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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Professionalism is like mom and apple pie: Everyone is for it, but actually doing it – and doing it well – is not easy. Lawyers are regularly confronted with difficult ethical issues. Often no one other than the lawyer ever learns of the resolution of these difficult issues. Such is not the case, however, with Tom Rodgers (JD’86, LLM’88). In this issue you will learn about how Tom responded to a difficult situation, and how he courageously chose to follow his conscience even though that decision was likely to cost him much. In doing so, Tom exemplified the very highest ideals of professionalism as a lawyer.

Most of us are not ever going to be called on to speak truth to power in quite the way Tom has been. As lawyers, however, our students will continually be challenged to uphold the highest standards of our profession. At the first-year orientation this August, our students will begin to learn about some of the challenges facing lawyers as professionals. The Colorado Bar Association’s Professionalism Committee has generously agreed to present a video program to the incoming first-year students. The videos use actors to present situations raising difficult ethical questions. Students will have an opportunity to discuss how they would resolve these issues in a very interactive setting that is a much more effective learning tool than the usual exhortations to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct. Ethics and professionalism are not topics that can be imparted in the Legal Profession course alone; these subjects must be an integral

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part of legal education if we are to fulfill the public’s expectation that we are training ethical professionals. I am grateful to the CBA’s Professionalism Committee for its assistance in helping us to make a reality of our long-standing goal to incorporate professionalism throughout the curriculum.

This issue will give you a glimpse of the myriad activities that take place at the Sturm College of Law. I encourage you to read about the extraordinary work our students are undertaking thanks to the financial support of the Public Interest Law Group (PILG) auction. You will hear more about the PILG auction next spring. I encourage you to attend the auction. It is a fun evening. Where else will you see so many law professors (and deans) roasted at one time; enjoy food, drink, and our great students, and support a great cause?

José R. (Beto) Juárez, Jr.
Dean and Professor of Law
University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Jessup International Moot Court Team Delivers Excellence

Armed with flight suits, aviator sunglasses and 11 months of hard research, practice and preparation, the DU Law Jessup International Law Moot Court team delivered an impressive showing at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court competition.

The Jessup, administered by the International Law Students Association in collaboration with the American Society of International Law, is the world’s largest moot court competition. Attracting participants from more than 500 law schools in more than 80 countries, the competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial branch of the United Nations. Each Jessup team must represent both sides of the argument in both oral and written pleadings.

The 2008 Jessup topic focused on the tension between ensuring human rights while responding to acts of terrorism.

After placing second out of 22 teams at the regional level in late February 2008, DU Law secured a place to compete at the international competition, one of only 12 teams out of 140 hopefuls from the United States to advance. At the regional level, three of the top 10 oralists were DU students: Krishna Parsad, who ranked second; Matthew Dardenne, ranking seventh; and Nicole Salamander, ranking 10th.

In April 2008 at the Shearman & Sterling International Rounds in Washington, D.C., DU continued to excel, placing 45th overall out of 97 competing teams in addition to placing three oralists in the top 100: Salamander at 28th, Dardenne at 51st and Parsad at 84th. DU competed against teams from Brazil, Finland and the United States.

These outstanding results are reflective of an extremely hard-working team, coached by John Powell (JD’88) and led by team captain Salamander (JD’08). Other team members in addition to Dardenne and Parsad were Matthew Cooper and Dana Bilkiss. The team began preparing for the competition back in May 2007 and continued practicing six hours every week as a team in addition to
12 hours of outside work every week since the beginning of August classes. Weekly guest judges also helped the team to steadily improve.

In addition to the rigors of the International Rounds competition, Jessup organizes a social calendar for participants, which forges relationships within the international community. The Go National Dress Ball encourages students to wear traditional dress of their country. This year, the DU team jokingly opted for flight suits and aviator sunglasses. The names on their flight suits were those of the characters in their compromis.

“The amazing connections you make at this competition are so symbolic of what the International Jessup is all about,” says Salamander. “It is the best week of my law school experience every year.” – Jenny Savage

Student Volunteers Provide Legal Aid to Hurricane Katrina Victims

Since December 2005, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law has been one of 57 law schools dedicated to sending its students to New Orleans to do pro bono legal work for the struggling city. The DU Hurricane Katrina chapter is the local branch of the Student Hurricane Network. A group of Tulane Law students developed the Student Hurricane Network, a national association dedicated to providing assistance to communities affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

The DU Hurricane Katrina Chapter would like to thank the following firms and individuals for their sponsorship of this year’s trip to New Orleans: Berenbaum, Weinshienk, & Eason, PC; Laurie Crawford; Steven Greene; Reilly, Pozner, & Connelly, LLP. – JS

Houses sit abandoned all over New Orleans four years after Hurricane Katrina hit U.S. shores.
ILSA Conference, McDougal Lecture and Sutton Colloquium Highlight DU Law

The DU International Law community has been notably visible within the greater International Law community lately.

In October 2007, DU Law proudly hosted the International Law Students Association (ILSA) fall conference, attracting a host of distinguished speakers, panelists and law students from across the country. ILSA chose DU as host largely due to the efforts of Krishma Parsad and Dana Bilkiss, who organized a convincing bid to ILSA conference coordinators.

The conference, titled “A Global Initiative – The Progress of International Environmental Law,” featured panel topics such as environmental impacts on human rights and indigenous people; international environmental enforcement and compliance; environmental law and international trade; air and water; and urban planning, growth management and sustainable development from an international perspective. Panelists included distinguished DU Law faculty members in addition to government officials, practitioners and nongovernmental organization representatives. Climate change, sustainable development and green communities generated the most talk during the conference.

In April 2008, the Myres S. McDougal Distinguished Lecture Series featured Professor Richard Falk, Albert G. Milbank Professor Emeritus of International Law at Princeton University, Visiting Distinguished Professor in Global and International Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Leo Block Visiting Professor at the University of Denver. Falk presented a lecture entitled “Lawyers vs. Law After 9/11.” Falk, who authored The Great Terror War (Olive Branch Press, 2003), spoke at the 2008 International Law Banquet.

Additionally, the Sutton Colloquium, a series of lunchtime lectures followed by small network gatherings among students, alumni and featured guests, drew distinguished speakers to DU Law during the Spring 2008 semester, including Edward Kwakwa on the role of the legal adviser in an international organization and current developments in intellectual property; Ted Banks on the challenge of multinational compliance for global corporations; Danny Warner on globalization and identity; and David Stewart on treaty implementation and recent developments in the field of private international law. – JS
Schott Teaches Teenagers to Fight Smart

Adjunct law Professor David Schott is teaching teenagers how to argue with intention. And far from the subject matter of curfew or relationships, these teenagers are learning to fight for social justice and for their futures.

Launched by Schott in 2004, The Providence Foundation of Law and Leadership is part of a longtime dream he initiated over a decade earlier while working as an assistant state attorney in Chicago. The foundation seeks to expose high school students to the legal profession in an environment that is both educational and entertaining, using mock trial as a vehicle for teaching critical thinking, logic and teamwork.

The foundation is a multifaceted program involving an intimate, 10-day law and leadership summer academy held at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Participants research and argue historic cases, and engage in leadership growth opportunities such as a ropes course excursion. Scholarships are awarded at The Providence Cup, an annual, three-day high school mock trial competition. The foundation also launched a six-credit mentorship course at DU Law in which law students mentor Denver-area public school students. Schott himself volunteers to coach mock trial teams at various Denver-area high schools, including Bear Creek and Regis Jesuit, where he logs nearly 600 hours a year in three-a-week practices for seven months.

The expansion and popularity of the foundation are largely due to Schott’s ceaseless energy and passion for education and for creating access and opportunities for those individuals who might not otherwise be exposed. In February 2008, Schott was recognized as a KMGH Channel 7 “7Everyday Hero” award by 7NEWS anchor Mitch Jelniker. Schott was nominated for this award by Bear Creek High School. He has also received the 2007 Charles Dillon Award for Public Service from the Arapahoe County Bar.

“David is extremely humble, honorable and hard-working,” says JoLyn Oliver, executive director of the foundation. “He finds great pleasure in the success of his students, who are his greatest testimonial.”

In addition to his work with the foundation, Schott teaches basic trial and advanced trial practice at DU Law, coaches the American Bar Association national trial team and practices law with a Denver-area firm.

To get involved with the foundation, contact Oliver at joliver@provlaw.org. – JS
Spanish Immersion Program to Debut

No matter how beautifully detailed a writer’s account of the Mayan ruins may be or how tirelessly a Spanish instructor explains the role of the subjunctive tense, it cannot match the richness of firsthand experience. The newly minted University of Denver Immersion program will offer participants a unique opportunity to learn and practice the Spanish language in a natural environment, while exploring the legal culture in the vibrant city of Mérida, Mexico, located in the Yucatan Peninsula.

The DU Spanish Immersion curriculum will be offered in various weeklong sessions and carry Continuing Legal Education credit opportunities. Participants can expect an adventurous agenda that will include visits to Mérida State Parliament and local law firms as well as cultural opportunities such as a trip to the port city of Progreso; a service learning project; and a trip along the Puuc Route, highlighting the many Mayan ruins and culminating in a light and sound show at the Mayan ruin city of Uxmal. Spanish language acquisition sessions will be taught by University College faculty and put into practice with the local Mexican population.

“The traditional classroom is limiting by nature because you are not able to physically experience the things that you are learning about,” says Giselle Diaz, Continuing Legal Education consultant at DU Law. “With this program opportunity, attorneys are introduced to the Spanish language among their peers in a fun and challenging environment and walk away with a valuable skill in their professional toolbox.”

All 2008 sessions will be held in December and are limited to 12 participants. For more information about the Immersion program, including program cost and registration, visit www.law.du.edu/immersion or contact immersion@law.du.edu. – JS

10th Annual Senior Law Day Well-Received

On May 31, nearly 600 eager participants gathered at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law for the 10th annual Senior Law Day. Designed specifically for seniors in the Colorado community, Senior Law Day provides attendees with information about a wide variety of topics and issues relevant to the growing senior citizen population.

Rotating seminars throughout the day spanned topics such as estate planning, consumer fraud, living wills, Medicare veterans’ benefits, and the issues surrounding assisted living and nursing home options. Additionally, participants were able to seek attorneys’ expertise; and take home a free copy of the 2008 edition of the Senior Law Handbook, a 400-page resource published by the Colorado Bar Association.

Individuals who missed Senior Law Day but are interested in obtaining program information may obtain free handbooks through KUSA-TV Channel 9 by requesting a book from SeniorSource at http://www.9news.com/advertorial/seniorsource/default.asp.

Senior Law Day was co-sponsored by the Sturm College of Law, the Elder Law Section and the Trust & Estate Section of the Colorado Bar Association, and the Colorado Bar Association. – JS
DU Law Ranked in U.S. News & World Report’s Top 100

For the seventh straight year, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law has been ranked among the top 100 law schools in the country by U.S. News & World Report, with four specialized programs of study listed among the nation’s best.

The publication’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2009” lists the Sturm College of Law among the nation’s top-tier schools, tied at No. 88 with Catholic University of America, DePaul University, Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge, St. John’s University and the University of Nevada – Las Vegas.

Additionally, four of the Sturm College of Law programs are ranked among the best in the country, including two listed in the top 20. The Environmental Law program is up three positions at No. 13 in the country; the Tax Law program is up two places to No. 19.

And two programs that were unranked last year are now listed among the best. The International Law program is ranked No. 23 and the Clinical Training program is ranked No. 36.

Dean José R. (Beto) Juárez, Jr. says he expects the university to improve on its strong showing in coming years. The school has reduced the number of students admitted in incoming classes, becoming more selective while improving the student/faculty ratio.

“I am delighted that the excellence of so many of our programs has been recognized by legal academics who were surveyed to identify the best programs in the country,” Juárez says. “Few law schools have as many nationally recognized programs.”

Nearly 96 percent of Sturm College of Law graduates were employed within nine months of graduating, according to the study.

U.S. News & World Report ranks law and other graduate programs each year, incorporating both expert opinion and statistical data collected in surveys of more than 1,200 programs and some 14,000 academics and professionals. – JS

DU Law Faculty Present Community Lectures

The DU Law Faculty Speakers Series features distinguished DU Law faculty who delivered lectures throughout the summer months on a variety of topics. Each lecture also carried Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit opportunities.

