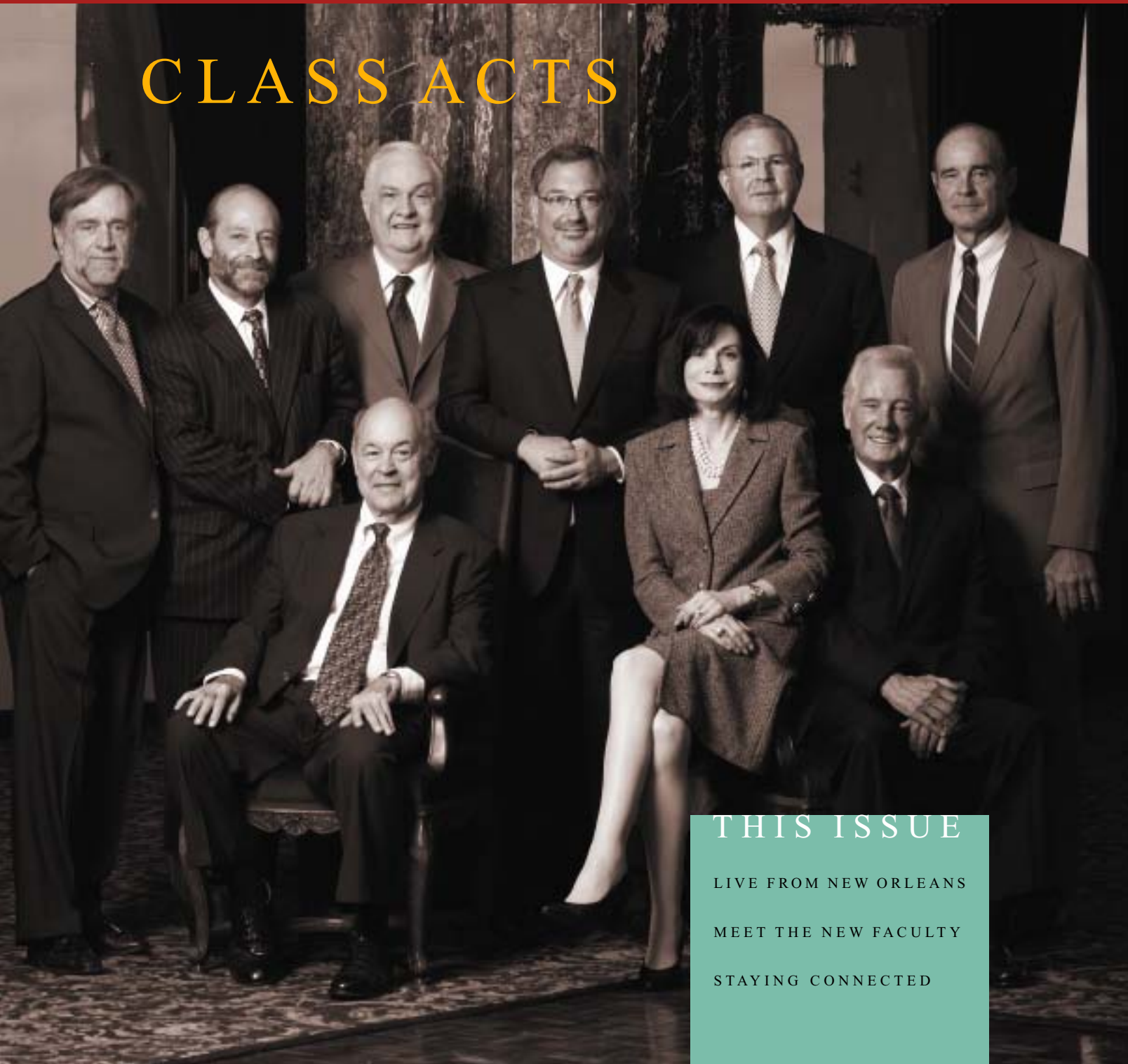


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# A STRONGER, MORE FOCUSED SCHOOL

BY DEAN LAWRENCE PONOROFF

**T**he class of 2010 has arrived at Weinmann Hall 245 strong—our *smallest* class in 25 years.

This was by design, consistent with the strategic plan the faculty adopted last spring, which emphasizes enhancing the quality of our instructional program and the services we are able to provide to our students. With the addition of several talented new faculty this year, we now boast a better overall student-to-faculty ratio than before Katrina. These new faculty are featured in this issue of the *Lawyer* and include two new chairholders—James R. Gordley, a long-time member of the law faculty at Cal Berkeley, and Claire Moore Dickerson, from Rutgers-Newark, now the W.R. Irby Chair in Law and the Senator John B. Breaux Chair in Business Law, respectively.

and nearly 10 percent already hold advanced degrees in other disciplines. We have made no cuts in student services, financial aid, or the breadth of our curriculum. We are confident that our students' personal and educational experience will be stronger and more positive than ever.

All in all, it would be inaccurate to say that we have recovered from the disruption caused by Katrina. Rather, we have fundamentally reshaped ourselves, sharpened our focus and made the tough decisions that have allowed us to emerge a healthier and more vital institution. This has not come without sacrifice. But our faculty has certainly risen to the occasion and, as demonstrated by the high calibre of the legal academics who have chosen to join our ranks, made Tulane Law School an even more attractive and exciting place to be.

And it is not just our full-time faculty and staff who have responded. In this issue of the *Lawyer*, we highlight the extraordinary contributions of the members of our adjunct faculty who volunteer their time and expertise to deepen and enrich our curriculum. Likewise, our alumni and friends across the country have also responded, and for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2007, we set an all-time record for total new gifts and pledges—just under \$5 million, including several major endowed gifts to establish new scholarship funds as well as new chairs and professorships.

As you know from the letter I sent you back in June, the future is even

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Although the size of the entering class has been reduced, its broad diversity—in every sense of that word—remains undiminished. This year's 1Ls come from five countries, 35 states and more than 135 undergraduate institutions. Twenty percent are members of minority groups



WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIFEBLOOD OF TULANE LAW SCHOOL. AND, AS I'VE SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE, EVERY GIFT, AT WHATEVER LEVEL, MATTERS.

Come see for yourself. I think you will be excited not only by what we have accomplished thus far, but by the possibilities. And it is your involvement and your support that are key to realizing those possibilities. This is not President Scott Cowen's law school, it's not mine and it's not the faculty's; it's your law school, and we want your identification to be not just the period of years you were with the institution but a life-long association that can and should pay dividends to you throughout your career.

You will read in the pages that follow some extraordinary stories about the difference our students are making in the public interest, and the recognition and accomplishments of our faculty. You will also find in the Class Notes updates from your own classmates on many of their professional achievements and contributions to their communities. And, if you have news that you have not yet shared with us, I hope you will take the time to send in your own Class Note for the next edition of the *Lawyer*.

Whether or not you are able to come visit us, I hope I will see you at one or more of the alumni receptions we will be organizing around the country. We are proud of our alumni and are working hard to make you equally proud of this institution. As always, please stay in touch, share your thoughts and ideas with us, and be involved in this transformative time in our long history.

Monica and I wish each of you and your families peace, joy, and happiness in the months and years ahead.

brighter. As of this past July 1, the Tulane Law Fund, suspended in the aftermath of Katrina, has been re-established. This means that every unrestricted gift made to the law school will stay at the law school to benefit our students, faculty, and programs. In addition, we have resurrected our Fellows recognition program, and I look forward to reconvening that group next year.

As you well know, your support is more important now than ever. In the year before Katrina, our annual fund reached a record high of \$660,000, nearly double what it had been four years earlier in terms of both dollars and donors. It is

imperative that this momentum continue despite the interruption. Unlike endowed funds, which remain permanently invested in the university's endowment pool, the Law Fund is spent each year on our highest priorities, such as financial aid, student activities, faculty research, and clinical programs. In addition, this is the source of funds that is available to us to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise. We are deeply grateful to all who contribute to the lifeblood of Tulane Law School. And, as I've said many times before, every gift, at whatever level, matters.

But don't just take my word for it.



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—Katherine Penberthy

## GRAD’S GPA GOES THROUGH THE ROOF

**W**hen Katherine Penberthy was a college sophomore in Washington, D.C., she took an acting class at a local theater. A fellow classmate, an attorney for the Department of Justice in her mid-30s, one day cautioned her never to go to law school.

Katherine recalls the attorney saying to her, with a beleaguered look in her eye, “It will suck out your soul and change you as a person.”

“Her negativity was off-putting,” says Penberthy. “I thought that law school must be quite an ominous and unfulfilling experience.”

Penberthy says she can guarantee that this attorney did not spend her law school years at Tulane. “I can’t imagine a Tulane graduate sounding so disenchanting,” she says.

The 27-year-old from Rowayton, Conn., admits she knew Tulane was tough from the first day. “Stories about being the first one called on in Professor Snyder’s Contracts class evoke sympathy even now,” she says.

Despite all the challenges, Penberthy graduated last May with the highest GPA Tulane Law School has seen in more than 20 years—a 3.995.

To get a measure of Penberthy’s amazing academic record, Stephen Griffin, vice dean, points to the fact that she took every public law course offered, including Fourteenth Amendment, First Amendment, Federal Courts, Administrative Law and Constitutional Criminal Procedure: Investigation, receiving an ‘A’ in each.

“As far as I know, this is an unmatched record of academic accomplishment in constitutional law and

deserves the highest accolades we can muster,” says Griffin.

Penberthy sums up her law school experience in one word—“great.”

“Every day I learned a new piece of legal logic, a new window opening onto the way the world works with each lecture,” she says.

Majoring in both government and English at Georgetown University and serving as an international relations consultant after college, Penberthy considered herself well-versed in domestic politics and foreign affairs. But, after one semester of law school, she confesses she was shocked at how little she really understood about how society functions.

“Understanding for the first time that the law is an invisible framework to everyone’s reality, learning the law was like being let in on one of life’s great mysteries,” she says. “I was hooked.”

Penberthy says she already misses law school. “I am envious of the class of 2010, about to embark on that singular learning experience of 1L year at Tulane—a year filled with new phrases such as ‘res ipsa loquitor,’ ‘promissory estoppel’ and the ‘dormant commerce clause.’”

She says she will always remember meeting wonderful new friends and having the opportunity to explore “one of the world’s unique cities.”

“I am envious, but also secretly happy that my trial by fire has come to an end. I look forward to my new role as proud Tulane alum, finding ways that I can give back to the school that has given me so much.”

*Katherine Penberthy is currently serving as a judicial clerk for the Hon. Stefan R. Underhill of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.*



# TETLOW HONORED AS TOP FEMALE ACHIEVER

**T**he road home can be bumpy—but fulfilling,” stated *New Orleans Magazine* this July in their annual feature entitled “Top Female Achievers.”

Pictured on the cover was someone who knows that statement all too well—**Tania Tetlow**, associate professor of law and director of the Tulane Law School Domestic Violence Clinic.

One of 10 female achievers to be recognized, the former assistant U.S. attorney is more than worthy of the honor.

“The recipients of the award are outstanding women in the community who have shown dedication to their career, the city or a specific cause, moving forward with tireless effort,” according to *New Orleans Magazine*.

Tetlow says her parents imbued her with both a sense of social justice and the desire to use her talents to help the community. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Tetlow has focused on rebuilding the New Orleans Public Library system and helping victims of domestic violence.

Volunteering as the president of the New Orleans Public Library Foundation Board, Tetlow spearheads fundraising efforts needed to rebuild the public library system. “Libraries are an integral part of public education, from summer reading programs to adult literacy classes,” says Tetlow. “Libraries also are centers of community, Internet access and cultural preservation.”

At Tulane Law School’s Domestic Violence Clinic, she supervises student lawyers who represent victims needing restraining orders, petitions for divorce, or advice on gaining child custody.



*Tania Tetlow graced the cover of the July 2007 New Orleans Magazine as an outstanding woman in the community*



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Tetlow says it helps to maintain a sense of humor and be able to put yourself in others’ shoes. “Whenever I’m feeling depressed about the city’s progress,” she says. “I go wander over to our rebuilt branch on Alvar Street in Bywater.”

Sometimes even a bumpy road can get you there.

# FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER HONORS JOEL FRIEDMAN



JOEL FRIEDMAN POSITS HE HAS TAUGHT EVERY  
FEDERAL JUDGE IN THE COUNTRY.

**T**alk about friends in high places. For the last 20 years, **Joel Friedman**, Jack M. Gordon Professor of Procedural Law at Tulane, has worked with the Federal Judicial Center in training federal judges and magistrates. In that time, he posits he has taught every federal judge in the country.

Earlier this year, Friedman was informed that he had been named the recipient of the prestigious Judge John Brown Award for his contributions to the

center's mission of judicial education.

"I didn't know there was such an award," said Friedman, who added that he was thrilled by the honor. "I had the privilege to get to know Judge Brown when he and I taught in Tulane Law School's summer program in Thessaloniki, Greece, back in the early 1980s. Of course, I also was well aware of his professional accomplishments as a result of having written a biography of his colleague, the late Judge John Minor Wisdom."

The Federal Judicial Center, which

serves as the education and research agency for federal courts, annually conducts and promotes orientation and continuing education and training for federal judges and court employees. Friedman typically gives from one to three week-long orientation sessions each year at the center, located in the nation's capital, training newly appointed district judges and magistrate judges on employment discrimination law.

