

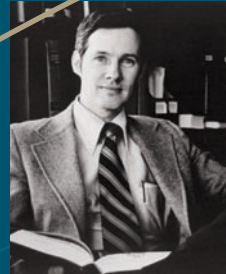
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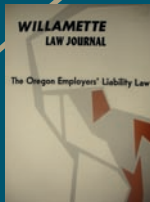
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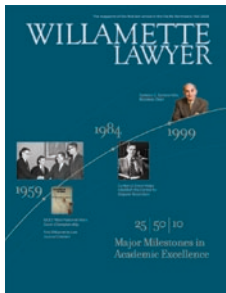


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Dean Symeon C. Symeonides

Dear Alumni and Friends,

On the heels of last year's 125th anniversary of the law school's founding, we mark four more recent milestones in the school's history. Fifty years ago, a team of three students from the Class of 1960 made the long trip to New York and surprised everybody — or at least their competitors from big-name schools — by winning the National Moot Court Competition. Justice Potter Stewart of the U.S. Supreme Court awarded the trophy to team members Dick Franzke, Ted Carlstrom and Marty Wolf (see page 16).

That same year, Willamette students started work on the inaugural issue of the *Willamette Law Journal*, now the *Willamette Law Review*. What appears routine today — having a law review — was not as simple then. George McLeod, who, sadly, passed away this spring (see p. 33), once shared with me the logistical difficulties he encountered when he tried to start a law review as dean of the school in 1940. His solution was to share the costs and the journal itself with the University of Oregon. Unfortunately, the attack on Pearl Harbor and his subsequent enlistment in the military prevented him from implementing his plan. The first editor in chief of the journal, Ron Lansing, shares his recollections about his team's successful endeavor 50 years ago (see page 18).

Twenty-five years ago, Willamette professors Carlton Snow, Bryan Johnston, Randy Lowry and Ross Runkel, together with then-Dean Leroy Tornquist, had the foresight to establish the first Center for Dispute Resolution in the West, which was only the second center focused on alternative dispute resolution in the country after Harvard. Again, what appears routine today, with so many other law schools having similar centers, was groundbreaking at the time. As is our great tradition, Willamette led the way. Professor Richard Birke, our current CDR director, tells us about the Center's recent innovative activities and his plans for the future (see page 14). That same year, Professor James A.R. Nafziger established Willamette's summer program in China, the oldest such program by a U.S. school.

Finally, 10 years ago, I had the honor of joining the Willamette family as the 19th dean of the College of Law. While this is not a reason for celebration — deanships are minuscule bleeps in a school's lifeline — I do want to mark the occasion by reiterating my sincere gratitude to all alumni, faculty and friends who have honored me with their support for our common enterprise.

Now, all the above may sound backward-looking. Indeed, we do a lot of reminiscing in this magazine precisely because this is primarily a publication for alumni. However, in our everyday existence, we are very much a forward-looking school, constantly working and planning for a better future. For example, we have just completed the first fundraising campaign in the school's history, exceeding by 25 percent what was by all estimates a very ambitious goal. The \$18.8 million we have raised, thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, is a powerful boost to the school's future. Their names are listed on the special insert.

We also continue to offer the best value in private legal education in the Northwest. We have always known this, but now we have affirmation from an external source. *The National Jurist* magazine recently ranked the College of Law No. 58 on its list of "Best Value Law Schools," which are defined as "law schools that carry a low price tag and are able to prepare their students incredibly well." Unlike other rankings that rely on "national reputation," this ranking is based on objective data: tuition cost, post-graduation employment data and bar passage. And as the chart on the next page illustrates, our graduates continue to excel!

Cheers,

Symeon C. Symeonides

Willamette Surpasses Peers on Bar Exam — Once Again

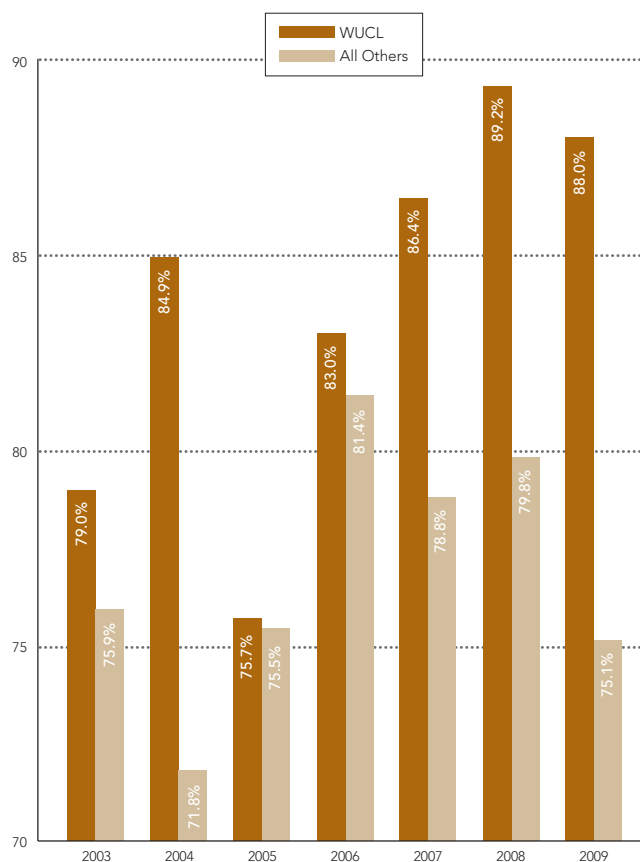


For the seventh consecutive year, the graduates of Willamette University College of Law have outperformed their peers on the Oregon State Bar examination. Eighty-eight percent of Willamette graduates who took the July 2009 exam for the first time passed. The graduates of all other law schools passed at a rate of 75.1 percent.

This difference of 12.9 percentage points is the second largest in the last 30 years. The highest was in 2004 (84.9 percent for Willamette vs. 71.8 percent for the other schools).

In the last seven years, Willamette law graduates have outperformed the graduates of other law schools by an average of 6.8 percentage points.

Bar Passage in Oregon (First-Timers)



The National Jurist Ranks WUCL a 'Best Value Law School'

Willamette University College of Law recently was ranked among the top "Best Value Law Schools" by *The National Jurist*. The September 2009 issue of the magazine lists the top 65 law schools that give students the best bang for their buck — those that "carry a low price tag and are able to prepare their students incredibly well for today's competitive job market."

At No. 58, Willamette's law school ranked above the other three private law schools in the Northwest.

In forming their ranking, *The National Jurist* compared public schools with in-state tuition below \$25,000 and private schools with tuition less than \$30,000, schools with employment rates above 85 percent, and school bar passage rates exceeding their state average.

For more information on "Best Value Law Schools," visit nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/cypress/nationaljurist0909/#/30.

Commencement 2009

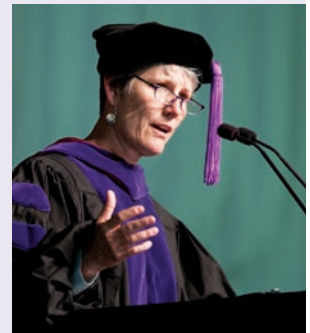
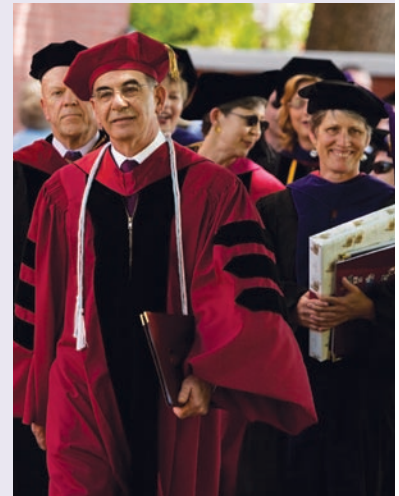
On May 17, proud parents, family and friends gathered on the Willamette University campus to celebrate the Class of 2009's graduation. Dean Symeon C. Symeonides warmly welcomed students, faculty and guests to the College of Law's 123rd commencement and hooding ceremony. President M. Lee Pelton led the conferring of degrees, while Symeonides presented 130 Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees and two Master of Laws degrees.

The graduates were introduced by Professor Paul A. Diller and Professor Jeffrey A. Standen and hooded by Professor Yvonne A. Tamayo and Professor Emeritus Ross R. Runkel, all of whom were selected by the graduates to participate in the ceremony.

The Class of 2009 was led by John C. Davis, who graduated *summa cum laude*. Julie M. Jarvis, Marcus R. Whitney, David A. Anderson, Angela W. Bennett, Jeffrey C. Rhoades, Dorothy R. Ryan, Sara A. Cassidey and Stephanie E. Carter graduated *magna cum laude*. Scott W. Bennett, Jon C. Kulas, Brian R. Wilson, Patrick M. Gregg, Andrea J. Breinholt, David L. Anderson, Emily J. Pringle, Tatjana T. Queener, David L. Fox and Christine R. Olson graduated *cum laude*.

Professor Valerie J. Vollmar JD'75 introduced the commencement speaker, Justice Virginia L. Linder JD'80 of the Oregon Supreme Court. Linder began her career as assistant attorney general in the Appellate Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. She was named assistant solicitor general in 1984. Two years later, she was promoted to solicitor general, the chief appellate lawyer for the state. Linder was appointed to the Oregon Court of Appeals in 1997. She made a successful bid for a seat on the Oregon Supreme Court in 2006 and was sworn in as the 99th justice of the Oregon Supreme Court in 2007.

