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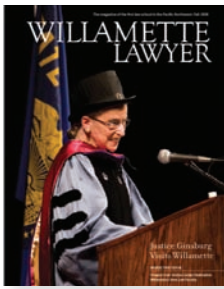
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Willamette University College of Law



Dean Symeon C. Symeonides

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the 2008–09 school year commenced this fall, Willamette University celebrated a significant milestone in its great history — the 125th anniversary of the College of Law.

Yes, we boast about being the first law school in the Northwest, but we have earned those bragging rights. Willamette was born of the vision and sacrifice of pioneering missionaries, who sought to bring intellectual sustenance to the region. Since its founding in 1883, the College of Law has aspired to educate, serve and lead — and to do so with dedication and distinction. It has excelled in all of its endeavors, continuing to be a pioneer in legal education even after it began sharing the field with many other fine law schools. As our most recent Oregon State Bar exam results indicate, that grand tradition continues today. For the sixth consecutive year, Willamette graduates have surpassed their peers by a significant margin: 89.2 percent versus 81.4 percent (page 3).

The law school's 125th Anniversary Celebration officially commenced on Friday, Sept. 12, 2008, with a visit by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It was a truly festive day for the University and the College of Law. We celebrated the resurrection of a great historical landmark and the birth of the Oregon Civic Justice Center (page 4). Later in the day, Ginsburg participated in an academic procession with University faculty and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. She then presented the first Atkinson Lecture of the year (page 5). The following day, she spent more than an hour answering questions from law students and faculty in a classroom setting (page 7). The opportunity to listen to and converse with this outstanding jurist, scholar and public servant was a unique experience for our students. The entire two-day celebration will be fondly remembered for many years to come.

These events were the first in a yearlong series of activities celebrating the College of Law's 125th anniversary. As we reflect on the school's many accomplishments, we remember the many exceptional mentor-teachers who have graced the college with their wisdom and commitment to upholding the school's proud tradition of excellence. That tradition was strengthened this year by the addition of four outstanding new law professors (pages 20–25). In addition to helping improve what is already a generous student-faculty ratio, they bring impeccable credentials, tremendous promise, and unabridged enthusiasm and energy to the classroom.

As the academic year progresses, we will celebrate the school's anniversary with numerous other events. We hope you will be able to join us for at least a few, as they honor you, our great alumni, as much as they honor your school.

With my best regards,

Symeon C. Symeonides
Dean and Professor of Law

Willamette Leads the State (Again) in Bar Passage

This summer, Willamette University College of Law graduates surpassed their peers in Oregon State Bar examination passage for the sixth consecutive year.

Among Willamette's first-time takers, 89.2 percent passed the July 2008 examination. The state passage rate for all first-time takers was 81.4 percent (chart 1). Willamette's 2008 passage rate for first-time takers was the highest since 1995 (90.7 percent) and almost three points higher than last year (86.4 percent).

This year's overall passage rate for Willamette's first-timer takers and repeaters was 83.1 percent — the school's highest overall passage rate since 1995 (88.6 percent) (chart 2).

Although Willamette's average passage rate for the first five years of the decade was below the state average (70.3 percent vs. 75.4 percent), the school's average passage rate increased to 83.8 percent in the last five-year period (chart 3). Willamette's passage rate increased by 13.5 percentage points during the five-year period, while the state average rose by less than three points.

Chart 1
First-Time Takers

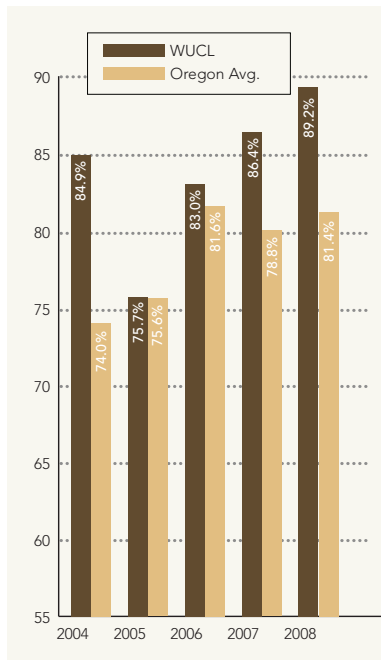


Chart 2
First-Time Takers and Repeat Takers

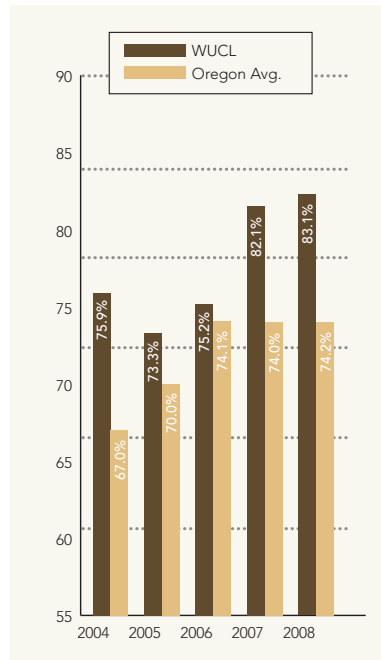
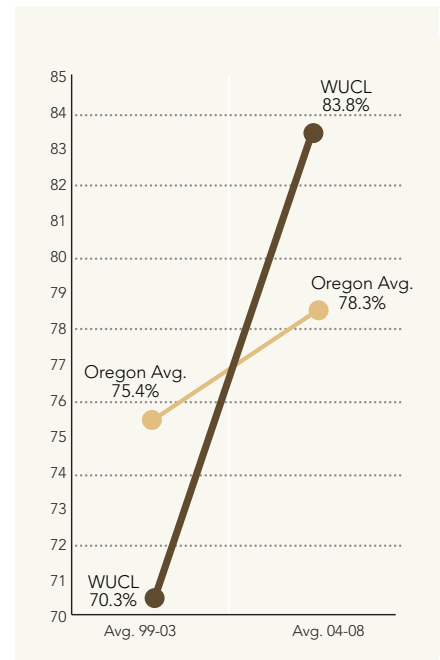


Chart 3
Five-Year Average Passage Rates



“Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2008 for their outstanding performance on the Oregon State Bar examination. Their ability to outpace others in the state is a direct result of the hard work of our students and the law school faculty. Let’s keep up the good work.”

– Dean Symeon C. Symeonides

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Visits Willamette

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW WELCOMED U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG TO CAMPUS ON SEPT. 12 AND 13. GINSBURG'S VISIT MARKED THE FIRST EVENT IN A YEARLONG CELEBRATION OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW'S 125TH ACADEMIC YEAR.

OREGON CIVIC JUSTICE CENTER DEDICATION

Ginsburg participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony during the dedication of the College of Law's new Oregon Civic Justice Center on the morning of Sept. 12. Held on the front steps of the newly renovated building, the event drew more than 100 people, who gathered to witness this important milestone in the law school's history.

The crowd was welcomed by Dean Symeon C. Symeonides. He offered thanks to the generous benefactors who supported the building renovation and programs housed in the new center and to President M. Lee Pelton for his unwavering support of the law school's educational mission. Symeonides also praised David R. Kenagy, dean emeritus of the law school and former executive director of the Oregon Law Commission, for conceiving the idea of the justice center. "We are all delighted to see his vision become reality," Symeonides said.

"The Oregon Civic Justice Center will meet genuine human need in our community and serve the neediest among us," Kenagy said during an enthusiastic speech. "That is civic justice."

Symeonides had the honor of inviting Justice Ginsburg to cut the ribbon, officially opening the Oregon Civic Justice Center. Following the ribbon cutting, Ginsburg was asked to unveil a plaque on the front of the structure — which honored her role in the dedication of the building.

"I never expected my name would be part of this beautiful edifice," the justice said. "With enormous appreciation, I wish all users of this building well in their important mission to advance justice in our land."





ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND ATKINSON LECTURE

Later in the afternoon, Ginsburg participated in an academic procession to Smith Auditorium with University faculty and received an honorary Doctor of Laws from the Board of Trustees. She then presented the first lecture in Willamette University's 2008–09 Atkinson Lecture Series, which has welcomed world leaders, authors, actors, scientists and educators to campus since it was founded in 1956. Following the lecture, the University hosted a private reception and dinner in honor of Ginsburg's visit to Willamette.



OREGON CIVIC JUSTICE CENTER

Located on the corner of State and Winter streets, the stately structure was built in 1912 and served as Salem's first public library until 1972, when it was acquired by the YWCA. Willamette University purchased the building in 2003.

The College of Law spent one year and more than \$4 million renovating the structure, with invaluable support from the following generous donors and foundation grants:

- Melvin Henderson-Rubio BA'74
- The Collins Foundation
- Meyer Memorial Trust
- Wollenberg Foundation and Richard H. Wollenberg JD'78
- Cherida Collins Smith BA'72
- James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation
- Maribeth Collins H'93
- Ben B. Cheney Foundation

The new center houses important law school programs that help connect the College of Law with the broader community, including the Clinical Law Program; Center for Law and Government; Center for Dispute Resolution; Center for Religion, Law and Democracy; Oregon Law Commission; and Willamette Law Review.

LAW AND GOVERNMENT SYMPOSIUM REMARKS

Following the dedication ceremony, Ginsburg made a brief lunchtime presentation at the Center for Law and Government's fall symposium, "Presidential Power in the 21st Century." Speaking under a tent on the quad, Ginsburg detailed a day typical in the life of the Supreme Court justices with great humor and humility.



PRIVATE MEETING WITH OCJC DONORS

Oregon Civic Justice Center donors had the honor of attending a private meeting with Ginsburg after the building dedication Friday morning.



JANE GINSBURG KICKS OFF ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

The 125th Anniversary Celebration weekend proved to be a family affair, as the justice's daughter, Professor Jane C. Ginsburg of Columbia University, presented the first lecture in the College of Law's 14th Annual Speaker Series on Sept. 10.

"The Author's Place in the Future of Copyright" addressed the rights of authors in traditional publishing and digital media. "Reports of the death of the professional author are greatly exaggerated," she assured the audience. "The writer may be dead, but she still responds to economic incentives."

During her lecture, Ginsburg introduced a Web site she helped launch at Columbia University that assists authors in managing control of their copyrights. For more information, visit www.KeepYourCopyrights.org.



CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CLASS WITH STUDENTS

On Saturday, Sept. 13, the College of Law hosted a special Constitutional Law class for law students with Justice Ginsburg. Professor Steven K. Green moderated the discussion. More than 250 members of the law school community attended the event.

PRIVATE LAW FACULTY LUNCHEON WITH THE JUSTICE

Following the Saturday morning class, Ginsburg attended a luncheon with the law faculty in the new Oregon Civic Justice Center.



A Look Back at the College of Law: *Fifty Years of Alumni Memories*



George M. McLeod LLB'38

I was a student at Willamette's law school from September 1935 until June 1938. At that time, the faculty consisted of three full-time professors: Roy Lockenour, Ray Smith and Claire Inman. During one or two of my years, Helen Arthur was a full-time instructor. Salem attorneys also taught classes.

Lockenour was dean. Ray Smith was a delightful gentleman, but he had marginal health and occasionally missed classes due to colds and related indispositions to which he was susceptible. Claire Inman was a Willamette law graduate. He had more dignity and exacted more respect from those appearing before him than most trial judges. He was a strict disciplinarian, but he was a remarkable man and a remarkable teacher.

During these years, Dean Lockenour had the school apply for accreditation with the American Bar Association and worked to build

up the library to the requirements of the ABA. He was successful in these efforts, and before I graduated the ABA granted "provisional approval" to the law school in 1938.