Professor David Akerson
CLE credit: 1 General

“Irving Younger’s 10 Commandments of Cross-Examination: 35 Years Later”
Professor Robert Hardaway
CLE credit: 2 General

“Issues in Drafting and Litigating Online Contracts”
Professor Viva Moffat
CLE credit: 1 General

“Mentoring Law Students and Associates: Developing Better Lawyers and Increasing the Bottom Line”
Professor Ann Vessels
CLE credit: 1 General

For information about future CLE opportunities through the Sturm College of Law, visit http://law.du.edu/cle.php/cle or contact Max Eckstein at 303-871-6525 or max.eckstein@du.edu.
Dean’s Diversity Council Calls for Culture of Inclusion in the Legal Profession

Top leadership around Colorado is teaming up to develop and implement innovative measures aimed at diversifying the legal profession. Recent U.S. Census data placed the legal profession at the bottom of the list of professions in terms of diversity, with minorities comprising only 9.7 percent of all lawyers across the country. In Colorado, the percentage of diverse attorneys is even lower, coming in at 6.9 percent.

Well aware of these shortcomings, University of Denver Law Dean Beto Juárez and University of Colorado Law Dean David Getches gathered a group of leaders representing all sectors of the legal profession, including education, private practice, bar associations, the public sector, corporate departments and the judiciary, to form the Deans’ Diversity Council in 2006. Their ambitious agenda included long-term volunteer commitments to research and strategize effective recruitment and retention of diverse attorneys; a major 2007 survey of Colorado’s legal community, which was sent to more than 5,000 Denver-area attorneys; and the development of the Rocky Mountain Legal Diversity Summit, which was held in Denver in September 2007.

Well-intentioned traditional diversity initiatives have sought to improve diversity in the legal profession but have fallen short, seemingly because of their failure to address a larger, more deeply embedded culture of exclusion. The vision statement of the Deans’ Diversity Council encourages Denver metro law firms and corporate legal departments to create cultures of inclusion by the year 2016 where “attorneys of all backgrounds succeed without regard to gender, race, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.” This mind-set encourages firms to move beyond addressing demographic numbers and instead, implement best practices at their workplaces that will benefit all employees, including those with diverse backgrounds.

From this vision, the Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence (CCIE) was developed to support efforts and provide resources directed toward building inclusive cultures within legal organizations. At the 2008 Rocky Mountain Legal Diversity Summit, held in March and hosted by DU Law, a working draft of CCIE’s six-step process to transforming cultures was introduced. Since that conference, a handful of legal organizations have committed to pilot the program, which calls for a re-examination of current business procedures, including policies, physical environment, professional development, budgeting, and diversity programs involving recruiting and marketing.

For more information about CCIE, visit www.colegaldiversity.org. – JS

Correction

In the Winter 2008 issue, page 6 (ABA Student Tax Challenge) Hailley Joyner’s last name was spelled incorrectly. The magazine regrets this error.
DU Law Hosts CLEO Summer Institute

When DU Law was selected to host the national Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Summer Institute this year, in many ways, the program was returning home. CLEO, now a renowned and multifaceted program that reaches out to law student hopefuls from diverse backgrounds, originally stemmed from the Ford Foundation grant started by Dean Emeritus Robert Yegge many years ago. The American Bar Association (ABA) eventually took over the program and in 1968 founded CLEO as a nonprofit project of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education.

The CLEO Summer Institute, a six-week pre-law program held at rotating law school campuses across the country, is the core of CLEO’s programming. Graduating college seniors and recent graduates from diverse backgrounds either interested in or slated to attend law school participate in a mini-semester of legal courses taught by experienced instructors. Students also attend guest speaker presentations and participate in networking events with local firms as well as state and federal courts during their six-week stay. At the end of the institute, students are graded, given a final exam and evaluated.

The institute is designed to prepare participants to be more competitive law students by introducing them to rigorous legal curriculum while acclimating them to the law school environment. Nearly all CLEO graduates eventually matriculate into law schools across the country and go on to enjoy successful legal careers.

“We were honored to host the prestigious CLEO Summer Institute at DU Law,” says Forrest Stanford, associate dean of Administration at DU Law. “It further solidifies the law school’s commitment to diversity.” – JS
Fundraising Improvements

An Invitation to All Alumni
From Executive Director of Development Eric Lundstedt

Dear Sturm College of Law Alumni Everywhere:

I write this, my inaugural letter to you, three months after having arrived in Denver to a very warm and gracious reception. My family and I have been delighted by the generous and friendly manner in which we have been welcomed into the University of Denver family. Although transitions are always challenging at best, I am confident that we are past the most difficult passages and will now be able to explore and enjoy our new home.

As you may imagine, it has been quite a busy and hectic few months in the Office of Alumni and Development. However, I do believe we have started to get a clearer picture of some of the challenges and the many opportunities we may encounter as we move forward. The Dean, the faculty, the administrative staff and the students have been most helpful in providing some initial feedback. I have also had the good fortune to meet with a small, but growing number of our remarkable alumni body. Each meeting helps to inform and clarify a bit more of the path that lies before us.

The challenges we face as an institution are significant, but we are not unique in facing them nor are the solutions beyond our ability to address. For example, it is clear to me, based on my initial conversations, that we have not done an effective job of communicating to alumni and the public at large our considerable strengths and achievements. Not surprisingly, and in many ways as a result of this failing, we also have not engaged significant populations of our alumni in meaningful ways – as volunteers, advocates or financial supporters. Additionally, the school faces ever-increasing competition, not only as an institution of legal education, but also as a beneficiary of philanthropic support. Our peer law schools aggressively recruit faculty and students, and many other worthy philanthropic organizations seek out our potential volunteers and donors. Given this landscape, we have much work to do as an organization to win the hearts, minds ... and dollars of our alumni and friends.

To aid us in this process, we have some compelling assets. Without question, we have the most advanced, beautiful and environmentally friendly law school building in the country. Having worked at and visited many other schools, I can attest that this is no small matter and one upon which we can confidently build for the future. We also enjoy a strong and engaged faculty, dedicated to students and nationally recognized
Fundraising Improvements for scholarship. Similarly, our programs in international and environmental law are but two of the nationally ranked academic programs that will serve to help attract the best and brightest. And we have managed the difficult but compelling need, unlike many schools, to attract both academically strong and diverse students – fulfilling the university vision of a “great private law school dedicated to the public good.”

In the coming year, our office will be rolling out revised and alumni-oriented programming in an effort to engage larger numbers of our alumni. The programming will focus on the unique assets that make DU Law special, and will build awareness in addition to providing opportunities for all of you to get more involved. We will also be bringing Dean Beto Juárez on the road to meet with as many of you as possible, both in group and individual settings. Our hope is that when you take our call, you will share your perspective of what DU Law has meant to you – and what we can do to make it even better going forward.

I look forward to your feedback.

Warmest regards,

Eric Lundstedt
Executive Director of Development
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

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Simple ways to include the university in your estate plans:
- Beneficiary designation for qualified retirement plans
- Beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy
- Beneficiary Paid On Death designation on bank accounts
- Including the University of Denver in your will
Fundraising Improvements

Fairfield Gift Supports Scholarships

Last November, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law lost one of its cherished benefactors. Marcia Stalmann Fairfield passed away Nov. 25, 2007. She was 89 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, William G. Fairfield, who passed away Sept. 25, 1976. They have no surviving family members.

Prior to his death, William set up a trust naming the University of Denver College of Law, University Park Methodist Church, Shriner’s Hospital for Crippled Children and The Denver Symphony Orchestra, among others. The Fairfields were both DU alumni and active members of their community. William graduated in 1938 with a B.A. in liberal arts; Marcia graduated in 1942 with a B.A. in education. As a student at DU, William belonged to Kappa Kappa Psi, a national honorary fraternity for college band members. He was also a member of Delta Lambda Sigma and Beta Theta Pi, a social fraternity today nationally recognized for its size and philanthropy. While a student, Marcia was a member of the Phi Sigma Iota honor society for outstanding students of foreign languages.

William was the son of Golding and Ula Fairfield. Golding earned his LLB cum laude from the DU College of Law in 1911 and was admitted to the Colorado bar that year. From 1929 until 1945, Golding was a professor of law in real property at the College of Law. During that time, he was a founding partner of the law firm of Fairfield and Woods. Established in 1934, Fairfield and Woods is one of the oldest law firms in Denver. When Golding passed away in 1972, William established the trust as a memorial to his father.

After relocating to the San Francisco Bay Area, the Fairfields continued to be active in their community. Marcia volunteered for the Arboretum at Golden Gate Park and was a supporter of the San Francisco Symphony.

The generous gift from the Fairfields’ trust has been used to establish the William G. Fairfield Quasi-Endowed Dean’s Discretionary Fund. This fund will be used to support students of the Sturm College of Law, including scholarship awards. These scholarships will be given based upon academic merit and demonstrated financial need. Students who are awarded a scholarship from the fund will be designated as Fairfield Scholars.
Law Firm Campaign Top 10

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law would like to thank the law firms and loyal alumni who supported the 2007-2008 Law Firm Alumni Challenge fundraising campaign. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, members of the top 50 Denver law firms raised $118,628 to support scholarships and other academic programs. Of these firms, 29 firms participated, with 153 alumni supporting DU Law in the form of a financial gift.

We would like to recognize the following “Top 10” firms for their extraordinary effort, in terms of total dollars raised by alumni and based upon giving percentage (the number of DU Law alumni employed at the firm who contributed).

For more information about the Law Firm Alumni Challenge or if your firm would like to get involved, contact Dave Ruderman, director of Annual & Special Giving, at 303-871-6849 or druderman@law.du.edu.

2007-2008 Participating Law Firms:

Baker & Hostetler LLP; Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; Bennington Johnson Biermann & Craigmile, LLC; Berenbaum, Weinshienk & Eason, P.C.; Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP; Burns, Figa & Will, P.C.; Faegre & Benson LLP; Fairfield and Woods, P.C.; Fisher, Sweetbaum, Levin & Sands, P.C.; Grimshaw & Harring, P.C.; Hall & Evans, LLC; Harris, Karstaedt, Jamison & Powers, P.C.; Jacobs, Chase, Frick, Kleinkopf & Kelley, LLC; Kennedy Childs & Fogg P.C.; Lindquist & Vennum PLLP; Montgomery Little Soran & Murray, P.C.; Patton Boggs LLP; Wheeler Trigg Kennedy LLP; and White & Steele, P.C.

Top 10 Law Firms by Dollars Raised by DU Alumni

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In One Of The Largest Scandals Washington Had Ever Seen

Lisa Marshall | Special Report

**Editor’s Note:** In January, 2006, Washington D.C. lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleaded guilty to fraud, tax evasion, and conspiracy to bribe public officials, and admitted to defrauding American Indian tribes out of tens of millions of dollars. His plea (and the more than two years of testimony he has since provided about his powerful Capitol Hill allies) exposed the largest congressional influence peddling scandal in history, led to a dozen indictments, landed one congressman in jail, and precipitated a sweeping ethics reform bill. A new light on the practice of lobbyists buying favors from politicians, and some say D.C. will never be the same. But little is known about just how Abramoff was exposed, and by whom. In fact, it was a small group of Native Americans – including DU Law graduate Tom Rodgers (JD’86, LLM’88) – who worked behind the scenes for years to help bring Abramoff and his circle of co-conspirators to justice. This is their story.
Tom Rodgers had just flipped on an early-morning ESPN recap of a Pittsburgh Steelers game when – at 1 a.m. on a January day in 2003 – the Washington D.C. lobbyist and DU Law graduate got a phone call that would forever change his life.

“Tom, I was told I could trust you,” said the voice on the other end.

A fellow Native American named Bernie Sprague then told Rodgers that he believed his tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa of Mount Pleasant, Mich., was being overcharged millions of dollars by a lobbyist named Jack Abramoff. Anyone who questioned whether it was a good use of the tribe’s money, was quickly rebuked by Abramoff supporters. Could Rodgers help?

“That was the tipping point,” says Rodgers, a 47-year-old member of the Blackfoot tribe. “What was happening was morally wrong.”

In the years that followed, Rodgers quietly teamed up with members of the Saginaw-Chippewa tribe and the Coushatta tribe of Louisiana, amassing a mound of confidential documents and other incriminating evidence that - when leaked to the media - would ultimately pave the way for Abramoff’s downfall. Operating in what he calls “a post-Sept. 11 climate of fear,” where conservative influence reined in D.C. and detractors kept their opinions to themselves, Rodgers worked late at night, for no pay, from his Alexandria, Va. home office, and told only his closest friends and family members what he was up to. In a sense, some associates say, he was the “Deep Throat” of the D.C. lobbying scandal.