In addition to training members of the judiciary on employment discrimination law, Friedman created for the FJC a three-day training program to teach magistrate and district judges mediation skills. "One of the most important functions of magistrate judges—and some district judges—is to settle a case through various techniques, including mediation," said Friedman, who is in the process of creating a new program for judges in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

As for teaching some of the most powerful men and women in the country, Friedman says members of the judiciary are typically "extremely interested and extremely motivated" to learn. "They ask interesting questions and I've learned a lot from them, which I impart to the students in my classes," said Friedman.





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## ABA HIGHLIGHTS SHERMAN CLASS ACTIONS ARTICLE

**T**he American Bar Association held a nationwide teleconference on June 20 to discuss an article by Tulane law professor **Edward F. Sherman**. The article, “Class Actions and Consumers: Do the Twain Still Meet?” was published in the June issue of the *American Bar Association Journal*.

The teleconference included a panel of four nationally acclaimed attorneys who discussed the future of consumer class actions in light of Sherman’s article, which analyzed recent legal developments unfavorable to consumer class actions, such as suits against pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers as well as insurance, finance and mortgage companies.

“Consumer class actions have reached a crucial crossroad,” said Sherman, who questions whether such suits will be available to challenge improper business practices where the amount of money at stake is too small for individuals to file suit on their own.

Sherman argues there is a critical role

for consumer class action litigation. “The American political system has generally rejected extensive governmental regulation of business and failed to provide adequate funding for regulatory bodies,” he said. “That sometimes leaves a vacuum in enforcing laws, regulations and standards that is filled by entrepreneurial lawyers.”

An important development in the on-going struggle between business and consumers was the implementation of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (CAFA) that permits removal of many class actions to federal courts.

In recent years, federal courts have been perceived as less sympathetic to class actions and plaintiffs’ cases than state courts. As federal court judges became more critical of class actions, plaintiff attorneys increasingly filed their class actions in state courts, particularly in “magnet venues” considered to be pro-plaintiff.

After six years of lobbying, business groups were successful in passing CAFA, and now most multi-state class actions

take place in federal courts. Sherman sees benefits in this since federal courts have more resources for complex class actions and certain state courts had certified class actions too freely.

Yet Sherman cautions that federal courts are now “the only game in town” and that some have applied such strict standards that few consumer class actions can survive. Where the expected recovery for an individual is less than the cost of litigation, consumers would not have access to the courts if there were no class actions, said Sherman, and “the wrongdoers might never have to answer for their conduct.”

ABA teleconferences allow lawyers across the country to access the discussion of class action developments and to hear both plaintiff and defendant lawyers give practice tips about the future.

*Edward Sherman was dean of Tulane Law School from 1996 to 2001 and is the author of several books and numerous articles on complex litigation.*

# HIGH-PROFILE LAWYER FUNDS ACADEMIC CHAIR

**N**ationally prominent trial attorney **David Boies** has made a gift of \$1.5 million to establish an academic chair at Tulane Law School. The David Boies Distinguished Chair in Law will be awarded to an eminent scholar and teacher and will support his or her

President Al Gore in connection with litigation relating to the Florida vote count in the 2000 presidential election, and successfully defended CBS television in a libel suit brought by Gen. William Westmoreland.

“Given David Boies’ outstanding accomplishments in the field of law and

crucial time reflects David’s remarkable abilities to practice at the highest levels while remaining committed to the public dimension of law and its institutions.”

An active member of the Tulane community, Boies also is the father of two Tulane Law School graduates—Jonathan A. Boies (L ’97) and Carol Louise Boies Reilly (L ’87). A graduate of Northwestern University and Yale Law School, David Boies delivered the inaugural Gauthier Lecture at Tulane Law School in 2004.

In explaining his reasons for making this gift, Boies said, “Tulane is a great university. Two of my children graduated from the law school and I am pleased to support an institution that has been so important to my family. I am particularly pleased to participate in this important time in the history of Tulane and New Orleans.”

Boies is chair of the law firm of Boies, Schiller and Flexner LLP, a national firm with offices in New York, Washington, D.C., California, Florida, New Hampshire and New Jersey. Prior to founding Boies, Schiller & Flexner in 1997, Boies was a partner in the New York office of Cravath, Swaine & Moore. He also is the author of numerous publications, including *Courting Justice*, published by Miramax in 2004, and *Public Control of Business* (co-authored with Verkuil), published by Little, Brown in 1977.

Dean Ponoroff says that the law school will conduct a national search to fill the Boies Chair after submitting an application to the Louisiana Board of Regents for a matching grant under the Eminent Scholars Program.



*David Boies, prominent trial attorney and father of two Tulane Law School graduates, made a gift of \$1.5 million to establish an academic chair at the law school.*

research agenda and other academic endeavors.

Boies is a renowned attorney who has handled numerous high-profile, precedent-setting cases. He was counsel to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in its litigation to recover losses for failed savings and loan associations in the early '90s.

In 1998-2000 he served as special trial counsel for the U.S. Department of Justice in its antitrust suit against Microsoft. Boies also served as the lead counsel for former U.S. Vice

his reputation for integrity and the highest professional standards, we are honored to establish a chair in his name at Tulane,” said Dean Lawrence Ponoroff. “We are deeply grateful for his generosity and also delighted that an individual with the national stature and prominence of Mr. Boies will have a permanent presence at Tulane Law School.”

Paul Verkuil, former dean of Tulane Law School and a colleague and personal friend of Boies, added, “This extraordinarily generous gift to Tulane at this

# BREAUX CHAIR PAYS OFF

**O**n Oct. 6, 2005, Tulane Law School received a gift of \$1.5 million for the purpose of creating an endowed chair in business law. While the donors have requested anonymity, it was their wish that the chair be named in honor of Sen. John B. Breaux. After conducting an extensive search during this past academic year, Tulane Law School last fall welcomed **Claire Moore Dickerson**, from the Center for Law and Justice at Rutgers-Newark, to the faculty as holder of the Breaux Chair.

Matching funds of \$800,000 from the

Louisiana Board of Regents' Eminent Scholars Program gave the law school the funding needed to attract an academic with Dickerson's extensive experience and expertise in business and comparative law.

Dean Lawrence Ponoroff noted, "Professor Dickerson not only allows us to expand an already strong curriculum in domestic corporate and securities law, but she brings a comparative dimension to the field that is an ideal fit for this institution and the interests of many of its students."

Dickerson has already become involved with the Tulane Corporate Law

Institute, and her focus on promoting entrepreneurship and international business development matches up well with key economic priorities in the state. Moreover, as globalization increasingly impacts the legal profession, the Breaux Chair will help students develop a sophisticated understanding of business law and finance.

Before his retirement from public office in 2005, John Breaux served 32 years in Congress, including 18 years in the Senate and 14 years in the House of Representatives.

As inaugural holder of the chair, Dickerson will oversee the JD/MBA joint degree program. In addition, she will seek to identify and foster new initiatives between the Tulane Law School and the A.B. Freeman School of Business.

*See page 20 for more information on Claire Moore Dickerson.*

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# KENDALL VICK FOUNDATION AIDS IN LOAN REPAYMENT

**A**s a result of a grant awarded to Tulane Law School by the Kendall Vick Public Law Foundation, a primary mission of which is to encourage careers in public law, Tulane will now be able to extend the benefits of its Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP).

In 1988, Tulane Law School became the 15th law school in the United States to offer its graduates a program providing assistance in repaying educational

loans. For almost 20 years, Tulane has been able to offer LRAP benefits to graduates who meet eligibility criteria. Those criteria include a salary below a geographically indexed level (generally below \$45,000) and full-time employment as an attorney for a 501(c)(3) organization providing legal services.

The LRAP benefits assist eligible graduates in repaying a portion of what can be overwhelming loan debt. One gap in the LRAP program has been

assistance to graduates who become prosecutors or who are employed as attorneys in other government offices.

In May 2007, Tulane Law School submitted a successful grant request to the Kendall Vick Public Law Foundation. The school anticipates using these funds to assist future graduates who become assistant district attorneys, attorneys general or attorneys in other government agencies in Louisiana.



# ALUMNUS LEAVES \$2 MILLION FOR BUSINESS LAW

**T**his past July, Tulane University received a \$2 million bequest from the estate of **Milton I. Rosenson**, a devoted alumnus who earned a bachelor of business administration degree in 1944 and a law degree in 1948 from Tulane. Rosenson, a private investor, died in River Ridge, La., on Nov. 23, 2005.

Approximately \$800,000 of the

bequest will go to the Tulane Law School Library to purchase books, journals, software and other educational material. The other \$1.2 million of Rosenson's bequest will be used for the Milton I. Rosenson Fellowship in Business, which will support fellowships for PhD students in the A.B. Freeman School of Business. Tulane has established two endowments in Rosenson's name with this bequest.

"We are extremely grateful to Milton I. Rosenson and his family and friends. His generosity will benefit business and law students for generations to come. This is a fitting legacy for Mr. Rosenson and his family," Tulane University President Scott Cowen said.

Both Tulane's business school and law school are consistently ranked among the top 50 in the nation. Dean Lawrence Ponoroff says the endowment addresses a critical function of the school.

"A well-maintained law library is one of the central components of a quality legal education," says Ponoroff. "It is also one of the most expensive and demanding components. The income from this gift will have a long-lasting impact on legal education at Tulane."

Rosenson attended high school in New Orleans, graduating as valedictorian of Fortier High School at age 16. After earning his juris doctor degree from Tulane, he served in the U.S. Army, learning Japanese and working in army intelligence.

He was a resident of New Orleans most of his life and a brilliant investor in stocks and bonds. He lived frugally and long planned to donate his fortune to organizations that benefit others.

In addition to Tulane, Rosenson also left significant bequests to Children's Hospital and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans.

*Thanks to a bequest from the estate of Milton I. Rosenson, Tulane Law School will have the funding needed to purchase new materials for its library.*



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## A SUMMER IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

**F**ar from spending the long, hot summer lounging on a beach, many of Tulane's law students elected to spend from eight to 10 weeks working for nonprofit organizations that offer legal assistance to people with low incomes.

Equal Justice Works is a national nonprofit organization that provides law students with grants that make it possible for them to work during the summer at qualifying nonprofit legal assistance programs. Many students who are a year or two into law school jump at the chance to get a taste of real-world legal work and gain valuable job experience.

Second-year law student **Lynn Doiron** worked at AIDSLaw in New Orleans last summer. "I heard about Equal Justice Works through Tulane's Public Interest Law Foundation," says Doiron, who aspires to practice environmental law. "Both organizations were instrumental in allowing me to work for a nonprofit organization this summer."

AIDSLaw assists HIV patients in addressing challenges such as overcoming employment and housing discrimination, applying for disability through Social Security and writing wills.

"One of the great things about

working for AIDSLaw is that so many of the things I'm doing and will do—interviewing clients, researching laws and regulations, preparing for hearings and arguing before an administrative judge—are things that will help me be a better attorney in general," says Doiron.

"Last year and this year, Equal Justice Works has taken a special interest in pro bono legal work related to Katrina recovery, and it has funded a number of summer fellowships that focus on New Orleans and the Gulf South," says **Molly Sullivan**, also a second-year law student. Sullivan is working with the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corp., helping Road Home applicants who have succession problems.

"Before they can claim the Road Home money, they've got to get the title on their house straightened out," says Sullivan. "In many cases, people have lost all of their paperwork and documentation."

Sullivan searched through the city's notarial archives to find the most recent titles to the properties. Her own home was flooded during Katrina, and she says she was glad to be able to help.

"Everyone's trying to pick up and get back to where they were before," she says.

"This is something we can do to help them recover from this enormous tragedy."

**Kati Bambrick** has her sights set on being a domestic violence attorney in New Orleans. This summer, she clerked at New Orleans Legal Assistance Corp., assisting attorneys with domestic violence cases. After conducting intake interviews with clients, Bambrick would help prepare their petitions for divorce, obtain restraining orders or, in some cases, help them obtain custody of their children.

"There's really no substitute for feeling like you are helping one individual person, hearing one individual person's story, being touched by it and feeling that you helped them," Bambrick says.

"I know this sounds like a cliché," says Doiron, "but I chose to do nonprofit work this summer because I believe that people who are as privileged as me and everyone else at Tulane have a responsibility to use that education at some point to help society."

In addition to Doiron, Sullivan and Bambrick, 16 other Tulane law students spent this summer serving with nonprofit public interest law organizations as a part of the Equal Justice Works Summer Corps program.

# LIVE FROM NEW ORLEANS

IN A CITY PREVIOUSLY RESISTANT TO CHANGE,  
THE STATUS QUO HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY DETHRONED.

BY TANIA TETLOW



*Tania Tetlow is an associate professor of law and director of the Domestic Violence Clinic.*

It is a delicate task to describe the status of New Orleans right now. I keep reciting to myself Dickens' now-cliché description of revolutionary France; it is the best of times and the worst of times. While great parts of the city remain silent, covered in sepia-toned ruin, the rest has come more alive than ever before.