As I recall, we had about 40 to 50 students in the law school during the 1935-38 period. There were 14 in my class. Tuition was approximately \$300 a year. While the University underwrote the operation, faculty salaries were modest. We had a law library in the basement of Waller Hall. We also used the Supreme Court law library, which had a large student table that was available whenever the library was open. Classes were held on the top floor of Waller Hall.

The Great Depression was upon us, so most students were on meager budgets. Still, we participated in the life of the University and in its social events, and life passed busily and happily. I was 23 when I graduated and took the bar examination. Six members of the class were among 32 who passed out of 100 applicants. Others passed the following year.



Kenneth Sherman Sr. L'41

I am a product of the Great Depression. As a high school student, I wanted to be a surgeon. For three years, I held a job taking skeletons out of frogs. That

was my primary source of income. I knew for medical school I was facing 12 or 13 years of financial hardship, so I chose law.

I entered Willamette in 1937 as an undergrad and took law classes toward my LLB. I was fortunate enough to get a job managing a fraternity on campus, so I received free room and board. That cost about \$23.50 a month at the time. Tuition was about \$100 a semester; total expenses with books and all came to about \$1,000.

There were 15 students in my entering class. We were the first class to move into Gatke Hall. Until then, law school classes were held in Waller Hall. In 1938, I watched them move the Gatke building down State Street to its current location. It took about two months. They

terribly underestimated the cost and difficulty of the move. They crushed most of the public service lines in the process.

Roy Lockenour was dean when I was a student. Professor Ray Smith was one of my favorites. He taught Property. He was very patient and one of the most well-read people on the staff. I visited with him a lot.

After two years, I left Willamette to take a full time job in a bank in Washington and to attend Gonzaga law school at night. I graduated in 1942 and immediately joined the Army Air Corps. I flew 54 missions in Europe. Eighty percent of my friends did not survive the war. I returned home and took the bar exam in 1946. I also had the chance to meet up with old friends from Salem and Willamette's law school. One offered me a job with the Salem Title Co. In 1953, I joined Robert DeArmond, and we formed our own firm. My son is senior partner in the firm, now called Sherman, Sherman Johnnie & Hoyt LLP.

I think Willamette is one of the best law schools in the West. Our graduates' success on the bar exam is a good example of that. I believe the school deserves our support.



Caroline Duby Glassman LLB'44

I was born in Baker City, Ore., and reared on a cattle ranch in eastern Oregon. My parents both were ranchers, but my mother instilled in me the belief that I could do and be anything I chose.

Ever since I can remember, I wanted to be a lawyer. I wanted to use my skills to help others. I wanted to influence the changing of laws that are inconsistent with justice and enact laws in furtherance of justice. I chose Willamette for law school because it was small and enjoyed an excellent reputation.

I worked as a waitress in a local restaurant in Salem throughout law school. As a result of this experience, I learned a great deal about

people — particularly as to their attitude toward others in a position of service and the demands they make relative to that service. I have always been appreciative of that experience, as it cemented in me the belief shared by my parents that no one person, because of position or wealth, should feel superior to another.

While I was in law school, our country entered into World War II. The families of some of my Japanese American classmates were mandated to sell their property in the Willamette Valley on very short notice and were shipped to camps out of state. Both of these occurrences had a profound effect on my own beliefs relative to justice under the rule of law.

For me, the law has been a most satisfactory choice of profession. It allowed me to serve as the senior partner in the law firm I established and as an associate justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.



Otto R. Skopil Jr. BA'41, LLB'46, H'83

I've always had strong feelings for Willamette. I attended the law school for two years and then went into the service for four years. I was discharged from the military in October 1945 — after the fall semester had already started.

I still had one year left of law school to complete, as did two other returning servicemen. Willamette commenced a special law class just for us, which saved us a year of our lives. That showed me the school was interested in us personally, in the quality of our lives, and not just in educating us. I try to return to the law school at least once a year. I want to repay the debt I owe the school for the special accommodation they made for me.

I feel blessed that I've had the opportunity to try cases at every level of our court system. I'm also proud that I was first appointed a federal judge by President Nixon, a Republican, and then by President Carter, a Democrat. That doesn't happen very frequently.

I have four children, and two of them received law degrees from Willamette (O. Rik Skopil III JD'72 and Shannon I. (Skopil) Bronson JD'85). I didn't intend for them to become lawyers. I just wanted my children to be happy and have enjoyable lives. I was not so interested in what they did.

I've enjoyed my career in law, but it has been a lot of hard work. I am most proud of my service to other people. We all need help from time to time. It has been satisfying to me that I've been able to help people.



Loren D. Hicks BA'42, JD'49

My decision to attend law school was founded on the belief that a law school education was necessary and that it also was a great asset to a career in business and administration. My father, Tero Hicks, was a 1917 graduate of Willamette University College of Law. I lived in

Salem, liked Willamette and intended to remain in Salem, so I chose to attend Willamette as well.

I liked and admired all of the professors at Willamette. I especially admired Professor Kenneth York. My greatest memories of my time in law school are of the long afternoon and evening hours I spent studying to satisfy my urge to do well in law school and the realization that I really liked trying to solve legal questions. All but two of my law school classmates are World War II veterans. We had a special camaraderie because of that.

My son Graham Hicks (BA'70, JD'73) graduated from Willamette University's College of Liberal Arts and College of Law. My son Kenneth (BA'72) is also a graduate of Willamette. Graham's son and daughter, Aaron (BA'02) and Lauren (BA'05), are also graduates of the College of Liberal Arts.

A Look Back at the College of Law: *Fifty Years of Alumni Memories*

Clarke C. Brown AB'48, LLB'48



I always wanted to be an attorney. When I was a young man, there was an attorney in my little home town that I liked. He let me read his law books and hang around his office. That really sparked my interest in becoming a lawyer.



I attended Willamette University as an undergraduate. I got out of the U.S. Navy on Sept. 30, 1945. I went to Willamette the very next day to start school. I enjoyed law school immensely, especially the opportunity to work with Dean Ray Smith and Roy Lockenour. Dean Smith was one of the kindest men I ever met. And Lockenour really knew his law.

In 1946, while I was in law school, my daughter Gail was born. I believe she was the first child born to a Willamette law student. I worked nights whenever I could to help care for my family. The GI Bill really made it all possible.

There were only 13 members of my law class. We were a mean bunch of guys. Most of us were World War II veterans, so we didn't take much guff from anyone. We argued with our professors a lot. I finished law school in 1948 and immediately left for the Korean War. I was there three years. When I came back, I enrolled in the Paulus Law Review course and then took the bar — three years after I graduated. I started my law practice in 1954.

In 1972, I was pleased to receive a call from the governor offering me a circuit court judgeship. I told the governor I'd have to talk to my wife first. My children were mostly grown by then, so I asked my wife what she thought of me accepting the offer. She said, "Why not, I've never slept with a judge before."

Carlotta Hendricks Sorensen JD'52

I earned a B.S. in education, but I never wanted to do anything else but law. I hoped to support myself by working in a field that was interesting, honorable and constructive and that did not involve math.

A number of people were influential during my time at Willamette. Hattie Bratzel (L'50), a former court reporter, was the one other woman in law school at the time I entered. She was very kind to me. Catherine (Carson) Barsch (LLB'37) and Catherine Zorn were assistant attorneys general who introduced me to women lawyers in Portland.



Professors John Paulus and Ted Butler were excellent teachers. Professor Ray Smith — who failed 17 people in my Torts class — was a great influence on me. He bore a wound that never healed after an auto accident. He struggled up the stairs to our classroom in a triumph of will over weakness. He had a classical education based in Greek and Latin and introduced the section on libel and slander with a quote from Shakespeare. I was delighted to earn a C from him. All of my professors and classmates treated me fairly and with respect.

Law school was very interesting. The law students of that time (the late 40s and early 50s) had grown up during the Great Depression, served in the armed forces during World War II and were very serious. Many were married, going to school on the GI Bill and had working wives who expected them to pass. Few worked because the demands of law school were so great at that time. I remember seeing a grown man cry after a test that he had not sufficiently prepared for.

My strongest memories of my time in law school are winning my moot court case and briefing cases both after class and after dinner every day, seven days a week. I also remember studying for the bar exam, commencing in January of my senior year and continuing until I had covered everything three times.

We started with about 64 students in my class. We graduated 23 students — of which two failed the bar the first time, but passed the next. Unfortunately, of the 23 graduating in 1952, at least 16 have passed on. Willamette University College of Law produced many fine lawyers and judges who were a credit to their profession and the school.



Bruce Wade Williams AB'40, LLB'48

My father was a Salem attorney. As a young man, I knew most of the attorneys in the Salem area, and I was particularly impressed by the trial abilities of Willamette University law graduates. I primarily chose Willamette because of

the success of the school's graduates in Oregon and the general reputation of the school statewide.

Forever present in my mind as a prospective student were the successful careers of Willamette graduates like Bruce M. Spaulding (LLB'29, BA'31), brothers George A. (LLB'27) and J. Ray Rhoten (LLB'36), Roy J. Harland (LLB'32), and Ralph W. Skopil (L'35), among others.

My goal for law school was to develop expertise as a trial attorney in both criminal and civil divisions. I believe I became an above average trial attorney and was so designated by Martindale-Hubbel.

I had three separate stints in Willamette University's law school: 1941, 1945-46 and 1946-47. My strongest memories of my time at the school are of the strong loyalty of fellow law students and the pride they had in the school itself. Also important to me was the ever-present and intense interest of faculty members in their students' successes.

I developed strong relationships with my peers, who were all outstanding, including Otto R. Skopil Jr. (BA'41, LLB'46, H'83), Taul Watanabe (AB'41, H'93), Frank H. Pozzi (JD'48), Clifford B. Olsen (LLB'49), John T. Monahan (LLB'47) and Edward H. Howell (LLB'40, H'71), among others.



James O. Garrett LLB'59

I became interested in law school after I attended a career survey class in high school. I thought that it would be a challenging occupation.

In the 1950s, Portland did not have a law school with a day program. Northwestern College of Law was a night school with a four-year curriculum. I primarily chose Willamette because of its proximity to Portland. Plus, it was recommended to me. When I came out of the service, I applied and was accepted to Willamette's law school in the fall of 1956.

A large percentage of the students were veterans. We were focused. We worked hard, played hard, graduated, passed the bar and

thereafter enjoyed success in the practice of law. At the same time, we were active and responsible members of our communities.

Law school was a lot of work. We had a small class and a spirit of collegiality developed quickly. Everyone helped everyone else, and we got through it. Those relationships still exist today.

Professor John Paulus was a great influence on me. He was a brilliant law teacher. He took a personal interest in his students and was always accessible. Paulus taught a bar review course at the time. Many lawyers around the state and elsewhere owe their success on the bar exam to his bar review course. Upon graduation, I was tapped out financially. I told Paulus that I would not be taking his bar review course because I just could not afford it. He hired me to work in the law library and allowed me to take the course tuition-free — a gesture that I will always appreciate.



Ralph Bolliger BA '53, JD '55

I originally had considered majoring in accounting, but I found it a little dull. I thought I would go to law school and maybe do both. After completing law school, I had little interest in accounting, but I was glad for the background.

I didn't give much thought to what a law degree would mean to me beyond enabling me to have a career. I wanted a job so that I could be married and have a family. I was very successful at that.

I chose Willamette because it had, by far, the highest bar exam passage rate. Professor John Paulus and Dean Seward Reese were important to my legal education. They both taught critical thinking and careful analysis. Dean Reese taught Code Pleading. When I went to court on code pleading issues, I could run circles around lawyers from other schools.