“He was our Washington insider,” says David Sickey, vice chairman of the Coushatta tribe of Louisiana. “We used him to infiltrate the D.C. scene and help us direct fire.”

Now, with Abramoff’s final sentencing anticipated in September, and a new documentary – “Casino Jack and the United States of Money” – due to hit the big screen by year’s end, Rodgers is speaking out.

“I think it’s important that the Native American story be told,” says Rodgers, who helped in the making of the film, and is featured in it. “It was the Indians who exposed these guys. We did it when it was happening – not waiting until after the fact – and we did it for no money.”

**Early Suspicions: 2000 to 2002**

As early as 2000, Rodgers - an Indian Affairs lobbyist himself - began to grow suspicious of Abramoff.

A self-described news junkie, Rodgers began to notice a flurry of glowing media reports painting Abramoff as the “man to see on The Hill,” particularly for Native American issues. Republicans controlled the House, the Senate, and the White House. To tribes interested in opening or expanding casinos, bringing other economic development
to their lands, or forestalling perceived legislative threats, Abramoff’s close alliances with high-powered conservatives, such as Tom DeLay (R-Tex) and Robert Ney (R-Ohio) were seen as a great asset in the world of Capitol Hill string-pulling. Abramoff was known to lavish lawmakers with high-priced meals, luxury golf trips, and campaign contributions to get results and mostly access for the newly casino-rich tribes he worked for.

But word was also getting around that Abramoff was billing “off-the-charts” amounts to those tribes.

“He was charging $10 [million] to $20 million a year for his services,” says Rodgers.

There were also news reports of shady business dealings and mob ties surrounding SunCruz Casinos, a fleet of Florida boats Abramoff had invested in. Its founder had been murdered, gangland style, after selling the business. (Abramoff would later be indicted on five counts of wire fraud and one count of conspiracy related to SunCruz).

And there were a few largely unnoticed press reports that Abramoff had worked on behalf of the South African apartheid government and for Angolan rebel leader, Jonas Savimbi.

“I started stringing the pearls together,” says Rodgers, who began keeping a file on Abramoff.

Rodgers later learned that not only were tribes being charged remarkably high amounts for Abramoff’s services, and those of his associate Michael Scanlon (a former DeLay press aide who was billing tribes millions for public relations work and splitting it with Abramoff), but they were also being strong-armed and misled into donating to certain charities as a way to win favors in Washington.

For instance, the Alabama Coushatta tribe was encouraged to donate $50,000 to a non-profit called the Capital Athletic Foundation. When Rodgers researched the foundation — ostensibly set up to offer inner-city kids access to organized sports — he discovered CAF’s board of directors was composed of none other than Abramoff and his wife, Pam. The Washington Post would later report that the foundation, which received tens of thousands of dollars from Native American tribes, funded a sniper school for Israelis in the West Bank, a golf trip to Scotland for congressmen and the Jewish religious academy that Abramoff’s kids attended.
More pearls, and an early morning phone call: 2002 to 2003

By 2002, rifts had begun to form, not only between different tribes with competing economic interests, but also within tribes: Some factions firmly believed Abramoff was worth the money, helping tribes gain a reputation as serious players in D.C. and helping them secure funding for much-needed projects. (One Saginaw Chippewa tribal council lauded Abramoff's services, telling the Associated Press that the tribe gained $8.6 million in projects in one year as a result of its relationship with the lobbyist.) Meanwhile, others decried the fact that healthcare and education funds were being tapped to pay for lobbying and public relations.

“It was a classic divide and conquer scenario,” says Rodgers, who believes Abramoff exaggerated legislative threats to the tribes so that his work fighting those threats would seem more valuable. “He played upon their fears.”

In November, 2002, Rodgers got a call from Monica Quigley, an old friend and a former attorney for the Saginaw Chippewa tribe. Quigley says she was fired from her position with the tribe after questioning Abramoff’s integrity, and that when Bernie Sprague, a tribal council member at the time, did the same, he was threatened with legal action.

“I called Tom because I have the utmost faith in him in terms of integrity. I thought he might be able to help us and I knew I didn’t have any money to pay him,” says Quigley, who alerted Tom that he would soon be getting a call from Sprague.

During that 1 a.m. phone conversation with Sprague, Rodgers learned that the tribe had been sending $2 million checks to Scanlon’s Capitol Campaign Strategies at 611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Mailbox 375.

“Told him, ‘Bernie. There is nothing up there but gas stations, bars and nail salons. I’m going to drive up
and see where you are sending your money,” recalls Rodgers. As it turned out, it was a Mailboxes Etc. box. “They thought they were sending their money to a reputable firm, but they were really sending it to a side business that they had set up...We were building a record.”

Initially, Rodgers and the tribal leaders contacted the federal government to ask for help. “We wrote letters to the Department of Interior but were told it was an internal matter, and they couldn’t get involved,” says Rodgers. (Former Deputy Interior Secretary J. Steven Griles, an associate of Abramoff’s, would later plead guilty to obstruction of justice in the case).

With no government help on the way, Rodgers and his allies turned to Plan B: Leak it to the press. HUNGRY REPORTERS AND MORE ANGRY TRIBES: 2003 TO 2005

Meanwhile, Mark Ranzenberger had already begun to do his own sleuthing.

The 52-year-old Mount Pleasant Morning Sun reporter had begun to hear rumblings of trouble on the Saginaw Chippewa reservation, and that the tribe was spending “massive amounts of money on lobbying.” The understaffed, 12,000-circulation paper didn’t even have a website, but Ranzenberger dug in, conducting his own online investigation of Abramoff.

Soon Ranzenberger got a call from a source (Rodgers says it was Sprague), and the piles of documents began to change hands. “The Saginaw Chippewas were spending way more on lobbying than companies like Merck,” says Ranzenberger.

Before his first story even hit the paper, the backlash had begun: Sprague was thrown off the tribal council, tribal members were warned not to talk to the press, and the Mount Pleasant Morning Sun was banned from the reservation.

“We couldn’t sell the newspapers. They pulled their advertising from us,” says Ranzenberger. On April 20, 2003, Ranzenberger’s byline appeared on a front page story with the headline “Lobbyist has powerful connections,” – in essence, the first story to bring the Abramoff – Indian Affairs story to light. A chart accompanying the story drew lines between Abramoff, then-House Majority Leader DeLay, then-Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed, and lobbyist Tony Rudy. Within a few years, Rudy would plead guilty to one charge of conspiracy in the Abramoff case, DeLay would be indicted in a separate campaign finance scandal in Texas, and Reed would be fighting for his reputation.

“We had no idea what we had stepped in,” says Ranzenberger.

One month later, Sickey, then a newly-elected tribal council member for the Coushatta tribe of Louisiana, called Rodgers to tell him what had now become a familiar story to him.

“Our tribe had spent well over $25 million up to that point,” says Sickey. “What really was a red flag to us was that even when nothing was going on, when there really was no need for their services, we
were still getting bills.” Sickey said health care, education, and housing money was being tapped to foot the bill. For an 820-member tribe living on 1,200 acres in Louisiana, the budget shortfall was hitting hard.

That summer, after months of working with Rodgers to gather documents, Sickey did what his counterparts in Michigan had done a few months earlier. He took his stack of papers, neatly organized them, and phoned the local media. By fall, Abramoff’s name was all over the pages of the Lake Charles American Press and Alexandria Town Talk.

Meanwhile, Rodgers was putting together 14 more press packets, sent in plain white envelopes with no return address, to major newspapers around the country. One of them would land on the desk of Susan Schmidt at the Washington Post. She would publish her first story about Abramoff on Feb. 22, 2004, and ultimately, she’d win a Pulitzer Prize for her coverage of the scandal surrounding him.

Three days after Schmidt’s story broke, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz) launched an investigation into why four American Indian tribes were charged at least $45 million by Abramoff and Scanlon.

On Aug. 11, 2005, Abramoff was arrested.

**Fallout**

Today, as Rodgers puts it, “The dominoes are still falling.”

At the time of this writing, Abramoff is expected to Native Americans, the hawk often represents the noble messenger of the gods. His cry is a warning to look at your surroundings, heighten your awareness, pay attention, use your powers of perception, beware of those around you and examine your situation from a higher perspective. In his circling he sees the overall view and no detail slips by him unnoticed.
to be sentenced in September, Ney is in jail, Scanlon and Rudy await sentencing, and the reputations of countless Abramoff associates on Capitol Hill have been forever tarnished. Ethics reform is a priority in the halls of Congress and on the presidential and congressional campaign trails. And on the reservations, the tribal rifts have begun to heal.

“We’ve learned a lesson - that every penny in the tribal coffers should be accounted for, and that we should be very wary of non-Indian opportunists preying on the tribe’s resources,” says Sickey.

But Rodgers is certainly not without enemies. And Abramoff is not without supporters.

“I have been told point-blank by more than one person that the only reason (the investigation) went after Abramoff was because he was helping brown people,” says Ranzenberger, who still works for the Morning Sun.

Rodgers himself concedes that some will suspect he had ulterior motives. After all, Abramoff was a successful Indian Affairs lobbyist (like him) in a fiercely competitive business. However Rodgers points out that he never took a dime from the tribes he helped. Something far more powerful than greed motivated him, he says. It was rage.

“My people were being abused, stolen from, and degraded. You can’t turn away from that. We just saw something that was wrong and called it wrong. We all have it in us.”

If you searched the country for Native American attorneys in 1967, you would come up with just 25 who were practicing law and 15 studying it, according to the New Mexico-based American Indian Law Center. Only a handful of law schools offered courses in Indian law at all, and none hosted full-fledged Indian law programs.

But fast forward 30 years and the specialty is growing. As tribes experience newfound wealth from casinos and increased pressure from outsiders interested in natural resources on their lands, the need for trustworthy counsel familiar with the unique intricacies of Indian law is stronger than ever, experts say, and the University of Denver and other schools are striving to help fill the gap.

“Over the past one or two decades, because of the proliferation of gaming, people have begun to realize that there is a separate body of law that
deals with these issues,” says DU’s Associate Dean of Administration Forrest Stanford, who has taught Indian law at DU since 1999.

Since his arrival, Stanford (a member of the Eastern Cherokee Nation) has made a concerted effort to recruit more tribal members by visiting reservations, meeting with tribal leaders, boosting DU’s course offerings from just one Indian law class to six and striving to create an environment that supports Native American students when they get here.

“You cannot just attract students with money,” Stanford says, noting that unlike some law schools, DU does not use free tuition or full-ride scholarships as a recruiting tool for Native American students. “You need to build a sense of community where there is tutorial help; academic assistance; programs with attorneys, judges and law firms in the area; and a nice circle of support. Otherwise, you are just setting them up to fail.”

Thus far, such efforts are paying off.

According to the American Indian Law Center, there are now more than 3,000 Native American lawyers nationwide, and Stanford estimates 300 to 400 tribal members enter law school each year.

DU alone has boosted its number of Native American students from just eight (representing less than 1 percent of the student population) a decade ago to 34 (representing 3 percent of students) in 2007. Stanford estimates that anywhere between 10 and 20 Native American students matriculate into the law school each year. The DU chapter of the Native American Law Students Association is also a tightknit and active one. And thanks to a grant from the Southern Ute tribe, DU will host a conference on Native American issues in the spring of 2009.

Martina Gauthier, a member of the Menominee tribe of Wisconsin who earned her jurisdoctorate from DU in May, says she originally chose DU Law School because it offered night classes and that allowed her to work full time during the day. However, she was particularly impressed by the professors in Indian Law and Advanced Indian Law, who taught her things she believes she never would have learned in a standard law curriculum. With that unique background, she sees ample possibilities in her future.

“It’s a viable field of law and it’s growing,” she says, predicting that as more companies seek to pursue energy exploration on Native American land, more tribes will be clamoring for attorneys schooled in Indian law. “It feels like a huge tidal wave of opportunity out there.”

Stanford says he would ultimately like to see a formal Indian law program, perhaps with its own certification, established and recognized by the faculty at DU.

But even now, he says, the school has something to be proud of.