Neighborhood groups have sprouted everywhere, seemingly organized to represent every six-block area. People read the newspaper from cover to cover, and unless the Saints are playing, conversations focus on excruciating details of levee construction and coastal restoration. Those who never had time for involvement in any civic activity are suddenly joining the boards of charter schools and investing in the education of other people's children.

And the volunteers still come by the thousands from all over the world, not just students, but families and a new brand of public interest tourist. I have met couples on their honeymoons gutting houses in Gentilly. Some of them end up staying. Young people at bars often turn out to be bright-eyed urban planners,

thrilled to find themselves at this perfect intersection of Peace Corps-type opportunities and night life.

Before Katrina, the wonderful and horrible thing about New Orleans was that it never changed. Now we have nothing but—terrifying and thrilling change.

The status quo has officially been dethroned in a city where that never seemed possible. A crop of first-time candidates ran for office and displaced a majority of the City Council. Last year a spike in the crime rate resulted in a march of diverse thousands on City Hall. Grass roots movements succeeded in amending the state constitution to reform the levee boards and the city's unwieldy tax assessor system.

As you would expect, battles also rage over that change. The answers rarely seem clear and resistance can stem both from honest differences of opinion and from self-interested defensiveness. For example, citizens understandably outraged at the loss of their particular neighborhood have squelched ideas about relocation to higher ground, though insurance rules will require safer building codes.

Debates over the future of New Orleans provide fascinating insights into the problems facing all American cities. We have replaced our normal fare of daily trivia with raging conversations about philosophical issues. Where are the lines between government, corporate and individual responsibility for society? Who should provide for the basic needs

of housing, food and shelter?

Our scarcity of affordable housing has spawned new awareness of the importance of the working poor to the economy, particularly our tourist-based economy that depends on low-paying jobs. We have all had a macroeconomics lesson in the supply and demand of labor and wages as the salaries of restaurant and hotel workers quickly doubled after the storm. Substantial rent increases still make it difficult for the average resident to return, and more than 100,000 remain displaced. Some will stay in cities that offer more economic and educational opportunity, but most are desperate to come home.

New Orleans has become the forefront of debates on public housing. The Housing Authority of New Orleans has refused to repair and reopen public housing developments, seeing this as an opportunity to rebuild failed projects in the new "mixed income" model of scattered—and hopefully thus more stable—public housing. So we debate the long-term value of improved opportunities for the poor in better public housing versus the spectre of leaving residents scattered across the country, unable to return to their communities. And construction on the new developments has yet to begin.

The storm also revealed pre-existing fissures in the criminal justice system and cracked them wide open. Few urban criminal justice systems could have dealt well with the body blow of a Katrina, but ours was particularly unprepared and





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underfunded. During the storm, government evacuated 7,000 inmates trapped in unspeakable conditions in a flooded Orleans Parish Prison, and then scattered them to parish jails and state prisons. Many of those arrested for petty offenses ended up abandoned in the system, serving more than their maximum possible sentences but without a trial, without even an arraignment or any access to a lawyer.

Katrina revealed that our federalist system leaves local criminal justice systems to their own devices after a major disaster, thus imperilling both the social order and civil liberties. Federal law prohibits payment of local government operating expenses, even for crucial functions like prosecutors and public defenders, police and fire fighters. Federal assistance on other fronts came slowly and in trickles. Between physical damage to buildings, staff cuts, and post-traumatic paralysis, the city was unable to begin criminal jury trials for nine months after the storm.

As with everything else, the crisis in

the criminal justice system represented both a depressing reminder of typical urban flaws and an unprecedented opportunity to rebuild the system from scratch. The public defenders' office is being recreated, with great help from law school faculty, into a model system of best practices. Meanwhile, enormous pressure is building on the district attorney and police department to enact reforms.

Tulane itself has a profound relevance to the community, engaging in work that has great educational importance to students and fertilizes the scholarship of faculty. The university has partnered with charter schools and provided technical assistance to the public school system as a whole. The medical school must negotiate the future of health care provision in New Orleans and whether Charity Hospital should be replaced with a decentralized system. Faculty provide policy expertise and personal leadership in every realm, from science to recreating public libraries to cultural preservation.

The law school has particular importance to these efforts, providing student assistance in legal services and faculty expertise on a variety of policy fronts. The law school increased the pro bono requirement for graduation in recognition that our students have unprecedented opportunities to learn from their environment. While law students from all of the nation's schools flock here on their spring break to be a part of history for a few days, our students get to make a difference during their entire legal education, and they will be forever changed by the experience. Tulane also has created new externship opportunities in housing, criminal justice and legal services.

The clinics have provided particular leadership to the community and thrilling experiences for our students. Professor Stacy Seicshnaydre litigates fair housing issues with the students in the Civil Clinic, negotiates with HUD over the public housing crisis and offers policy expertise. Professor Pam Metzger

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and Katherine Mattes, the clinic's deputy director, worked with tireless students in the Criminal Clinic to free hundreds of wrongly held prisoners. Professors Metzger and Jancy Hoeffel have served on the boards of the local and state public defenders' offices respectively to ensure the best quality of practice in a new defender system. The Domestic Violence Clinic works with police,

district attorneys and judges to protect some of the most vulnerable and overlooked victims of crime.

New Orleans is a lovely, lyrical city. Like any port city at the delta of a river, it sits low and requires modern technology to protect it from floods (as do Sacramento, London, Amsterdam and Venice). Like any old city, it has a byzantine government and strange traditions. But as you know from your time here, New Orleans is irreplaceable, not subject to American notions of planned obsolescence. Its particular mix of African and European, of slavery and immigration, of sin and tolerance, produced music that transformed the world's culture. For Americans, New Orleans is the syncopation in our step, the spice in our food, the reason that we are more than a collection of our constituent old world parts.

That importance has meant a fierce loyalty to this place, to this people. New Orleanians have always been unusual because we conscientiously prioritize community in a country that has turned towards individualism. We know that our collective culture gives meaning to our lives, so we spend precious time sewing Mardi Gras Indian costumes and learning the trumpet. The storm reinforced those instincts and further shifted our priorities. We have escaped the burden of fretting over trivia, of thinking that our collected belongings define us.

You will remember from your time here that New Orleanians have a habit of looking people in the eye when we pass them on the street, of nodding and smiling. Now that gesture is imbued with an implicit expression of loyalty, of fierce pride. We are in this together. We look to the generations before us who rebuilt after wars, plagues and pogroms, and we simply get to work. In the middle of construction dust and overgrown weeds, we treasure the opportunity to live in the most energized, engaged city in the country. ■





**Martin Davies** has published “Classification Society Liability in the United States” in *Liability Regimes in Contemporary Maritime Law*, (ed. D. Rhidian Thomas, Informa, 2007); “Australian Maritime Law 2006,” *2007 International Maritime & Commercial Law Year Book*; “Bypassing the Hague Evidence Convention: Private International Law Implications of the Use of Video and Audio Conferencing Technology in Transnational Litigation,” *American Journal of Comparative Law* (2007); and co-authored “U.S. Maritime Law 2006,” *2007 International & Commercial Law Year Book* with Robert Force.

On May 3, Davies was part of a panel of four that jointly delivered the Eighth Nicholas J. Healy Lecture on Admiralty Law at New York University Law School. His presentation, entitled “*McDermott v. AmClyde*: The Quiet Achiever” will be published in the *Journal of Maritime Law & Commerce*. On May 17, Davies also delivered a presentation entitled “The Effect of Allegations of Illegality or Dishonesty on D&O Cover” at the Australian Insurance Law Association Intensive, Noosa, Queensland.

**Onnig H. Dombalagian** has recently published two articles: “Self and Self-Regulation: Resolving the Identity Crisis,” *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial, & Commercial Law*; and “Licensing the Word of the Street: The SEC’s Role in Regulating Information,” *Buffalo Law Review*.

**Robert Force** co-authored “U.S. Maritime Law 2006,” *2007 International & Commercial Law Year Book* with Martin Davies. He published “Shipment of Dangerous Cargo by Sea” in *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* (September 2006) and recently republished the same article in the *Tulane*

*Maritime Law Journal* (summer 2007). His chapter “Marine Pollution Liabilities Under U.S. Law” appeared in *Liability Regimes in Contemporary Maritime Law* (ed. D. Rhidian Thomas, Informa 2007). Force also delivered the lead paper on “Marine Pollution Liabilities” at a Conference on International Maritime Law sponsored by Wuhan University School of Law, Wuhan, China, May 2007, and delivered three lectures on maritime law at Dalian Maritime University, Dalian, China. He was appointed visiting professor by the president of Dalian Maritime University.

**Catherine Hancock** has assumed the Geoffrey Bible and Murray Bring Professorship in Constitutional Law.

**Günther Handl** has been appointed to the Committee on Global Maritime Partnership of the National Academy of Science’s Naval Studies Board.

**Oliver Houck’s** article, “Trail Smelter in Contemporary International Environmental Law: Application to Nuclear Energy,” was published in *Transboundary Harm in International Law: Lessons from the Trail Smelter Arbitration* 143 (R. Bratspies & R.





Miller, eds, Cambridge University Press 2006). Houck also published a comparative legal history article, "Light From The Trees: The Story of Minors Oposa and the Russian Forest Cases," *Georgetown Int'l Env L J*, and two articles on pre- and post-Katrina—"Retaking the Exam: How Environmental Law Failed New Orleans and How It Might Yet Succeed," *Tulane L Rev.*, and "Lessons Unlearned: Hurricane Katrina and Flood Control," *Loyola (N.O.) L Rev.* He also published two book reviews this summer: "The Worst Hard Time" (about the Dust Bowl) and "The Golden Spruce" (about Pacific Coast forests) in *Environmental L Rep.*, and a third, "The Uncontrol of Nature" (about Grunwald's *The Swamp* and Tidwell's *Bayou Farewell*) in March. He also gave the Distinguished Visiting Scholar lecture, Vermont Law School, in June, and was keynote speaker, Waterkeeper Alliance conference in May.

**David Katner's** article "The Ethical Struggle of Usurping Juvenile Client Autonomy by Raising Competency in Delinquency and Criminal Cases" will appear in the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*. Katner's most recent publication, "Rethinking Juvenile Justice in the Wake of Katrina," will appear as a chapter in the upcoming book (as of now untitled) by the American Bar Association and the Center for Children, Law & Policy at the University of Houston Law Center. In April, Katner participated in the conference "Models for Change—Evidence-Based Practice Summit: Bringing Evidence-Based Practices to Louisiana's Juvenile Justice System" sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation, the Louisiana Board of Regents, The Louisiana Children's Cabinet, and the National Center for Mental Health & Juvenile Justice. Also in April, Katner spoke at the conference "The Katrina Effect: Disasters and Children,"

sponsored by the ABA Center on Children and the Law and the Center for Children, Law & Policy at the University of Houston Law Center.

**Jonathan Nash's** paper, "The Unknowing Race to Capture: Strategic Responses to Grandfathering," was selected for inclusion in the inaugural Harvard-Boalt-UCLA Workshop for Junior Environmental Scholars. He presented the paper at Harvard Law School in June. In addition, Nash has been invited to present his paper, "Public Choice over Efficiency: The Case of Road Traffic Management," at the eighth annual Global Conference on Environmental Taxation, to be held in Munich, Germany in October. Nash presented his paper, "The Unknowing Race to Capture," and with co-author Rafael Pardo jointly presented the paper, "An Empirical Investigation Into the Perceived Quality of Appellate Review," at the Law and Society Association's

## HEADLINERS

In an op-ed piece, **Keith Werhan** says President George Bush and Congress are engaged in a game of constitutional chicken, competing to see who will capitulate on Iraq war policy. Aside from the difficulty of the choices now facing the nation, Werhan explains that the stalemate also is a product of our distinctive system of separated powers.

"James Madison's notes on the Constitutional Convention explain that the delegates insisted that Congress rather than the president have the power to declare war because they were 'for clogging rather than facilitating war.' They wanted to make it, according to Madison's notes, 'easi(er) to get out of war, than into it.' The current impasse shows just how hard our constitutional system can make it to end even an unpopular war."

The *Times-Picayune*, "Impasse Born of Separation of Powers," April 17, 2007

**Tania Tetlow**, director of the Tulane Law School Domestic Violence Clinic and a former federal prosecutor, wrote an editorial on America's view of domestic violence saying that despite more than 1,000 such murders a year, society sees domestic violence as aberrant, the result of a bad upbringing or mental illness.

"We treat domestic violence as sad but inevitable, as irrelevant to our own safety, as having nothing to do with the status of women. In our own community this last year, we have never connected the dots between the cooking of Addie Hall by her boyfriend, the stabbing of Ashley Ruffins as the police walked away and the shooting of Adrienne McGee and her children. We need to muster the same outrage for these murders as for all of the other killings. These are the killings that the system usually has multiple chances to prevent."

The *Times-Picayune*, "Going Easy on Men who Kill Partners," May 14, 2007

annual meeting at Humboldt University in Berlin. Also, Nash's paper, "The Majority That Wasn't: Stare Decisis, Majority Rule, and the Mischief of Quorum Requirements," has been selected for presentation at the annual meeting of the Canadian Law and Economics Association, to be held at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law this fall. Nash also has been reappointed for a second term on the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules to the U.S. Judicial Conference.