Our class started with more than 30 students. Some World War II vets and a couple of us started at age 20. Several of us were married, and more were married as the years went by. But the real exciting thing was that it was a happy family — the faculty and the students and their wives were all really close. The Class of 1955 still meets on a regular basis. We liked each other then and still do now.

A Look Back at the College of Law: Fifty Years of Alumni Memories



Gary E. Lockwood
BA'57, JD'60

I am very proud to be a graduate of Willamette University College of Law. I was the chairperson of the Centennial Celebration for the law school, and I remember most of the committee members: retired Chief Justice William M. McAllister, Roy J. Harland LLB'32, Sam F. Speerstra

JD'39, retired Dean Seward P. Reese, Art Cummings and then-Dean Leroy J. Tornquist.

The evening keynote speaker was Roger Fisher, a Harvard Law School professor. A highlight of Fisher's visit was his discussion of the role he played as a long-distance telephone mediator with officials in Syria and Iran, trying to secure the release of the U.S. hostages in Iran.

The 25 years since 1983 have, for the most part, been very good years for the College of Law. The law school has been blessed with good leadership. Former University President Jerry E. Hudson, acting President Bryan M. Johnston and current President M. Lee Pelton all have provided support directly and through the board of trustees in a positive manner, far exceeding what had been the prior situation. The Law Fund was established as a separate fund during the Hudson years.

"The 25 years since 1983 have, for the most part, been very good years for the College of Law. The law school has been blessed with good leadership."

Reese was the dean during my school years, 1957–60. As a student and young law school alumnus, I recognized that he was a capable administrator, but I did not understand how capable and under somewhat difficult circumstances until I had the opportunity to meet with retired law professor Ted Butler in Syracuse, N.Y., some years ago. Butler told me about Reese's ability to make a pitiful budget stretch to keep the law school functioning.

Reese had the foresight to hire John C. Paulus, Charlie Jens and Ted Butler — all whom arrived for the 1949 school year. For this achievement, I think all of us who suffered through Reese's Code Pleading course can and should give special recognition to his remarkable administrative success while overlooking any shortcomings in the academic area.



Left to right: Richard D. Barber Jr., Class of 1981; Richard D. Barber Sr., Class of 1955; Frank E. Bocci Sr., Class of 1955; Frank E. Bocci Jr., Class of 1981

Richard D. Barber Sr. JD'55

I decided to become a lawyer after taking a business law course at the University of Oregon.

The GI Bill had expired, so I moved home to Salem and lived with my parents during law school to save money. My decision to go to law school at Willamette was largely dependant on financial factors. At the time I enrolled in law school, my goal was to enter the title business. Later, I entered private practice and received a judicial appointment.

Frank J. Healy (AB'44, LLB'47), who taught Trusts and Estates, influenced me a great deal. He was a relative of my wife and loaned me his law books to use in school. That helped me out financially. I was interested in the field of real estate law, so John C. Paulus was another important influence. I stayed in the title business for four years before going into law practice.

Back then, law classes were only held in the morning, so most students held jobs and worked in the afternoons. Those that didn't have jobs in the afternoon studied together. We all recreated together in the evenings when we weren't studying. There were no women in my class and only two in law school at the time I was a student. Our class was only about 30 in number. We were very collegial — almost fraternal. We have a reunion every five years. Our last one was in 2005, and 13 members of the class showed up.

Frank E. Bocci Sr. (JD'55) and I were good friends during law school. We still are. Our two sons entered law school together. His son (Frank E. Bocci Jr. JD'81) graduated in the same class with my son (Richard D. Barber Jr. BA'78, JD'81). Within the class of 1955, just about every one of the students had his first child by graduation.



James Maletis JD'53 and Richard Brownstein LLB'53

Richard J. Brownstein LLB'53

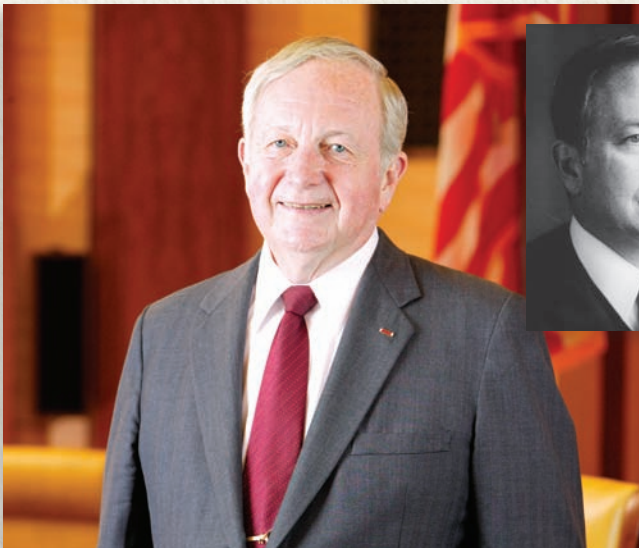
My father had been a retailer all his life. He hated it and wanted me to have a profession. He suggested law, and it sounded like good advice. I had a close friend and mentor who was a Willamette law graduate from the 1930s. He advised me to go to Willamette.

When I was a student, classes were held in Gatke Hall. Our class was smaller than the average. We started with 40 students, but only 20 of the original group finished. Five more students transferred in, so we graduated 25.

The school was significantly different then. We had absolutely no electives, so we all took the same classes. The school taught only courses that were subjects on the bar exam. Seward Reese was dean at the time. I roomed with James Maletis (JD'53). He graduated first in the class and was an excellent business lawyer. I also was close with Donald Buss (LLB'53). He became a very successful plaintiff's lawyer. The only woman in school at the time was Carlotta (Hendricks) Sorensen (LLB'52). She really had to learn to be one of the boys.

I studied under a wide range of professors. John Paulus was unquestionably the best. If you could do well on his exams, you would do well on the bar exam. Of course, this was pre-bar review times. There were no national or state exam prep courses. Most people just studied on their own.

Willamette's professors were universally nice people. The most memorable was Frank Healy (AB'44, LLB'47). He was blind and came to class with a Seeing Eye dog. He taught Wills and Probate. He had it in his mind down cold. At the time, he was corporate commissioner for Oregon. If you didn't know he was blind, you might not have recognized it.



Wallace P. Carson Jr. JD'62, H'o8

Family tradition really sparked my interest in law. My great aunt was one of the first women to graduate from Willamette, plus my father and two uncles all went to law school there. My father tried not to pressure me to become a lawyer, but I had great admiration for my father, and he seemed to like his work. The family tradition left a big imprint on me.

Public service was also important to my family. My grandfather and two uncles all served in the Legislature. I hoped going to law school would facilitate my participation in local and state government as well. I intended to practice law in our family firm in Salem, but I thought I would run for office after I got my practice established.

In 1965, Sen. Bob Packwood recruited me to run for a seat in the House. I was there two terms, one as majority leader. In 1970, I ran for a Senate seat and won. I served in the Senate from 1971–77. In October 1977, I became a circuit court judge. I later went on to serve on the Oregon Supreme Court.

My law class started with 60 students and finished with about 50. We were all helpful to and supportive of one another, but there was a lot of competition. The law school really wanted to see us succeed. At the end of my second year, the law school gave back-to-back exams to help us prepare for the bar exam. Dean Seward Reese was a great disciplinarian. In terms of teaching, John Paulus was supreme. He was, by far, my favorite teacher. The year I took the bar exam, two or three of the questions were related to Real Property, which was a class I had with Paulus. That really made a difference for me. Thanks to Paulus, I just sailed through it.

I am still grateful for the excellent teaching I received at the law school and for the peer camaraderie I shared with my friends.

A Look Back at the College of Law: *Fifty Years of Alumni Memories*



**John A. Jelderks BA'60,
JD'64**

As high school juniors, my debate partner George and I developed an interest in going to law school. Unfortunately, we heard a very discouraging presentation from a lawyer on career day. George changed career paths and became the head of the mathematics department at

a major university. I fell off-track for a few years until regaining an interest in law my senior year in college.

I hoped going to law school would hone my thinking processes and enable me to enter into a career in law or business. I did gain what I hoped to accomplish, and I am grateful to have had the experience.

I chose Willamette for law school because of its good reputation and because I personally knew some students and recent graduates. I also was influenced by my friend Ted Carlstrom, a distinguished member of the law school's Class of 1960.

I really enjoyed my three years of law school. The professors were friendly, most classes were interesting, and I made good friends. I enjoyed playing on all of the law school intramural teams, and I also enjoyed playing city league basketball during that time.

John Paulus was a terrific instructor. Some of my strongest memories while in law school are of his classes. My best memories, while not actually in class, are of having fun with fellow students Dennis Chorba (JD'64) and Ted Gooding (BA'62, JD'65). There were also students in school at the time who were great role models, including Wally Carson (JD'62, H'08) and Norma Paulus (LLB'62, H'99) and other classmates such as Chuck Sams (LLB'64) and Fred Decker (JD'64).



Horace Wheatley JD'64

While in college, I participated in several speech and debate tournaments and won the national intercollegiate debate tournament. Several of the judges of various tournaments included in their critiques that they thought I would be an outstanding lawyer. I changed my career goals and decided I would become a lawyer instead of a doctor.

My debate coach at the University of the Pacific, where I earned my undergraduate degree, was from Oregon. He suggested that I apply to Willamette, as the law school had such an outstanding reputation.

Dean Seward Reese welcomed me to Willamette and was a constant source of support to all of us. Dean Reese scared me half to death when he first greeted our class. He said, "Look at the person on

your right, then look at the person on your left. At the end of three years when you are ready to graduate, one or both of them will not be here." Fortunately, his pronouncement did not prove true. Only a handful of students in our entering class did not graduate, undoubtedly due to the outstanding faculty and their readiness to



be of assistance at all times. To this day, I proudly tell people that when I was in law school, one could stop the professor and ask a question before he put the curl on a comma.

The legal education that I received at

Willamette University College of Law has served me well, and I am very proud to be an alumnus of such a fine law school. I started my legal career in July 1965 as a deputy attorney general of California. After working on and off in private practice, I was appointed to the Alameda County Municipal Court in July 1981 and became a superior judge of the Alameda County Superior Court in September 1998. I retired from that court in October 2005.

As a lawyer, it was my goal to be the best lawyer I could be. As a judge, it was my goal to be knowledgeable, fair, firm and compassionate. I believe I accomplished those goals.



Charles Greg West JD'72

Prior to law school, I spent six seasons as a smokejumper parachuting into forest fires in Alaska. The Bureau of Land Management offered me a permanent job, but an ex-smokejumper friend, who was just starting his second year at the University of Washington School of Law, urged me to go to law school.

It was either continue to sleep on the ground, eat combat rations and drink coffee out of tin cans or use my head, as my mother always said, for something besides a hat rack. So off to law school I went. I am very happy I made the decision to go to law school.

At Willamette, I quickly discovered that my law class was a group of bright, talented people. It also became quite evident that we were blessed with a very good faculty. The two, in particular, who taught

me that law could be fun and that it really was about helping people with their problems were John Paulus and John "Jack" Mylan.

The faculty was so good that all but one person from our class who took the Oregon State Bar exam passed the first time. The one guy passed the second time, giving our class a 100 percent passage rate that I doubt had occurred before and hasn't and won't be duplicated again. I felt very lucky to have started school when I did.

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My strongest memory of my time at Willamette is playing bridge in the student lounge every day and the keg parties our class had every chance we got. We were a very social class, and there was lots of camaraderie. We still remain a close group, and large numbers of us meet every five years.