Abraham L. Hanson JD'09 commuted to school from McMinnville on his bicycle every day.

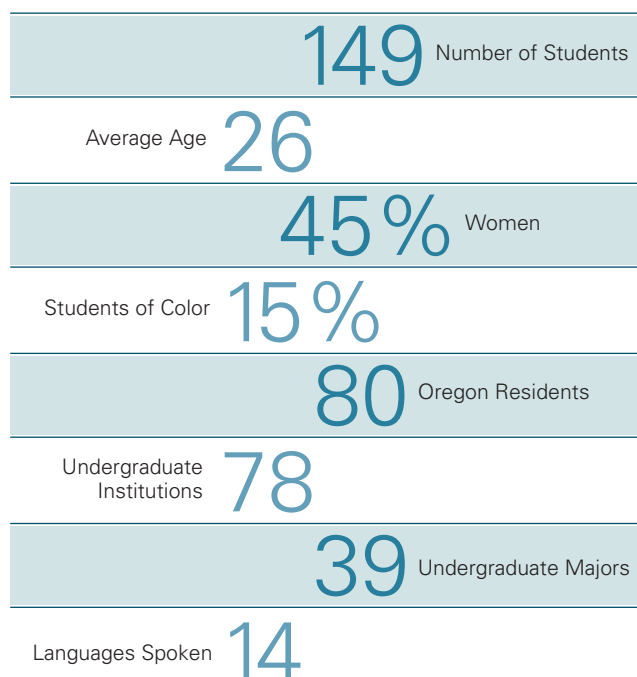


College of Law Welcomes **Class of 2012**

On Aug. 19, 2009, the College of Law welcomed the Class of 2012 to campus with a three-day orientation program designed to help the 1Ls successfully transition to law school life. In addition to a two-day course on Legal Research and Writing, their introduction to law school included a professionalism program led by law faculty and alumni, a special orientation for students' spouses and families, and a barbecue with faculty and staff.

The Class of 2012 is comprised of 149 students with a wide range of backgrounds and interests. Women make up 45 percent of the class, and about half of the students come from out of state. The class represents 78 undergraduate institutions and about 39 undergraduate majors, including journalism, business administration, biochemistry, engineering, philosophy, sociology, environmental policy, international relations and accounting.

The chart on the right shows a breakdown of the new first-year class.



Professor Robin Morris Collin Named 2009 Civic Engagement Award Winner



Willamette Law Professor Robin Morris Collin was named a 2009 Oregon Civic Engagement Award Winner by Oregon Campus Compact, a statewide organization that promotes civic engagement and community partnerships with higher education. Morris Collin received the Judith Ramaley Faculty Award for engagement in sustainability at the organization's fourth

annual award ceremony in Portland last April. The award recognizes excellence in faculty leadership on sustainability issues both on campus and in the community.

"This award appropriately recognizes Robin's early vision of sustainability — well before the term entered the public lexicon — and her leadership role since then," said Dean Symeon C. Symeonides in congratulating Morris Collin.

In 1993, Morris Collin became the first law professor to teach sustainability at an American law school. She joined the Willamette law faculty in the fall of 2003 and later helped develop the Certificate Program in Sustainability Law, which she now directs. She also was a founding member of Oregon Lawyers for a Sustainable Future. A descendant of a long line of African-American civil rights activists, Morris Collin is a writer, speaker and advocate for environmental justice. Her most recent work, a three-volume encyclopedia of sustainability, is scheduled for release this fall.

WUCL Hosts International Law Weekend–West

Last spring, Willamette University College of Law hosted the fifth biennial International Law Weekend–West. The two-day conference, convened by the American Branch of the International Law Association, brought together legal practitioners, scholars and students to discuss cutting-edge issues in public and private international law and international transactions.



James A.R. Nafziger



Theodor Meron



George A. Bermann

Twelve panel discussions scheduled throughout the weekend addressed a broad range of topics, emphasizing human rights, the importance of law in international relations and the impact of globalization on the practice of law. Panel subjects included prosecuting international crimes in the United States; the detention and treatment of refugees in the United States; the international law of war; recent developments in NAFTA; the role of international law in immigration practice; the discretion to decline jurisdiction in international cases; shared fresh water and sustainable development in an era of water scarcity; international technology transfers; world peace through human rights, law of the sea and the United Nations; taming international capital markets; the Alien Tort Statute after the Supreme Court's decision in *Sosa*; and transnational intellectual property law and enforcement.

"This was the first International Law Weekend–West outside of Los Angeles or the Bay Area," noted Professor James A.R. Nafziger, who organized and chaired the program. "We were pleased with both the large turnout for the conference and the attraction that Willamette and Salem seemed to have for top-flight speakers. Several of them reminded us that we are, indeed, a hub of learning in the field of international law."

The Willamette law faculty was well represented on the speaker panels. Professors Gwynne Skinner and Susan Smith served as

both panelists and moderators, while Professor Mike Eisenberg and Dean Symeon C. Symeonides participated in discussion panels.

"The conference was a huge success," Skinner said. "Many of the panel discussions were on the cutting edge of international law. There were many nationally and even world-renowned speakers. I've heard from many people who expressed appreciation for a better understanding of international law and how it speaks to the rights of immigrants here in the United States."

In addition to the panels, the conference program included two outstanding keynote lectures. Professor Theodor Meron of New York University School of Law, former president of and current judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, presented "International Criminal Justice: Does It Work?" as the Friday evening keynote speaker. Professor George A. Bermann of Columbia Law School, president of the International Academy of Comparative Law, presented "The American Law Institute Goes Global" at the Saturday luncheon.

"This was an outstanding conference in all respects," said Symeonides. "It brought to Willamette top scholars and practitioners, not only from the West Coast, but also from the rest of the country. This is one additional affirmation of our school's position as one of the best places for international law study on the West Coast. Warm congratulations are due to Professor Nafziger for bringing together this august group of scholars."

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— Professor Gwynne Skinner

International Law Weekend–West, which was free to participants, was co-sponsored by the American Society of International Law, the International Law Section of the Oregon State Bar, and the *Willamette Journal of International Law and Dispute Resolution*.

What's New at the College of Law

House of Lords Cites Symeonides' Book



The United Kingdom's Supreme Court, the House of Lords, recently referred to Dean Symeon C. Symeonides as a "leading authority in the United States" and cited his book *The American Choice-of-Law Revolution: Past, Present and Future* (Hague Academy, 2006). The citation was in a complex insurance case decided on July 30, 2009,

Lexington Insurance Co. v. AGF Insurance Ltd, (2009) UKHL 40, which depended in part on U.S. law.

This is the second time Symeonides' work has been noted by a highest national court. The previous citation was by the U.S. Supreme Court in the 2004 case *Soza v. Alvarez*, 504 U.S. 692, when he was cited by both the majority and the concurring opinions.

Symeonides' publications have been cited in 107 other judicial decisions: 25 times by state supreme courts in 12 states; 18 times by federal courts of appeal in nine circuits; 37 times by state appellate courts; and 27 times by federal district courts.

In the academic literature, Symeonides' publications have been cited in 961 books and law review articles.

Runkel Receives Award for Teaching Excellence



Professor Emeritus Ross R. Runkel was presented with an Award of Excellence from Willamette University President M. Lee Pelton at a university-wide faculty awards ceremony on April 30. Runkel received the Jerry E. Hudson Award for Excellence in Teaching. Named for the former Willamette University president, the Hudson Award celebrates distinguished teaching and leadership.

An employment law specialist, Runkel taught at Willamette for 30 years before retiring in 1999. At the request of the law school, he returned in 2005 to teach for another four years as a visiting professor. His great humor, intelligence and steadfast nature have made him a favorite among students for decades.

"Professor Runkel personifies the highest ideals of the College of Law," said Dean Symeon C. Symeonides. "He has devoted all his considerable energy to teaching and has always proved to be an outstanding legal educator and mentor. His students, colleagues and peers all admire and respect him tremendously."

Carrasco Appointed to Hispanic Affairs Commission by Governor



The College of Law is pleased to announce that Professor Gilbert Paul Carrasco was appointed to the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs by Gov. Ted Kulongoski in June 2009. The commission works for the implementation of economic, social, legal and political equality of Hispanics in Oregon.

A civil rights law, immigration law and constitutional law expert, Carrasco has authored three national casebooks and numerous law review articles. He gathered a wealth of practical experience in civil rights litigation in Washington, D.C., where he served in the U.S. Department of Justice, first as a special assistant to the deputy assistant attorney general, then as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division and finally as a consultant. He also worked in the National Center for Immigrants' Rights and as national director of Immigration Services for the U.S. Catholic Conference. In 2008, he joined the board of directors of the Oregon chapter of the American Constitution Society.

"I hope to bring legal expertise to the policy positions the commission takes and to assist in initiating and developing responses to legislative proposals that involve the rights of Latinos in Oregon," Carrasco said of his appointment.

WUCL Celebrates Outstanding Attorney Mentors



Last April, dedicated attorney mentors from across Oregon gathered at the College of Law for the school's 2009 Attorney Mentor Program awards reception. Hosted by the office of Career Services, the annual event honors those attorneys and judges who volunteer their time as mentors to Willamette's law students.

Jeffrey L. Dover JD'04 received the 2008–09 Justice Edward H. Howell Mentor of the Year Award for providing outstanding guidance and support to Willamette law students. An assistant attorney general in the General Counsel Business Activities Division of the Oregon DOJ, Dover was nominated by third-year students LaRee Felton and Jennifer Paul and second-year student Chris Lybeck.