**Brooke Overby's** article "Mortgage Foreclosure in Post-Katrina New Orleans" has been accepted for publication by the *Boston College Law Review*.

**Vernon Palmer** was a general reporter at the International Congress of the Academy of Comparative Law, held in July 2006 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. With a co-author, he submitted a general report of 130 pages. His book, *New Horizons in Comparative Law*, co-authored with Mauro Bussani of the University of Trieste, will be published

by Routledge/Cavendish in 2008. Palmer delivered the William Wilson Memorial Lecture to the Edinburg law faculty. His address, "Two Rival Theories of Mixed Legal Systems," will be published in *The Journal of Comparative Law* in 2008. At the World Congress in Edinburgh, he was re-elected president of the World Society of Mixed Jurisdiction Jurists. This spring, his article "Mixed Legal Systems ... and the Myth of Pure Laws" appeared in *Louisiana Law Review*, and "The Customs of Slavery: The War Without Arms" appeared in *Journal of American Legal History*.

**Lawrence Ponoroff** has been elected a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, membership in which is limited to one-third of one percent of lawyers in each jurisdiction.

**Stacy Seicshnaydre** recently had an op-ed piece published in the *Times-Picayune* entitled, "The Housing Next Door." On April 20, Seicshnaydre conducted a continuing legal education presentation in New Orleans for the

Fair Housing Action Center entitled "Zubulake And Its Implications for Pre-Trial Discovery in Fair Housing Cases: Document Retention, Electronic Discovery, and Adverse Inferences." She also will be publishing an essay in Vol. 81 of the *Tulane Law Review* Katrina Symposium issue, entitled, "The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: In Search of a Just Public Housing Policy Post-Katrina."

**Judy Schafer** has been invited to participate in a seminar on slavery and the law at the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition at Yale University. The group of 15 scholars will meet four times over a two-year period, followed by a conference. Conference papers will then be published.

**Mark Wessman's** article, "Recent Defenses of Consideration," will be published in the *Indiana-Indianapolis Law Review*. ■

**Adam Babich** of the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic spoke out on two amendments that U.S. Sen. David Vitter introduced to the Senate energy bill intended to help Baton Rouge better handle its ozone problem.

"The EPA is saying that the current standard is not protecting people," [Babich said]. "It looks like a no-brainer to tighten up the standard."

*Advocate Washington Bureau*, "Vitter Bills Aimed at Ozone Problem Management," June 22, 2007

**Pamela Metzger** commented on the public criticism of Louisiana Attorney General Charles Foti after a grand jury declined to indict Anna Pou and two Memorial Hospital nurses who Foti accused of homicide for allegedly euthanizing four patients after the city flooded. Pou, who now is suing Foti, accused him in court papers of arresting her and branding her a murderer to try to boost his re-election campaign.

"He needs to win St. Rita's badly because the Pou case created so much hatred for him in New Orleans," [Metzger said]. "For someone who was relatively popular with the white middle

class, all of a sudden, nice little old ladies with blue hair are spitting on his photo for what he did to Dr. Pou."

*USA Today*, "Louisiana Nursing Home Case puts Katrina Response on Trial," Aug. 8, 2007

**Oliver Houck** wrote *Fortune Magazine* last year regarding the vast amount of America's oil that flows through southern Louisiana. The fact that the country doesn't want to help protect the Louisiana land that the oil flows through only adds fuel to an already burning strain of resentment in Louisiana these days. Skeptics recall the decades in which 50 percent of the state's tax revenues came from oil companies.

"Today we tell Congress that we 'sacrificed' ourselves for the national good. Never has there been such a willing, complicit sacrifice. We made a bundle of money, wasted most of it, and blackballed anyone who questioned what it was doing to the Louisiana coast. But it's clear that others are not going to volunteer to replace Louisiana."

*Fortune Magazine*, "The Next Energy Crisis," Aug. 9, 2007

# NEW TO OUR FACULTY



## JAMES GORDLEY

*W.R. Irby Professor of Law  
BA, MBA, University of Chicago;  
JD, Harvard Law School*

**James Gordley** comes to Tulane from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California–Berkeley, where he served on the faculty since 1978. Before beginning his teaching career, he was a fellow at the Institute of Comparative Law at the University of Florence, an associate with the Boston firm of Foley Hoag & Eliot, and an Ezra Ripley Thayer Fellow at Harvard.

Gordley has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fulbright Fellow, a Senior NATO Fellow and a fellow of the Deutscheforschungsgemeinschaft. He has been a visiting professor at the Universities of Fribourg, Regensburg, Munich, Milan, and Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi; a visiting scholar at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Law in Hamburg, the European University Institute in Fiesole, and the University of Cologne; and the Jean Monnet Distinguished Professor in Comparative Law at the University of Trent. He was awarded the UC Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award in 1984 and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1999. In 2001, he received the Rutter Award for Teaching Distinction.

He is the author of several books, including *Gratian, The Treatise on Laws with the Ordinary Gloss* (with Augustine Thompson), *The Philosophical Origins of Modern Contract Doctrine*; *The Civil Law System: An Introduction to the Comparative Study of Law* (with Arthur von Mehren), and *Toward Equal Justice: A Comparative Study of Legal Aid in Modern Societies* (with Mauro Cappelletti and Earl Johnson Jr.).

His recent publications include “Responsibility in Crime, Tort, and Contract for the Unforeseeable Consequence of an Intentional Wrong: A Once and Future Rule?” in *The Law of Obligations: Essays in Celebration of John Fleming* (1998) and “Is Comparative Law a Distinct Discipline?” in the *American Journal of Comparative Law* (1998).

This fall he is teaching Contracts I and will teach the Comparative Private Law Seminar and Common Law Property in the spring.

## ELIZABETH NOWICKI

*Associate professor of law  
BS, Russell Sage College;  
JD, Columbia Law School*

**Elizabeth Nowicki** joins the Tulane Law School faculty from Washington & Lee School of Law, where she was a visiting professor during spring 2007. She visited at Cornell Law School during fall 2006, and prior to that was a member of the faculty of the University of Richmond School of Law. A recipient of numerous honors as a student at Columbia Law School, Nowicki also served as senior articles editor of the *Columbia Business Law Review*. After her graduation



## ELIZABETH TOWNSEND-GARD

*Associate professor of law  
BA, MA, PhD, University of  
California–Los Angeles;  
JD, LLM, James E. Rogers College of Law  
at the University of Arizona*

from law school, she clerked for Judge Jack Weinstein on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and then for Judge James Oakes on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She worked as an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel of the Securities and Exchange Commission and as an associate at a major New York and Los Angeles law firm. She has written on securities law topics and on topics related to corporate governance and directors' liability. Her areas of interest include corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, securities regulation, publicly held businesses, and corporate finance.

This fall she is teaching Business Enterprises I and will teach Business Enterprises II and Mergers & Acquisitions in the spring.



**Elizabeth Townsend-Gard** comes to Tulane from the Seattle University School of Law, where she was visiting assistant professor and a justice faculty fellow at Seattle University's Center for the Study of Justice in Society in 2006-2007. In addition to her academic experience at Seattle University, she has taught law at the London School of Economics, where she also held a Leverhulme Trust Research Postdoctoral Fellowship, and history at the University of California–Los Angeles, where she was awarded a Collegium University Teaching Fellowship.

Since 2004, she has been a non-resident fellow of the Stanford Law School Center for Internet and Society, where her projects have included podcasting the traditional classroom, virtual property, copyright duration and unpublished works and the public domain. Her recent publications on these topics have been published in the *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal*, the *Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.* and the *Journal for Internet Law*. She was also a guest blogger at Terra Nova, and for the last three years, has blogged at [academiccopyright.typepad.com](http://academiccopyright.typepad.com), examining copyright issues in an academic setting. Her Tulane Law School blog ([www.law.tulane.edu/tlsBlog/facultyblog.aspx?blogid=190](http://www.law.tulane.edu/tlsBlog/facultyblog.aspx?blogid=190)) made its debut in July.

During law school, Townsend-Gard served as a clerk on a number of NAFTA arbitration cases, including the Chapter 20 cross-border trucking case between Mexico and the United States. Just after law school, she directed a two-year multimedia project, "Preparing for Lives in the Law," with Dean Toni Massaro at



Rogers College of Law. She also has served as an advisor on academic issues to a San Francisco law firm specializing in copyright and trademark.

Her doctoral dissertation examined the cultural expression of war in art, literature, memoir, film, drama, and other forms. Focusing on the First World War, the dissertation explores identity and membership within a war generation. Townsend-Gard is currently working at developing this work into a book entitled *The Making of a War Generation*. While enrolled as a student at UCLA, she also worked as a professional actor in film and television.

Professor Townsend-Gard's teaching and research areas include intellectual property (copyright, trademark, international intellectual property, cyberlaw), international law (trade, NAFTA, globalization, ADR, trade and IP), legal history, comparative law and property.

She is teaching Intellectual Property this fall and will teach Common Law Property and Copyright in the spring.

# JOINING US FOR THE 2007-08 ACADEMIC YEAR AS VISITORS



## LARRY CATÁ BACKER

*Visiting professor of law  
BA, Brandeis University; MPP, Harvard  
Law School; JD, Columbia Law School*

**Larry Catá Backer** is visiting Tulane this year from Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University, where he has taught since 2000. Previously, he taught at the University of Tulsa College of Law and was executive director of the Center for International and Comparative Law there. He also has taught in Argentina, Brazil, Ireland, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Spain, Slovakia and Italy. Catá Backer teaches and writes about United States constitutional law, corporate law, and the institutions of the European Union, often from a comparative law perspective. Currently, he focuses his research and teaching on globalization and the convergence of public and

private law with special attention to the regulation of states, corporations and non-governmental organizations.

After his graduation from law school, where he was publishable notes editor of the *Columbia Law Review*, Catá Backer clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Thereafter, he entered the private practice of law in Los Angeles at Irell & Manella and, subsequently, Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson. He has published extensively in constitutional law, corporate law, the constitutional law of religion and transnational law.

Catá Backer's recent publications include a course book entitled *Comparative Corporate Law* and journal articles on rule of law issues in Chinese constitutionalism; the regulation of multi-national corporations; the regulation of constitutionalism through international law; the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; corporate social responsibility as a subject of international law; the relationship between gender and law in the United States; Malaysia and Zimbabwe; Cuba and economic globalization; sovereign debt and the corporate model of insolvency; the proposed European Union Constitutional Treaty, the effects of recent U. S. Supreme Court decisions on concepts of American federalism; a comparison of the governmental structure of the Confederate States of America with the European Union; and an analysis

of modes of thinking about legal issues of same-sex marriage.

Catá Backer is a member of the American Law Institute and the European Corporate Governance Institute. He serves on the editorial board of *Revista Sequência* (Brasil) and has served as an editor of the Association of American Law School's Minority Groups Section newsletter since 2003. At Dickinson School of Law, he sponsors the Latina/o Law Students Association.

This fall, Catá Backer is teaching Introduction to Civil Procedure and European Union I. In the spring, he will teach European Union II and the European Union Seminar.

## CLAIRE MOORE DICKERSON

*Visiting Sen. John B. Breau Professor  
of Business Law  
AB, Wellesley College; JD, Columbia  
Law School; LLM, New York University  
School of Law*

**Claire Moore Dickerson** comes to Tulane from Rutgers School of Law, where she was the Arthur L. Dickson Scholar and she served as co-director of Rutgers's Global Legal Studies program. She also is permanent visiting professor at the University of Buea in Cameroon.





## ROBERTA ROSENTHAL KWALL

*Visiting professor of law (spring 2008)  
AB, Brown University; JD, University of  
Pennsylvania Law School*

**Roberta Rosenthal Kwall** is visiting Tulane Law School from DePaul University College of Law, where she is the Raymond P. Niro Professor of Intellectual Property Law and director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology. Prior to teaching at DePaul, she practiced intellectual property law at Sidley Austin in Chicago, and clerked for Judge Leonard I. Garth, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. As a student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, she served as comment editor of the *Law Review*. At Brown University, she earned membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Kwall has published numerous articles on intellectual property and she is the co-author of leading casebooks in both intellectual property and real property. Her particular areas of expertise include moral rights and the right of publicity. Kwall has served in an advisory capacity to the Office of the General Counsel on the federal Visual Artists Rights Act. In 1999, she served as the chair of the Intellectual Property Section of the American Association of Law Schools. She received the DePaul University College of Law Outstanding Teaching Award in 1985, the DePaul University Excellence in Teaching Award in 1996, the College of Law's Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award in 1999, and the DePaul University Spirit of Inquiry Award in 2002.

Kwall will teach Common Law Property and the Publicity & Moral Rights Seminar in the spring.

Distinguished by her scholarly and teaching activity in contracts, comparative law, and international business transactions, Dickerson is noted for her focus on the intersection between commerce and human rights.

As a student at Columbia Law School, Dickerson was a Stone Scholar. From law school, she went on to become a partner at the international law firm of Coudert Brothers in New York City. She later became a partner of, and later counsel to, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, a Philadelphia-based firm. In 1986, Dickerson began her teaching career at St. John's University School of Law.

Dickerson's scholarship has applied socio-economic principles to business-related areas of law, with a particular focus on standards of performance. Her research interests have taken her to Africa, principally Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Senegal, and she has presented her work both overseas and at home. Active in several professional legal organizations, including the Law & Society Association and the American Society of International Law, Dickerson has served on the executive committee of the socio-economic section of the Association of American Law Schools.