Richard B. Hagedorn JD'73

I had a long-term desire to be a lawyer, even preceding college. I thought a career in law would allow me to combine my interests in business and law while serving others. I hoped to be a small-town lawyer and did practice for about five years before moving into academia. I became a law professor because I enjoyed law school and could still pursue my interests in business and commercial law while teaching and writing in those fields.

I chose Willamette for law school because I had wanted to practice in Oregon, and I thought Willamette University College of Law was the best law school in the state. Professor Jack Mylan was a great

influence on me during school; he was a superb teacher. Professor Henry J. "Bill" Bailey was as well. He was a great scholar in the field of commercial law.

My strongest memories of my time in law school were of my first-year fall semester exams and the opportunity to build friendships with other students. Between my second and third years of school, I clerked for Oregon Supreme Court Justice Edward H. Howell. In law school, I had a sense that I was learning for the purpose of developing an ability to serve others.

My family has had a long and wonderful history with Willamette University. My parents were undergrads in the 1930s. My sister

and brother-in-law were undergrads in the 1960s.

I received my J.D. at WUCL in 1973, and I have been a member of its faculty since 1984. Willamette University is a wonderful institution that has helped to make Oregon the special place that it is.



What's New at the College of Law

Tulane Law Review Calls Symeonides' Book 'Superb'



Dean Symeon Symeonides' book *The American Choice-of-Law Revolution: Past, Present and Future* (2006) continues to receive laudatory reviews, both in the United States and abroad.

The latest review, published in 82 *Tulane Law Review* 2181 (2008), characterized Symeonides' book a "superb piece of work." That is not surprising, wrote the reviewer, Professor William M. Richman, because "veteran conflicts aficionados are accustomed to seeing fine work from Symeonides, including . . . [his] invaluable annual surveys of American choice-of-law decisions . . . and innovative work codifying the conflicts law of Louisiana, Puerto Rico, and Oregon.

"Often when I read a worthwhile piece of scholarship, I'll think, 'I wish I had written that,'" wrote Richman. "With Symeonides' book the reaction was, 'I wish I could have written that.' In reality, however, no one but Symeonides was in a position to complete this volume. He alone . . . has compiled 20 years of annual case law reviews taking the pulse of American state and federal courts on choice-of-law issues."

Revolution is Symeonides' 19th book. *American Private International Law*, his 20th book, was published by Kluwer International in March 2008.

Eisenberg Provides Expert Commentary



Professor Meyer Eisenberg authored a LexisNexis Expert Commentary on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on *Stoneridge Investment Partners v. Scientific-Atlanta Inc.* for the March 2008 issue of *Research Solutions* (128 S. Ct. 761, 2008 U.S., LEXIS 1091).

Eisenberg had filed an amicus curiae brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in the case on behalf of former SEC Chairmen Arthur Levitt Jr. and William Donaldson and former SEC Commissioner and General Counsel Professor Harvey Goldschmid.

"We lost, but our brief was cited by the Court — unfortunately only by the minority," said Eisenberg, who was interviewed by the Bureau of National Affairs about the decision. "The Court's decision bars class action investor plaintiffs from alleging securities fraud under Sec. 10(b) of the Exchange Act, where the actors were 'secondary actors,' rather than officers or employees of the issuer, even though these defendants were suppliers who actively participated in a fraud designed to make the issuer's financials look much better than was really the case."

Eisenberg discussed the case at the Annual Northwest Securities Regulators' Conference in Seattle and at the 14th Annual Institute for Law and Economic Policy Conference in Naples, Fla.

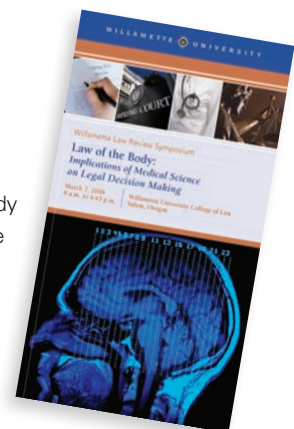
Conference Examines Intersection of Medical Science and Law

Last semester, the Willamette Law Review and Center for Dispute Resolution co-sponsored a one-day symposium at the College of Law to examine the implications of medical science on legal decision making and disputes related to the science of the body and brain.

Discussion topics included the Oregon Death with Dignity Act and physician-assisted death, taxation of body parts donations, stem cell research, the use of emotions and facial recognition in law enforcement, and the impact of neural design on the human experience.

Professor David J. Linden of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine gave the keynote address. Linden explored how brain evolution has molded certain aspects of the human experience, including why humans are predisposed to love and long-term bonding and why we have a cultural impulse to develop religious and scientific explanations.

For information on upcoming Center for Dispute Resolution conferences, visit www.willamette.edu/wucl/cdr/index.php.



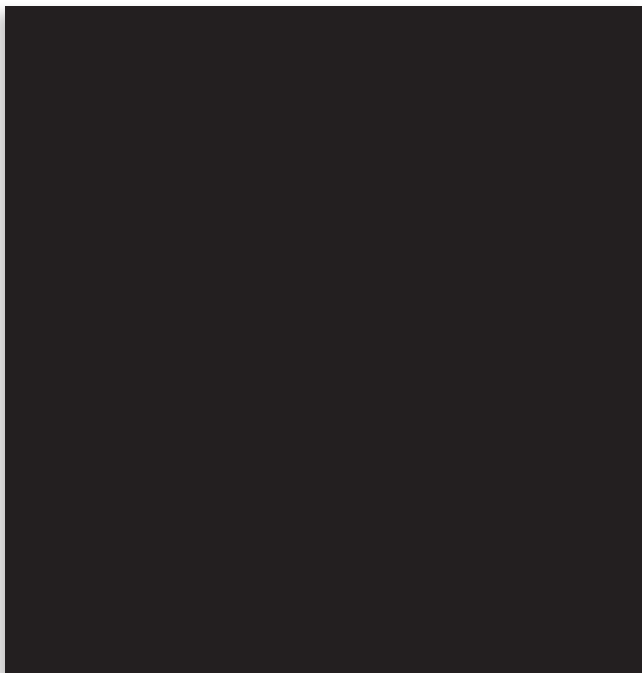
WUCL Honors Pro Bono Award Winners



Last spring the College of Law hosted the Sixth Annual Pro Bono Honors Program awards reception to recognize those law students who volunteered their time and services to pro bono activities and community service projects.

A highlight of the reception was the presentation of the Col. Rupert E. Park Jr. Pro Bono Student of the

Year Award, which is given to the third-year student who made the greatest pro bono contribution during law school. The 2008 award was presented to Todd Huegli, who amassed an impressive 520 hours of pro bono activities while attending Willamette. Huegli worked at Metropolitan Public Defenders Inc. in Portland and served on the Willamette University Public Interest Law Project (WUPILP) board.



For more detailed and current College of Law news, visit the law school's news blog at <http://blog.willamette.edu/wucl/news/>.

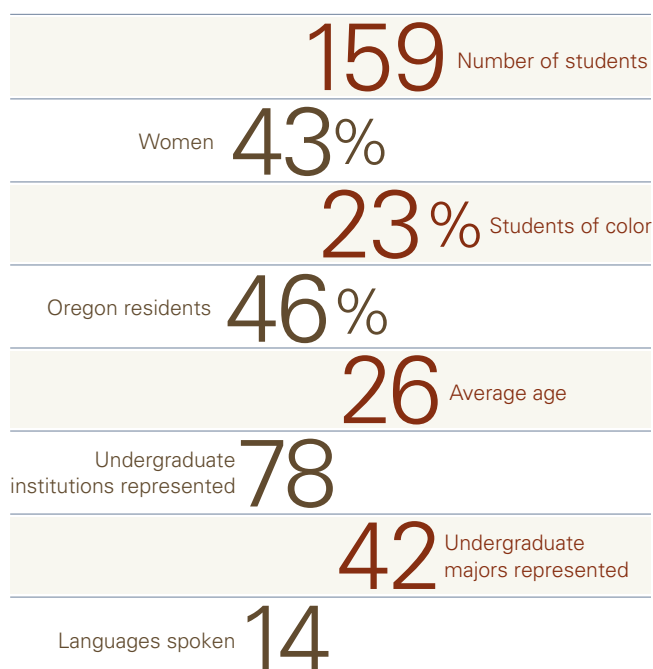
Clinic Students Pursue Protections for Oregon Consumers

Students enrolled in the Clinical Law Program worked for more than two years to help investigate the trade practices of U.S. Cellular Corp., a provider of wireless cellular phones and service headquartered in Illinois, and a subsidiary based in Medford, Ore. Their efforts paid off in late May, when an assurance of voluntary compliance was filed by Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

This case is one of several in which Willamette law students have assisted the Oregon Department of Justice in pursuing protections for Oregon consumers. Jared D. Boyd JD'08, Sean K. Downey JD'07, James B. Fisher JD'08, Lonn T. Johnston JD'08, Eric P. Paulson JD'07 and Ashlee D. Stefani-Sharp JD'08 all worked on the case while enrolled in the Clinical Law Program.

Law School Welcomes Class of 2011

In August, the College of Law welcomed the Class of 2011 to campus. Here's a breakdown of the new first-year class:





WUCL Graduates Class of 2008

Willamette University College of Law celebrated its 122nd commencement and hooding ceremony on May 11, 2008. University President M. Lee Pelton led the conferring of degrees, while College of Law Dean Symeon C. Symeonides presented 108 Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees and one Master of Laws degree.

Graduates were introduced by Professor Laura I Appleman and Professor Dean M. Richardson and hooded by Professor Steven K. Green and Emeritus Professor Ross R. Runkel. These four professors were selected by the graduates to participate in the commencement ceremony.



John Dutton Photography

The Class of 2008 was led by Joshua Weissman, who graduated *summa cum laude*. Scott W. Baird, Kristen A. Berberick, Rachel A. Crocker, Shenoa L. Payne, Theodore W. Reuter, Daniel J. Rice, Blake J. Robinson, Hadley W. Rose, Robert M. Wilsey and Kendall A. Woodcock graduated *magna cum laude*.

Michael P. De Muniz, a member of the graduating class, introduced the commencement speaker — his father Paul J. De Muniz JD'75, chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. Wallace P. Carson Jr. JD'62, former chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, received an honorary Doctor of Laws at commencement.



An International Perspective *on Criminal Law*

From 2003–04, when few members of the international community thought about the three-year Bosnian War that ended almost a decade earlier, Caroline Davidson spent her days building a case against officers of the Bosnian-Serb army for crimes against humanity, war crimes and complicity in genocide.

As a lawyer working for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, Netherlands, Davidson teamed up with international human rights and criminal lawyers to help bring justice to victims of the 1995 Srebrenica massacre, the largest mass murder in Europe since World War II.

“Vidoje Blagojević and Dragan Jokić, two former officers in the Republika Srpska Army, were prosecuted for their involvement in the killing of more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims over the course of just a few days,” she explained. “The facts of the case were shocking.”

Davidson believes prosecuting criminals for international human rights violations is important to survivors and their family members. “We cannot allow such crimes to occur with impunity,” she said. “We tried to bring some measure of justice

for the victims and their families so they would know what they went through will not be forgotten.”

In addition to seeking justice for the victims, Davidson believes such cases create invaluable historical records of events. “Until very recently, many people in the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia denied the Srebrenica massacre ever took place,” she explained. “When the co-defendants of Blagojević and Jokić pleaded guilty, there was open admission of the slaughter and the role of Bosnian-Serb forces in it. That’s significant because it becomes a historical record of the truth — an acknowledgement that the crimes actually occurred.”

The pursuit of historical fact has been of interest to Davidson throughout much of her life. A native of Toronto, Davidson studied history at Princeton University. “The excellent teaching of several history professors really got me interested in the subject,” she explained.