Tom Elden, a longtime mentor and supporter of Willamette's Attorney Mentor Program, also received special recognition for his dedication to mentoring WUCL students.

The College of Law's Attorney Mentor Program enables students to develop a close, personal relationship with experienced legal practitioners who provide invaluable insights and advice on the practice of law. For more information about becoming an attorney mentor, contact Career Services at law-career@willamette.edu.

Professor Grammaticaki-Alexiou Discusses Nontraditional Families

Last spring, the College of Law welcomed Professor Ana Grammaticaki-Alexiou, who presented the final lecture in the law school's 14th Annual Speaker Series, "New Challenges of Family Law in Europe: Same-Sex Marriage and Surrogate Motherhood."

Grammaticaki-Alexiou believes that despite changing attitudes, same-sex unions and surrogate motherhood continue to be contentious issues within the multiethnic European Union. In her lecture, she discussed the numerous legal issues stemming from nontraditional unions and parenting, including healthcare directives, inheritance rights and contracts for surrogates.

"Right now, the problem is left to European member states to sort out," she said. "Society needs laws to smooth the edges of these social arrangements. We must be open-minded, both as lawyers and as members of society."

Fehrenbacher Retires From Student Services



Julie Fehrenbacher, a mainstay within Student Services for more than 20 years, retired from full-time service at the law school in March. Fehrenbacher joined the law school in February 1988. She worked as a faculty secretary for a year before moving to Student Services, where she was named manager after a year. She has held that position ever since.

"Among her many responsibilities, Julie has particularly enjoyed working with students," said Associate Dean Kathy T. Graham. "From the first day students walk into the law school for orientation to the day they graduate, Julie plays a big role in their law school careers. She has been an important part of student life at the school. Her cheerful demeanor in the office is legendary."

"Looking back, I'm amazed at all the changes I've seen at the school and wonder how it went by so fast," said Fehrenbacher, who will continue to work part time in Student Services for the foreseeable future. She plans to spend her free time with her five grandchildren, 86-year-old mother and husband Phil.

When asked how her good-natured colleague weathered 21 years at the college, Deborah Mosman, who joined the law school shortly after Fehrenbacher, said, "She laughed a lot."

China Program Celebration

Last summer, the law school celebrated the 25-year anniversary of its international study abroad program in China. The monthlong summer exchange program, hosted by East China University of Politics and Law in Shanghai, is the oldest law school exchange program in China and has served as a model for similar programs since it was established in 1984. To mark the event, East China University presented a beautiful vase (at right) to Professor James A.R. Nafziger, who has directed the exchange program at WUCL since its inception.



Frances Burge Appointed to Bench



In early June, Gov. Ted Kulongoski announced the appointment of WUCL alumna Frances Burge JD'98 to the Douglas County Circuit Court bench. Her appointment will last through May 2010, when she can run for election.

"Frances Burge will bring her extensive knowledge of criminal law to the court," the governor said in a press release. "I am very pleased to appoint a lawyer of her work ethic to serve as a judge. I am also pleased to appoint the first Hispanic judge to the Douglas County Circuit Court bench. I believe her service on the bench will be an asset to the citizens of Douglas County and the state of Oregon."

Burge received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California–Davis and her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Willamette University College of Law. She has worked for the Douglas County District Attorney's Office for nearly 10 years, including the Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team and the Douglas County Drug Court.

Lopez Appointed to Multnomah County Court



Gov. Ted Kulongoski recently announced the appointment of WUCL alumnus Angel G. Lopez JD'78 to the Multnomah County Circuit Court. The governor said he was pleased to appoint Lopez to the Multnomah County bench, adding that Lopez will bring a strong work ethic,

judicious temperament and a great breadth of experience to the judicial position.

Lopez earned his Bachelor of Arts from Occidental College in 1975 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Willamette University College of Law in 1978. Previously, he was a partner in the Portland law firm Squires & Lopez PC with his spouse, Wendy J. Squires JD'79. Their practice covers all aspects of criminal law, with a special focus placed on representing Spanish-speaking individuals.

Lopez was president of the Oregon State Bar in 2002. In February 2008, he received the Honorable Paul J. De Muniz Professionalism Award from the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association.

Clinic Students Help End Fraud in Oregon



Warren Binford

In early April, the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a settlement that prohibits a Washington County woman from offering fraudulent translation and legal services to Spanish-speakers. The settlement also requires Olimpia Santizo to pay a total of \$2,000 in restitution to two victims.

The Santizo investigation was conducted by two law students in the Clinical Law Program last year. Second-year student Katherine Silva and third-year student Casey Bieberich worked on the case while enrolled in the Law and Government Clinic. Caren Rovics, senior assistant attorney general at the DOJ and adjunct law professor in the Clinical Law Program, supervised their progress.

Willamette's Clinical Law Program has enjoyed a successful working relationship with the DOJ since 2006, when clinic

professors were deputized special assistant attorney generals. Through the partnership, clinic students, in conjunction with the Oregon DOJ, prosecute civil cases involving financial fraud and consumer protection issues on behalf of the state.

"With the current financial crisis, it is more important than ever to think about the benefits that public-private partnerships provide to everyone involved, including the taxpayer and potential victims of fraud," said Professor Warren Binford, director of the Clinical Law Program. "The Santizo case is a perfect example of how Willamette and the DOJ continue to work together to serve Oregon while teaching the next generation of lawyers the challenges and importance of government lawyering."

For more recent College of Law news, visit the law school's home page at willamette.edu/wucl.

Teaching Others to Make a Difference



“We idealize the law, give it a high sense of purpose,” said Shelaswau Bushnell Crier, who joined the Willamette law faculty as an assistant professor in the fall of 2009. “We have to; we must strive for that ideal of equality and justice.

“That ideal, however, sometimes clashes with reality,” she added. “People play a large part in how the law is carried out. Too often, legal decisions are made in a vacuum or from a paternalistic viewpoint. It is important to examine the goal of any given law and how our prejudices are incorporated into the law and legal interactions.”

A Louisiana native, Crier experienced the realities of prejudice firsthand, growing up in a primarily white neighborhood in Pineville during the 1970s. “I grew up during the time of busing,” she said. “In middle school, I was bused to a black school with the other kids in my neighborhood. During this time, I began to realize the many divisions that existed between blacks and whites.”

For high school, Crier chose to attend a magnet school for black students, and she reveled in the experience. “I had grown up with white kids and had identified with them,” she said. “I wanted to see what the black kids were all about.”

Crier quickly became known as “the smart kid” in school. She was elected to student government as a freshman and named class president her senior year. In addition to being book smart, Crier excelled in music, speech and drama. She even won an award for

outstanding original oratory in a statewide competition — although she encountered unexpected prejudice in her regular school competitions. “I was exposed to a different level of racism than I had ever experienced before,” said Crier, who believes the subjective nature of judging affected the debate outcomes.

The experience altered her perspective on the educational system in America and even influenced her choice of a college major. “I chose math because it is not subjective; it is cut and dried, straightforward,” said Crier, who attended Rice University in Houston. “In mathematics, an answer, theorem or postulate is either right or wrong.”

Following her graduation from Rice in 2000, Crier taught seventh- and eighth-grade math at a public school in Houston. “I came into the school as a young teacher with a lot of enthusiasm,” she said. “However, I was forced to teach to the state aptitude test — teach testing skills — rather than my core subject. It was very discouraging.”

Crier eventually left teaching to attend law school at Yale University, where she continued to pursue her interest in education. “I decided to go into law so I could have a larger impact on educational policy and bureaucracy,” she said. “Through the law, I can reach more students and teachers than I could sitting in a classroom.”

Although Crier never planned on a career in law, she thrived at Yale. In addition to working on the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law and Ethics*, she was invited to serve on the dean’s committee on racial dynamics, for which she developed an online survey of student experiences. Her work on the committee produced numerous suggestions for improving student mentoring and new strategies for “leveling the playing field” for all students.

In 2003, Crier interned with the Connecticut State's Attorney's Office, where she shadowed prosecutors and represented the state in a number of proceedings. She also helped assess defendants' qualifications for alternative rehabilitation programs. During the process, she observed disparities between how whites and blacks were treated within the legal system. "When two defendants had identical criminal histories and similar charges levied against them, defendants sometimes were treated differently," she explained. "White defendants sometimes were informed of more defense options than black defendants."

When conferring with prosecutors from other jurisdictions, Crier learned that in some cases disparate treatment also extended to crime victims. "Criminal background checks were conducted on black victims, but not on whites," she noted.

Crier's experience in the prosecutor's office confirmed her belief that lawyers need improved strategies for dealing with internal prejudices. "These choices should be automated, not subject to human fallacy or guided by class, gender or race," she said. "We need to minimize subconscious prejudices and how they affect the actual application of the law."

Following her internship, Crier worked for two years in the law school's Nonprofit Organizations Clinic in New Haven, Conn., and served as student director her second year. In 2005, she worked in the school's Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization. Both programs provide free legal assistance to individuals and organizations that cannot afford to retain private counsel.

After graduating from Yale in 2005, Crier moved back to Houston and set up a solo practice specializing in family law. The Bushnell Crier Law Firm provided legal services in the areas of family law, trusts and estates, and contracts. During this time, she began pursuing her dream of entering academia. She didn't have to wait long.

