing law. He is looking forward to continuing his practice but hopes to travel less in the future. He will use the extra time to be with his wife, daughter, two sons and a daughter-in-law, who all live in Denver.
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Who Should Attend?
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Why Should I Attend?
Gary Stuart, a Phoenix trial lawyer with Jennings, Strouss and Salmon and author of The Ethical Trial Lawyer (Hardcover edition published by Arizona Bar Association, 522 pps) has created a seminar which gives a very entertaining and thoughtful look at the importance of ethics in trial lawyering. Stuart uses clips from some of the best lawyer movies made to illustrate his points.

Trial juries traditionally respect judges and suspect trial lawyers but few would disagree that eloquent and forceful trial lawyers play a pivotal role in persuading American juries to render verdicts that are occasionally startling. When conducted in an honorable way, litigation is accepted and applauded. When ethical standards are ignored by over-zealous advocates, the judicial system is gravely harmed.

When Gary Stuart presented this CLE program in California and Arizona last year, he had standing room only. Both the press and his audience gave him rave reviews!

How Do I Sign Up?
Stuart's "An Ethical Afternoon at the Movies" is offered free of charge to law firms or individuals who purchase tickets to the 1996 DU Law Stars dinner. The seminar will be held at the Westin Hotel on Tuesday, September 17, 1996.
This year's Alumni Council members attending the January 1996 meeting:

Back row: Johanna Kelly, Ann Polumbus, Bruce James '85, Kim Shinaberry, Frank Jamison '56, Ned Giles '73, Hon. Robert McWilliams '41, Peter Willis '68, Allan Hale '85, Michael Roch '96, student James Hunsaker, Mary Roberts-Bailey, Rita Zaslowsky, Karen Middleton.