While at Princeton, Davidson participated in summer study abroad programs that enabled her to travel to both France and Germany. She also studied in Spain for a semester. “I always had a knack for languages; that fed my interest in travel,” said Davidson, who is fluent in Spanish and French; proficient in Portuguese, Italian and German; and has a working knowledge of Bosnian.

After college, Davidson’s proficiency in Spanish helped her land a job as a business analyst with McKinsey & Co. in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She spent a year working for the firm before deciding to apply to law school.

“Maybe I watched too much TV as a kid, but the law seemed appealing to me,” Davidson said of her decision to enroll in Harvard Law School. “It seemed a way to combine my interest in history, research and international topics. I was pretty open-minded about what law school could offer me, which gave me a chance to consider different legal topics. I took an asylum and refugee class my first year that really sparked my interest in human rights law.”

During her first and second years of law school, Davidson worked on the *Harvard Human Rights Journal*, an annual publication of international human rights scholarship. She served as executive editor in her final year. “Working on the journal gave me the opportunity to work alongside others and get acquainted with different topics within human rights law,” she said.

Following graduation in 2000, Davidson served as a judicial clerk to Judge Alfred T. Goodwin of the Ninth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. She drafted bench memoranda and opinions on a wide variety of federal appeals cases, including criminal, human rights and immigration cases. “The clerkship gave me the ability to understand litigation from the perspective of the courts,” she said. “It was a good introduction to how the court system works from within. As a litigator, it is useful to understand how the courts are looking at specific issues.”

When her clerkship ended, Davidson became a litigation associate in the San Francisco office of Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin. “It was a good introduction to litigation,” Davidson said of her two years with the firm.

In 2003, Davidson served as a human rights fellow at the ICTY in The Hague. It was the first of three positions she would hold with the ICTY. She returned the following year as a lawyer/consultant to help prosecute Blagojević and Jokić. In January 2005, she moved to Sarajevo to work in the prosecutor’s office of the Special Department for War Crimes for the State Court of Bosnia-Herzegovina, where she reviewed and analyzed cases for prosecution and coordinated investigation activities with the ICTY. At the end of the year, she accepted a position as assistant federal public defender in Portland, Ore.

“I thought it was a good idea to learn about domestic criminal prosecution, as well as international,” she said of the move to Portland. Davidson represented people charged with federal crimes and violations of supervised release conditions and in habeas corpus proceedings in federal court, including appeals to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Philosophically, the transition from prosecution to public defense was an easy one for Davidson. “Whether as a prosecutor or a defense attorney, I’ve always believed that a person’s right to a fair trial must be protected,” she noted. “In the domestic arena, criminal defense was a good fit for me. I believe that, in the United States, minorities and the poor are systematically disadvantaged in the criminal justice system. Recognizing that most criminal defendants have not had the opportunities I’ve had in life, I’ve felt more comfortable in the defense role.”

In 2007, with some defense work under her belt, Davidson returned to the ICTY to work as a legal officer in the prosecutor’s office. “The International Criminal Tribunal will be winding down in the next few

years, so I thought this might be my last opportunity to work on a case there,” she said of the decision to move back to the Netherlands. During her last stint, she prosecuted members of the Bosnian-Croat military and political figures allegedly responsible for the 1992–94 ethnic cleansing and persecution of Bosnian Muslims.

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Davidson believes a drawback to working in international criminal law is that you never know if you’ve “done right” by the victims’ families. “You don’t always get satisfaction for the victims or their families,” she said. “When you’re dealing with war crimes and genocide, the end result never matches the crime.”

Davidson, who joined the Willamette law faculty in August, looks forward to addressing these issues with the students enrolled in her criminal law courses. “I want students to understand the realities of the criminal system and to get a look at the bigger picture, at the larger issues,” she said. “I also want to help students understand why the law is the way it is and think about how to change it.”

One key lesson she hopes her students will learn is the importance empathy plays in legal practice. “It is important, in both prosecution and defense, to try to understand the challenges people face and how they got where they are,” she said. “It’s important to think objectively as a lawyer, but also to remember that a little empathy goes a long way.”

No doubt, her students will receive excellent instruction in this lesson as well.



Empowering Others Through *the International Human Rights Clinic*

“I love the idea of building something new,” said Gwynne L. Skinner, who joined Willamette University College of Law in August to help launch the school’s first law clinic focused on international human rights. “I loved the idea of coming to Willamette and starting a clinic focused on international human rights. Students are hungry for it; they want this type of practice.”

“International human rights clinics should be available to students all across the country,” she added. “It should be available to all law students, not just those in New York or Washington, D.C.”

An assistant professor of clinical law, Skinner brings considerable experience in the areas of international human rights, refugee law, civil rights and clinical practice to the school’s new clinic, one of six advanced legal education offerings available through Willamette’s Clinical Law Program. The new international human rights clinic complements the college’s specialized Certificate Program in International and Comparative Law, which was designed to prepare students to meet the challenges of legal careers in an increasingly global profession.

Skinner’s own interest in human rights developed at an early age in rural Iowa. “Even at a young age, I had a keen awareness of global poverty and hunger,” she said. “By the time I went to college, I was already interested in foreign policy and human rights issues. Political science was a natural choice for a major.”

Skinner earned a B.A. in political science at the University of Northern Iowa and graduated with highest honors. She then enrolled in a joint degree program in law and American studies at the University of Iowa. Skinner, who sold her only possession of value — a camera — to pay for the LSAT, paid her own way through school. The sacrifice paid off, and she earned a M.A. and J.D. with high distinction.

Following graduation, she accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program. The highly competitive program enables gifted young lawyers to begin their careers in the Justice Department, despite having limited experience. After gaining critical courtroom practice in Washington, D.C., Skinner was hired as a criminal prosecutor in the King County Prosecutor’s Office in Washington state.

She then entered private practice as an attorney with the law firm of Frank & Rosen LLP, where she represented individuals and employees in the areas of employment law and civil rights. She went on to practice with Dorsey & Whitney LLP, focusing

primarily on employment law, ERISA fiduciary law and complex commercial litigation.

“Civil litigation was intellectually stimulating, but the substance of it never enthralled me; it didn’t feed my soul the way human rights work does,” said Skinner, who developed an active pro bono and public interest litigation practice while working at Dorsey. “I always tell students to follow their dreams and their heart, but that they need to be practical. I knew I needed experience in a big firm to get where I wanted in the future.”

Skinner’s commitment to “paying her dues” in private practice paid off when she connected with the Center for Justice & Accountability, a San Francisco-based international human rights organization dedicated to ending torture and human rights abuses around the world and advancing the rights of survivors to seek truth, justice and redress. “I contacted them about doing pro bono work,” she said. “Once I had civil litigation experience and had something to offer, I began working with them on human rights cases.”

In early 2003, Skinner left private practice to establish the Public Interest Law Group PLLC, a firm dedicated to providing quality legal services to individuals and groups of varying financial means. The firm’s key practice areas include employment discrimination, wage claims, and human and civil rights issues. Skinner’s practice focused primarily on international human rights.

Her work did not go unnoticed. In 2005, she was named one of Seattle’s Top Lawyers in the area of civil rights by *Seattle Magazine*. That same year, she received the Law and Justice Award from Hate Free Zone for her representation of Somali workers who successfully challenged religious discrimination at a large sausage manufacturing company. She earned the title Super Lawyer from *Washington Law & Politics* in 2006 and 2007.

Before long, Seattle University School of Law came calling. “Seattle University had just started its human rights clinic,” she explained. “The law school hired me to serve as practitioner-in-residence at the clinic and asked me to bring my international human rights practice with me.” During this time, Skinner also attended Oxford University in England and earned an M.St. (LL.M. equivalent) in International Human Rights Law.

While working at the law clinic, Skinner took on a pro bono case that received international attention. In March 2005, she filed a case with the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York against Caterpillar Inc. *Corrie v. Caterpillar* charged Caterpillar with aiding and abetting war crimes and other serious human rights violations on the grounds that the company provided bulldozers to the Israeli Defense Forces, knowing they would be used unlawfully to demolish homes and endanger civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Numerous international human rights

organizations and the United Nations have condemned the demolitions as a violation of international humanitarian law.

Working on human rights issues with students in the clinic helped Skinner discover an innate love of teaching. “The transition from practitioner to teacher felt very natural to me,” she said. “I get a great deal of happiness from being able to make a difference in students’ lives. I want to make their legal education experience as full as possible. I want to help them do good work.

“As a clinical law professor, my job is not to be in charge of the case, but to guide — to teach students to think about the decisions they’re making,” she explained. “When you’re a practitioner working with young lawyers, you’re in charge of the case and others assist you. That model doesn’t work in a clinic setting, which requires a more reflective practice.

“Students need to take the time to reflect on the work they’re doing so that they become better lawyers in the future,” she added. “That’s so important; we need more capable lawyers, particularly good human rights lawyers.”

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Skinner’s enthusiasm for teaching was clearly evident to W. Warren H. Binford, who helped bring Skinner to Willamette. “I am extremely pleased that Professor Skinner has joined our Clinical Law Program,” said Binford, director of the Clinical Law Program. “Professor Skinner has made a significant impact everywhere she has practiced law. We feel extremely fortunate to have

her join our program and are looking forward to working with her as she continues to contribute to the advancement of human rights and clinical legal education for years to come.”

Skinner sees her role in Willamette’s new international human rights law clinic as two-fold. “I want to teach the substance of international human rights law, as well as to help students understand strategy and improve their legal analysis and fact-finding skills,” she said. “But I also want to teach students to listen. Lawyers are trained to push their emotions aside and to fix problems, but listening is a big part of human rights practice.

“I’m a fierce litigator, but there’s more to dealing with human rights cases than solving legal issues,” she added. “As a lawyer, I serve people who suffer human rights abuses. As someone who serves them, I also need to empower them. One way to do that is to sit and actively listen to them tell their story and describe their pain. To do so helps free their spirit and empowers them.

“The old way of thinking is, ‘I don’t want to hear your pain.’ But law has to become more holistic. I want to help students understand this is another way to help people. That just by listening, they can make a difference to the client, the person, they serve.”



Bringing Business Sense to the Law

During high school, David A. Friedman dreamed of becoming a radio disc jockey. He hung around the local radio station in Bridgeport, Conn., hoping to learn the business by watching the older men who ran the station. He liked the way radio worked and the glamour of the job. The old guys at the station, however, warned him against a career in radio by citing stories of graveyard shifts and financially unstable stations. “I put thoughts of working in radio aside when I went to college,” he said. “But during law school, I got the bug again.”

Years after giving up hopes of becoming a famous DJ, Friedman approached the manager of the campus radio station about starting a community talk show focused on legal issues — and was given a weekly time slot. “We couldn’t give out legal advice over the radio, so we brought in local attorneys and state and local officials to provide advice to callers,” he said. “Our most popular show featured a traffic attorney. Man, the board just lit up that night.”

Surprisingly, Friedman’s second choice of careers was not law, but economics. “In college, I initially thought I wanted to become an economics professor, an academic,” explained Friedman, who earned his undergraduate degree at Yale College. “I fell in love with economics my first week. I really appreciated the analytical puzzle work of microeconomics. The puzzle pieces all fit together and explain the way the world works.”

Following graduation, Friedman went to work for Monitor Group, a consulting company based in Cambridge, Mass.

He spent the next two years working as a corporate strategy consultant for Fortune 1000 clients. “I taught business executives how to market their businesses and become more profitable,” he said.