“When you have only 300 or 400 Native Americans nationwide matriculating into law schools each year, for us to be bringing in 10 to 20 each year is a major accomplishment.”
DU Law Magazine recently sat down for an interview with Tom Rodgers

A member of the Blackfoot Indian tribe of Montana who now serves as a lobbyist specializing in tribal affairs. Rodgers earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Denver in 1983, graduated from DU Law in 1986 and got a graduate degree in taxation from DU Law in 1988. After years of practicing tax law, he founded his own company, Carlyle Consulting.

Q: Tell us about your childhood. A: I grew up in Glasgow, a small farming community of about 2,000 people on the Great Plains of Montana. There was an incredible sense of space, with blue sky and wheat fields for 100 miles in each direction. My mother is French Indian, from nearby Browning, Mont. (on the Blackfoot Indian reservation). My father is Irish. My parents had to leave the reservation when they were in their early 20s to make a living. He managed a gas station. She was a janitor at a local hotel. They had five children living on a busy U.S. highway.

Q: Did you spend much time on the reservation, and what was it like? A: I spent summers on the Blackfoot reservation, cleaning cattle guards and fixing fences and riding horses on my grandfather’s ranch. I had a blessed childhood.

Q: What other jobs did you do? A: I started working at age 9, washing windows at my father’s gas station. If you pulled up, I would come out with my 5-gallon pail and flip it over and stand on it so I could reach the center of the windshield. People would drive up with plates that said New York or Florida, and I’d ask, “What’s it like there?” I knew I wanted to get somewhere bigger than Montana. Later on, I worked as a janitor, a bartender, a concrete finisher, a clothes salesman, a landscaper. I also installed septic tanks on a reservation. I’d stand in a hole 12 feet deep and 4 feet wide and have gravel dumped on me all day. It was great practice for working in D.C.

Q: How did your exposure to the reservation shape your world view? A: I was struck, even as a child, by the extreme poverty there and the lack of concern by people who lived off the reservation. My mother is a phenomenally empathetic person. And my dad has an incredible work ethic. They instilled in all of us a sense of “Work work work. Get your education and live better than we did.”

Q: When did you know you wanted to go to law school? A: I really didn’t. I just knew I wanted to see more of the world, and education allowed me a way out. From there, I found myself gravitating toward my passion. Now, I have married my passion with my job: to advocate for people I know well and grew up with.

Q: Who at DU had the greatest impact on you? A: Mark Vogel, a tax law professor, was a phenomenal teacher. In something as seemingly mundane and antiseptic as tax law, he allowed me to get to a platform of values and ethics. I will always be thankful for that.

Q: Why tell your story about your involvement in the Jack Abramoff scandal now? A: I think it’s important that the Native American story be told. It was the Indians who exposed these guys. Students at DU, particularly those who are Native American, should be extremely proud that their fellow tribal members did something to change things.
**Faculty Highlights**

**University of Denver Sturm College of Law**

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**RACHEL ARNOW-RICHMAN**

**PRESENTATIONS**

“Employment as Transaction,” Teaching Drafting and Transactional Skills: The Basics and Beyond, Emory Law School, Atlanta (May 2008).


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Professor Arnow-Richman is the recipient of the Sturm College of Law Research Professorship, 2008-2009.

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**ARTHUR BEST**

**PUBLICATIONS**


Numerous “Expert Commentary” essays for LexisNexis on evidence and tort appellate decisions.

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**JAY BROWN**

**PUBLICATIONS**


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**PRESENTATIONS**


ETC.

PHOENIX X. F. CAI

PUBLICATIONS

CONFERENCES

FRED CHEEVER

PUBLICATIONS


Professor Cheever is currently at work on a second edition of Natural Resources, A Place-Based Book of Problems and Cases, Klein, Cheever and Birdsong (forthcoming Spring 2009).

CONFERENCES

APPOINTMENTS
Chair, Natural Resources Law Teachers’ Committee, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.
Chair, University of Denver Sustainability Council, carrying out the university’s obligations under the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). DU has pledged to integrate sustainability into its curriculum; complete a comprehensive inventory of all university-related greenhouse gas emissions and update the inventory every other year; and within two years of signing, develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral as soon as possible.

ALAN CHEN

PRESENTATIONS

APPOINTMENTS
The first Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship, effective summer 2008.
CHRISTINE CIMINI

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

APPOINTMENTS
Clinical and Skills Education Committee, American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar (May 2008).

ROBERTO CORRADA

PUBLICATIONS
Labor Law in the Contemporary Workplace (with Kenneth Dau-Schmidt, Christopher Cameron, Martin Malin and Catherine Fisk), West Publishing (forthcoming 2008).


PRESENTATIONS
Workshop leader, “Multidisciplinary and Disciplinary Approaches to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning,” 2008 National Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Institute, Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. (June 2008).

Mentor, 2008 National Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Institute, “Professional Dispositions and Value,” Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. (June 2008).


The Future of Affirmative Action, University of Colorado Diversity Summit, Beyond Diversity: Creating an Inclusive University Climate, Denver (November 2007).


“Progressive Pedagogy,” LatCrit XII Conference Junior Faculty Development Workshop (with Verna Williams, Bob Chang and Bryan Adamson).


Mentor, 2007 National Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Institute, and Developing Scholars of Teaching & Learning, Columbia College, Chicago (June 2007).
ETC.
Professor Corrada is a recipient of the Sturm College of Law Research Professor, 2008-2009.

KK DUVIVIER

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
“Te Whare Wanango te Upoko o te Ika Maui,” staff seminar, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand (December 2007).
“Te Whare Wananga a Otágo,” staff seminar, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand (January 2008).
Rotary Club of Dunedin, Hotel Savoy, Dunedin, New Zealand (January 2008).

ETC.
Professor DuVivier has taught legal research and writing for 17 years and served as the director of DU’s Lawyering Process Program since 2000. After she sponsored the Biennial Conference for the Association of Legal Writing Directors in 2007, DU Law’s program received national recognition in the U.S. News and World Report rankings as number 13 among the hundreds of legal writing programs nationwide.

Professor DuVivier is now shifting her teaching emphasis to natural resources law. Her expertise in this area started long before law school. Geology was one of her majors in college, and for the first four years after completing her undergraduate degree, she worked as a field geologist. Before beginning her teaching career, her initial law practice was in natural resources law with the firms of Sherman & Howard and Arnold & Porter. She is again writing in this area and will be teaching mining law and energy law in the spring of 2009.

NANCY EHRENREICH

PRESENTATIONS
“Critical Constructivism and Reproductive Rights,” Suffolk University School of Law, Boston (February 2008).

APPOINTMENTS
National co-chair, Latina/o Critical Legal Theory, Inc. (LatCrit), and project team co-coordinator, LatCrit’s upcoming South-North Exchange conference.
Board member, Society of American Law Teachers (SALT).

ROBERT HARDWAY

PUBLICATIONS
Crisis at the Polls: The Case for Reform of America’s Antiquated Election System (Greenwood Press, forthcoming summer 2008)
Should we Elect the President by Popular Vote? The New York Times Upfront, Feb. 25 2008 at page 8
MARTY KATZ
PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

JAN LAITOS
PUBLICATIONS


Contracted to publish The Right of Non-Use, Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press (2010).

PRESENTATIONS


MIKE MASSEY
PRESENTATIONS
“A Mentoring Program – A Legal Trifecta,” Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Indianapolis (July 2008).

KRIS MICCIO
AWARDS
Fulbright Professor of Law, University College, Dublin School of Law (January-June 2008).

PRESENTATIONS
Guest lecturer, “Castle Rock and Conceptions of State Accountability,” University College, Cork, Ireland (February 2008).

“Exiled from the Province of Care, Male Intimate Violence and State Accountability,” faculty symposium, University College, Dublin (April 2008).


MEDIA
Interview, UCD, Dublin, Ireland – News (March 2008).
Interview, Irish Times (May 2008).
VED NANDA

AWARDS
Honorary Chair, Denver Dragon Boat Festival (July 2008).
Highest Award of Honor, Soka University of America, Los Angeles (May 2008).

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
“How to Address the Darfur Tragedy,” Iliff School of Theology Faith and Politics Forum, University of Denver, Denver (January 2008).
“Global Warming and International Law,” Stapleton Rotary, Denver (March 2008).
“The Role of International Law in Addressing Challenges in an Interdependent World,” Moscow State University, Russia (April 2008).
“Crimes Against Humanity and International Law,” University Hills Rotary, Denver (April 2008).
“From Civilizational Conflict to Civilizational Harmony,” Soka University of America, commencement address, Los Angeles (May 2008).
“U.S. Foreign Policy Issues,” Westmount Rotary, Montreal, Quebec (May 2008).
“The International Community’s Responsibility to Prevent and Deter Genocides,” Ford Foundation Consultation on Darfur, Nairobi, Kenya (June 2008).
“Protection of Minorities and International Law,” Vancouver, British Columbia (June 2008).
“Importance of the Atlantic Alliance,” Rotary Club, Vienna, Austria (July 2008).
“Asian Values in the United States,” Denver Dragon Boat Festival (July 2008)
NANTIYA RUAN

APPOINTMENTS
Joint Annual Meetings of Law and Society Association and Canadian Law Society Association, The Hidden Discrimination within Anti-Discrimination Law: How Older and poor Workers are Further Marginalized by the Class Action Procedure, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (May 29, 2008).

ROCK PRING

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
“There Ain’t No Such Thing as a Free Lunch: What’s Wrong with Every Form of Energy?” at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (April 2008). A small group of leading scholars from across the country gathered for a series of roundtable discussions considering various aspects of the theory of lawyers’ ethics. Topics included the ethical relation between lawyer and corporate client, and psychology, organization and context as determinative in ethical perception and choice. Professor Pepper led the session on “Ethics Theory in the Basic Required Course.”

STEVE PEPPER

PRESENTATIONS
Professor Pepper organized a conference, “Ethics, Theory and Lawyer Practice: A Conversation,” at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (April 2008). A small group of leading scholars from across the country gathered for a series of roundtable discussions considering various aspects of the theory of lawyers’ ethics. Topics included the ethical relation between lawyer and corporate client, and psychology, organization and context as determinative in ethical perception and choice. Professor Pepper led the session on “Ethics Theory in the Basic Required Course.”


“The ‘Greening’ of Legal Education: DU Law
Leads in Environmental Design,” University of Hawaii Law School, Honolulu (April 2008).

ETC.
Professor Pring assisted in initiating the University of Denver Environmental Courts & Tribunals (ECT) Study, a pioneering global comparative study of specialized government bodies for resolving environmental, resources and land use legal disputes. He completed on-site visits at 31 ECTs in 22 countries/jurisdictions in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Australasia, South America and North America from January through July 2008, and interviewed ECT judges, lawyers, mediators, academics, government environment officials and nongovernmental organizations. Pring is co-authoring this study with his wife, Catherine Pring, a professional mediator and ADR expert.

At the request of the Government of Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Pring undertook a feasibility study for the emirate’s establishment of an ECT.

DON SMITH

ETC.
Professor Smith videotaped interviews for Judge David Edward’s oral history website, http://www.law.du.edu/david_edward, including:
• Christine Boch, former lecturer at the Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland (March 2008).
• Andrew Scott, professor of European Union studies, co-director of the Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh School of Law, Edinburgh, Scotland (March 2008).

• Dr. Niamh Nic Shuibhne, reader in European Community Law, University of Edinburgh School of Law, Edinburgh, Scotland (March 2008).

He produced two additional interviews with Judge Edward:
• Judge Edward’s observations about the European Union’s proposed reform treaty (The Lisbon Treaty), Edinburgh, Scotland (March 2008).
• Judge Edward’s reflections on the economic assumptions underlying the EEC Treaty of 1957, Edinburgh, Scotland (March 2008).

JOYCE STERLING

PRESENTATIONS
Speaker on research supported by LSAC, AALS Annual Meeting, New York City. Session sponsored by the AALS Committee on Research (January 2008).

“Preliminary First Results: After the JD Wave II,” NALP Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (March 2008).

“Who are the Stars in Your Law Firm? ‘The Most Obvious to Me is That They’re All White’” (with Bryant Garth), Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada (May 2008).

APPOINTMENTS
Co-program chair (with Professor Nancy Reichman), 2008 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Denver (May 2009).
DAVID THOMSON
PUBLICATIONS
“Using a Wiki to Increase Student Engagement in Administrative Law,” The Law Teacher (Fall 2007).