She is teaching Contracts I and Business Enterprises I this fall and will teach International Business Transactions and a seminar in Comparative Corporate Governance in the spring.



## STUART LAZAR

*Visiting associate professor of law  
AB, JD, University of Michigan; LLM in  
Taxation, New York University Law School*

**Stuart Lazar** is visiting Tulane from Thomas Cooley School of Law, where he was the assistant director of the Graduate Tax Program. He has also taught at Roger Williams University School of Law as an adjunct professor and at Boston University School of Law as a lecturer in the Graduate Tax Program. After his graduation from law school, Lazar worked as a tax associate at the New York law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and then as a partner at the New England firm of Edwards & Angell. His teaching, research and writing interests are in the field of taxation.

Lazar is teaching Income Tax and Business Planning this fall and Corporate Tax and Corporate Reorganization in the spring.



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—DEAN LAWRENCE PONOROFF



# CLASS ACTS





*Alumni return to the law school as adjunct professors  
to share what they know—and learn what they don't.*

*By Lauren Vergona    Group portraits by Rick Olivier*

*Teaching photographs by Jackson Hill*





*Bob Acomb queries students on the nuanced applications of the Jones Act and compensation statutes in his admiralty law class.*



**I**T TAKES A DISTINGUISHED academic pedigree, prestigious accomplishments and extensive experience in the field of law to be considered for an adjunct faculty position. From the ranks of the bar to the bench, law schools search for candidates eager to offer students a practitioner's perspective on the law and expound on what they have learned in their careers. For those who commit, sacrifices are substantial and monetary compensation is minimal to none. Regardless, adjuncts say none of that really matters when the passion for what you do prevails.

After 42 years of teaching (longer than any other faculty member), Tulane Law School adjunct and Tulane law alum **Max Nathan Jr.** (L '60) should know. "I think when you care about the practice of law as a profession, and you care about teaching as a profession, and you care about students themselves, it is especially rewarding to be part of the process of training young minds and introducing them into a great profession," says Nathan. "The students must pick up on that."

For Nathan, it all began in 1965, when one month into the semester Dean Cecil Morgan asked him if he could fill in for a professor who needed to have surgery by teaching a class in common law sales.

"I was so excited at the prospect that I did not tell him that I had not studied common law sales," recalls Nathan.

One week later, Morgan was introducing Nathan to his new students.

"As soon as he left, I told the students the truth, which is that they were one month ahead of me and that I had never studied common law sales," says Nathan. "I told them that they had a choice of either having me as their teacher or not

having the course, and this way we would learn together."

Nathan has taught continuously every year since and is just one of the many adjunct professors who return to their alma mater each semester to provide future attorneys with the wealth of knowledge and experience needed for success in the real world. This includes not only applied courses focused directly on professional skills, but also small, upper-level electives in specialty areas such as maritime, tax and environmental law.

## READY OR NOT

**B**eing asked to be a part of the legal academy is flattering. While some adjuncts arrive at Tulane Law School serendipitously, others are courted, and the appointment process is a rigorous one.

No matter how they were tapped, adjuncts caution it's wise to think twice before rushing back to school.

**William Pitts** (L '65) says he was honored when the dean invited him to

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Lawrence Ponoroff, dean of Tulane Law School, knows just how much adjuncts add to the depth of the school's distinctive areas of curricular strength. "Our adjunct faculty, which includes both alumni and non-alumni, makes an enormous contribution to our academic curriculum and to our students' educational experience by allowing us to offer instruction in areas we simply would not be able to cover with the full-time faculty," says Dean Ponoroff.

teach the first-year Property course, but admits he was in no way prepared. While quick to accept the offer, Pitts says that to this day it still surprises him how difficult it is to present the necessary information to the students in a way they will find interesting and accessible.

"I'm sure I bored my first class to death," confesses Pitts.

For **Stephen Kupperman** (L '77), the process was reversed.

"Teaching was always the road not taken—a profession I seriously considered but did not ultimately select," Kupperman explains, adding that even after practicing for five or six years, he felt he needed more experience before he could be of value to students. "The urge to teach, however, was as great as the urge to learn, and the desire to explore this path never really left me."

Consequently, Kupperman took 10 years before approaching Tulane Law





*Lynn Luker takes questions from Trial Advocacy students as they prepare their cases.*

School for an adjunct position. The timing must have been right; Kupperman has returned every semester for the past 20 years.

Regardless of how well-prepared a high-profile professional may be, students often ask questions that clients typically don't think to ask. "It is a great way of remaining up-to-the-minute on the law," says Kupperman, who admits he was

surprised by how much he gained from his teaching career. "Hopefully, I was able to teach the students as much as I learned."

Nathan, who also is a member of the Louisiana State Law Institute, stresses that practicing law and teaching at the same time is a symbiotic situation.

"I discovered early on that my law practice benefited from my teaching and from my work in the Law Institute, and my work in the Law Institute benefited from my law practice and my teaching," says Nathan.

Adjuncts also say that teaching allows them to give something back and can be motivating and inspiring. "There is a constant challenge by young, intelligent, and thoughtful minds," says Kupperman. "Teaching is reinvigorating, and serves to recharge personal batteries."

Having taught at the law school for four decades, Nathan concurs. "Over

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time I have found that teaching has an extraordinary energizing effect on me and I consider it to be exercise for the mind. I am always amazed at how much I benefit from the process.”

## THE BALANCING ACT

While the job of an adjunct is stimulating, it also is very demanding and at times physically and mentally exhausting. While Tulane Law School has been fortunate from time to time to have alumni living outside the state join the faculty to offer three-week, one-credit ‘mini-courses,’ those that come do so at considerable expense and the dislocation of their personal and professional lives is taxing.

One such example is the Hon. **Andrew G. T. Moore II** (L ’60) from Delaware. In the last four years, Moore has twice taught a mini-course in Corporate Governance at the dean’s request.

A retired justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware, Moore is able to sit in any court of the State and says he volunteers to do so quite frequently. In addition to pro bono work, Moore recently published a law review article that made the Top 10 Social Science Research Network (SSRN) list. When asked how he balances the three (teaching, service and research), Moore simply says that “teaching predominates.”

Similarly, **Lynn Luker** (L ’81) says that once her children were born, she had to focus on what was truly important. “It really is true that you can’t do it all—especially if you are trying to do it well,” she says. Nonetheless, Luker didn’t want to stop. “Tulane Trial Ad is such an important

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The Hon. Lance M. Africk	Herbert V. Larson
H. Edwin Anderson III	Hugh Long
J. Robert Ates	Lynn Luker
James A. Babst	David Marcello
Stephen G. Bullock	Robert P. McCleskey Jr.
Michael M. Butterworth	Stanley Millan
Shaun G. Clarke	L. Linton Morgan
James A. Cobb Jr.	Julian R. Murray Jr.
J. Grant Coleman	Max Nathan Jr.
Anthony J. Corroero III	Seth Nehrbass
Richard A. Cozad	Brett North
Marilyn H. David	Robert W. Nuzum
Mark S. Davis	William E. O’Neil
Andrew de Klerk	Deborah Pearce
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The Hon. Douglas D. Dodd	Rudolph R. Ramelli
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Joshua Force	David Sharpe
William R. Forrester Jr.	Dana Shelton
George C. Freeman III	Lloyd N. Shields
William W. Goodell	Richard C. Stanley
Edward T. Hayes	Charles F. Thensted
Curtis Hearn	Tommy Usdin
Jonathan A. Hunter	J. Michael Veron
Allan Kanner	Jason Waguespack
Steven Klein	Kenneth A. Weiss
Neal Kling	V. M. Wheeler III
Peter Koerber	Paul Zimmering

# ADJUNCT TIDBITS

- Since **Bob Acomb** got involved with the Admiralty Law Institute, eventually becoming its chair, the group has been successful in earning money and developing donors, contributing since 1965 more than a million dollars to Tulane Law School.

Contributions were used toward creating scholarships, gifts to the law school for the construction of the new facility, support for the Tulane Abroad programs and the Maritime Law Center, and development work in the early '70s to help start the *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*.



- Although principally an oil and gas lawyer, **Linton Morgan** was lead counsel for all of the New Orleans banks that financed the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition. They collected 100 percent of their debt.

- **Bill Forrester Jr.** practically grew up on the Tulane campus. "My dad was on the faculty when I was a kid," says Forrester. "I used to sell Cokes at the Tulane football games (the profit was two cents per bottle) and get a helmet chinstrap from my favorite players after the games."

- As a young man, **Julian Murray Jr.** studied for many years to be an opera singer. Half jokingly, he tells the story that his voice teacher suggested he go to law school and his law professors suggested he become an opera singer. "Alas, over the years I have had some clients who wished I had become an opera singer," jokes Murray. Over the years he has made a number of recordings including opera, Broadway, and Celtic music.

part of my life," she explains. "Luckily my husband was willing to make it work for me."

On top of practicing law full-time, many adjuncts have children or grandchildren, serve on committees, edit their own case books and, like Moore, donate time to charitable and pro bono work.

While school is in session, responsibilities are abundant. In addition to teaching students, adjuncts spend countless hours preparing for upcoming lectures, composing and grading exams, and serving as mentors to students.

As a way "to give something back" to the law school for granting him scholarships and waiving tuition when he was a Tulane law student, **Linton Morgan**

*Edward Castaing Jr. (L '71) takes time away from his legal career to instruct prospective trial attorneys, cautioning them to think before they act and stay true to their words.*





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(L ’57) joined the adjunct faculty 32 years ago. He recalls how time-consuming his start really was. “1975 was the first year of the Louisiana Mineral Code,” says Morgan, a former Marine Corps instructor. “I taught Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. To prepare from scratch took about 12 hours a week.”

Morgan, who attributes his longevity to his students’ enthusiasm, says he still tells each class they can always call him—*pro bono*—if they have an oil and gas problem they need to discuss.

**Julian Murray Jr.** (L ’64) says that for the last 30 spring semesters his Thursdays have been essentially given to Tulane because he taught Advanced Criminal Practice as well as Trial Advocacy.

“My research and preparation for the criminal practice class consumed most of my morning,” says Murray. “The class was taught between 1:30 and 3:20 and I had only a half-hour break before starting Trial Advocacy at 3:50.”

In his 30 years of teaching, Murray has come to accept two things: one, that he tires much more easily than when he started, and two, that the students never get tired. Taking such factors into account, this fall, Murray announced he was stepping down as director of the Trial Advocacy Program.

For Luker, the reality is still hard to grasp. “Julian Murray has been the soul of Tulane’s Trial Ad program for 30 years,” she says. “Although he leaves a very definite imprint on all of us who

have taught with him, it will never be the same without him.”

Murray, who will be back for the spring 2008 semester to teach Advanced Criminal Practice, says five years from now he hopes he’s still going strong as a member of the adjunct faculty. “But ‘Man proposes, God disposes.’”

Nathan isn’t looking to retire in the near future either. In fact, he says that his lectures require minimal preparation today; the more burdensome thing is writing a fair exam and taking the appropriate time to grade it. “The time to prepare an exam is immeasurable. If the spirit moves me, it may come out quickly and cleverly, but if I have writer’s block, it will be very pedestrian.”

Nathan isn’t shy to confess that much of that prep time is devoted to thinking of clever names and humorous situations to use in each uniquely creative final. “I’m convinced that you can’t get through life without a sense of humor,” says Nathan. “With some of the heavy things that lawyers have to deal with, if you can’t see the humor in some situations or laugh at yourself, you will have a very difficult time practicing law.”

Perhaps **Andrew de Klerk** (L ’80) sums it up best when he says, “Teaching in law school when one is a practitioner entails quite a lot of extra effort, but it is in my view a way to give back. Count the hours spent in any semester and apply a lawyer’s hourly rate and multiply by 25 years. You do the math.”



*Michael Magner (L ’82) speaks —pro bono— on the importance of professionalism in the field of law.*

# THREE GREAT MOMENTS IN ADJUNCT FACULTY HISTORY

## 3 *All in the Family*

**Justice Andrew Moore** tells of a time when he posed a hypothetical question in his corporate governance class concerning the problem of structural bias on a board of directors—specifically a CEO loading the board with relatives and close friends. Among his hypothetical board members were the CEO's brother and sister, some in-laws, and friends. Moore further tried to complicate matters by making the CEO's economic interests somewhat at variance with those of the board.

An older student who had run his own successful business, sold it and then come to law school liked to create the impression of being a wise sage for the benefit of his much younger fellow students. To address the question of whether the CEO's relatives would always vote his way, the 'sage' very patiently explained that they would, because "blood is thicker than water." To which a young, very street-wise member of the class shot back, "What? Thicker than money?"

"It was a superb lesson for all of us, and an adage, the truth of which has been demonstrated to me many times over," says Moore. "It was also a difficult experience in self-control, because otherwise I was about to be convulsed in uncontrollable laughter for the rest of the class."

## *The Imposter*

Early in the semester, before **Max Nathan** had learned each of his students' names, he debated someone he thought was his student, but wasn't.

Having recently withdrawn from another institution, the student took it upon herself to sit in on one of Nathan's lectures.