Friedman enjoyed the demands of consulting, but he longed for greater responsibilities within the company. Seeking an “educational turbo boost” for his career, he took a leave of absence from Monitor to attend Yale Law School. “I knew I would be closer to the action a lot faster if I went to law school,” he explained.

“I wanted a new lens to view the world through,” he said of his decision to study law. “Law would enable me to examine the same set of problems I’d studied in economics, but in a different way. Economics examines how we make decisions about transactions; the law designates the rules governing those transactions.”

While in law school, Friedman did not stray far from his academic roots. In addition to serving as a teaching assistant to Professor James Tobin, who won the 1981

Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics, Friedman was named a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics. He also worked in a number of legal clinics, including landlord-tenant and environmental protection clinics.

Following graduation, he returned to Monitor Group as a senior corporate strategy consultant, managing cases in highly regulated industries, including telecommunications, transportation and financial services. “My law degree enabled me to work closely with various companies’ general counsels on business strategy,” he said.

After six additional years with Monitor, Friedman reached a crossroads in his career. “In order to move up, I’d have to start selling professional services,” he said. “I didn’t like the idea of competing in corporate beauty contests to win business. I preferred the more intellectually challenging side of the business — helping to make companies more profitable.”

In 2005, Friedman left Monitor to start his own consulting firm, Sutton Place Insights in New York City, where he could work at this own pace and focus on business analysis. His work primarily focused on market analysis and strategic due diligence for private equity firms and commercial banks. The following year, however, he again yielded to the siren call of academia.

In 2006, Friedman became a visiting assistant professor of clinical legal studies in Willamette University’s Clinical Law Program, where he taught the business law clinic. Not long after joining the clinic, he was deputized a special assistant attorney general in the Financial Fraud/Consumer Protection Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. Under his supervision, students enrolled in the law school’s Clinical Law Program helped the DOJ investigate and prosecute numerous high-profile civil cases involving financial fraud and consumer protection issues.

“The best part of teaching in the clinic was seeing students realize how much they were already capable of doing — when they see that link between what they’ve learned in the classroom and what they’re doing in real practice,” Friedman said. “There’s nothing better than seeing students develop and find their professional footing.”

Friedman became a full-time member of the Willamette law faculty in August 2008. An assistant professor specializing in business law, he will teach Contracts I and II and Business Organizations. “Business law can be quite exciting,” he said. “It’s all about greed, deceit, family feuds,

the drama of life and our attempt to impose a set of rules to create order. If you make the right rules, then the wheels of commerce grind smoothly.

“Truly substantive problems can be messy,” he added. “You have to struggle to find the best solution and be able to persuade people with facts and arguments that your

answer really is the best. That’s true whether you’re appearing in court, overseeing a transaction or arguing across the kitchen table.”

Friedman appreciates the challenges young lawyers face trying to learn the law and develop skill in the field. And he looks forward to helping them maneuver through the demands of being legal professionals. “I’m looking forward to having that first crack at exposing first-year students to the law,” he said. “I hope to set students on the right course — so they realize that honesty and integrity are important traits to have if you want to pursue a career that promotes justice.”

For Friedman, civility and professionalism are not just theories of behavior but the foundation of good practice. “There’s this notion in law school that who ever speaks loudest wins,” he said. “But it is honesty and desire to problem solve that will ultimately carry the day.”

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SHELASWAU BUSHNELL CRIER

The College of Law looks forward to welcoming Shelaswau Bushnell Crier to Willamette. Crier will join the law faculty as an assistant professor of law in the fall of 2009. She will teach Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, as well as Education Law.

Crier graduated *cum laude* from Rice University and earned her law degree from Yale University, where she served as editor of the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law and Ethics* and the *Yale Journal on Regulation*. Since fall 2006, Crier has taught at Loyola University College of Law. During the 2008–09 academic year, she will serve as a judicial law clerk for Judge Ivan Lemelle of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.



“One of my primary goals as a lawyer and as a law professor is to have a positive impact on my community. Willamette’s relationship with state government and its location near the Capitol facilitate experiences that enable its students to make a genuine impact on the wider community while still in law school.”

Paying It Forward

Sometimes the most incidental circumstances can change your life. Daniel A. Kittle's fortune turned when he became a resident assistant (RA) at Michigan State University. At the time, he never would have imagined that taking the job would lead him to law school.

A sports enthusiast, Kittle longed for a career in sports news. He studied journalism at Michigan State University, wrote for a variety of sports Web sites and worked as a sports writer for the local newspaper. To help cover expenses, he became an RA — and found himself assigned to work in the same dorm as Rachel Wixson. The two RAs dated throughout their junior and senior years. Following graduation, Wixson (JD'08) enrolled in law school at Willamette University, and Kittle headed off for a two-year stint in the Peace Corps.

Kittle traveled to Shagym, a small village of 1,000 people in the Kyrgyz Republic, where he taught English and coached basketball in a local school. "There was no running water in the village, so we hauled water to the homes on donkeys and took baths out of buckets," he explained. "Everywhere you went was cold and drafty. I wore long underwear and a heavy coat even while teaching."

"The practice of law is a way for me to give back to the world all that I've been given."

While in Shagym, Kittle received a small projects assistance grant to repair several classrooms and create new learning spaces at the school. Renovating the lunchroom proved to be the most daunting project. "The kids ate in a room with dirt floors, crumbling walls and haphazard tables," he said. "We put in a floor and windows and fixed up a kitchen area so the cooks actually had a working stove for preparing warm food."

Kittle and Wixson stayed in touch throughout his time in Kyrgyzstan. "She told me all about Willamette and said I'd like law school since it involves so much analytical thinking," he said. "I knew I wanted to make a broader impact on people's lives, so I applied to several schools. I chose Willamette after attending a student-sponsored event with Rachel. I really liked the professors and the close-knit feel of the school."

Kittle, who served as 1L class president last year, said his classmates are all highly supportive of one another. "Even when we competed in the first-year appellate competition, we all swapped briefs when we switched sides," said Kittle, who won the competition. "There's really a good dynamic among the people in my class."



Since coming to Willamette, Kittle has immersed himself in the law. In addition to serving as a research assistant to Professor Jeffrey C. Dobbins and Dean Symeon C. Symeonides, he has started working in the Special Litigation Unit of the Oregon Department of Justice. "At the DOJ, I research complex legal topics for cases where there's not much legal precedent," he said. "I've gotten a lot of experience working on really interesting cases."

Heading into his second year of school, Kittle remains focused on strengthening his courtroom skills. "I'm really interested in civil litigation," he said. "I like the interaction and the competitive nature of the courtroom. It's exhilarating to study case law and find the best support for your argument."

Regardless of what the immediate future holds, he knows going to law school was the right career move. "I believe everyone has some special purpose in this world," he said. "For as long as I can remember, I've believed mine is to make a difference in other people's lives."

"I like the idea of paying it forward," he added. "The practice of law is a way for me to give back to the world all that I've been given. In the end, you never know how much of a difference one person can really make, but I need to try to find out."

So how did he repay Wixson, who convinced him to give up sports journalism and become a lawyer? He proposed — and the two were married in May 2007.

Class Action



Ralph Thompson Jr. JD'74 of Yakima, Wash., has been appointed district court judge by Yakima County commissioners. Thompson has been a state administrative law judge in eastern Washington since 1992. Prior to that appointment, he spent 18 years in private practice in Seattle.

Paul J. De Muniz JD'75 of Salem, Ore., chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, received honorary knighthood from the Royal Rosarians on June 6, 2008, as part of the annual Portland Rose Festival.

Sally L. Avera JD'77 of Dallas, Ore., has been appointed a senior assistant attorney general in the Appellate Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. Avera previously worked

for the city of Salem as an attorney, for the Workers' Compensation Board and as a deputy district attorney.

Timothy J. Parker JD'78 of Mercer Island, Wash., has been admitted to the American College of Trial Lawyers. Fellowship in the College is by invitation only to experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Parker is a shareholder in the firm of Carney Badley Spellman PS.



James L. Rhoades JD'78 of Salem, Ore., has been appointed

presiding judge for the Marion

County Circuit Court. She has been a judge in Marion County since 1990. Previously, Rhoades was a deputy district attorney in Multnomah and then Marion counties.

Christon C. Skinner JD'79 of Oak Harbor, Wash., purchased a private practice in Friday Harbor on San Juan Island with partner Douglas Saar, extending the reach of their law firm, Skinner & Saar. They have hired an associate attorney to be the full-time face of the new branch.



James P. Swanger JD'79 of Vancouver, Wash., was named

Educator of the Year at the national Street Law dinner, held April 17, 2008, in Washington, D.C. Swanger has started Street Law programs

at several Vancouver-area high schools. Street Law is a nonprofit organization that teams a teacher with a local judge to provide high school students with a practical, participatory education about law, democracy and human rights. Swanger is a district court judge in Clark County.



James A. Fitzhenry JD/MBA'81 of Portland, Ore., has been named executive vice president of Schmitt Industries Inc., effective June 1, 2008. Fitzhenry served most recently as president of Capital Strategies Group, a federal government business development and government relations firm. Prior to that role, he was a senior executive at FLIR Systems Inc.

2008 Willamette Securities Regulation Conference

Thursday, October 30, 2008

8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland

Attain a rare insider's view and new perspectives on developments in securities regulation at the College of Law's 2008 Securities Regulation Conference in Portland.

Panelists will include seven current and former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission officials, including two former SEC general counsels, and top securities regulators for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Leading securities attorneys from across the country and business law scholars from Willamette University will round out the four panels.

Conference topics will include new developments in disclosure regulation; securities litigation; securities enforcement, particularly related to the recent subprime crisis; and recent issues in state and provincial securities regulation.

Oregon and Washington Continuing Legal Education credits are pending.

For more information, call 503-370-6402.

Class Action (continued)

Leslie N. Kay JD'82 of Portland, Ore., has been elected president-elect of the Multnomah Bar Association. She previously held the role of treasurer. She is the regional director for the Multnomah County Office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon and practices poverty and civil rights law.

Loren Dunn Prescott Jr. JD'84 of Harrisburg, Pa., has been appointed dean of the Wilkes University Law School Planning Initiative. Prescott, who previously served as vice dean and professor at Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, will lead efforts to develop plans for northeastern Pennsylvania's first law school. Preliminary plans call for enrolling between 80 and 100 first-year students in the fall of 2010.

Gary L. Williams JD'84 of Powell Butte, Ore., has been elected to a judicial position in Crook County, Ore. He was previously the county's district attorney.

Daina A. Vitolins JD'85 of Prineville, Ore., has been elected district attorney for Crook County, Ore. She was previously a deputy district attorney in the county.

Karey A. Schoenfeld JD'86 of Vancouver, Wash., is the new board chair of the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants. Schoenfeld is a certified public accountant, attorney and owner of the Vancouver-based law firm of Ferguson & Schoenfeld.

The Salem, Ore., law firm of Sherman, Sherman, Johnnie & Hoyt LLP has moved. **Gina A. Johnnie BS'84, JD'87** and **Mark C. Hoyt JD'92** are now located in a beautifully restored old building in downtown Salem at 693 Chemeketa St. NE. Johnnie's practice focuses on banking and lending, construction and real estate law. Hoyt's practice areas include land development, construction and complex civil litigation.

Steven L. Patterson JD'89 of McMinnville, Ore., has been appointed to the McMinnville School District budget committee. He heads the legal department at Oregon Mutual Insurance.



William H. Prentice III JD/MBA'89 of West Linn, Ore., has joined Ater Wynne LLP's

Energy Group. Of counsel to the firm, Prentice advises energy clients on complex transactions involving wind, solar, geothermal, natural gas, coal and hydropower projects. He has nearly 20 years' experience providing counsel to major Northwest power companies.