PRESENTATIONS
“Laptops in the Classroom: Attractions or Distractions?,” AALS Section on Teaching Methods, AALS Annual Meeting, New York (January 2008).

APPOINTMENTS
Three-year term on the LexisNexis Publications Advisory Board.

DAN VIGIL
AWARDS
Lifetime Achievement Award, Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, the association’s highest honor (January 2008).

PRESENTATIONS

ELI WALD
PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
“The Rise and Fall of the WASP and Jewish Law Firms,” Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco (February 2008).
“Teaching, Not Preaching, Social Change at Home and Abroad,” SALT Teaching Conference, University of California Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, Calif. (March 2008).
“Working with Vulnerable Clients,” Colorado
Legal Services, Glenwood Springs, Colo. (July 2008).

APPOINTMENTS

People v. Perez, 05 CR 74 (Hugo, Colo.): Court-appointed expert on the constitutionality of the Colorado district attorney disqualification statute and statutory grounds for disqualification of the district attorney (April 2008).

ED ZIEGLER

PRESENTATIONS


PUBLICATIONS

Land Use Regulation: Cases and Materials (with Selmi and Kushner), Aspen (2d ed. 2008).


The University of Denver Sturm College of Law’s Public Interest Law Group is a student-run organization aimed at inspiring law students to pursue careers that benefit traditionally disadvantaged communities and causes. Each year, the PILG Clerkship program awards stipends to students planning to undertake public-interest work over the summer.

The clerks’ work is consistently meaningful; what varies is how many projects PILG can afford to fund.

Like many U.S. law schools, PILG holds an annual auction to raise money for the clerkships PILG holds other fundraisers and benefits from a Colorado Bar Association grant, but the bulk of its endowments come from the auction.

The event, which has been student-run for more than 10 years, unites DU law students, faculty and the neighboring community. PILG members literally knock on the doors of local businesses soliciting donations — from free haircuts to a pair of skis —, to be bid on in a silent auction.
While there is plenty of tradition associated with the event, it always reflects the classes’ tastes and personalities. PILG Student President Katie Speer explains, “Because it is student-run, we can keep it current and make it our own. It takes a lot of manpower to put something like this together, and our peers recognize that. I think that’s why so many of them come out to support the event.”

Faculty members are also an integral part of the auction’s success. The Senior Faculty Challenge encourages DU faculty to match students’ donations. The professors’ contributions are often the most popular, and are bid on during a spirited, live auction. Last spring, students tendered for an Indian cooking lesson with Professor Rashmi Goel, a champagne brunch at Dean Jose Juárez’s home and a doubles tennis match with Professor Arthur Best and this year’s auctioneer, Professor Alan Chen.

Chen has taught at DU since 1992 and was recently appointed associate dean of faculty research. “The auction is an enormous amount of work for the organizers. I had the easy job! I got to poke fun at my students and colleagues and get the crowd excited,” he says.

Sturm College of Law professors’ overwhelming support of PILG is due in part to their own history of commitment to public-interest causes. “Many of our faculty members were social change lawyers before they went into teaching,” explains Chen. “We have former public defenders, legal aid lawyers, environmental law advocates, and civil rights lawyers, too.”

This auction is primarily attended by supportive members from throughout the DU campus, although Speer hopes more alumni will participate in the future.

“We currently don’t have a system for reaching out to alumni, so we are working to change that,” she says. “Ideally, the event could evolve into a networking opportunity, attended by alumni and practitioners interested in meeting ambitious, public-interest-focused students, while having a fun night out and supporting a great cause.”

Students not only organize all of the fundraising efforts, but also choose the clerkship recipients through a application process comprised of a written application and an in-person interview. The plethora of qualified entries, one more creative and inspiring than the next, makes choosing the grant recipients almost as arduous as raising the money to fund them. Director of Public Interest Programs, Lindsey Webb, sympathizes with the PILG committee charged with this task.

“I got the chance to look over the applications this year, and there were just so many exciting projects,” says Webb. “It must have been extremely difficult to narrow it down, especially when you know personal sacrifice is inevitable. Many people pursue their projects at their own expense if they don’t get a grant. They are so committed, and truly doing transformative things for this world.”

The committee isn’t interested in applicants’ grades, class rank, or participation in a law review or journal, but rather whether or not the proposed internship fulfills an “unmet legal need.” Although this year’s four winners’ projects vary from fighting to protect First Amendment rights to working on the exhumation of mass gravesites in Bosnia, they are all committed, thankful for the financial assistance, and emblematic of PILG values.

Grant recipient Amy Bruins is interested in
Katie Speer (R) with her RMSC client, Vincent Ngu (center) and CJ Ratterman (L), the other student who worked on the case.

war tribunal litigation, so she volunteered for the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP), using evidence collected from gravesites and her legal knowledge to make cases against people suspected of genocide.

“Airfare to any foreign country right now is expensive, but especially to an airport as remote as Sarajevo. Combined with other travel costs and living expenses, this internship was not something that I could afford without PILG’s help,” admits Bruins.

Kate Williams, who received a clerkship to work at Center for Native Ecosystems, a nonprofit dedicated to conserving endangered wildlife and ecosystems in the Rockies, is similarly grateful for the financial help.

She explains, “This stipend allowed me to do something I have a passion for rather than settling for any old job just to pay the bills. I have a bachelor’s in biology and a master’s in zoology, and I want to work for a non-profit environmental organization after law school. This is my passion.”

Williams and her peers cannot recall a previous clerk working for an environmental cause, and hope that her winning will inspire like-minded students to apply for a grant.

The People’s Law Project (PLP) is a grassroots organization formed by the Colorado National Lawyers Guild to preserve First Amendment rights at the upcoming Democratic National Convention in Denver. Its members hope to represent people who are arrested for civil rights violations, and Heather Skrypek is thrilled to contribute.

Without a PILG clerkship, she would have had to get a paying job and volunteer with PLP in her spare time. “There is no way I could be as involved as I am without the help of PILG. Volunteering in the evenings would not have been the same experience,” says Skrypek.

Julia Scott is interning in the juvenile division of Jefferson County District Court. The court is not receiving state funding for its work to adopt two progressive court models, so Scott helps research and evaluate the effectiveness of two new programs: the “Model Family Court,” which deals with dependency and neglect cases where drugs are involved: and a “Mental Health
Court,” an up-and-running system looking to assess its successfullness.

“I am very interested in child welfare law,” reveals Scott. “The new family court system still has kinks to work out, but it looks like it could be the revolutionary model in terms of how the judiciary system deals with these cases. This is an amazing opportunity for a future young attorney.”

Clerkships are also imperative to the organizations that benefit from a grant recipient, as Regina Germain, legal director of the Rocky Mountain Survivors Center (RMSC) and an adjunct professor at DU, can attest. RMSC is a service center for refugees, asylum seekers and their families. Last year, Speer received a PILG grant to work on an asylum case, and like all the DU Law interns before her, she and her partner won the case.

Germain says her organization could not be successful without the help of students. Sturm College of Law students have never lost a case, making their track record even more impressive than the volunteer attorneys’.

“Attorneys have other cases to work on. Our students are fully committed to this,” explains Germain. “I supervise, but the students really do the work themselves. They do everything a lawyer would do. Thanks to the 340 hours Speer devoted to the case, her client is now living in the United States.”

While past grant recipients’ efforts have certainly bettered society, PILG members and advocates lament that despite their best efforts, there is not enough money to cover all the humanitarian projects the students envision. “Some schools have so much funding that they are able to cover anyone who is interested in public-interest work.” says Speer. “We are not there yet, but it is what we strive for. Encouraging alumni and practitioners to attend and donate to our auction will help that cause.”

Webb’s goals align with Speer’s. “As wonderful as it is to see these four women receive grants for their innovative work, it is heartbreaking to see those who are doing equally commendable projects be turned away. I want every qualified student to receive a grant,” says Webb.

PILG members will continue to raise as much money as possible to fund the visions of as many public public-interest-driven students as they can — public-interest-driven students so dedicated to their causes that they would, undoubtedly, find a way to pursue them with or without a grant.

“I would have tried to find a way to finance this experience,” says Bruins of her work in Bosnia, “but it would have probably involved taking out a high-interest loan.” The grant sure helps.

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Top L: Graduate Mengistu Wassihun pins a DU Law alumni pin onto the Kadny Zayle’s robe during the commencement ceremony. Top R: Law graduate Amy Weichel waves to friends before the ceremony begins. Bottom L: Commencement Speaker Karen J. Mathis, immediate past president of the American Bar Association. Bottom R: Student Speaker Aaryn Richardson.
Each year during commencement, the law school invites its Legacies (new graduates who have family members that also attended DU Law) to a special photo shoot with the dean. Top L: Bob Hayes, Dean Juárez, Megan Hayes, JD’08, Connie Hayes and Theresa Hayes (Megan’s uncle, Michael Sutherland, is a 1984 DU Law grad but could not make the shoot.) Top R: Dean Juárez, Jessica (Baker) Kosares, JD’08 and John Baker, JD’73. Bottom L: Dean Juárez, Mike Samelson, JD’08 and the Honorable Kirk Samelson, JD’77. Bottom center: Dean Juárez, Megan Cross, JD’08 and Tom Cross, JD’75. Bottom right: Dean Juárez, Lucia Lamprey, JD’08 and father Robert Fiori, JD’58.
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Top L: A Baker Hostetler foursome (l-r) : Paul Karlsgodt, JD’97, Laurin Quiat, Joel Mayo, JD’95, Greg Pulski. Top R: (l-r) Bruce Cantor, JD’86; Darren Cantor; Don Bounds, JD’87, Eric Lundstedt. Bottom L: A Lindquist & Vennum foursome: (l-r) Roger Linn; David Moskowitz; Howard Kenison, JD’72; Stu Bennett, JD’74. Bottom R: The Winning Foursome (from CU School of Law): (l-r) Steve Briggs, Tony Giordano, Melissa Hubbard; Mark Hubbard.

Center (car): Thanks to Mercedes-Benz of Littleton, a brand new Mercedes was the prize for any player who made a hole-in-one on the 12th hole!
Top L: (l-r) University of Colorado School of Law Dean David Getches and University of Denver Sturm College of Law Dean Beto Juárez address Legal Diversity Summit participants. In 2006, Deans Getches and Juárez created the Deans’ Diversity Council (DDC), an initiative to bring together leaders of the legal community to address the challenges legal employers face in recruiting and retaining diverse lawyers. Top R: (l-r) Dianne Briscoe from the Denver City Attorney’s Office and DU Law student Trey Baker. Bottom L: Denise Materre from Materre Consulting. Bottom R: Kathleen Nalty, Esq., executive director of the Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence.
Sound the “Retreat”:

Historic Lodge Donated to Sturm College of Law

In a bittersweet ceremony that ties the past to the future, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law this summer officially accepted the donation of the historic Spruce Lodge II mountaintop retreat from the estate the late Robert B. Yegge.

As commemoration speaker Ken Goss told the assembled crowd June 28, the dedication was an event “decades in the making,” a story that dates back to the 1930s.

Yegge, a beloved instructor who led the University of Denver school of law as dean from 1965-1977 and again as acting dean in 1997 and 1998, used his family’s mountaintop property as a retreat, conference center and vacation home for years before his passing in 2006. But the story really goes back to his father’s earliest days as a lawyer, and even as a law student at DU. Ronald Van Kirk Yegge found a cabin in the woods to study in the Jefferson County mountains southwest of Denver. It was in 1930 when a neighbor asked the newly-minted lawyer to represent him on a criminal case, in payment, the senior Yegge accepted a nearby mountaintop, now officially recognized on government maps as Yegge Peak.

Following graduation from the University of Denver College of Law in 1959, the younger Yegge, Robert, began to use the mountaintop property and a home there known as Spruce Lodge as he built his law practice. In 1964, according to a history of the property, his father presented him with the land through an ancient transfer practice called a “livery of seizin.” The ceremony involves passing a part of the property, in the form of sod or twigs from the land, to the recipient.

Time passed as Yegge built his ties to DU, frequently hosting events at the lodge. When it burned to the ground in 1980, he rebuilt it with the help of friends, reopening the facility as Spruce Lodge II.

On June 28, with friends and colleagues from the Sturm College of Law assembled, the university accepted his estate’s donation of the center through, fittingly, a livery of seizure.

“This day has been in the planning for decades,” Goss, Yegge’s longtime friend, said at the ceremony. “Bob’s parents, Ronald and Fairy, and later Bob, always believed that a fitting transition for this beautiful place would be from his family to the law school.”