In 2006, she joined Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans, La., as a teaching fellow. She taught Legal Research and Writing and Moot Court, as well as an education law seminar on charter school legislation. "We moved back to Louisiana right after Katrina," Crier explained. "Teaching there felt like a way to give back to the community."



Despite her affinity for education, Crier took a year off from teaching to serve as a judicial clerk to Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. "Clerks were the filters for the judges, the first line of defense," she said of the job. "The position brought a lot of pressure, but it was a great learning experience, reviewing the docket and working on motions of all types. I learned a lot about criminal and civil law — about the spirit and the reality of law and how those two play out in daily life."

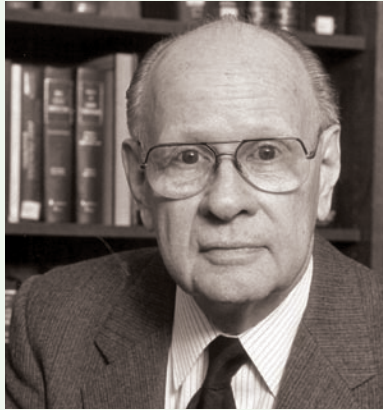
Crier said the clerkship gave her a lot of insight that she wants to share with her students at Willamette. "I want to be able to convey to them what I've seen in the practical world, rather than just legal theory," said Crier, who teaches Criminal Law and Education Law. "I want them to understand the practical elements of being in a courtroom and what's important to real clients."

"I decided to go into law so I could have a larger impact on educational policy and bureaucracy. Through the law, I can reach more students and teachers than I could sitting in a classroom."

Although she has been at the College of Law for only a few months, Crier said she already considers the Willamette community a surrogate family. "Willamette seems like a place where I will be happy to work and will work happily with others," she said. "I'm excited about being back in the classroom, interacting with students and bouncing ideas off other faculty members."

"My primary goal is to help students learn to be conscientious about the decisions they make," she explained. "Lawyers and law makers alike need to understand what is going on in their clients' and constituents' lives so they can find the best legal solution for them — regardless of whether it is a plaintiff, a defendant or 'the people,' who are being represented and served. The best lawyers listen to their clients and discover how to use the law to help them. I want to show my students that path."

Bridging the Ages: Quintin Johnstone Reflects on 60 Years in Legal Education



Professor Quintin Johnstone

Professor David A. Friedman recently had the rare opportunity to revisit a former professor as a peer. While studying law at Yale University, Friedman took classes from Professor Quintin Johnstone, who taught law at Willamette University from 1947 to 1949. Now the Justus S. Hotchkiss Professor Emeritus of Law at Yale Law School, Johnstone spoke with the younger Willamette law professor about how legal education has changed during his lifetime.

Professor Johnstone, you attended law school at the University of Chicago before World War II. How did your legal educational experience compare with that of today?

My law school experience was typical of today, except for the first year. Chicago had a program for students who successfully completed three years of undergraduate education. Students could begin law school after that third year. After successful completion of the first year of law school, they received their undergraduate degree then two years later, their law degree. For me, this presented a difficult experience because I retained a great deal of undergraduate involvement in my first year in law school. This included being co-captain of the track team when the University of Chicago was still in the Big Ten. My fellow co-captain, an outstanding track and field athlete, was the first Heisman Trophy awardee in football.

What did you do before entering academia?

I worked as an associate in a small Chicago firm that handled all kinds of matters. Then I went to Cornell for a year as a student and received an LL.M. degree. After Cornell, I served for six years as an attorney in the Office of Price Administration (OPA), which imposed and enforced price ceilings on almost everything during WWII. I started my employment with OPA in Washington, D.C., then moved to Chicago when the agency opened an office there.

Why did you decide to enter academia, and why did you choose to teach at Willamette?

I sought out academia because of the intellectual challenge. I grew up two blocks from the University of Chicago, so I grew up knowing professors and going to school with their children. The academic life was something I found appealing. After my government service, I applied for teaching opportunities. The offer from Willamette was the best and most interesting. Willamette was a good, small school. The salary, however, was only \$3,000 a year.

What was the academic environment at the College of Law like?

I arrived in late January 1947. The school was quite small, but growing rapidly because many veterans were enrolling. The faculty consisted of only five full-time members, each teaching three courses per term. There also were several local attorneys teaching one course per year. Dean Seward Reese fostered a familial atmosphere among the faculty. The administration was very willing to try to provide resources for the law school.

Teaching three courses per semester must have meant that you taught a wide variety of courses. What did you teach at Willamette?

I taught Real Property, Personal Property, Criminal Law, Torts, Legislation and Legal Ethics. A unique asset of Willamette was our proximity to the Oregon Supreme Court. In one course I taught, I had students read the state Supreme Court documents on a case prior to oral argument before the Court. In a class session, the students made oral arguments on the case. When the case was argued before the Supreme Court, the students went to the Court and listened to the arguments. Often the student arguments were better than those of the lawyers.

While at Willamette, I also was in charge of a legal clinic for course credit. At the time, there were only two or three full-time legal aid lawyers in Oregon. Willamette's legal clinic was an innovative way of expanding legal services to the poor. The clinic's principal function was assigning law students to assist local lawyers in pro bono cases that the lawyers were willing to take on.

What were Willamette students like then, particularly the students attending classes under the GI Bill?

Willamette's GI students were far more serious; some had been in a great deal of hand-to-hand and aircraft combat during the war. They were more intensely interested in getting ahead than any other students before or since. Their hard work compensated for academic backgrounds weaker than those of students today. These students were a great group — years behind schedule for achieving jobs, which explains their intensity.

Willamette had a strict rule against drinking alcoholic beverages back then, on campus and off. The administration wisely chose not to enforce this rule. There were some carousers in the veterans group. I used to play golf with a lot of the students. Remember, we were about the same age. We were great friends, but it was clear to all that in class I was the boss.

You left your job at Willamette to further your legal education?

Yes, I went to Yale for a Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.), which was a more common means than today for young American law teachers to expand their jurisprudential knowledge and to engage in a major writing project supervised by a highly respected scholar. Successful completion of a J.S.D. also increased the chances of obtaining a teaching position at a law school of higher reputation and with better pay. There were six of us in my J.S.D.

class who had taught at American law schools before entering the Yale J.S.D. program.

You teach at Yale Law School today. Have your teaching methods changed since you taught at Willamette?

No. I use the very same method. There is discussion, some lecture and coverage of underlying policy issues and potential future developments. I currently teach two courses a year: Professional Responsibility in the fall and Land Transactions in the spring.

What changes have you witnessed in the classroom?

The absence of change has been remarkable — with the exception that the students rely on laptops in the classroom. Also, most examinations at Yale are open book, and that was rarely the case in the past.

You have had a number of students over the years who have assumed high profile positions in the public and private sectors. Which of them stand out in your memory?

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas took several courses from me and did some extensive writing. I remember him vividly. He was a quiet, serious student — always pleasant. He appeared to be, and he was, a

small-town Georgian. He was quite determined to show that someone from his small-town background could perform on par with others who grew up with different advantages.

You served as dean of a law school in Ethiopia in the 1960s. How did that opportunity come about?

I taught one summer in Tanzania, which led people to believe that I knew something about African law schools. During the mid-1960s I was dean of the Haile Sellassie I University School of Law, now the Addis Ababa University School of Law.

At that time there was great interest in funding and staffing East African universities as one means of countering the increasing influence of the Soviet Union in East African countries. The law schools that were heavily staffed and supported by U.S. and European sources during the 1960s had a big impact and were a very productive way of providing international aid. Such an effort would help to soften the high authoritarian level of African politics today.



The Center for Dispute Resolution Celebrates Silver Anniversary

In 1983, a small group of far-sighted law professors at the Willamette University College of Law gathered to discuss the newest wave in legal education — educating future lawyers to be problem solvers, negotiators, mediators and peacemakers instead of gladiators and aggressive litigators. These pioneers, Bryan M. Johnston, L. Randolph Lowry, Ross R. Runkel, Leroy Tornquist and Carlton J. Snow laid the groundwork for the creation of the Willamette Center for Dispute Resolution in 1984. Only the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School is older (1983). Like its parent university, the Willamette Center for Dispute Resolution (CDR) was the “first in the West.”

A lot has happened and much has changed since the CDR was founded. Beloved Carlton passed away and is remembered fondly at the College of Law through a scholarship program in his name. Randy moved on, first to Pepperdine, where he built one of the most vibrant and robust dispute resolution programs in the nation, and then to a university presidency where he undoubtedly has daily opportunities to practice his dispute resolution skills. Ross taught at Willamette for 30 years before retiring in 1999 with emeritus status. At the request of the law school, he returned in 2005 to teach for another four years as a visiting professor. He publishes an arbitration newsletter and arbitrates labor disputes throughout the Northwest. Leroy continues to teach students advocacy and negotiation in the context of litigation at the law school. Bryan moved from the directorship of the CDR to become a state representative, dean of the Atkinson School of Management and interim president of Willamette University. He passed away in June 2008.

As director of the CDR, I have had the pleasure of working on important CDR initiatives for the past 15 years. During this time, the Center was recognized several times as a top-10 institution in Dispute Resolution by *U.S. News and World Report*, even reaching as high as No. 5 for two years. More recently, the CDR has struggled to meet a number of challenges, including the deaths, retirements and career transitions of some of our most qualified and respected professors, and the vibrant growth of dispute resolution across the nation.