Michelle S. Druce JD/C'90 of Portland, Ore., has been elected secretary of the Multnomah Bar Association. She is employed by Wilshire Credit Corp. Her practice areas include residential mortgage lending and servicing, consumer credit, consumer financial services, and state and federal regulatory compliance.

Shawn M. O'Neil JD'91 of Portland, Ore., has been appointed a senior assistant attorney general in the torts section of the Trial Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. He previously was a partner at the civil litigation defense firm of Mitchell, Lang and Smith.

Lisa M. Umscheid JD'92 of Portland, Ore., has been elected treasurer of the Multnomah Bar Association. She has been special counsel at Ball Janik LLP since 2006 and has expertise in employment law counseling, employment litigation, labor law and general government law.



Paul D. Migchelbrink JD'93 of Portland, Ore., has been elected

president of the board of directors for the Portland Youth Philharmonic. Founded in 1924, Portland's Youth Philharmonic was America's first youth orchestra. It supports two full symphony orchestras, a wind ensemble and one string orchestra for younger musicians. Migchelbrink is an attorney at Farleigh Wada Witt, where his practice focuses on business and real estate.

Heather L. (Jeffers) Karabeika JD'94 of West Linn, Ore., has been elected municipal court judge in West Linn. She most recently served as a pro tem judge for the city.

J. Christopher Naftzger JD'94 of Richmond, Va., has been named assistant secretary and assistant general counsel for the Chesapeake Corp. He has served as assistant general counsel since joining the company in 2007. He previously was senior counsel for Koch Industries Inc. in Wichita, Kan.

Patrice D. Altenhofen JD/MBA'95 of Salem, Ore., has been elected board president of the Salem Art Association. She is president and chief executive officer of Cascade Employers Association.

Tracy A. (Newell) Prall JD'95 of Salem, Ore., has been appointed a circuit court judge for Marion County by Gov. Ted Kulongoski. Prall has served as a full-time pro tem judge in Marion County since 2005 and has experience presiding over civil, criminal and domestic relations cases. Prall previously worked for the law firm of Garrett Hemann Robertson and has served as a Marion County district attorney.

Brinton M. Scott JD'95 of Shanghai, China, has been named shareholder in the law firm of Fredrikson & Byron. He is managing the firm's new Shanghai office. Scott previously worked for Herbert Smith LLP in Shanghai.

Laura J. Brady JD'97 of Portland, Ore., is president and co-owner of Luxury Wine Tours Inc., a company that offers customized wine tours through Oregon's wine country. She previously was in private practice.

Lorie L. Hovanec JD'97 of Juneau, Alaska, has been appointed to serve as director of the Division of Banking and Securities for the State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. She was most recently employed as vice president of Wells Fargo Alaska Trust Co.

Craig G. Russillo JD'97 of Portland, Ore., has been promoted to shareholder at the firm of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt. He is a member of the firm's commercial litigation practice group and focuses on business and real property litigation.

Kari L. (Oakes) Stephens JD'97 of Las Vegas, Nev., has been named partner in the firm of Solomon, Dwiggin & Freer. She specializes in probate and trust administration, business law and litigation, particularly in relation to estates and trusts.

Timothy J. Bernasek BS'93, JD/MBA'98 of Portland, Ore., has joined Dunn, Carney, Allen, Higgins & Tongue as of counsel. His practice will focus on a variety of legal matters including real estate, agriculture and natural resources, employment, water law and business law. Prior to joining Dunn Carney, Bernasek was general counsel for the Oregon Farm Bureau.



Christopher J. Boman JD/MBA'98 of Corona Del Mar, Calif., has been named

a 2008 Southern California Super Lawyers — Rising Star by *Law & Politics* magazine. This is the fourth consecutive year Boman, a partner in the Irvine office of Fisher & Phillips, has been named to the prestigious list.



Alison S. Kelley BA'94, JD/C'98 of Sheridan, Ore., has been named director

of the Marion County Department of Children and Families. In her new role, she will support the Marion County Children and Families Commission, a 35-member panel appointed by the Marion County Board of Commissioners, which assesses

the community's needs, assets and strengths and helps build community capacity to support children, youth and their families. Kelley previously had been in private law practice.

Kevin B. Dull JD/MBA'99 of Portland, Ore., has been hired as an adjunct professor by Portland State University. He is teaching the strategic business management capstone course for undergraduate business majors.



Ethan Falatko JD/C'01 of Portland, Ore., has joined Ater Wynne LLP as an

associate in the firm's Energy Group. He advises clients on matters involving regulatory compliance, oil pipeline, energy and environmental issues. He previously served as

assistant attorney general for the state of Alaska and has extensive experience in that state with oil, gas and mining initiatives, as well as expertise in Alaska's regulatory and legislative arenas.

Alison G. (Gschwendtner) Hohengarten JD/MBA'01 of Bend, Ore., has joined Hurley Re PC. She is of counsel to the firm. She previously worked for a small firm and then as in-house counsel for Pahlisch Homes Inc. Hohengarten's focus will be on real estate and commercial transactions.

Stephanie L. Hendricks JD'02 of Portland, Ore., joined the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee in October 2007. The organization was created by the 1999 Oregon Legislature as part of a new juvenile crime prevention program designed to reduce juvenile arrests and recidivism. Hendricks is a litigation attorney with the firm of Lane Powell.

Teresa D. Miller JD'02 of Keizer, Ore., has been appointed an assistant attorney general in the financial fraud/consumer protection section of the Civil Enforcement Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. She previously worked as a lobbyist for private companies and served as the legislative director to Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

Byron D. Hadley JD'03 of Salem, Ore., has been appointed as an assistant attorney general in the criminal and civil rights section of the Trial Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. He was previously in private practice and had clerked for the Trial Division.

Samuel E. Sears JD'04 of Salem, Ore., has been named associate attorney at the law firm of Koho and Beatty. His practice will focus on estate planning, land use, immigration and representation of public officials before Oregon's government ethics agency.

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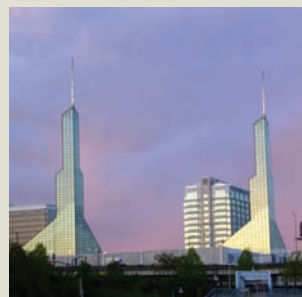
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We hope you will take the opportunity to visit with old friends and a few prospective students, network with fellow WUCL alumni, enjoy some great food and beverages, keep us posted on what you're up to, and hear what's new with your College of Law.

Watch your mailbox and the law school alumni Web site (www.willamettealumni.com/law) for information on gatherings in the following cities: Portland, Seattle, Boise, Las Vegas and more!

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Terry R. Hansen JD'05 of Newberg, Ore., has opened his own general practice law firm in Newberg. He previously had worked as an attorney in Prineville, Ore.

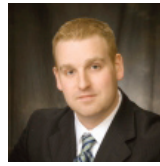
Matthew W. Hemmert JD'05 of Lehi, Utah, has signed on as a new part-time faculty member in the Brigham Young University Department of Communications. He is teaching Communications 300: Media Ethics, Law and Responsibility. The class is an introduction to the history of the First Amendment and freedom of the press, the law, legal theory and philosophy, regulation of the media and the relationship between ethics and the law.

Gregory A. Rios JD'06 of Portland, Ore., has been appointed an assistant

attorney general in the Appellate Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. He previously worked with the National Crime Victim Law Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School and clerked for Lane County Public Defender Services.

Robert E. Sinnott JD'06 of Portland, Ore., has joined Cooney & Crew as an associate. His practice will focus on health care law and litigation. He previously clerked in Oregon's Fourth Judicial Circuit and at Laszlo & Associates in Boulder, Colo.

Preston C. Greene JD'07 of Portland, Ore., has joined CB Richard Ellis as a sales professional. Greene previously worked for the Portland Development Commission and the Oregon Court of Appeals.



practice group of Saalfeld Griggs PC.

Andrew R. Naylor JD'07 of Salem, Ore., has joined the litigation and employment



Robertson PC as an associate in the firm's family law practice group. She specializes in family law and divorce, including issues involving child custody, parenting time, spousal and child support, property division, adoption, and guardianship proceedings.

Julia C. Smith JD'07 of Salem, Ore., has joined Garrett Hemann

Megan K. Thornton JD/C'07 of Ashland, Ore., has been named assistant city attorney for the city of Ashland. She served most recently as interim assistant city attorney.

Julio D "Mingo" Vidrio JD'07 of Beaverton, Ore., has joined the Portland firm of Smith Freed & Eberhard. He previously worked for attorney George Guyer.

Troy A. Clark JD'08 of Salem, Ore., received a Pro Bono Certificate of Appreciation from the Oregon State Bar as part of the bar's pro bono challenge. Certificate recipients provided litigation support or legal research for indigent clients through legal aid or another nonprofit service.



From left: Steve Brier, Shannon Christianson, Matt Senecal and Kari Maurer

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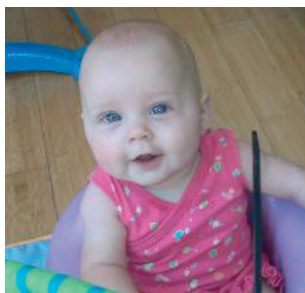
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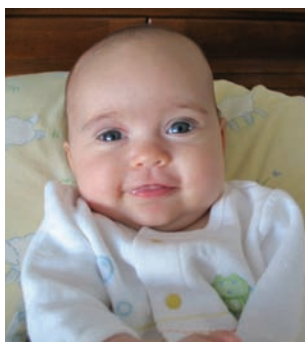
Jana L. Drajpuch JD'04 married Brian Holler on Dec. 22, 2007. The couple resides in Seattle.

Family Additions



To Sarah E. (Tyson) Hanson BA'94, JD'98 and husband Loren, a daughter, Nora Beatrice, born Feb. 6, 2008. She joins older brother Owen.

To Karen L. DeAngelus (Eschholz) JD/C'99 and husband Lawrence A. DeAngelus JD/C'99, a daughter, Adraina Franchesca, born March 6, 2008. She joins older sisters Rachel and Sofia.



To Justin C. Oliver JD'04 and wife Julia, a daughter, Avigail Noel, born Dec. 28, 2007. She joins older brother Asa.

SET SAIL FOR TURKEY AND GREECE

JUNE 12-24, 2009

Join Willamette University College of Law Dean Symeon C. Symeonides for a luxurious 12-day cruise through Turkey, Greece and Croatia next summer. We will board Oceania Cruises' ship *Insignia* in Istanbul, Turkey, and spend 12 days traveling throughout Turkey, the Greek Isles and mainland Greece, with a stop in Dubrovnik, Croatia, added in as well. We disembark in Athens, giving travelers the opportunity to extend their stays in that beautiful country or to continue on from there to another beautiful locale.

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For more information, contact Cathy McCann Gaskin JD'02, associate director of alumni relations, at 503-370-6492, 800-930-2586 or cmccann@willamette.edu. You may also visit www.azumano.com/willamette.



In Memoriam

Craig C. Coyner BA'48, LLB'50 of Layton, Utah, passed away on April 11, 2008. He is survived by his wife Nedra; sons Craig, David and Tad; and daughter Kristen.

Charles L. Cloudy LLB'52 of Coupeville, Wash., passed away on Dec. 18, 2007. He is survived by his wife Marjorie (Peihl).

John L. "Jack" La Londe LLB'56 of Vancouver, Wash., passed away on June 21, 2008. He is survived by his wife Jane; daughters Dawn, Lorri and Leslie; and son Jonathan.