Goss, who served as co-personal representative with Jack Hanley for the estate, thanked Greg and Betty Standley, Barbara Huff, and a host of dedicated volunteers who prepared the property for transfer and laid the legal work for the transition, including legal counsel Steve Flansburg.

“Steve has helped us navigate through some extraordinarily challenging situations,” he said. “I know if Bob were here today, in classic Yegge fashion, he would say to you, ‘You done good, kid.’”

Dean José (Beto) Juárez welcomes the gift and expects it to remain a fitting tribute to Yegge’s legacy and to his family.

“Spruce Lodge II was the site where Dean Yegge gathered with faculty and staff to plan the future of the College of Law,” he said. “All of us at the Sturm College of Law look forward to continuing Dean Yegge’s tradition of visionary work at Yegge Peak – even while building fellowship and having fun.”

“This Yegge Peak and Spruce Lodge II will be an important part of the College of Law for many generations to come,” Goss said before inviting the assembled crowd to toast “our beloved friend, Bob Yegge.”
LEGAL AFFAIRS

YEGGE PEAK—THE LEGACY
PASSES ON SATURDAY,
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Top L: DU Law Professor John Reese dons Yegge Peak memorabilia. Top center: Dean Yegge’s beloved dachshunds, Olive and Bruno. Top R: Reenacting the livery of seizin (l-r) Jack Hanley, DU Law Dean Beto Juárez and Ken Goss. Middle L: Margaret “Peggy” Walker and Professor Wadine Gehrke, JD’84. Middle center: (l-r) John Moye and Howard Kenison, JD’72. Middle right: Jack Hanley and wife Barbara Huff. Bottom left: Yegge Peak regulars: (l-r) Joyce Jamison, wife of Professor Emeritus Frank Jamison, Professor John Carver, and Ruth Carver. Bottom Right: Forrest Stanford, DU Law’s associate dean of administration, and wife Kate on the deck at Yegge Peak.
In July, the Lutie A. Lytle Black Female Law Faculty Writing Workshop convened at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Forty faculty from throughout the United States spent four days working on participants’ legal scholarship on a variety of topics. DU Law Associate Professor Catherine Smith (front row, fourth from L) was one of the primary organizers of the event. Lower L: DU Law alumni gathered in LoDo prior to a Rockies game—there, Paul Jacobs, JD’68 (far L), the driving force behind Denver’s 1990 Major League expansion bid, recounted his journey of bringing the Rockies to Colorado. Lower R: DU Law alumni, students and friends enjoying the game! Front row (l-r) former Law Star award recipient Paul Jacobs, JD’68; Carole Jacobs; Craig Joyce, JD’80, 2008 Law Stars Outstanding Alumni Award recipient and Holly Joyce; Deb Overn, JD’92; (second row, l-r) DU Law students Nick Mahrt and Thomas Loegering, Max Eckstein, DU Law’s director of CLE programming; Harisha Bastiampillai; Bill Banta; (behind Mr. Banta in Rockies purple, partially obscured) Lynn Torres and Ralph Torres, JD’70.
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Theodore Soja passed away April 7, 2008, at the age of 91. He retired as a Denver County judge in 1989. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Glenna; his children Craig and Sally; granddaughter Julie; and great-grandson Samuel.

Dolores Kopel (LLB’54) recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary and Jerry’s 80th birthday. Between 1958 and 1978, Dolores worked with Jerry at the Colorado Bar Refresher course, preparing law students for the bar examination. From 1960 to 1975, she served as one of 10 panel trustees for the Colorado bankruptcy court, and was one of 10 national U.S. trustees – and the only woman chosen to participate – in a pilot project following the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978. Dolores served as a U.S. trustee from 1979 to September 1986. These days, Dolores continues as a member of the board of governors of the Colorado Bar Association, and both she and Jerry have been recognized by the Denver Bar Association for 50 years of legal service. Dolores, who speaks French, meets weekly with other Francophiles and continues to serve on a variety of bar association committees. Dolores and Jerry’s son David received his law degree from the University of Michigan and is known nationally as an expert on the first and second amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Albert H. Newton Jr. still actively practices law in California with Newton & Newton P.C. He has served as chairman of the board at Scott Valley Bank for more than 20 years, and also owns and operates the A.P. Cattle Company, which spans over 17,000 acres. He remains married and is proud that each of his four children has completed various levels of higher education. Albert looks forward to watching eight grandchildren complete their degrees as well.

Jerry and Dolores Kopel (LLB’54) recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary and Jerry’s 80th birthday. From 1958 to September 1985, Jerry ran the Colorado Bar Refresher course, preparing law students for the bar examination. He served 22 years in the Colorado House of Representatives, with six years as assistant minority leader and two years as House Judiciary chairman. Jerry continues to write a weekly political and legislative column for which he has received seven annual awards from the Colorado Press Association under the classification of “public service.” Jerry also enjoys playing the piano for enthusiasts of popular music from the
1930s through the 1960s. Dolores and Jerry’s son David is a University of Michigan law graduate and known nationally as an expert on the first and second amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

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In spring 2008, Dan Hoffman received the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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1959 | BOB DEMPSTER

Bob Dempster has moved into Touchmark wellness retirement community at Mt. Bachelor in central Oregon. He continues to manage real estate projects in Bend, Ore.; Jacksonville, N.C.; and San Jose, Calif. Bob is looking forward to his 50th class reunion and hopes that his former classmates will stop by if they ever find themselves in central Oregon. His phone number is 541-312-1769.

1964 | HUGH FLEISCHER

Hugh Fleischer has turned his passion for advancing the civil rights of those without power, visibility or resources into a lifelong career. In 1971, Hugh accepted a position with Alaska Legal Services and worked on the pending Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). He represented the Aleut League in a suit to halt the Atomic Energy Commission’s Project Cannikin and continues to work with Alaska Native groups to help them pursue their civil rights within the context of ANCSA. Prior to coming to Alaska, Hugh served in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, working in the South for voting rights, access to education, equal
employment and public accommodations. As a result of his work on school desegregation cases, he earned a meritorious award from Ramsey Clark, the 66th U.S. attorney general, under Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1973, Hugh joined a private law firm where he specialized in civil and criminal defense and represented the disadvantaged and powerless. In 1996, he established his private practice where he continues to focus on plaintiff’s employment law and federal criminal defense law. In 1974, Hugh helped found the Alaska Public Interest Research Group, where he continues to serve on the board of directors.

1967 | BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON
Booz Allen Hamilton recently retained the services of David Weinstein to develop recommendations for improving Indonesia’s intellectual property law and regulations. David has also participated in the training of judges in Jakarta as part of the Indonesia Anticorruption & Commercial Court Enhancement Project.

1969 | LARRY SCHOENWALD
Larry Schoenwald’s practice at Schoenwald & Thompson LLC continues to emphasize medical negligence and serious personal injury litigation. His daughter Tara graduated from Colorado State University and is engaged to be married in fall 2008 to a Denver attorney. Larry reports, “Life is good.”

1970 | JERRY STOUT
Jerry Stout worked in the trust banking business from 1964 to 1988 until becoming a sole practitioner with offices in Arcola and Bement, located in east central Illinois. He writes that he would enjoy hearing from his evening division classmates. Jerry may be contacted at stoutlawoffices@consolidated.net.

1971 | JACKSON DEMARCO
Habitat for Humanity awarded the firm of Jackson DeMarco Tidus Peckenaugh and its founding shareholder, F. Scott Jackson, the Humanity Builder Award for pro bono legal services provided since 1996 for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity of Orange County (Calif.). Scott has served on the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity of Orange County since 1998 where he helps to advance Habitat’s mission to provide affordable housing to working, low-income families. The firm has contributed more than 1,300 hours in pro bono services, and Scott alone has worked on 103 Habitat homes. Jackson DeMarco Tidus Peckenaugh, headquartered in Irvine with a second office in Westlake Village, is recognized as a preeminent California full-service law firm.
Charles Behler, a shareholder in the law firm of Smith Haughey Rice & Rogge, recently became a member of the American Arbitration Association’s National Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators. The AAA’s National Roster is the nation’s leading provider of alternative dispute resolution services; admittance is highly selective and based on professional experience, neutrality, judicial capacity and reputation. Charles maintains a statewide legal practice, principally in the areas of construction law and commercial litigation. Additionally, he serves as co-chairperson of the firm’s real estate development, construction and governmental practice group, and is the chair of the firm’s business development committee.

Robert Zupkus was designated a 2008 Super Lawyer in Insurance for the third year in a row. In August 2008, he became chair of the American Bar Association General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division, which has approximately 30,000 members. Additionally, Robert serves as the ABA membership chair.

Sandra Sheffer died in January 2008 following a courageous, four-year battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Rev. David Jackson, sister Virginia, and extended family. Her husband writes that Sandra often spoke fondly about her time at the University of Denver.

Richard Sites is working as general counsel and senior director of health policy for the Ohio Hospital Association, where he has been employed since 1985. Prior to his work there, Richard spent 10 years as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. His current practice ranges from traditional in-house legal responsibilities to state health policy development and advocacy involving all three branches of the government. Richard, along with his eldest son Brian, a young attorney who is currently clerking for Justice Charles T. Wells on the Florida Supreme Court, recently issued the third edition of their Ohio Hospital Law Handbook. Richard has also been on the graduate faculty of Central Michigan University since 1993 in addition to teaching law and health care-related courses at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

In 2007, John Baker was recipient of the Denver Bar Association Award of Merit. He currently serves as the 2008-2009 president-elect of the Denver Bar Association in addition to his position as Public Program Education director for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. John also continues his practice of law and in May 2008, proudly watched his eldest daughter, Jessica (Baker) Kosares (JD’08), graduate from the Sturm College of Law.
Sheila Slocum Hollis was a featured panelist at the Electric Power 2008 Conference where she spoke on the topic of “Transmission – Need It, Want It Now! But How?” The Electric Power conference is the world’s most comprehensive conference for the power generation industry and covers the most important strategic and tactical issues of the day. Sheila is a partner at the firm of Duane Morris, where she practices as part of the energy, environment and resources group.

Nora Milner has been named a San Diego Super Lawyer for 2008. Nora currently practices at Milner & Markee, LLP where she has been certified by the state bar of California as a specialist in immigration and nationality law. Recently, the California bar asked Nora to be its “poster attorney” for board certification and was consequently featured in ads run in the California Bar Journal. Nora has also appeared in Strathmore’s Who’s Who for 2007-2008. She practices federal criminal and immigration law in California; is licensed to practice before the 1st, 9th and 11th Courts of Appeals; and regularly litigates at the appellate level.

Jay Scott Emler is currently completing his second term as a Kansas state senator from the 35th District, and is running for re-election. Additionally, Jay has nearly completed his master’s degree in homeland security from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. He is the first legislator nationwide to be selected for the program, where he is both class president and its eldest member.

Sue Fox began a one-year term as president of the Rotary Club of Denver July 1, 2008. Sue continues to practice law as an independent lawyer in Cherry Creek with a practice that focuses on commercial real estate.

In January 2008, Marti Phillips Whitmore married her high school sweetheart, Jim Whitmore. Marti practices natural resources law as a partner at Patton Boggs and stays busy as co-chair of the McCain campaign in Colorado. Her son Jeff graduated from the University of Denver in 2006, and her daughter Suzanne recently finished her freshman year at DU.

In addition to his practice of immigration law, Ken Stern has a second career as an executive coach and strategic planning facilitator. In this endeavor, he is affiliated with Grant Partners where he works with lawyers and other professionals, law firms and other professional service organizations to better understand, define and attain a professional life and firm culture that is consistent with their values and, therefore, more successful and rewarding.

1970s
Yvonne Bailey is associate general counsel at Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. at its Raleigh, N.C., headquarters, where she enjoys her work with great people and excellent traveling opportunities. Yvonne was recently appointed chair of the environment, safety and health division of the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association; has served as chair of the North Carolina Bar Association Environmental Section; and has served on the council of the Administrative Law Section. Prior to her work at Martin Marietta Materials, Yvonne worked as in-house counsel for the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources and as a member of the North Carolina Attorney General’s Office, representing the Hazardous Waste Management Commission. She also spent four years doing environmental work at the firm of Womble Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice where she had the opportunity to argue before the North Carolina Supreme Court. She writes that she misses Colorado, but that North Carolina has been good to her. She enjoys partaking in many outdoor sports, including biking, walking and kayaking, and last December enjoyed a kayaking and snorkeling trip in Belize.