While Willamette may have been first in the West, many others have joined the party. Where there were two academic dispute resolution programs in 1984, now there are several dozen. In addition, the academic study of dispute resolution has blossomed into a field that incorporates dispute resolution in courts, state and federal government, international law, environmental law, public policy disputes, and literally every aspect of private law. Moreover, as the practical side of the field has expanded, so has the intellectual side, now incorporating cognitive and behavioral psychology, economic risk analysis, neuroscience and more.

So have we reconciled ourselves to the position of being locally respected and given up aspirations of affecting a larger sphere? Are we merely the “best alternative dispute resolution center in the mid-Willamette Valley” or are we something more?

The answer is clear when you look at the past several years of activity in the CDR. Let me highlight just a few important developments:

In 2008, we created a new associate director position and hired Sukhsimranjit Singh. Sukh comes to Willamette with a law degree from the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research in Hyderabad, the top law school in India; an LL.M. from the University of Missouri–Columbia; and a two-year fellowship at Hamline University under his belt. Sukh teaches beginning and advanced negotiation, mediation and mediation

advocacy, international ADR, and arbitration. Under his guidance, Willamette students competing in the American Bar Association's National Negotiation Competition won the regional competition and placed very high in the national finals. We already have seen great things from Sukh and expect him to continue to enhance the CDR.

The CDR has begun to host a series of important conferences and events. In 2007, during one of the most politically polarized moments in our nation's history, we sponsored an event entitled, "Partisanship and Centrism: Standing Your Ground or Finding Common Ground." Looking back on the 2008 election and the appeal of Barack Obama's presidential campaign, this event seems almost prescient. The following year, we hosted a symposium entitled "Law of the Body," in which we explored such important matters as the increasing role of neuroscience in the understanding of decision making, the Oregon Death with Dignity Act, the current state of stem-cell research, and the taxation of bodily assets.

In recognition of its growing role as the state's nerve center for information and conversations about alternative dispute resolution, the CDR held the first annual Oregon Dispute Resolution Conference in 2009. Named for Bryan Johnston, the conference brought together the hardest working people in Oregon's dispute resolution community to determine how we might make Oregon as well regarded in dispute resolution as we are in environmental affairs and land use. Representatives came from government, the courts, the private sector, public policy, community programs and academia. Rather than a series of speeches, the day was devoted to workshops that allowed people the time and opportunity to discover synergies between programs and ways for Oregon's dispute resolution community to coalesce. Once again, given the dire state of the state's economic situation, this conference could not have come at a better time.

In addition, the conference provided an opportunity to create a lasting memorial to one of the most important people in Oregon's dispute resolution community. Each year, we will award a Bryan M. Johnston Award to the person or organization that best exemplifies Bryan's persistent and passionate efforts to use peaceful dialogue and public education about conflict resolution to promote the greater good. Appropriately, the first award went posthumously to the man for whom the award was named.

So what is coming up? The CDR is increasing its role in Portland, having already started a summer school program in the Rose City, and we expect to teach even more classes and workshops in the state's largest legal community. This fall, we will inaugurate the PALM Project, which stands for Portland Area Legal Mediators. PALM offers advanced training courses for those mediators who are already capable of teaching most of the standard alternative

dispute resolution curriculum and who thirst for more education — and prefer not to travel to Boston or Malibu to get it. Among our first public offerings will be a late fall ethics CLE program that promises to be as entertaining and educational as the best the state has ever seen. We are working with a very successful internationally published and produced playwright, Andrea Stolowitz, to create a program that promises to be superlative.

"Twenty-five years after its founding, the CDR is energized and, like the mythical Phoenix, ready to rise again."



Next spring, in conjunction with Willamette's Center for Religion, Law and Democracy, we will host an event about the nexus between secular and sectarian dispute resolution. That conference will cover a range of topics, including the conflicts that arise when sectarian divorce edicts — mostly from Islamic courts — are entered into North American court records as judgments with the force of law.

We are also planning an event on disputes related to food supply with Willamette's Center for Sustainable Communities in which we discuss a range of matters, including organic certification, regulation of genetically modified organisms and controversies associated with food labeling.

And, of course, we will hold the second annual event honoring Bryan.

Twenty-five years after its founding, the CDR is energized and, like the mythical Phoenix, ready to rise again. We intend to regain our rightful place as a leader in Oregon — and the nation.

— Professor Richard Birke, director of the Center for Dispute Resolution and the Certificate Program in Dispute Resolution

50 Years Later

The Class of 1960 Looks Back on Their National Moot Court Championship and Willamette's First Law Journal



From left; Richard A. Franzke, Martin R. Wolf, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart and Theodore C. Carlstrom

In December 1959, students from Willamette University College of Law came seemingly out of nowhere to win the National Moot Court Competition in New York City, beating numerous big-name and Ivy League schools from across the country. It was a great victory for the small, relatively unknown law school from Oregon, one that stunned most other participants. Most, of course, except the three-man team from Willamette.

"The level of performance throughout our entire law class was really great," said Theodore C. Carlstrom JD'60. "The team was well prepared because of the good competition from our second-year moot court classmates. They set the standard for the team that went to New York."

All Willamette law students participated in the school's moot court competition, and the best among them went on to compete in the regional competition. Within the Class of 1960, Richard A. Franzke BS/JD'60; Martin R. Wolf BA'57, LLB'60; and Ted Carlstrom were deemed Willamette's "dream team" for the regionals.

Like many students at the time, Carlstrom came to law school by way of the military. Carlstrom earned a bachelor's degree at Pacific Lutheran University before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1955. He spent 21 months at Far East Command Headquarters in Tokyo during the early days of the post-Korea Cold War. "The Army gave me great discipline for law school," he said. "If you can push your body until it hurts, you can push your mind as well."

When his active duty drew to a close, Carlstrom applied to law school before deciding to pursue a master's degree in history. He enrolled at Stanford University but then reconsidered.

"I had been accepted to Willamette, so I called Dean [Seward P.] Reese to see if I still could have a spot," he said. "Within a few days, I took the train to Salem, got a room at the YMCA and enrolled at the College of Law. I never regretted the decision."

Back then, the law school was housed in Gatke, the former Salem post office, and consisted of three classrooms and a library. "The first-year class started in the largest room and by their third year, they were in the smallest," Carlstrom said. "We lost about half of the class because the academics were so rigorous."

Fortunately for the moot court team, Marty Wolf thrived in the exacting environment. A graduate of Willamette's College of Liberal Arts, Wolf studied economic and political science in college, but showed a tremendous aptitude for law — so much so that in his senior year, Dean Reese personally asked him to enroll in the law school.

Wolf's predilection for law intensified during his three years at Willamette. In addition to serving as president of the Student Bar Association, he was the primary brief writer for the school's national moot court team. "Back then, the law school was much smaller and very intimate," he said. "There were only four or five professors and about 30 people in our graduating class."

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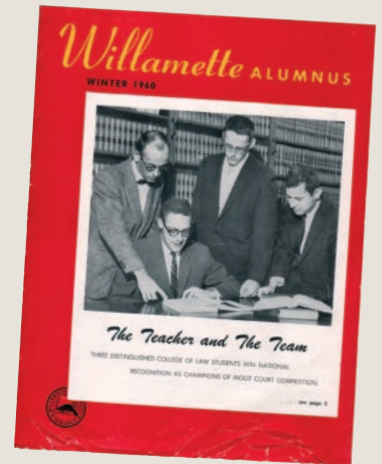
Like most law students of the time, Wolf held several night jobs to help pay his way through school. An accomplished pianist, he played in a jazz band three nights a week at a dance club and worked other evenings at a title company. "The preparation needed for law school allowed me to learn a lot about myself and what I can accomplish," he said. "It gave me discipline."

Good thing — because few law school experiences required as much discipline as that needed by Willamette's moot court team, which worked tirelessly on their advocacy skills in between classes and various jobs. "We all spent hours and hours putting the written brief together during the summer before the event," Wolf remembered.

In late November 1959, the team traveled to the University of Idaho in Moscow to participate in the Pacific Northwest Moot Court Finals. As always, they were supported and guided by their coach, Professor Charles Gromley. Willamette defeated Idaho and Washington before claiming victory over Montana in the final round. The team won second place in brief writing, and Dick Franzke was awarded first prize for best oral argument by the American College of Trial Lawyers. New York was now in their sights.



Above: illustration of the moot court team by classmate Ron Lansing; the commemorative issue of *Willamette Alumnus*, winter 1960



In December, they traveled by prop jet to the Big Apple to attend the 10th Annual National Moot Court Competition, held Dec. 16–18, 1959. Ninety-eight law schools competed overall, and 21 made it to finals, which were judged by Justice Potter Stewart of the U.S. Supreme Court and by several appellate court judges and U.S. attorneys. All participants argued both sides of the same hypothetical case — an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court that raised questions about the personal rights of parents and children. "In the Matter of Doris Grant" addressed the constitutionality of removing an 8-year-old girl from the care of her drug-addicted mother without a court order.

Throughout the three-day competition, Willamette swept the field in oral arguments, defeating Syracuse and Alabama in the opening rounds, Rutgers in the semi-finals, and Oklahoma in the finals. In addition to winning grand championship honors, Willamette claimed three of the five special trophies: Franzke won best individual oral argument, and the team won best team final oral argument and best team in competition. They also tied for sixth place for written briefs, which counted one-third of the final score in judging. In addition to a handful of trophies, the students walked away with a \$500 cash prize for the moot court program.

"Franzke was superb at oral arguments," said Carlstrom of his partner in the final argument. "He was a precise analyst who could articulate principles in a very analytical way while weaving his responses to judges' questions into a coherent statement. He really stole the show."