"She spent nearly 30 minutes arguing with me about a very exotic case," says Nathan. "We even talked about Gregor Mendel and his theories of genetics."

Nathan says the heated discussion continued until one of his legitimate students slipped him a note to let him know the person wasn't enrolled at Tulane Law School.

## *Get Over It*

**Jim Cobb** called upon a female student who appeared to be terribly shy and nervous on delivering an opening statement at the start of the very first class. According to Cobb, it must have been nearly two minutes before she was able to pass air over her vocal cords in order to make a sound. At the end of her presentation, he explained to her that the three basic keys to overcoming the anxiety and nervousness that naturally arise during trials are: preparation, preparation, preparation.

"Once you have a complete mastery of the facts and a complete mastery of what it is that you want to say," explained Cobb, "that nervous energy turns into a positive because you are prepared, and because you know what is going to happen in the courtroom."

A few months later, Judge Max Tobias, who then was on the civil district court bench and now is on the Louisiana Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit, walked into a faculty meeting bubbling with enthusiasm for a female student who had given as good a closing argument as he had ever heard. Turns out it was the same student that had been unable to speak at the beginning of the semester.

"I was blown away then as I am now recalling the story," says Cobb. "I wonder whatever happened to her."

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS?

So much to do; so little time. Is it solely inspiration and revival that motivate these professors or could it be something else?

Adjuncts such as **Robert Acomb Jr.** (L '53) and **William Forrester Jr.** (L '68) say it's the little things that encourage them.

"When a student returns to the Law School and talks to me, that's pretty rewarding," says Acomb, who has been teaching since 1969 because of his commitment to the excellence of a Tulane legal education.

Forrester explains it's exchanges as simple as former students dropping by to say "hello" and discuss their careers that make him cherish his time as a professor.

For others, it's recognizing the difference one professor can make in a student's life.

"Many years ago, a student took my course but was not interested in trial practice at all," recalls **James Cobb Jr.** (L '74). "She really excelled in the class and it totally turned her into an inspiring young trial lawyer. So it is the opportunity to change the focus and direction of someone's professional life, and to open a new world to them, that they then attack and enjoy, and in which they prosper. That's pretty cool."

Bill Pitts says that teaching Intercultural Negotiation and Mediation at the summer program in Berlin—which typically draws students from more than 30 countries—has provided memories dear to his heart. He recalls a non-U.S. law student in the program who wrote an evaluation that simply stated, "I will miss you."

Overall, it seems the most rewarding



*Bill Ross (L '00) volunteers his time to assist students preparing for an upcoming trial.*

## WINTER BREAK READING LIST

### AS RECOMMENDED BY TULANE LAW SCHOOL ADJUNCTS

- *Intrepid's Last Case*, by William Samuel Stephenson (Bob Acomb)
- *The Storm: What Went Wrong and Why During Hurricane Katrina—the Inside Story from One Louisiana Scientist*, by Ivor van Heerden and Mike Bryan (Jim Cobb)
- *Alexander Hamilton*, by Ron Chernow (Bill Forrester)
- *American Gospel*, by John Meacham (Steve Kupperman)
- *The Killer Angels*, by Michael Shaara (Justice Andrew Moore)
- *The Joy of Y'at Catholicism*, by Earl Higgins (Linton Morgan)
- *Tide Rising*, by John Barry (Julian Murray)
- *Clarence Darrow for the Defense*, by Irving Stone (Max Nathan)
- *Sea of Glory: The U.S. Exploring Expedition of 1838-1842*, by Nathaniel Philbrick (Bill Pitts)





*Steve Kupperman jokes with students during a seminar on litigation and arbitration of commercial fraud cases.*

aspect in a professor's career is winning the students' respect and admiration.

Murray knows quite well what it's like to win the student's praise. He was last year's recipient of the Monte M. Lemann Distinguished Teaching Award—the highest honor a Tulane Law School adjunct professor can receive. Even more impressive is that although an adjunct can only receive the award once every five years, Murray has managed to win three times in his 30 years on the adjunct faculty.

## THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW

In August 2005, N. William Hines, President of the Association of American Law Schools, outlined the “Ten Major Changes in Legal Education Over the Past 25 Years,” describing an increasingly demanding and sophisticated legal education taking place in America's law schools. Tulane Law School adjuncts generally agree with Hines' assessment.

“In my opinion, over the entire 42 year period, I have seen a slow and steady increase in the ability, skills and educational level of the students in law

school,” says Nathan. “I do not think that students are more intelligent as such, but simply that they are better prepared in terms of their formal education.”

An increase in the quality of education that students are receiving means that professors must rise to the challenge.

**Kenneth Weiss** (L ’75) says that in the last 20 years he’s noticed the quality of the top students in the class has remained consistently high, requiring him to be better prepared as a teacher and to incorporate more sophisticated estate planning techniques into the curriculum. Likewise, Morgan and Forrester say that the increased complexity of law means there is always much more law to learn and teach.

“This is not a static experience,” says Moore. “Never has been, and for me, never will be. My discoveries have constantly changed since the first time I stepped into the classroom to teach.”

For Murray, it’s a case of practicality. He says the change in law and legal education has made it necessary for the law school to add to the curriculum classes such as Trial Advocacy, Negotiations, Mediation and Pre-trial Practice. Without an adjunct faculty, accommodating this growth would be difficult.

Among the changes over the years, the increasing diversity of students and faculty has been among the most sweeping. Murray recalls graduating law school in 1964 with a class that consisted of all white males with the exception of three white females. “By the time I started teaching in 1977, that situation had improved somewhat, but not to the excellent extent that it exists today,” he says.

When Nathan was in law school, there were only two women in his class. Today, he says, close to half of the class is female. “These changes have had a profound impact on the legal profession, on teaching, and on society,” says Nathan. “All for the better, I might add.”

In addition to noting a decided change in clothing worn to class since 1975, Morgan says the revolution of technology has at times been challenging.

“Students are so electronically oriented,” says Morgan. “It is difficult to teach

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when you are facing the backs of laptops and unsure if they are taking notes or text messaging.”

As Steve Kupperman’s tenure has lengthened, he says the least enjoyable change he’s seen concerns the more formal relationship with students. “Fewer students call me by my first name and more students call me ‘sir’ than ever before.”

More importantly, however, Kupperman says that he is saddened by the fact that in the last 20 years several of his closest fellow colleagues have moved onto other careers.

But now, more than ever perhaps, Tulane Law School adjuncts see their particular role in changing times.

“With the turmoil caused by Katrina, I think the adjunct faculty has become even more important to the school, and has helped serve as a steadying foundation for the future,” says Kupperman. “I have been proud to contribute in my own little way.”

They cared then and they care now. They care about the practice of law as a profession. They care about teaching as a profession. And they care about the students themselves. Who couldn’t pick up on that feeling? ■

*Some long-time adjuncts have tenures that span multiple decades, affording them a unique perspective on the changing classroom.*



# CLASS NOTES

## 1961

**J. DWIGHT LEBLANC JR.**, a partner at Chaffe McCall LLP, has been appointed as president of the World Trade Center of New Orleans for 2007. Dwight has served as a long-time member of the World Trade Center board of directors, as well as chairman of the World Trade Center's Transportation Committee. He has served as chairman of the New Orleans Port Safety Council.

Dwight is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is responsible for admiralty and trial work at Chaffe McCall. He has been a contributor to the firm's success for more than 40 years. He has served on Chaffe McCall's Management Committee, has served as head of the firm's admiralty section and has acted as managing partner.

## 1968

President George Bush designated **HORACE A. "TOPPER" THOMPSON III** to serve as chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, an independent Federal adjudicatory agency created to decide contests of citations resulting from OSHA inspections of American work places.

Prior to joining the commission in June 2006, Horace, a life-long resident of New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, lived with his wife, Susan, in Pass Christian, Miss. They currently reside in Arlington, Va. During his 38-year career

as an attorney, he concentrated his practice in labor and employment law, with a focus on occupational safety and health law.

## 1970

**A. GORDON GRANT JR.**, a partner of Montgomery, Barnett, Brown, Read, Hammond and Mintz, was the 2006 recipient of the Distinguished Maritime Lawyer Award. Members of the New Orleans Bar Association's Maritime and International Law Committee annually select a long-standing member of the committee who is highly respected by peers and contributes significantly to the local admiralty bar.

**EARL J. HIGGINS** retired from the United States Navy in 1989 with the rank of commander, U.S. Naval Reserve, and from the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, in 2002 as the assistant director of staff attorneys. Since then he has published *The Joy of Y'at Catholicism*, a light-hearted study of Catholic New Orleans (Pelican Publishing Company). Earl is currently employed as a national park ranger at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve.

## 1972

**CLINTON W. "WES" SHINN** has been appointed dean of the Appalachian School of Law, Grundy, Va. He has served as interim dean since Dec. 12, 2006, and as professor of law since August 2006.

## 1973

**DAN ELROD** received a "Best of the Bar" award presented by the *Nashville Business Journal* on Aug. 16. Recipients were selected by their peers for their commitment, excellence and best practices not only within their company, but also within the law community in general.

## 1974

**J. MICHAEL VERON** has been a partner at Bice, Palermo & Veron since 2005. He's also been named to Best Lawyers in America and Louisiana Super Lawyers in the field of commercial litigation. Finally, Veron recently published his fourth book, *Shell Game*. After three golf-oriented novels, this is his first non-fiction work and chronicles his representation of his mother's family in a dispute with Shell Oil Company.

## 1977

**COL. JOHN L. LONG** and wife **PATRICIA CLARK** (N '76) have retired from the U.S. Army after 29 years of active duty. John is now the contract and fiscal law attorney for the U.S. Army V Corps in Heidelberg, Germany.

## 1981

**MARK W. LACHEY**, a sole practitioner since 1995 specializing in the defense of toxic tort claims, served 14 years as a member of the city commission of Pleasant Ridge, Mich., and was named "Pleasant Ridger of the Year" in 2006.

**LYNN LUKER** was named one of the "2006 Women of the Year" by *CityBusiness* in November 2006 and was recognized as one of Louisiana's 2007 Super Lawyers.



1982

**CHARLES L.**

**ADAMS** has joined McGlinchey Stafford's business law team in Houston, Texas. Charles brings more than 20 years of experience handling corporate finance and real estate matters.



1983

**HENRY ST. PAUL PROVOSTY** is

the co-owner and director of the New Orleans firm of Provosty & Gankendorff, LLC, where he focuses his practice on insurance defense, environmental law, medical malpractice defense and maritime law.

**VIVIENNE R. SCHIFFER** of the law firm Thompson & Knight was included in *H Texas* magazine's 2007 "Top Lawyers" list. The list is compiled annually and based on nominations submitted by Houston attorneys as well as select subscribers. The editorial staff reviews and verifies background information on each nomination and confirms criteria for attorneys selected to the list.

1984

**SUSAN KEHOE** is the assistant solicitor at the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, DC.

1985

**JAY COOGAN**, partner in the Corporate Practice Group in Philadelphia, presented on "Private Equity and Health Care" on April 26 at a meeting of the Federal Reserve branch lead examiners for private equity and merchant banking. On April 30, Jay also spoke on "Venture Capital in Philadelphia" to the Philadelphia chapter of the National Black MBA Association.

**MARY PRICE** received a "Best of the Bar" award presented by the *Nashville Business Journal* on Aug. 16. Recipients were selected by their peers for their commitment, excellence and best practices not only within their company, but also within the legal community.

1987

**ALAN J. STONE** has joined the international law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP, as a partner in its New York office. A prominent figure in the Delaware legal community, Alan's practice focuses on corporate and business litigation, including proxy contests, mergers and acquisitions, consent solicitations, complex valuation disputes and interested party transactions. In addition, he advises corporate boards of directors and special committees with respect to transactional and litigation issues. Previously, Alan was a partner in the Wilmington, Delaware office of Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP.

**JOSEPH A. ZIEMIANSKI** was recently appointed to serve on Cozen O'Connor's first-ever board of directors.



Joseph, the managing partner of the firm's Houston office, practices with the insurance department. He concentrates on insurance coverage

litigation matters involving a wide array of first- and third-party claims including asbestos, silica, pollution, construction defect, advertising injury, nursing home liability, toxic tort, mold, medical devices and errors and omissions.

1989

**PAULINE E. HIGGINS**, chief diversity officer and partner of Thompson & Knight, LLP, has been selected as one

of the "Influential African American Leaders in Texas" by *Minority Business News Texas*. As chief diversity officer, Pauline designs and implements initiatives that support the firm's commitment to cultivate and maintain diversity and inclusion. She is also a partner in the Finance Practice Group in Thompson & Knight's Houston office. She represents clients in structured finance, asset securitizations, asset-backed securities transactions, and mergers and acquisitions.

Pauline also was included in *H Texas* magazine's 2007 "Top Lawyers" list. The "Top Lawyers" list is compiled annually by *H Texas* magazine based on nominations submitted by Houston attorneys as well as select subscribers.

1990

**REGGIE DAVIS** was appointed Yahoo!'s vice president of marketplace quality this past spring. In this position, Davis is responsible for developing and executing a strategy aimed at driving more rapid innovation, greater transparency and faster delivery of product and service enhancements to build a higher quality advertising network for Yahoo!'s customers. Reggie resides in South Pasadena, Calif.