Karen Nedler Quinn and Mark Quinn (JD’81) will soon leave New York City, where they have resided for the past 20 years, to experience year-round warm weather and life on the beach in Miami. Karen has authored a series of books and Mark recently left his job as general counsel at Royal Alliance Securities. Karen’s third book, Holly Would Dream, has just been published, and her first book, The Ivy Chronicles, is being developed into a movie by Warner Brothers. They invite old classmates to write to them at karenquinn1@aol.com.

In April 2008, Craig Joyce was named the new head of the litigation department at Fairfield and Woods, P.C. Craig devotes his practice to civil litigation in state and federal courts and administrative agencies in addition to representing a wide array of telecommunications and energy-related industry participants before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Craig will also be named “Outstanding Alumni” at the annual DU Law Stars celebration Sept. 24, 2008.
Michael Ley and Debra (Bauer) Ley, who met in Denver and were classmates in Harry Lawson’s Judicial Administration class, recently celebrated their 22nd anniversary together. They truly miss Harry and their carefree days with their classmates. Debra currently works for the Justice Department, and Michael is chief deputy of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Grand Rapids, Mich. This fall, Michael and Debra will become empty-nesters as their daughter Courtney begins her freshman year at DePaul University in Chicago. Their son Brendan will begin his junior year at Western Michigan University. Michael and Debra would love to re-connect with old MSJA classmates from 1982 and invite you to contact them at mike_ley@miwb.uscourts.gov.

Carrie Jandura works with Harris Technical Services Corporation on a contract for the U.S. State Department, Bureau of Consular Affairs. She travels the world to embassies, consulates, and U.S. missions with a secret level security clearance to conduct systems installation and training, as well as application training. In these travels, she has visited 23 countries and five continents, her favorite destination being Africa. Her husband, Ken Jandura, is the director for justice planning at DMJM. Ken and Carrie’s daughter Kelsey is in her junior year of high school with an interest in technical lighting and design in theater. Kelsey is an avid equestrian (has competed on the local, A and AA levels) and is fluent in French. The Jandura family resides in northern Virginia.

Scott Levin has been appointed to a two-year term as chair of the board at Rose Community Foundation. The foundation supports efforts to improve the quality of life throughout the greater Denver community through endowed grantmaking and advisory programs. A foundation trustee since 2004, Scott formerly chaired the foundation’s Child and Family Development Committee, and has served on the Audit Committee and the Jewish Life Committee. In addition to his extensive service on the board and committees of various organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, Colorado Bar Association and Mile High Montessori Early Education Centers, Scott works as a senior partner at the law firm of Fisher, Sweetbaum, Levin & Sands, P.C.

In January 2008, Mark Kling was named executive director of the Family Resource Center Association in Denver. The association is an umbrella organization representing 24 family centers in Colorado that provides public policy advocacy, capacity building and resource development to benefit Colorado families. Formerly vice president and general counsel for Space Imaging, Inc., Mark has also dedicated his time to volunteer service as a board member at Urban Peak and PlatteForum.
Lucien Dhooge was appointed the Sue and John Staton Professor of Law at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta where he will teach ethics and international business law.

1984 | MARY CATHERINE RABBITT
Mary Catherine Rabbitt became the legal assistance developer at The Legal Center June 2, 2008.

1985 | DELORES DAFOE
Twenty-two years after passing the bar, Delores Dafoe is finally working as a lawyer in Denver at Ritsema and Lyon, P.C. doing workers’ compensation defense work in the Medicare Set Aside department. Delores also works as a nurse once or twice a month at the Swedish Medical Center operating room. Her daughter, who was born while Delores was in law school, is now married and living in North Carolina where she serves in the U.S. Army following a year and a half in Korea and graduation from New York University. Her daughter will be attending law school at William and Mary in Williamsburg this fall, while her son begins his senior year at Tulane University.

Delores recalls the wild start to her son’s college experience in August 2005 when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans during what was supposed to be his freshman orientation weekend. She reports, “Never a dull moment.”

1986 | BRYAN TEPPER
Bryan Tepper is an assistant legal attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada, where he specializes in cyber and counterintelligence issues. He and his wife, Alison, also a University of Denver graduate, are thrilled that their son Cassidy has just completed his first year at DU and that their daughter Emily will join him next fall for her freshman year. Bryan reports that the winters in Ottawa are a bit more robust than those in Denver as this year he watched 13 feet of snow fall, barely missing the record. He writes, “The roads all looked like bobsled runs because once the snow starts to stick in November, it stays until late April.”

1987 | SUSIE VELASQUEZ
In April 2007, Susie Velasquez was appointed Weld County public trustee by Gov. Bill Ritter.

Janet (Ward) Michels is currently living in Boulder where she serves as an assistant city attorney for the city of Boulder. Janet finds her position with restorative justice in the Boulder Municipal Court gratifying as she works to find appropriate resources to help people make better decisions. In 2001, Janet moved with her husband and daughter from Denver to the Pacific Northwest where they owned a coffee business in Olympia, Wash. However, feeling homesick for Colorado, they returned two years later, eventually settling in Boulder.

Cindy Acree has announced her candidacy for the Colorado House of Representatives House District 40, to be determined in the November 2008 election. Cindy is a former chairman of the board of the largest neuroscience center in the Rocky Mountain region and has held numerous government positions, including president of the Aurora City Budget Committee, director of the Cherry Creek School District Facility Planning Committee and an appointment by Gov. Bill
Owens to the Cardiovascular Health Coalition. The 2008 Cindy Acree Hope Awards were presented at Pinehurst Country Club May 7. The awards are given out annually by the Colorado Neurological Institute, in honor of Cindy Acree, to patients who have overcome neurological disease and inspired hope in others. Cindy herself struggled for 15 years with epilepsy and survived a paralyzing stroke to make a remarkable recovery.

1991 | PATRICIA WHEELER
Patricia Wheeler resides in Maine where she is senior vice president and senior counsel at TD Bank, N.A. in Portland. In May 2008 she was appointed practice group leader for the Retail Lending Legal Group, which provides legal support to the consumer, home equity, credit card and residential mortgage lending departments of the bank. Patricia lives in Cumberland with her husband and two daughters.

1993 | GREG WEBER
Greg Weber writes, “Greetings to The General, Don Savvy Cool, Arthur Winchester III, Jonny V. Goode, Lisa B., Angela G (no GE), and all my law school chums.” Greg is general counsel at Sparkart Group, Inc., located in Emeryville, Calif.

1994 | DANIEL LUCAS
Daniel Lucas enjoys being a general practitioner with The Law Office of Daniel M. Lucas, P.C. He finds his pro bono work particularly rewarding.

1995 | CHUCK VAN DEVANDER
Chuck Van Devander, along with his wife, Beth, and two children, has relocated to Des Moines, Iowa, where Chuck is senior vice president of Aviva Life Insurance and Annuity Company.

1996 | THERESA (ADAMS) COETZEE
Feeling homesick, Theresa (Adams) Coetzee returned to Washington, D.C., after graduating from DU Law and taking the Colorado bar in 1996. In Washington, Theresa first began working for former colleagues in Jones Day’s Washington office, where she was a paralegal prior to law school. She practiced for a stint at the firm of Stewart and Smith before joining Collier Shannon Scott, LLP, where she focused on complex litigation primarily in antitrust and class action. In 2005, Theresa joined the law department at MCI, Inc. and stayed with the company in 2006 when it became Verizon Business. In 2007, she joined a former colleague at Marriott International in Bethesda, Md., where she is currently vice pres-
ident and senior counsel for litigation at Marriott. Her litigation group primarily handles commercial litigation with a dotted line for oversight of their risk management, insurance coverage group. In 2001, Theresa married Gary Coetzee from Cape Town, South Africa; they have two children: Luke, 3, and Cate, 2. She writes, “Life is busy. Balance takes work, but it is all good. I hope this note finds my classmates well. Keep in touch.”

1997 | SCOTT BURDAN
Scott Berdan recently joined Holland & Hart as partner where he will lead the business entities and transactions practice in its Boulder office. Scott is involved in a full range of corporate finance and acquisition transactions with a concentration on public and private equity and debt securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital investments, emerging growth companies, and private equity and management-sponsored leveraged buyouts.

Ted Fay remarried and now has a 4-year-old daughter. He currently practices with Yee & Associates in Dallas, Texas. Prior to his position, Ted worked as a patent attorney for six years and also as a corporate attorney for four years after graduation.

Shana (Bernstein) Klock was appointed by unanimous vote of the judges of Denver Juvenile Court as clerk of the Denver Juvenile Court. Since her graduation from DU Law, Shana has been employed by Denver Juvenile Court in a variety of capacities. She resides in Aurora with her husband, Les, and their daughter Diana Hope, who recently celebrated her third birthday. Shana is the daughter of Bruce Bernstein (JD’70) and Janet (Bernstein) Smith, who also graduated from the University of Denver.

Robert Aghazarian started a new solo practice, Robert V. Aghazarian, P.C., which focuses on estate planning and administration, guardianships, conservatorships and business formation/asset protection.

1998 | DAVID HARSTON
David Harston has been named partner at the immigration law firm of Stern Elkind Curray & Alterman, LLP.

1999 | LAURA (SMITH) PAGE
Laura (Smith) Page has become the newest partner at Cox & Baker, LLC, a family law firm in Castle Rock. Laura continues to enjoy practicing family law and living life with her husband, Brian, in Highlands Ranch.

Sharon Collier has been named partner at Archer Norris, a California law firm with a focus on complex litigation, insurance and business transactions. Sharon’s practice focuses on trial practice and dispute resolution. She represents insurance companies, financial institutions, and a wide variety of businesses and professionals.
2000  | THOMAS HALL
Thomas Hall was promoted in January 2008 to senior member at The Cavanagh Law Firm in Phoenix, where he has practiced civil litigation for seven years.

Howard Hurwitz and Cynthia (McNabb) Hurwitz relocated to Louisville, Ky., in October 2007. While in Denver, Cynthia was a senior trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Howard was in-house with Gates Corporation/Tomkins plc. Currently, Cynthia teaches high school speech in addition to coaching the high school speech team while she enjoys more time at home with their two children: Liam, 4, and Lily, 2. Howard currently works in-house with GE Consumer & Industrial, headquartered in Louisville.

2001  | KYLE KREISCHER
In the fall of 2001, after graduating from DU Law, Kyle Kreischer entered Vermont Law School’s LL.M. program for environmental law. He graduated magna cum laude in February 2003 with a thesis entitled “Citizen Participation in the Federal Endangered Species Act – An Empirical Regulatory Analysis.” After graduation from the VLS, Kyle received a legal fellowship with the Center for Biological Diversity in Idyllwild, Calif., where he spent two years before returning to Denver in 2005. After a stint at the Denver firm of Fleishman & Shaprio, P.C., Kyle began as an associate with Donelson Ciancio Goodwin & Juarez, P.C., where he practices environmental law, commercial litigation and business law.

Eric and Leigh Truhe welcomed a son Blake in May 2008 to join their wonderful daughter Blythe, 2. Both Eric and Leigh have their own law practice focusing on the representation of juveniles as guardian ad litem and criminal defense.

Jeffrey Owen has been named partner at the Asheville, N.C., firm of McGuire, Wood & Bissette, P.A. Jeffrey joined the firm as an associate in the Corporate Practice Group in 2001 and continues to practice federal, state and local tax law; business and corporate law; as well as ERISA and employee benefits law. In addition to his work with McGuire Wood & Bissette, Jeffrey is a board member of the Asheville Downtown Association, Brooks-Howell Methodist Home, the Financial Planning Association of WNC, the North Carolina Natural Products Association and WNC Communities, Inc. He is the captain of the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyers Tax Team, a member of the Pisgah Legal Services Pro Bono Committee and a member of the Asheville Breakfast Rotary Club.

2002  | LISA YORK
Lisa York has been named partner at the immigration law firm of Stern Elkind Curray & Alterman, LLP.
Karen Breslin has opened The Progressive Law Center in Lakewood, Colo., which provides services to communities and organizations that lack the resources to obtain access to the judicial system. Although a solo operation at the moment, Karen hopes the center will become a resource for others interested in providing or obtaining reduced or sliding fee services for animal rights, civil rights, disability, environmental and other claims with implications for the community at large. Much of the center’s work has focused on protecting animals, and Karen has also served as a volunteer attorney for Rocky Mountain Animal Defense. She welcomes messages from alumni or current students who are interested in this type of public interest work and can be reached at Karen.breslin@comcast.net.