Richard A. Franzke



Theodore C. Carlstrom



Martin R. Wolf



Ronald B. Lansing



Helen (Davis) Simpson

Growing up in Portland, Ore., Franzke proved himself a gifted orator early in high school, when he won a statewide debate championship. Despite his affinity for public speaking, his career goal was to become a general contractor, so he enrolled in the engineering program at Portland State College in its inaugural year. “To the consternation of my engineering professors, I continued to pursue debating opportunities,” said Franzke, who placed third in a competition against colleges throughout the 11 Western states.

Due to the financial constraints on his family, he took classes weekday mornings and worked full time the remainder of the day. “Portland State was only a two-year college back then, so I eventually ran out of engineering classes,” he said. “My oldest brother [A. Allan Franzke BA’52, JD’55], suggested that I start taking political science and pre-law courses.”

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—Theodore Carlstrom

In 1957, his brother Allan moved to Portland to help with family responsibilities, freeing Franzke to transfer to Willamette University, where he completed his B.S. in political science. Money remained a problem for the young husband and father. “I worked my butt off in summer construction jobs and after classes during the school year to earn enough money for tuition and books,” said Franzke, who printed signs at night in the basement of Meier & Frank Co.

Despite his strong work ethic, Franzke had to overcome great obstacles to make it through his first year. “I caught the Asian flu and was out three weeks of the fall semester,” he said. “I came back for four days, then relapsed and was out another two weeks. When I got back, Dean Reese called me into his office and asked me to withdraw. Much to the dean’s chagrin, I declined.”

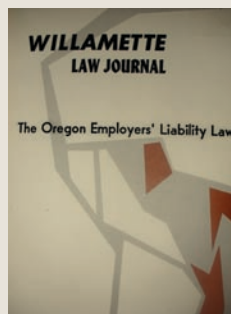
Not only did Franzke remain in school, he earned a spot on the dean’s list and received several top paper awards that first semester

— and every semester thereafter for his three years of law school. “I admit that I got a certain sense of satisfaction from proving the dean wrong,” said Franzke.

Franzke doesn’t remember much of his trip to New York outside of the competition rooms. “We spent most of our time there locked in a room getting ready for the next argument,” he said. His return trip to Salem, however, proved memorable. “Our flight home was delayed and arrived in Portland around 1 a.m. Despite the late hour, we were greeted by a group of about 15 law school classmates, all beating drums and cheering.”

“The reception we received when we returned to Salem surprised me,” Carlstrom added. “I didn’t realize until after we got back to Oregon how our win in the competition was perceived.

“For Oregon, 1959 was a big year because of the centennial celebration of statehood,” he said. “Hatfield was governor. The Korean War and the draft were over. You had the feeling we were on the cusp of something great.”



It may have been a big year for Oregon, but it was an even bigger one for the College of Law. In addition to winning the National Moot Court Competition, the law school began work on its first-ever law review in 1959.

“I was playing touch football with other law students when Professor Paulus walked onto the field and told us the

faculty had decided the school should start a law review periodical,” explained Ronald B. Lansing JD’60. “He said I had been chosen editor in chief of the first issue and that Dick Franzke would be editor of the second.

“I didn’t even have to think about it,” he continued. “It was an honor to be chosen the first lead editor. It was like winning a trophy — a badge understood by all lawyers and judges.”

A graduate of Valparaiso University, Lansing earned a B.A. in English and philosophy before being drafted into the U.S. Army. Following service in Germany, he enrolled in law school at Willamette. “Walking in the door, I knew it would be tough and that I couldn’t be that ‘rah-rah guy’ I had been as an undergraduate. Now I had a wife and son, so I had to be more conscientious.”

After he was named editor of the journal, Lansing quickly rallied his team: Helen (Davis) Simpson AB’43, JD’60, assistant editor; William T. Schantz JD’60, feature articles editor; Ted Carlstrom, case comment editor; and Robert D. Fox LLB’60, business manager.

At the request of Dean Reese, the first issue was devoted to a symposium topic — employers’ liability law. “Starting a maiden publication was quite different from entering an established one,” Lansing said. “We had to take the initiative in finding writers, soliciting subscribers and negotiating with printers, as well as make decisions about cover design, journal composition and office organization.

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—Ronald Lansing

“Helen Simpson really deserves a great deal of the credit for that first issue,” Lansing said of the Alaska native. “I had to wonder why she had not been chosen editor. She had the highest grades and was the sole woman in our graduating class — it being in an era when women lawyers were thought to be in a male career path.”

Carlstrom agreed that Simpson was a standout. “Helen had a very sharp mind and could hold her own with the men,” he said. “She was a superb student who never lost her grace under pressure.” After graduating first in the class, Simpson went on to a successful legal career in Anchorage that spanned 41 years. She passed away in August 2005. Her classmates remembered her as a dedicated service-oriented lawyer.

Carlstrom, Wolf and Franzke all went on to successful careers as well, thanks in large part to their success in the national moot court competition. “Dean Reese was acquainted with a justice of the California Supreme Court, so he helped set up a clerkship for me,” said Carlstrom, who worked for Justice Maurice T. Dooling Jr. before entering private practice. “It was unusual for Willamette students to get clerkships on the California Court. I understand the Stanford law dean was really annoyed that an alumni judge would appoint clerks from a small Northwest law school.”

Wolf also clerked for the California Supreme Court, working for Justice Roger J. Traynor and Justice Dooling. When his clerkship

ended, he embarked on a successful business career in the appliance-electronics sector. Highlights include founding Nationwide West, an appliance-electronic buying group, and serving as president of Foto-Pacific Inc. and Key America West. He now resides in Carmel, Calif.

Following law school, Lansing clerked for Chief Justice William M. McAllister of the Oregon Supreme Court before entering law practice, ending up as a partner in a trial firm in Portland. He taught law school in the evenings before leaving the practice in the mid-’60s to teach full time. In 2009, after 42 years behind the lectern, he was given emeritus status from Lewis & Clark Law School.

Franzke, winner of best individual oral argument in New York, was flooded with job offers from East Coast firms after the competition. “I had no interest in living anywhere with mobs of people and traffic going in every direction,” said Franzke, who accepted a position with Stool Rives LLP in Portland, Ore. A construction and design law specialist, he remained with the firm for 47 years and retired as a partner in 2007.

Carlstrom, now a solo practitioner in Palo Alto, Calif., recently was reminded of the hypothetical moot court competition question that carried the Willamette team to victory. “Last year, I was reading an advance sheet from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and there it was,” he said. “A social worker had heard a child was endangered but had not directly observed any imminent risk of harm to the child. At issue was whether the social worker could lawfully take custody of the child without a prior court order. The Court decided that a court order was essential.”

Although the team had to argue both sides of the issue during the moot court competition, their brief and final argument anticipated the position affirmed by the Ninth Circuit. “The Court came down exactly as we argued it 50 years ago in our brief,” Carlstrom said.



The editorial board of the first Willamette Law Journal included (front to back) Ronald B. Lansing, Helen (Davis) Simpson, Robert D. Fox, William T. Schantz and Theodore C. Carlstrom.

10 years

A Conversation With Dean Symeonides



Symeon C. Symeonides joined Willamette University in 1999 as the 19th dean of the College of Law. He is recognized internationally as one of the world's top experts in conflict of laws. To date, he has authored more than 20 books and close to 100 articles, many of which have been translated into multiple languages. His work has received numerous awards and has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and the House of Lords. Symeonides is president of the American Society of Comparative Law, vice president of the International Academy of Legal Science, a titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law and a member of the American Law Institute. In 2009, he was named the inaugural Alex L. Parks Distinguished Chair in Law at Willamette University.

Symeonides recently reflected on his life and 10 years as dean with *Willamette Lawyer* magazine.

What prompted you to study law?

It is a very long story. Let's just say that I found myself enrolled in law school at the University of Thessaloniki as a result of a series of events beyond my control. I did not expect to like it because my interests were entirely different (poetry, for example) and did not plan to continue after the first semester. However, after attending a few classes, I was intrigued by what I was hearing in the classroom. I took the first exams and to everybody's surprise,

including mine, I did well enough to win a national scholarship. I ended up enjoying it because of the intrinsic value of legal education in sharpening one's mind and opening new ways of thinking — totally different from poetry, for sure.

Why did you choose academia over legal practice?

Even that was not by choice. I finished my graduate studies at Harvard at a very bad time. Turkey had just invaded Cyprus, my home country, and occupied half of it — as it still does. At that time, nobody thought that the other half would survive as a country, although it flourishes now. Employment prospects looked bleak, so I took the first teaching job that came my way from the University of Thessaloniki. Two years later, I received an offer to be a visiting professor at Louisiana State University. I didn't know much about the school, but the salary was good enough to pay off my debts. So I took the offer, and what was meant to be a nine-month visit lasted 21 years. The ancient Greeks had a saying for this: "Nothing is more permanent than the temporary."

Why did you decide to leave Louisiana and to accept the deanship at Willamette University College of Law?

Because I liked what I saw and all the people I met here, President [M. Lee] Pelton, the trustees, the faculty and the staff. It was also a family decision. My son Christopher, who was then 14, did his research and concluded that Oregon was "progressive and all-around cool." My own question was whether I could see myself staying here after my deanship, which I did not intend to last longer than five years, and the answer was clearly yes. Ten years later I am still here, and I still love it, despite being dean.

Were you at all hesitant about becoming a dean?