**EDGAR D. "DINO" GANKENDORFF** is the co-owner and director of the New Orleans office of Provosty & Gankendorff, LLC, where he focuses his practice on entertainment law, intellectual property law, corporate transactional law and environmental law.

1991

**DAVID G. BATES** from the West Palm Beach office of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, PA, has been named a "Super Lawyer" by *Florida*



*Super Lawyer* magazine, an annual publication that recognizes the top five percent of attorneys in the state. David's practice focuses on business and corporate law.

David was also appointed to the University of Florida Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the College of Business and was recently recognized as a leader in the legal profession by *Florida Trend* magazine as a "Legal Elite," a prestigious list of the top 1.8 percent of Florida Bar members as ranked by their legal peers.

**JOHN M. "JD" DONNELLY** has been re-appointed as an assistant attorney general in the trial division of the government bureau where he has been working since August 2006. JD focuses his civil litigation practice on land issues and eminent domain cases. He also has been re-appointed as a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association Property Law Section Council. JD is a member of the Massachusetts, California and Louisiana bar associations. He resides in the Dorchester section of Boston.

**ELMER A. JOHNSTON** served as general counsel to Global Energy Development, PLC, and currently serves as general counsel to HKN, Inc. Global recently executed a concession contract with the Panamanian government and Elmer represented Global as in-house counsel. Global retained David Mizrachi (L '91) to serve as its Panamanian counsel.

## 1992

**ALDRIC C. POIRIER JR.** and **JENNIFER CORTES POIRIER** (L '00) welcomed their second daughter, Meredith Elise, on March 9, 2007. Her older sister, Madeleine Grace, is 2.

## 1993

**STACEY GARRETT** was one of only 30 women to receive a "Women of Influence Award" presented by the *Nashville Business Journal* in July. Stacey is currently practicing at Bone, McAllester, Norton, LLC, and is being recognized as an entrepreneur who helped her company grow significantly.

## MANUEL A. GARCIA-LINARES

has been named the managing shareholder of Richman, Greer, Weil, Brumbaugh,



Mirabito & Christensen PA, a Miami-based law firm offering a wide range of litigation and business-related legal services.

Manuel, who joined the firm in 1993 and became a shareholder in 1999, practices primarily in the areas of commercial and class action litigation, as well as corporate and transactional matters. He also handles inland marine defense matters for the firm.

## 1994

**HARLEY YORK** is a partner with Frank & York in Newark, N.J. Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* and "Super Lawyers Rising Stars," Harley is chair of the immigration section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. He lives in Northern New Jersey with his wife, Beverly, and their children, Emily and Owen.

## 1995

**CYNTHIA G. BURNSIDE** has recently joined the Atlanta office of Holland & Knight, LLP, where she concentrates her practice in commercial litigation and employment litigation, including complex matters such as securities, breach of fiduciary duty, trademark, trade secret, real estate, franchise, restrictive cove-

nants and employment. She was named a "Super Lawyers Rising Star" by *Law and Politics Magazine* in 2005 and 2006. She and her husband, J. Keith Wheeler, are the proud parents of a son, Grayson, who was born Sept. 15, 2006.

**BYRON B. WINSETT III** has been named one of Memphis Area Legal Services (MALS) newest board members for the 2007-08 year. Byron is in private practice and is currently licensed to practice in Tennessee and Louisiana.

## 1996

## REBECCA CLAUSEN KINCEN

has joined the law firm of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre as a special counsel in the Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group in Houston. She is a former assistant



attorney general for the Louisiana Department of Justice and also worked as an associate for Werner, Kerrigan & Ayers LLP.

## 1997

**ALI ABAZARI**, an associate with Jackson Walker's Austin office, has been honored as a "Rising Star" by *Texas Monthly* magazine.

**JUNI S. GANGULI** and his wife, Malini Gupta-Ganguli, celebrated the birth of their son, Sohan Neel Ganguli, Feb. 6, 2007. Juni is a criminal defense lawyer in Memphis and was recently certified as a criminal trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy

**T. GAVIN HOPPE** and Janice Kuo Hoppe welcomed their daughter, Mia Grace, into the world on April 19, 2005. Mia has an older brother, Jack, who

keeps a watchful eye on her. Janice continues to work as in-house counsel for a corporation based out of Houston while Gavin enjoys success with his own private practice in Sugar Land, Texas.

**ROBERT E. LUTTRELL III** has joined the Dallas office of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr as an associate in the firm's litigation practice group. Robert previously served as a judge advocate in the United States Air



Force, where he practiced criminal prosecution and defense, labor and employment law, and tort litigation. Robert also has represented the Air Force in complex civil litigation focusing on government contracts, including complex weapons systems and construction.

Robert is a member of the Dallas Bar Association, Court of Appeals for the Arms Service, State Bar of Texas and is licensed to practice law in Texas and in Colorado. He also has received the Achievement Medal, Commendation Medal, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (issued by both the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti governments), Meritorious Service Medal and Southwest Asia Medal.

## 1998

**KARL "BUTCH" BOWERS JR.** has joined Arizona Sen. John McCain's team as chief counsel to the presidential exploratory committee in South Carolina. Bowers is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, in Columbia, S.C. Prior to joining the McCain exploratory committee, Bowers was appointed chairman of the South Carolina Election Commission by Gov. Mark Sanford. He also serves as a JAG officer in the South Carolina Air National Guard, where he currently holds the rank of major. He formerly served

as counsel to the South Carolina Republican Party and as campaign finance counsel to numerous, successful political campaigns.

**BRIAN KILMER** has been made a partner in the firm of Powell Goldstein, LLP. Brian is a contributing author to Collier on Bankruptcy Taxation and is responsible for writing and editing the publication's chapter on Priority and Discharge-ability of Tax Claims. As evidence of his success, in 2004, 2005 and 2006 Kilmer was named a "Rising Star" by *Texas Monthly*.

**ALICE MULVANEY LINK** of Missouri is currently taking a break from the practice of law to be a stay-at-home mom to her two-year-old triplets—all girls! Alice says it is by far her most challenging and rewarding accomplishment to date.

**JENNIFER ANCONA SEMKO** and **W. MICHAEL SEMKO** (L '97) welcomed their second daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on Feb. 11, 2007. Grace joins big sister, Sarah, who is 3. Jennifer is a partner in the litigation group of the Washington, D.C., office of Baker & McKenzie, LLP, and Michael is in-house counsel to the National Apartment Association.

**CHRISTOPHE B. SZAPARY** is an associate with the New Orleans firm of Provosty & Gankendorff, LLC, where he has focused his practice primarily in the fields of insurance defense, environmental law, corporate transactional law, and medical malpractice defense since November 2006.

## 1999

**J. KATE BURKHART** has joined the Alaska Office of the Ombudsman as assistant ombudsman after three years as supervising attorney for Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

**TERRI K. FLYNN** was named one of California's "Top 75 Women Litigators" for 2007. She has worked as an assistant U. S. attorney in California for more than six years and recently completed a high-profile trial of the leaders of the Aryan Brotherhood, a violent nationwide prison gang.

**WHITNEY KING FOGERTY** recently became a partner in the Memphis, Tenn. law firm of Lewis Fisher Henderson Claxton & Mulroy, LLP, specializing in labor and employment litigation.



**THOMAS E. ONEY** has been elected a partner of the law firm Hunton & Williams LLP. Thomas is a member of the regulated industries and

government relations team in the Dallas office. His practice focuses on legislative and regulatory matters for energy clients, which he has represented in matters before the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding issues such as electricity market restructuring, wholesale electricity market design, generation resource adequacy and licensing, market power and market power mitigation.

In addition, Thomas counsels energy clients on legislative matters affecting them in the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress and counsels the Department of Energy regarding the licensing of the Yucca Mountain Project before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Active in the bar and the community, he serves on the board of directors for the Dallas Housing Crisis Center and is active in his church.



**KIMBERLY GERSHON SWARTZ**

and Jonathan Swartz are delighted to announce the July 6, 2007, birth of their twin son and daughter, Tyler Benjamin and Gabrielle Claire. They join sister, Madeline, who is 2.

**2000**

**KIMBERLY HAYNES** is chief consultant of a non-profit management consulting firm where she manages a number of non-profit organizations for professional athletes and entertainers.

**COLETTE CARROLL MAGNETTA**

married Tom Magnetta in May 2007 on the island of Maui. Included in the bridal party were law alumni Lisa Blackmon, Danielle Avolio, and Teri Gremillion Gordon. Just prior to the wedding, Colette accepted a shareholder position with Acker, Kowalick & Whipple in Los Angeles, where she and her husband happily reside.

**ADAM STOKES** merged his less-than-3-year-old firm, Stokes & Associates, Ltd., with another Las Vegas-based law firm in April. At that time, Adam's firm was one of the most heavily advertised personal injury and criminal defense firms in Las Vegas. He brought to the new firm 5,000 active clients. He is now retired and was recently married in Jamaica. He plans an immediate relocation to Manhattan with his wife, Christine, where they will seek adventure and new opportunities.

**2001**

**JONATHAN C. AUGUSTINE** joined the partnership of Montgomery, Barnett, Brown, Read, Hammond and Mintz LLP during the summer 2006. "Jay" serves as general counsel to the Baton Rouge Black Chamber of Commerce and 100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge, Ltd. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of Capital Area Legal Services

**IN MEMORIAM****Lawrence J. Moloney '48**

New Orleans, La.  
July 9, 2007

**Michael J. Molony Jr. '50**

New Orleans, La.  
May 17, 2007

**Daniel B. Shilliday '91**

Houston, Texas  
June 18, 2007

and is a graduate of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Baton Rouge and Council for a Better Louisiana's Leadership Louisiana.

**ERIC R.G. BELIN** is an associate with the New Orleans firm of Provosty & Gankendorff, LLC, since November 2006. He focuses his practice primarily in the fields of insurance defense, environmental law, corporate transactional law, medical malpractice defense, and maritime law.

**ERIC W. HAMMONDS** has taken a position with the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons in Houston, Texas, where he serves as the supervisory attorney. Eric joined the Bureau of Prisons following a judicial clerkship with Hon. Paul Brown, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Texas.

**HEATHER HODGES** has been appointed to represent the ABA Young Lawyers Division (144,000 members) as the YLD liaison to the ABA's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in The Profession. Heather says this will allow her to talk about diversity at the national level. Heather currently resides in Washington, D.C.

**MERLINUS GOODMAN MONROE**

was appointed as the law librarian for Hall County, Ga., in June 2007.

**2002**

**THERESA LESH DUCKETT** and her husband, Simon, welcomed their first child, Ewan Kendal Duckett, into the world on Dec. 8, 2006. Theresa is an associate with the firm Lord Bissell & Brook, LLP, in Chicago where she practices commercial litigation and environmental law.



**WENDY GREENE** has recently joined the faculty of the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., as a full-time professor. Her teaching and research areas include race and the law, property, employment discrimination, equitable remedies, and constitutional law.

**MICHAELA E. NOBLE** has joined the New Orleans office of the law firm Lemle & Kelleher, LLP. She is an associate practicing in the areas of admiralty and maritime law, business litigation, energy, oil and gas, environmental law and transportation law.

**2003**

**JOSHUA FERSHEE** and **KENDRA FERSHEE** have both accepted entry-level positions at the University of North Dakota Law School.

## 2004

### KATHRYN S.

**FRIEL** has joined the firm of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre as an associate in the tax, trusts and estates practice group. She will practice from the firm's New Orleans office.



### TRACI S.

**JACKSON** has moved from Fulbright & Jaworski LLP to the law firm of Jones, Walker, Waechter,

Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre LLP in Houston, Texas, as special counsel in the real estate practice group. Traci will continue to practice commercial lending and finance and will add real estate, land use, development and finance to her practice.

**GARY M. LUCAS JR.** helped lead a seminar in June designed for leaders in the real estate field. "Taxation of Real Estate Partnerships: Basic to Advanced" was designed to give high-level real estate executives, accountants, controllers, business managers, insurance professionals, brokers, investors and attorneys a clear understanding of tax planning and structuring issues for real

estate entities. Gary currently practices with the law firm of Morris, Manning & Martin in Atlanta.

**DANIEL SCARDINO**, an associate with Jackson Walker's Austin office, was named a "Texas Super Lawyer - Rising Star" by *Texas Monthly* magazine.

## 2005

**SUSAN E. DINNEEN** is an associate with the New Orleans firm of Provosty & Gankendorff, LLC, since November 2006. She focuses her practice primarily in the fields of insurance defense, environmental law, medical malpractice defense, and maritime law. Susan is also admitted in Maryland and District of Columbia.

**ILYA FEDYAEV** is the chief counsel for CARBO Ceramics Eurasia. CC is a world leader in producing proppants for hydraulic treatments in the oil and gas industry.

**JANE GRANIER** joined the Domestic Violence Unit of the Las Cruces Police Department as the domestic violence prosecutor for the City of Las Cruces, N.M., in March 2006. She is responsible for the domestic violence caseload in Las Cruces Municipal Court, as well as training law enforcement and victim advocacy groups in handling cases with non-cooperative victims. Recently, she spoke

at the annual conference of the National Center for Victims of Crime, where her Domestic Violence Unit was recognized as "doing cutting edge work" by John Gillis, the director for the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice. Previously, she was assistant town attorney for Taos, N.M.