Jon P. "Pat" McConnell JD'56 of Pullman, Wash., passed away on Dec. 2, 2007. He is survived by his wife Beverly, sons Robert and Steve, and daughter Lauren.

Mack E. Brown LLB'61 of Salem, Ore., passed away on Feb. 27, 2008. He is survived by his wife Barbara; sons Mack Jr. and David; and daughters Jean, Cynthia and Dawn.

Paul A. Hale Jr. LLB'62 of Beaverton, Ore., passed away on Aug. 4, 2007. He is survived by his wife Barbara, son Steven, daughter Audrey, and stepchildren Michael and Kristi.

Malcolm L. Brand BA'57, LLB'64 of Salem, Ore., passed away on April 9, 2008. He is survived by his wife Myra (Friesen) BM'58, daughter Janice BA'89 and son Martin.

Patrick H. "Rick" Lang JD'67 of Eugene, Ore., passed away on March 3, 2008. He is survived by his wife Holly, daughters Marcie and Sophie, and son Robert.

Clemens E. Ady JD'68 of Lake Oswego, Ore., passed away on Jan. 25, 2008. He is survived by his wife Jean and daughters Erika and Stephanie.

Terrell G. "Terry" Brixius JD'69 of Salem, Ore., passed away on Jan. 15, 2008. He is survived by his partner Robin.

Robert B. Smith JD'69 of Portland, Ore., passed away on June 8, 2008. He is survived by his son Madison and daughter Margaret.

David R. Paxton JD'71 of Newberg, Ore., passed away on Dec. 4, 2007. He is survived by his wife JoAnne and sons Casey and Ben.

Dennis M. Hindman JD'72 of Bellingham, Wash., passed away on June 3, 2008. He is survived by his son Brian.

Class Action (continued)



Bryan Johnston Remembered

A skilled negotiator and administrator who cared deeply about education and human services, Bryan M. Johnston died in his sleep on June 7, 2008, at the age of 59.

Johnston served as associate dean of the College of Law from 1989 to 1991. He was a founding faculty member of the College of Law's Center for Dispute Resolution and served as director of the center from 1986 to 1989. In addition, he served as interim president of the University from 1997 to 1998.

Johnston was born Feb. 17, 1949, in Chicago. He earned his undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and his law degree from Loyola University. In addition to his service to Willamette, Johnston's academic experience included terms as adjunct professor at the law schools of the University of New Mexico, University of Bridgeport, University of Oregon and Pepperdine University. His state service included terms in the Oregon House from 1995 to 1999.

Johnston also served as interim director of the state Department of Human Services. Just prior to his death, he had been named president of Saint Martin's University in Washington.

He is survived by his wife Anne; sons Drew, Zach and John; and daughter Courtney BA'08.



Submission Guidelines

Class Action Contact

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Please print or type all submissions, in the interest of accuracy. If something has been written about you in a newspaper or another publication that you would like mentioned in Class Action, please submit a brief summary of the original piece.

Submission dates are January 15th for the spring issue and July 15th for the fall issue.

It is the practice of Class Action not to print pregnancy or engagement announcements, nor candidacies for political offices, due to the lag time between receiving such information and the publication dates. *Willamette Lawyer* reserves the right to edit or omit any information submitted.

We welcome photographs for possible use, depending on space and photo quality. Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your photo returned.

Editorial Contact

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If you have a position opening, we invite you to post a job for alumni or current students using our online job posting system. Just follow the link to the WUCL Office of Career Services "For Employers" page at www.willamette.edu/wucl/careers/employers/. Under the title "Recruiting," click on "Post a Job Opportunity." You will be directed to a registration page where you then can choose "Register and Post a Free Local Job."

Career Services is happy to accept job postings or accommodate on-campus interviews at any time. For specific questions about posting a job or setting a date to interview on campus, contact Deborah Mosman at dmosman*AT*willamette.edu.

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L = Non-degreed
LLB = Bachelor of Law (equivalent of JD)
LLM = Master of Law
MM = Master of Management, Master of Administration
MBA = Master of Business Administration
H = Honorary degree
C = Certificate in Dispute Resolution, International and Comparative Law, Law and Government, Law and Business, or Sustainability Law
BA = Bachelor of Arts
BS = Bachelor of Science

Alumni Events



Bend Alumni Gathering March 19, 2008 Blacksmith Restaurant

Left: James B. Minturn BA/LLB'51 and
James F. Larson JD'66

Right: A. Lillah McBride JD'03 and Jason B.
Wheelless JD'02



Eugene Alumni Gathering March 20, 2008 Eugene City Brewery

Left: Windsor D. Calkins JD'70, Donald D.
Diment Jr. JD'68 and Monique J. DeSpain
JD'98

Right: Cathy M. Ouellette JD'02 and Tanya
C. O'Neil JD'04



Anchorage Alumni Gathering April 9, 2008 Captain Cook Hotel

Top left: Mary K. Hughes JD'74, Andrew H.
Eker and Rhonda Fehlen Westover JD'84

Top right: Michelle D. Higuchi JD'98,
Katherine E. Voke JD'98, Heather M.
Nobrega JD'99, Julie B. Wrigley JD'99 and
Jason L. Bergevin JD'99



Bottom left: Joshua M. Kindred JD'05, Sarah
A. Badten JD'06, Shaun Tygart and Leila R.
Kimbrell JD'06

Bottom right: Dean Symeon C. Symeonides,
Jerald L. Marcey JD'01 and Alfred T. Clayton
Jr. JD/C'91

Women of Willamette Law Events

We had an excellent turnout at each of the Women of Willamette (WOW) Law events held last spring. Our alumnae gathered in three cities to celebrate how far our women graduates have come over the years and to jump-start the new Women of Willamette Law Scholarship Fund.



WOW at Twist in Portland April 17, 2008

Top left: Liani J. Reeves BA'98, JD'01;
Jodee L. Jackson BS'83, JD'07; and
Rachel A. Arnold JD'06

Top right: Kelly R. Tilden JD'01 and Kimi
Nam JD/C'96



Bottom left: Brenda Peterson Rocklin
JD'81, Michelle-Shari Kruss JD/C'95 and
Vesna O. Dodge JD'02

Bottom right: Judith G. Hudson
Matarazzo JD'84, Bonni C. Canary JD'77
and Linda C. Love JD'81



WOW at Wild Ginger in Seattle April 24, 2008

Top left: Jana L. (Drajpuch) Holler JD'04,
Misty M. Willits JD'04, Janet L. Hill JD'86
and Barbara L. Buck JD'94

Top right: Lori A. Oliver JD'95, Dana
Kapela JD'95, Tsering Yuthok Short JD'95
and Anne E. Senter JD'95



Bottom left: Stephanie P. Dikeakos JD'97,
Catherine E. Kvistad Christensen JD'97
and Elise F. McClure JD'84

Bottom right: Heather K. Van Nuys JD'80,
Sheena Aebig JD'76 and Faith Ireland
JD'69



**WOW at the Mary Lou Zeek
Gallery in Salem
May 1, 2008**

Top left: Michelle L. Ing JD'01, Audrey
B. Hirsch JD'95, Carlotta J. (Henricks)
Sorensen LLB'52

Top right: Susan M. Hammer JD'76 and
Tracy A. Prall JD'95



Bottom left: Virginia L. Linder JD'80 and
Helen Mazur-Hart JD'83

Bottom right: Sarah Rhoads Troutt JD'95
and Gina A. Johnnie BS'84, JD'87



**WUPIP Auction and Alumni
Reception
April 5, 2008
Pheonix Grand Hotel, Salem**

Top: Robert W. Donaldson JD'74 and
Donald W. McCann JD'75



Bottom: R. Tyler Friesen JD'05,
Shannon A. Terry JD'05 and Justin L.
Reel JD/C'07

Trial by Jury

Our inalienable rights of life, liberty and property would vanish under the oppressive boot of unrestrained power without it. Enshrined in the Seventh Amendment of the Bill of Rights, trial by jury has been the common man's shield against arbitrary, corrupt and capricious judges. Its origin is unknown, but it emerged from the darkness of time in 1215 at Runnymede, where English barons forced it by sword upon King John.

For the next five centuries trial by jury was used as a means to secure justice and liberty in the face of the king's prerogative, the Star Chamber and Cromwell's Commonwealth. But it was not without cost.

In 1554, Sir Nicholas Throckmorton was brought before the Lord Chief Justice and 15 benchmen, who had been commissioned by Queen Mary to answer to a charge of high treason in that he conspired with Thomas Wyatt in the latter's rebellion to overthrow the Queen.

Sir Throckmorton was denied the right to call witnesses on his behalf, to cross-examine the crown's witnesses, or to have the statutes relating to treason read to the jury. In the words of Lord Chief Justice Bromley, "No, for there shall be no books brought



at your desire; we know the law sufficiently without book." Sir Throckmorton's only means of defense were his remarkable ability to recall and argue the law and 12 honest, God-fearing men.

The verdict? Not guilty.

Dissatisfied with the verdict, the court returned Sir Throckmorton to the Tower of London and committed the jury to prison. Five months later the eight jurors who were unrepentant were brought before the Star Chamber and severely fined. Sir Throckmorton was eventually released from the Tower and pardoned in 1557.

In 1649, Lt. Col. John Lilburne, following seven months imprisonment in the Tower, was brought before an extraordinary commission convened by Cromwell's Parliament at the City of London Guildhall and accused of high treason. The indictment recited lengthy portions of four "venomous" books, allegedly written by Lilburne, pertaining to the abolition of fundamental liberties of Englishmen by Oliver Cromwell and his Parliament.

In the presence of a scaffold, several companies of foot soldiers and a large multitude, "Freeborn" Lilburne was brought before the bar and, over a two-day public trial, was repeatedly denied a copy of the indictment, denied counsel, denied time to summon witnesses and denied time to prepare a defense; but he was saved from the gallows by "12 men good and true" who found Lilburne — to the approving roar of the crowd — not guilty.

The acquittal notwithstanding, Lilburne was returned to the Tower and subsequently banished from the commonwealth upon pain of death. But return he did, in 1653, whereupon he was tried at the Old Bailey and once again acquitted by unintimidated jurors. Nevertheless, the court sent Lilburne to prison for life and, for their impudence, summoned the jurors to appear before Cromwell's Council of State to account for their actions. History does not record the fate of the recalcitrant jurors.

The detailed court proceedings of these and 703 other riveting trials may be found in the law library in the 34-volume set of *Howell's State Trials*, which cover the period 1163–1820.

Hard lessons learned are not forgotten in the library.



WITH ONE YEAR TO GO –

HOW THE FIRST ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN IS STRENGTHENING THE COLLEGE OF LAW

Since launching the **FIRST ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN FOR THE COLLEGE OF LAW**, the school has raised more than \$17 million for new and existing programs and named chairs. Several generous gifts made by Willamette law graduates and friends are helping to revitalize the law school — and will continue to provide invaluable support to future generations of law students and faculty.

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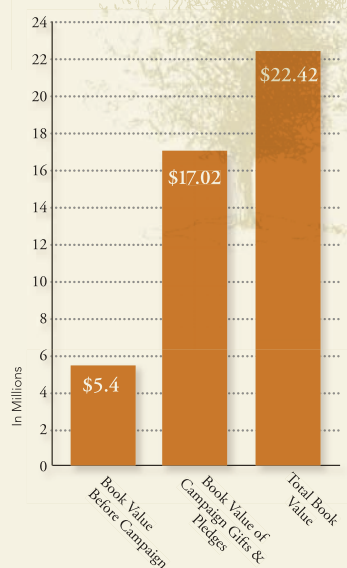
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