Of course, I was hesitant about becoming an administrator, if only because I thought that this would mean the end of my scholarly productivity. But I was talked into it at my previous school at a time of crisis by people who thought I could resolve the issues at hand. After serving as vice chancellor for six-and-a-half years while teaching a full load, I realized that my scholarship did not suffer too much. So when I received the offer from Willamette, I knew it was possible to be dean and still continue publishing. After 10 years, I can say it's still possible, albeit difficult.

I do regret that I cannot teach more than I do. I believe that a dean should continue teaching for both unselfish and selfish reasons. Among the former reasons are the opportunity and need to get to know your students in a classroom setting, to identify with your faculty and to protect yourself from the bug of bureaucratization.

Among the selfish reasons is the fact that teaching is sheer fun — and if you don't think so, then you shouldn't be in legal education in the first place. I have found that time spent in the classroom may well be the best time in an otherwise hectic and frustrating day. I wish I could have more time in the classroom, but it would be at the expense of my deaning duties.



As a young law student in Greece, 1972

There is a belief within academia that no one really enjoys being dean because the job is so demanding. What do you enjoy most about the job?

When I accepted the Willamette deanship, the average term of law deans was two-and-a-half years. I don't know what it is now, but it couldn't be much higher. Is the job enjoyable? It can be, and in my case it has been. Is it a tough job? Yes, it is. You are responsible for everything, even for things that are beyond your control. You have no real power, other than the power of example and the potential for persuasion. In many respects, it is also a thankless job.

But it is public service at its best. Being a law professor is one of the best jobs in the world. Being a law dean has fewer satisfactions than being a professor, but it puts you in a position of making a difference, of leading an institution of higher learning while also leading the process of replenishing the legal profession with new, hopefully better, competent, ethical lawyers. On this and so many other aspects of a dean's work, the results of your work do not show up until much later, but that is the nature of the job. I benefited from the work of my predecessors, and I hope that future deans will benefit from my work.

How would you characterize your deanship at Willamette thus far?

I don't think I can be objective about it, so I will not characterize it. I can only tell you what I have tried to do. My primary goal has been, and remains, the relentless and uncompromising pursuit of academic excellence. I have devoted the utmost of my energy to it. I think there are tangible signs of progress, but the effort must continue.

Looking back on the last 10 years, what are you most proud of? What has disappointed you?

Again, I will try to avoid characterizations, but the readers of this magazine are familiar with the numbers: a 46 percent improvement on the Oregon State Bar exam and 44 percent improvement in the Washington State Bar exam; a 136 percent increase in admission applications and a 53 percent improvement in the acceptance rate; a 126 percent increase in student scholarships, although tuition per student rose by only 38 percent; a 1,200 percent increase in faculty research funds and a 97 percent increase in faculty publications; and, last but not least, raising \$18.8 million for endowment, compared with the \$5.4 million raised in all the previous 116 years since the school's founding.

Dean Symeonides

Now, as everybody in the academic world knows, institutional progress is never the result of the efforts of a single individual. Rather, it is the product of the collective hard work of many people — in this case, our faculty, students and staff. But I am proud to have served in this position when all of these wonderful things happened.

Speaking of faculty, few things make me prouder than the accomplishments of our faculty. I always have said that the faculty is the heart and soul of an academic institution. And this school has a very strong heart and a deep and creative soul. This is by far the most productive faculty the school has ever had. In addition, luckily, they are all talented and dedicated teachers. So the long tradition of Willamette as a great teaching institution continues.

We also have had setbacks, the worst of which is the failure of the U.S. News enterprise to rank our school as high as it should. Although the whole ranking methodology is skewed against small schools like ours, we cannot ignore this problem; but neither should we let it consume us. We will continue our best efforts to strengthen the school, not for their sake, but for our students' sake. Our successes must be so spectacular and unmistakable that everybody, including U.S. News, will have to acknowledge them. We can do it.

Looking forward, what are you most optimistic about for the future of the college?

The greatest hope for this school is its faculty. It's our little secret, but it shouldn't be. Would you believe that, at this very moment, there are six books being written by members of this faculty for Oxford University Press? Let me repeat: Oxford University Press! This would have been unthinkable a few years ago. And since you are asking about the future, let me also say how proud and hopeful I am about our newer faculty. They are the future; and it will be a great future.

Given all the demands for your time these days, how do you maintain balance in your life?

In 1999, right before I came to Willamette, I attended a "New Deans Boot Camp." Speaker after speaker told us to take time off to "smell the roses." I think I got their point, but my immigrant's syndrome was telling me it was a luxury I couldn't afford. Now I am trying to see the wisdom of those remarks, and I am trying to be better. My wife Haroula and I bought a beach house in Greece and for the last two years, I've spent the month of June there. During the rest of the year, I take time off, every night — not to smell the roses, but to recharge my intellectual batteries by writing.

A Story of Encouragement



Excerpted from remarks made by Dean Symeon C. Symeonides on March 5, 2009, upon his receipt of the Alex L. Parks Distinguished Chair in Law

"... I have many thanks — and nothing but thanks — to dispense tonight... If any of the kind words that have been said about me tonight are

even half true, I have come a long, long way. And I don't mean just geographically. I mean, in every respect.

I was born in the colonies of Her Majesty's British Empire, a British 'subject,' and was raised in a house in Cyprus without running water or electricity.

When I was 6 years old, British soldiers arrested my father and detained him as a political prisoner for three years, without trial or charges. They labeled him a 'terrorist,' although he had never

touched a gun. He was a farmer and a unionist. That showed me the price, and the value, of standing up for your principles.

From that age on, and for many years thereafter, I worked in the cabbage and tomato fields and the olive orchards, together with my six siblings — afternoons, weekends and vacations. It was the only way to make ends meet. But that experience taught me the value of perseverance and the rewards of hard work.

Today, I am here because of the hard labor of my father Christophoros, a little but tough and brave man, who rose from abject poverty and struggled to give me what he never had — an education.

I am here because of the love and hard work of my mother Marianna, a most courageous woman who did not neglect her seventh child, even when she worked all day in the fields.

I am here because of the love of my wife Haroula, who for the last 36 years has been my best friend and cheerleader. She talked me into coming back to the States to teach, gave up her own legal career and did an outstanding job raising our two children.



Clockwise from top: As a high school student, 1966; as a soldier in the Cypriot Army, 1967; with wife Haroula, 2009; with daughter Marianna, 1991.



What are your hobbies?

I am a really boring person. My excuse is that I don't have time for hobbies. But I enjoy listening to modern Greek symphonic music while I am writing or driving.

Is there life after deaning?

The best of it; and I look forward to it, when that time comes.

Your son is a second year law student. What advice have you given him about entering the legal profession that you would pass on to Willamette law students?

I have told him verbatim what I have been telling our entering class every year on orientation day. It's not a great talk, but it is paternal and is from the heart. It includes a very important quote from Abraham Lincoln: "Resolve to be honest at all events, and if you cannot be an honest lawyer, resolve to be honest without being a lawyer."

I also am here because of sheer luck — or perhaps something higher — as evidenced by my army helmet from 35 years ago with a big dent on it. I survived the 'adventure' of war, but most of my friends from the same platoon did not: Andreas Orphanides, Panayiois Lambrou and Chrysanthos Christou, to name just a few.

I have so many things to be thankful for and so many people to thank, including the Willamette law faculty, who honored me 10 years ago by choosing me as their leader, and President M. Lee Pelton, who dared appoint a foreign-born as dean.

I also am here because of the generosity of others — the 'kindness of strangers,' to quote my favorite Southern writer. My law school studies in Greece were funded by a full state scholarship courtesy of the Greek taxpayers. And, of course, I could not have afforded Harvard Law School. But they offered me an extremely generous scholarship — twice the amount of tuition.

Unlike other schools, Harvard was not concerned that I barely spoke English. 'If he is smart, he will learn it,' they must have thought. I remember that when I started reading my first class assignments, about 80 percent of the words on the first page

were unknown to me. I stayed up all night and managed to read about half of the assignments — understanding them, of course, was another matter. But I persevered, which was the lesson I had learned as a child, and eventually I began to see some light at the end of the tunnel. I also managed to graduate from Harvard.

But who made all that possible? Who funded the scholarship that allowed a kid from Lythrodontas, Cyprus, to study in one of the best universities in the world? Noble, unselfish philanthropists like many of the people in this room. My gratitude to them is immense.

As much as I would like to cherish all this as personal success, I know better. To use that overused expression, I feel like *nanos gigantum humeris insidente* — a dwarf on the shoulders of giants. My story is not one of courage, but of encouragement — encouragement for people in small villages or inner-city neighborhoods to pursue their dreams, and for generous philanthropists to help them accomplish their dreams."

Perspectives on Dean — Symeon C. Symeonides

on the Occasion of His 10-Year Anniversary as Dean of the College of Law

Over the course of his 10-year deanship, Symeon C. Symeonides has demonstrated his commitment to excellence in all he undertakes. Under his leadership, the College of Law has made important advancements in key areas, such as strategic management of enrollment and financial aid so as to maximize resources, increasing graduates' bar passage rates significantly, investing strategically in faculty so as to attract and retain the best and brightest, and fostering innovative academic initiatives such as the Clinical Law Program and public-private partnerships such as the Oregon Law Commission.



Symeon also has made vast improvements to the facilities at the College of Law, overseeing several major renovations to the Truman Wesley Collins Legal Center over the past 10 years. His vision to transform the nearby Carnegie Library building, formerly a YWCA facility, into the Oregon Civic Justice Center came to fruition last fall, with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg cutting the ribbon at the dedication.