**MEGHAN A. HOLAHAN** and husband, Troy, relocated to Lafayette, La., following Hurricane Katrina, and she has opened up her own practice. While evacuated in Memphis, she gave birth to a daughter, Irene Catherine.

**LT. DAVID MELSON**, JAGC, USN is deployed to Baghdad, Iraq as an operational law attorney. He is permanently assigned to Naval Legal Service Office Southwest where he practices as a criminal defense and legal assistance attorney.

**MIREYA L. RIVERA** recently joined the Boca Raton office of Hodgson Russ, LLP. Mireya concentrates her practice in family and marital law and business litigation. She was formerly associated with Wadsworth, Kind & Huott, LLP, in West Palm Beach, Fla. She is a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar.



## 2006

**JOSEPH KRAFT** and **ELIZABETH THOROWGOOD** are engaged to be married this fall.

*"To err is human; to forgive, divine." —Alexander Pope*

*Every effort has been made to proofread the various Class Notes. If, for any reason, you submitted information and it is not included, your name has been omitted or misspelled, or there is an error related to your latest news, please accept our sincere apology.*

*Please remember this list includes Class Notes received between Jan. 31, 2007 and July 31, 2007. If we received your information after that date, we will reprint it in our next issue.*



# COMMENCEMENT



*Order of the Barristers  
recipients at Tulane  
Law awards ceremony.*

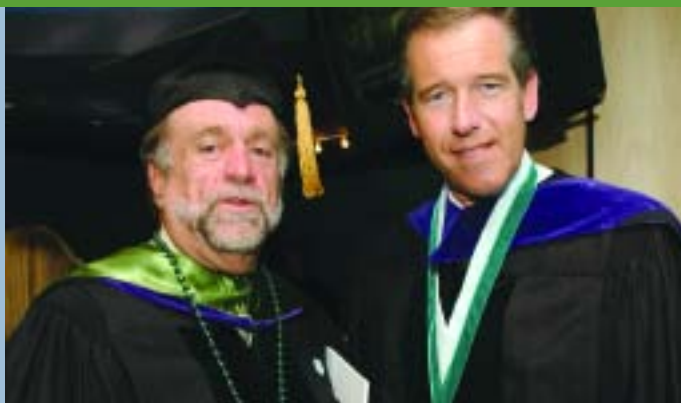


*Professor Martin Davies  
with PhD candidate  
Julie Batt.*



*Dr. Michael White's Original  
Liberty Jazz Band leads the  
celebration at the close of  
Commencement.*





*Jim Cobb, adjunct professor, with the 2007 commencement speaker, NBC's Brian Williams.*

*Katherine Penberthy '07*



*Agnieszka Anna McPeak*



*Outgoing SBA President  
Jessaka Johnston '07*



*Morgan Williams '08 with Dean Lawrence Ponoroff*



*Jason Kafoury '08*

## 2006-2007 AWARDS

### **Faculty Medal**

Katherine Campbell Penberthy

### **Dean's Medal**

Rebecca Lee Olson

### **Civil Law Studies Award**

Elizabeth Ruth Carter

### **Dewey Nelson Award**

Melissa Claire Scioneaux

### **John Minor Wisdom Award**

Jami Elizabeth Mills Vibbert

### **Federal Bar**

### **Association Award**

Agnieszka Anna McPeak

### **Tulane Tax Institute Award in Taxation**

Lois Kim

### **Charles Kohlmeyer Jr. Award**

Benjamin Slater Allums

### **Edward A. Dodd Jr. Award**

Beibei Xu

### **Haber Joseph McCarthy**

### **Environmental Law**

Owen Michael Courreges

### **LSBA Corporate and Business Law**

### **Section Award**

Gina Marie Schilmoeller

### **Student Body President Award**

Jessika Kathleen Johnson

### **General Maurice Hirsch Award**

Chanel Elaine Glover

### **The Brian McSherry Award**

Agnieszka Anna McPeak

### **James A. Wysocki Trial**

### **Advocacy Awards**

Lucie Margaret Shipp Tredennick

Jason Kafoury

### **Hunley Award**

Cara Joan Whelton

### **Association for Women Attorneys**

Lezlie Arcia Griffin

### **LSBA Pro Bono Award**

Morgan Whitney Williams

# CLASS REUNIONS



*Class of 1997  
Reunion*

*Class of 1971 Reunion*







*Class of 1957 Reunion, including pictures below*

*Hon. Martin L.C.  
Feldman with  
Monica Ponoroff*



*Henry B. Alsobrook Jr.  
and Carey Alsobrook*



*Harry T. Howard III  
and Judith Oudt*



*Dean Lawrence  
Ponoroff and  
Robert L.  
Redfearn Sr.*

# RENEW REBUILD REDEVELOP



*New development team officers, Andy Romero and Rebecca Leonard, have set out to build a permanent endowed base to assure the future of Tulane Law School.*

**T**his summer, Tulane Law School excitedly awaited the arrival of its new development team. Andy Romero and Rebecca Leonard came on board in August just in time for the students' return.

Dean Lawrence Ponoroff says, "The addition of these two experienced development professionals is a critical step in providing greater service to our alumni and in assisting the law school in securing the resources that we can direct toward our most important and immediate needs." Ponoroff adds that in building a permanent endowed base, the future is assured.

While the humidity and campus parking will take some getting used to, both say they are thrilled to be here and look forward to meeting each of you in your own hometown or during a visit back to Tulane Law School.

**Andy Romero** has joined Tulane Law School as senior development officer and

will help direct Ponoroff's fundraising. Most recently he served as associate director of development for Georgetown University, where his efforts to build relationships to advance the priorities of Georgetown resulted in more than \$10 million in new gifts to the university. Romero, a fundraising professional with more than 15 years of experience in non-profit program management, started his career with the National Audubon Society in Washington, D.C., developing tools for stronger partnerships between private and public sector conservationists. From 1994 to 2000, he managed grantmaking programs for international wildlife conservation initiatives at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, working with U.S. and international groups focused on conservation management in Mesoamerica and the United States Gulf Coast. In 2001, he joined the Office of Alumni and University Relations at Georgetown University. Romero is a native of Lafayette, La., and holds

a Bachelor of Arts in theology from Georgetown University.

**Rebecca Leonard** served as a major gifts officer at the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank in Washington, D.C. There she oversaw fundraising for the corporate membership program and the organization's annual fundraising event. Previously, Leonard was the assistant director of alumni programs for George Washington University Medical Center, where she directed fundraising and event-planning for the school of medicine class reunion program while managing fundraising and alumni programming for the School of Public Health. She also raised funds for a small non-profit arts organization and has consulted on direct marketing campaigns for Heifer International and Habitat for Humanity.

Leonard, who grew up in Baltimore, Md., received her Bachelor of Arts in public communication from American University in Washington, D.C.

# IT'S ALL ABOUT CONNECTIONS

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Tulane Law School invites you to explore the services offered to employers who recruit our students.

To learn more, please visit [www.law.tulane.edu/tlsCareers](http://www.law.tulane.edu/tlsCareers) and click on "For Employers" or contact the office at **504-865-5942** or e-mail Sarka Cerna-Fagan at [scfagan@tulane.edu](mailto:scfagan@tulane.edu).

We are here to help with all your recruiting needs and hope you will accept our invitation to view and interview.



## STAY ROOTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Did you graduate from Tulane Law with a certificate in environmental law or simply with an interest in the field? As you know from the headlines, the issues and the practice continue to grow. For this reason we have created the **Tulane Law School Environmental Law Listserv** to update you on new opportunities, help facilitate communication with your fellow environmentally minded alums and relay the latest happenings at the law school. Postings include job announcements, news on special lectures and conferences (even canoe trips) in the area, as well as Tulane events in your region. The listserv will help us keep current on your personal and professional developments for our newsletter and the *Environmental Law Journal*, and help you keep up with each other.

You can subscribe free of charge by e-mailing the list manager, Nikki Adame Winningham (L '04), at [nadame@velaw.com](mailto:nadame@velaw.com).

If you have already subscribed, please help us keep the list active by sending your e-mail address updates to Nikki. And keep posting! The listserv's address is [TULANELAWENV-L@tulane.edu](mailto:TULANELAWENV-L@tulane.edu).

## TULANE LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI DIRECTORY

- Reconnect with classmates or fellow alumni
- Refer business to or get a referral from other Tulane law alums
- Network and share career-related information

### In Print or on CD-ROM

Only Tulane law alumni can be listed and only our alumni can purchase this powerful tool to locate other law school alumni around the world.

Whether or not you are purchasing the *2008 Alumni Directory*, your participation is vital and you are encouraged to share your information with the managers of this project, Publishing Concepts, when contacted.

### Free Access

Call or e-mail today for your personal ID to search the Tulane online community by name, nickname, school and class year, city, state, country or legal specialty: **1-877-272-0009** or [alumni@tulane.edu](mailto:alumni@tulane.edu).

Once you have your ID, go to [www.tulanecommunity.com](http://www.tulanecommunity.com) to register, verify your information, and classify which is to remain private and which can be shared with other alumni.



## TOGETHER TOWARD TOMORROW

As of July 1, 2007, the **Tulane Law Fund** (formerly the Law Annual Fund) has been restored. Therefore, once again, all unrestricted gifts will stay at and directly benefit the law school.

Contributions to the Tulane Law Fund provide critical operating resources that support every aspect of the school's instructional program, including student

scholarship, faculty research and innovations in teaching technology and methodology. Your gift will have a profound and immediate impact.

You can make a gift to the Tulane Law Fund either by using the enclosed pledge card and envelope, or by going to **www.applyweb.com/public/contribute?tulanec** and checking the Tulane Law Fund box.

If you are interested in making a donation toward a new or existing scholarship or other endowed fund, or you simply would like further information on giving opportunities at Tulane Law School, please contact our development team:

**Andy Romero, 504-865-8559**

**Rebecca Leonard, 504-865-5993**

Development and Alumni Services  
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## TULANE LAW FELLOWS LEAD OUR PROGRESS

Tulane Law School enjoys an enviable status among the top law schools in the United States. Our curricula in maritime, environmental, sports, and international and comparative law are among the most highly regarded in the country. This continual push forward has put Tulane Law in a uniquely strong position to be a leader in training tomorrow's professionals, no matter where they may decide to practice—from Cameroon to Cameron Parish, from Poydras Street to Wall Street.

How have we succeeded in this way? In large measure, through the talent and dedication of our faculty; the strength, diversity, and intellect of our students; and on the shoulders of all who have come before and who have built Tulane Law School through their generous philanthropy.

Education is expensive business, and every increase in tuition captures only a portion of the gap between revenues and rising expenses. To close the gap, and to make the law school an even stronger leader in its class, Tulane Law asks its alumni and friends to consider becoming Fellows of the law school.

Donors recognized as Tulane Law Fellows support the most critical needs of the school and the dean through

unrestricted gifts of \$1,500 or more annually to the Tulane Law Fund. It is through the Tulane Law Fund that investments are made to promote the full potential of today's students. The Fund supports faculty research, scholarly journal, and innovative teaching technologies that enhance the curriculum.

Most importantly, however, the Tulane Law Fund enables us to attract the best and brightest students to the law school and then allows us to support those students through scholarship, increased professional skills-oriented courses, loan-repayment assistance, and expanded student services in the Career Development Office and elsewhere.

Tulane Law Fellows are an important, vibrant part of the future of the school. Recognizing this fact, as well as the fact that student loans play such a major role in the education of so many recent graduates, Tulane Law School has implemented a major change in how we recognize Law Fellows who have graduated in the past decade. Beginning July 1, 2007, recognition as Law Fellows for these younger alumni will begin at \$500 for the basic Fellows level; correspondingly lower thresholds will be applied in recognizing recent alumni

giving at the the higher Fellows levels. (You can read more on these levels by referring to the Tulane Law Fund gift card enclosed in this issue of *Tulane Lawyer*.)

We hope greater numbers of recent alumni will take advantage of this opportunity to grow their giving and their commitment to Tulane Law School at a time when the school most needs their support, and we ask all alumni and friends to join with us as Tulane Law Fellows. Our success in the future depends on your support today.

Even if you are unable to give at one of the Fellows levels, we hope you will consider supporting the Law Fund at whatever level you find comfortable. *Every gift* to Tulane Law School matters and makes a difference. So, please take a minute to complete your gift pledge for 2007 by returning the enclosed gift card, or feel free to contact the law school about other ways to give, including gifts of appreciated securities, real estate, or (for those 70 1/2 and over) gifts made directly from qualified personal IRA accounts. For more information about how you can help, please contact Andy Romero at [aromero@tulane.edu](mailto:aromero@tulane.edu) or 504-865-8559.







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“Having enrolled one of our strongest first-year classes and recruited several outstanding new faculty colleagues, we are beginning to see the long months of strategic planning bear fruit. None of this would have been possible without the ideas, energy and financial support of our alumni and friends. We are fortunate in our community.” —Dean Lawrence Ponoroff



## ADDRESS UPDATE / CLASS NOTE

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Or fill out the form online at <http://www.law.tulane.edu/alumni/alumni/noteschangeform.cfm>

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