Sherry Hutter is currently an associate at Hunton & Williams LLP in Richmond, Va., where she practices with its asset securitization team.

2003 | HEIDI SNYDER
Heidi Snyder has taken a totally different and unexpected career path since graduation from DU Law by embarking on an art career. Her work has been juried into international, national and local exhibits, and features a highly detailed and realistic style based on extensive research. The themes of her work run the gamut from portraits to landscapes to Native American images to wildlife and botanical illustrations. In 2009, she will participate in a national exhibit featuring threatened and endangered plants. Also in 2009, she will be included in a publication sponsored by the Denver Botanic Gardens to commemorate its 50th anniversary at the York Street location. Additionally, Heidi is an active member of several art organizations, including board member of the Colorado Artists Guild. Her work can be viewed at upcoming and current exhibits announced through her website, www.natures-portraits.com.

2004 | JESSICA MANDEL
Jessica Mandel’s company, Storage Investment Advisors, merged with a commercial real estate capital intermediaries firm, Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, LP. She is now a director for Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, LP in Houston, where she currently resides.

Carlos Migoya Jr. recalls enjoying a beer at Mapelli’s after one of Hartje’s lectures at DU Law and plotting the creation of a firm of DU Law alumni who would take on the world while also keeping happy hour an attainable weekly ritual. As time passed after graduation, these friends traversed down their own paths until April 2008, when Carlos was able to convince one of them, Jason Harms (JD’04), to join his firm. Carlos and Jason created Migoya & Harms LLC shortly thereafter and have been fighting ever since to keep it intriguing, motivating and entertaining. He writes, “We’ve picked up some big cases, a bunch of small ones, too, and we are looking forward to taking on the world as promised … even as we have managed to keep all our happy hour dates thus far.”
After graduation from DU Law, Rosemond Santos returned to her home island of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. She served as prosecutor for nearly three years at the attorney general’s office, and then became legal counsel for the House of Representatives for a few months before deciding to run for public office in November 2007. Rosemond is currently a member of the legislature within the House of Representatives and also chair of standing committees on judiciary and governmental operations. She tries to sneak in travel time when she can, mostly within the neighboring islands of Micronesia, mixing in pleasure with the inevitability of doing business. She writes that her best pleasures are visiting family and friends throughout the U.S. mainland.

Sean Moynihan and his wife, Amy, welcomed their daughter Nora Jane to the world in April 2008. In June 2008, Sean joined the Denver District Attorney’s office as a deputy district attorney.

HOLLY BERMAN

Upon graduation from DU Law, Holly Berman completed an internship at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague, Netherlands, before returning to the UN Refugee Agency UNHCR, where she had worked prior to law school. Holly completed an assignment as senior protection officer in Bujumbura, Burundi, where she worked to protect the rights of Congolese refugees and Burundian returnees, and began a new assignment as senior protection officer in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, in July 2008, where most of her caseload consists of internally displaced persons.

Shortly after law school, Mark Hobrautschk was diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis, a genetic spinal disorder. He passed the Florida bar examination and now works as a disability advocate in Tampa representing persons with rare and chronic disorders. In July 2008, Mark married his fiancée, Sandra.

Stacy Porto is currently working for the Jackson County, Missouri, Circuit Court and serves on the board of directors for Higher M-Pact, a nonprofit organization that targets and works with high-risk urban youth. She has also completed the Kansas City Leadership Academy for young lawyers. Stacy was recently awarded a Barack Obama Organizing Fellowship and has been actively involved with the Obama campaign since the presidential primary season began.

LIZ FAZIO

Liz Fazio had a successful session with the Civil Practices Committee of the 80th Texas Legislature before returning to Colorado to complete the LL.M. in taxation program at DU Law. In September, Liz will begin a full-time position with the accounting firm of KPMG. She remains active in student affairs at the university and on the DU Law Alumni Council.

Stephanie Reid is currently employed as the director of government and regulatory affairs for the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association.
Matt Koren recently returned from a stint in Iraq as a major in the Marine Corps Reserves. Matt was activated in June 2007 to serve with a tank company that was preparing to deploy to Iraq in October 2007 through May 2008. While in Iraq, Matt served as the commander of a tank platoon that operated across Al Anbar Province, conducting numerous counterinsurgency operations. He returned to Denver at the end of May 2008 and to Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck in early July as an associate. (Matt worked as an associate with Brownstein prior to his deployment to Iraq.) He writes that the experience overall “was a very exciting and rewarding experience, not to mention an incredibly satisfying feeling to serve the Marine Corps and the country when it was most needed.”

2007 | SHERRI CATALANO
In March 2008, Sherri Catalano joined Hogan & Hartson LLP as an associate in its corporate, securities and finance group.

Nick Fogel has joined the Denver firm of Fogel Keating Wagner Polidori Shafner in its workers’ compensation practice.

Deirdre Ostrowski has joined the Denver firm of Fogel Keating Wagner Polidori Shafner, where her focus will be personal injury litigation. Deirdre was an intern with Fogel Keating for three years prior to joining as an associate.
Farewell, bright star …

**FORMER DU LAW ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR PHIL GAUTHIER**

Phil Gauthier kept track of people. Whether it was compiling a newsletter for the graduates of his high school in Corning, Iowa, or writing a book about a century’s worth of Denver lawyers, or paying attention to the comings and goings of everyone in his large extended family, Gauthier noticed, recorded and spread the news.

“He was the historian for the family,” says Tony Gauthier, a nephew from Grand Rapids, Mich. “He was the chronicler for us, always on the lookout for something that someone else would be interested in. For Phil, it was always about somebody else.”

Gauthier died March 18 at age 81. Born in Corning, he got involved in the family business – publishing the weekly *Adams County Free Press* – early on. “He was the original typesetter kind of guy,” says his daughter Mary Pat Foley of Wauwatosa, Wis.

After a military stint in Okinawa, Gauthier returned to Iowa and later earned a degree in journalism from Creighton University in Omaha, where he was managing editor of the student newspaper and yearbook editor.

“One of his best stories was about the time deadline was approaching and he had a headline in the paper saying that enrollment was down,” his daughter recalls. “But then a reporter came running in and said to hold some space because they were getting ready to announce that Father Reinert would be the new president of the university. So the new headline was ‘Father Reinert new president, enrollment down.’ He got a lot of grief for that.”

It was during his time at Creighton that Gauthier met his wife of 56 years, Mary Lou. Initially, they settled in his hometown, but in 1961, he got an offer to be the director of sports
information at what is now Regis University in Denver. The family settled in Arvada, Colo.

Eventually, he became Regis’ director of public information. “He ended up doing so many things that when he left and went to DU, five people had to do the job he’d been doing,” says Foley. “But he saw the college through the first women coming to Regis, and he always had a great working relationship with both newspapers and people in journalism throughout the city.”

After leaving Regis, he became director of alumni for the University of Denver College of Law until his retirement in 1994. After his retirement, he finally wrote the book he had been thinking about for a long time, *Lawyers of Denver, 1892-1992*.

When his children were younger, Gauthier also had a little side business: a miniature golf course. “He said he did it to make some money, but I think the real reason was so he’d know where his kids were every night,” says Foley. “There are six of us, and our house was always open to all the kids in the neighborhood. We all had friends who called Mom and Dad ‘Mom and Dad,’” she says. “Dad was just the kindest, most caring individual. There’s a saying about someone who never met a stranger. That’s Dad. You’d feel like he knew you your whole life.”

Because of his rare blood type – AB-negative – Gauthier was a frequent donor. “People would call from the blood center in the middle of the night because they needed his blood, and he’d go donate,” his daughter says.

It was a blood disorder that killed him. He was diagnosed three years ago with myelodysplasia. “He outlived his prognosis by two years,” Foley says. “I think even the doctors were astounded by his stamina.”

In addition to his wife and Foley, Gauthier is survived by three sons, Michael Paul and Matthew Philip of Arvada and Mark Joseph of Wheat Ridge; two other daughters, Jean Marie Peppel of Arvada and Martha Anne Mills of Sandy, Utah; a sister, Mary, of Lawrence, Kan.; a brother, Gerald, of Nashville, Tenn.; 14 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Remembering those we have lost

Thomas E. McCarthy, JD’41, died December 3, 2007, in Englewood, Colo.
Arch L. Metzner Jr., JD’49, died July 1, 2008, in Denver, Colo.
James T. Ayers Sr., JD’50, died April 15, 2008, in Aurora, Colo.
Burton A. Smead Jr., JD’50, died January 13, 2008, in Hope, Maine
Wallace L. Vander Jagt, JD’53, died December 1, 2007, in Denver, Colo.
Zeke M. Scher, JD’62, died May 24, 2007 in Denver, Colo.
Van G. Clark, LLB’63, died February 20, 2008, in North Platte, Neb.
Earl August Hauck, JD’67, died April 7, 2008, in Denver, Colo.
Ronald J. Miller, JD’68, died January 11, 2008, in Denver, Colo.
Gerald A. Lane, JD’72, died May 9, 2008, in Silver Spring, Md.
Sandra Sheffer, JD’72, died January 2008, in Flushing, Mich.
Alan D. Laff, JD’74, died February 28, 2008, in Lone Tree, Colo.
Rick A. Hall, JD’87, died June 15, 2008, in Omaha, Neb.
Sara Serrano, DU Law Student JD’09 anticipated, died August 6, 2007, in Denver, Colo.

DU Law Professor Emeritus Chris Munch, 87, died peacefully June 20, 2008, surrounded by family. He was born in Charleroi, Pa. He attended West Point, followed by University of Illinois Law School. He served in the U.S. Air Force around the world, and helped found the Air Force Academy and became its first permanent professor of law. After retiring from the Air Force in 1967, he became associate dean of the University of Denver College of Law, where he was regularly voted Professor of the Year until he retired in 1995. He again came out of retirement to help launch Chapman University Law School, where he was again voted Professor of the Year. He is survived by his sons, Christopher Munch and David Munch, and his daughters, Bonnie Knutti, Molly Wittenberg and Anne Munch, all of the Denver area. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anne Munch; his son, Thomas Munch; and his grandson, Peter Knutti. He was much loved by family and friends, and will be dearly missed.

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A tribute to Professor Munch will appear in the February 2009 issue of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Alumni Magazine.
2008 Calendar
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Thursday, September 4, 2008
Mentor Program Welcome Reception

Wednesday, September 24, 2008
16th Annual Law Stars, Marriott Denver City Center

Wednesday, October 29-Thursday, 30, 2008
DU Law Regional Events, Washington, D.C.

Thursday, January 29, 2009
2008-2009 Named and Endowed Scholarship Reception

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW

CLE OFFERINGS

September 12, 2008
Colorado Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Judicial Response to Assessment and Intervention Issues
CLE Credits: 5.0 General (applied for)

September 19-20, 2008
Spanish Language Immersion Weekend for Legal Practitioners
CLE Credits: 14.0 General (applied for)

September 24, 2008
2008 Law Stars CLE
Ethics Mentoring: What responsibility do law firms have for training and monitoring the ethics of their partners and associates?
Marriott Denver City Center
CLE Credits: 2.0 Ethics

November 14, 2008
The 41st Transportation Law Institute
Royal Sonesta Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana
CLE Credits: 8.0 General, 1.0 Ethics (applied for)

December 6-13, 2008, & December 13-20, 2008
Cross-Cultural Immersion for the Law Profession
Mérida, Yucatan, Mexico
CLE Credits: Applications Pending

February 26 – March 1, 2009
Ski CLE
Combines timely CLE workshops led by DU Law faculty with extraordinary winter recreational opportunities. Bring the whole family!
Keystone Ski Resort
Keystone, Colorado
CLE Credits: 14.0 General, 2.5 Ethics (applied for)

All events and CLEs will be held at the Sturm College of Law unless noted. Please see www.law.du.edu/cle for specific CLE program locations.
Save the Date!

2008 DU Law Stars
Wednesday, September 24
Marriott Denver City Center
1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado
CLE: 4:00-6:00 p.m., Reception: 6:00 p.m., Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
To register for the 2008 DU Law Stars, please contact:
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