In addition to providing outstanding visionary leadership for the College of Law, Symeon continues to make significant scholarly contributions to his discipline and has been one of the most productive legal scholars on the law faculty. In fact, it is an understatement to describe him as an outstanding scholar; he may in fact be the world's top scholar in his field, conflict of laws.

Dean Symeonides is not only a model dean and a brilliant legal mind, he is a valuable colleague, adviser and leader whom I also have the profound privilege of calling my friend. I am deeply thankful for his many contributions as well as his wisdom, patience and creativity, which have greatly benefited my presidency and the future of this fine University.

— M. Lee Pelton, *president of Willamette University*



Willamette University College of Law was blessed when Symeon C. Symeonides chose to become its dean. Dean Symeonides and his family, Haroula, Christopher and Marianna, arrived 10 years ago and opened their home and their hearts to the college, its students, faculty, administration and alumni.

The dean's leadership, a combination of profound academic excellence and human understanding, is surpassed only by his scholarship.

As the 19th dean of the College of Law, Symeonides tackles his many academic and administrative duties with studied diligence and dedication and is ever aware of the college's history and legacy. His very essence — devotion to family, to profession and society, and to wisdom and modesty, as well as his true grit — exemplifies the motto of Willamette University, *non nobis solum nati sumus*.

— Mary K. Hughes JD'73, *chair of the College of Law Committee of the Board of Trustees*



It is not an easy task to capture in a few words the enormity of the contribution that Symeon has made as dean of the law school over these past 10 years. What I do recall is that when we interviewed Symeon for the position of dean in 1998, the members of the Dean Search Committee were singularly impressed with Symeon's strength of

character, which we all knew would be needed if we were to change the direction of the law school.

Ten years later, we have witnessed the tangible results of Symeon's leadership. By any measure, we are a dramatically better law school today than we were 10 years ago. Whether by higher admission standards, improved bar passage rates, impressive new faculty members or increased funding, Symeon has provided the strong leadership that was necessary to move the law school from where we were to where we are today. I don't know anyone who has worked harder than Symeon to achieve that objective. We have been uniquely blessed by his leadership, and we are grateful for his service to the law school and to Willamette University.

— Eric B. Lindauer JD'66, *life member of the Board of Trustees*



Little did I know when I served on the Dean Search Committee 10 years ago that I was meeting a person who would change the future of Willamette University College of Law. I knew then that Symeon C. Symeonides was a brilliant and gracious man who would be a good dean. I couldn't foresee that he would become the perfect change agent for Willamette.

When I think of Symeon, the first thing that comes to mind is his very high standards. He sets measurable goals and cares deeply about achieving them. He has brought a level of accountability to the law school that is a model for the entire University. He has gained the admiration, respect and affection of the Board of Trustees.

I once saw Symeon smiling broadly and holding his newly published book — almost hugging it. At that moment, I saw Symeon's passion as a scholar. I had known him as an excellent dean, a clear thinker, a fundraiser, a leader at the law school and in the University. I realized then that he is an artist, passionate about his writing and his contribution as an internationally known scholar. I understood in a new way how fortunate we are to have a person of his caliber devoted to the education of Willamette law students and the improvement of the College of Law.

I look forward to many more years of working with Dean Symeonides. He is a treasure.

— Susan M. Hammer JD'76, Board of Visitors, College of Law; Board of Trustees



The College of Law has had a number of excellent deans, but one of the best is our current dean, Symeon C. Symeonides.

Ten years ago, from the Dean Search Committee's interviews and discussions, it became apparent that Dean Symeonides had a number of outstanding skills and characteristics: he was an acknowledged

international scholar, a master teacher, an excellent communicator, a visionary, and the possessor of exceptional integrity, extraordinary energy and courage. He has brought these attributes to bear to the great benefit of our College of Law. He has led improvements in Oregon State Bar examination passage rates, substantial increases in endowment and faculty positions, and a host of other markers of success.

But, to me, Dean Symeonides' greatest contribution has been his almost daily demonstration, by his personal actions, that a lawyer can lead, support, encourage, heal, persuade, direct and inspire a beneficial change in any community of which the lawyer is a part.

— Wallace P. Carson Jr. JD'62, life member of the Board of Trustees



As a University trustee and law school advisory board member I have had the pleasure of working with Symeon and gaining some understanding of his goals and dreams for the law school and the University. From the very beginning, he brought to the law school a recommitment to excellence and fostered an *esprit de corps* among law

school constituents that allowed us to navigate through some very difficult times. In doing so, he strengthened the foundation of this institution by working tirelessly to create a strong partnership with the University community as a whole. And he continues to impress with his dogged commitment to the excellence and welfare of the law school faculty and our students.

Throughout his tenure as dean, Symeon has been a realist and a pragmatist. However, that should never be confused with complacency or lack of vision. His vision for the school has been based on sacrifice, inventiveness, daring and hard work. Symeon never gives up. Whether it is improvement of curriculum, understanding and working with faculty, insisting on greater commitment from law students, finding additional funds for law school operations, fostering diversity in the law school, strengthening our ties to the legal and political communities, or eschewing the unfairness of law school rating systems, Symeon is persistent, committed, fair in his assessments and absolutely tireless.

In Symeon's hands the clay of intellectual integrity and institutional commitment has been molded, and for that, I thank him immensely.

— Ronald J. Knox JD'81, Board of Visitors, College of Law; Board of Trustees



I first met Symeon about five years ago, when he arranged to meet with me in Portland. I remember being very charmed by his graciousness and modesty about his own accomplishments. He seemed much more interested in hearing about my experiences than telling me about his own. Eventually, though, the conversation turned

to his vision for the future of the College of Law, a topic about which he was extremely passionate. For me, that evening was the beginning of a new relationship with the College of Law and a desire to be connected to its future success. I credit Symeon with initiating that connection, as well as continuing to nurture it over the past several years. It has been so rewarding to see the success continue and to see Symeon's vision realized.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a dean with Symeon's character, talent and commitment to excellence. I congratulate him on a wonderful 10 years.

— Eva M. Kripalani JD'86, Board of Visitors, College of Law

Academic Ambitions

"In my mind, there are two types of law students — those who like trial practice and moot court and those who prefer research, writing and journal work," said Spencer N. Gheen, a member of the Class of 2010. "I am a more introverted person and am drawn to academic work. I feel like I found my niche in legal scholarship."

No doubt. In addition to serving as the 2009–10 editor in chief of *Willamette Law Review*, Gheen is managing articles editor of the *Willamette Journal of International Law and Dispute Resolution*.

Gheen's interest in research and writing most likely played a role in his choice of sociology as a major. "I was pretty lost when I went to college, so I experimented with a variety of classes," said Gheen, who settled into the sociology department at Gonzaga University toward the end of his sophomore year. "Sociology opens you up to your own biases and prejudices. It helped me challenge the assumptions I had about people's social positions, including my own.

"Now that I've been to law school, I think sociology was extremely useful in teaching me to examine fact patterns," he said. "Sociology taught me to look at issues more deeply and to be cautious about drawing quick conclusions."

After earning his bachelor's degree in 2004, the Portland, Ore., native left the Northwest for Chicago, where he enrolled in a master's program in social work at Loyola University. Concurrently, he began interning at a local psychiatric hospital. "I worked with dual-diagnosis inpatients, those with chemical dependencies and mental illness," he said.

Within a few months, he became disillusioned with life as a social worker. "I had to face the reality that clinical social work offers a short-term, revolving-door treatment of symptoms, rather than a cure for the root problems people face, such as poverty and a lack of educational opportunities," said Gheen, who also discovered that he enjoys the challenge of tackling large policy issues.

A few months into his master's program, Gheen put school on hold and became a field manager for a political canvassing organization in Chicago. In early 2005, he signed on to work as an English teacher for a private school in Pyeongchon, South Korea, where his students ranged in age from 5 to 14. When he returned seven months later, he became a mental health specialist in an inpatient treatment center in Washington. The experience solidified his desire to work on broad policy issues and to study law.

The son of a Willamette law alumnus, Evan Pennock Gheen III JD'75, Gheen said his father has supported him in all his

professional choices, but was pleased when he decided to enroll in Willamette University College of Law in the fall of 2007.

Gheen admitted that he had no real concept of what law school would be like other than that it would change him in some way. "As a prospective student, you hear a lot about being taught to 'think like a lawyer,'" he explained. "I was nervous about that. But now that I'm here, I love it. I've tested myself academically and grown more confident and mature."



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In addition to heading *Willamette Law Review* and retaining his place among the top students in his law class, the introspective scholar has challenged himself in other important ways. During the summer of 2008, he traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa, to study and work as a research assistant at the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law. The following year, he worked as a law clerk in the Appellate Division of the Oregon Department of Justice.

Still unsure what career path he might follow, Gheen believes it will involve legal scholarship. "I see myself as more of an academic than a conventional lawyer," he said. "As for next steps, I've accepted a clerkship with Judge Timothy J. Sercombe of the Oregon Court of Appeals, which I'll start after graduation. Beyond that, I can't say what my plans are. I hope that if I stay open-minded, then I'll find something that captures my interest."

Champion of Children's Rights

Anyone who thinks legal practice attracts bookish milksops has never met Rachel C. (Rosemeyer) O'Connor. Odds are that the tall, slender 3L could take you in a throwdown.

Early in junior high, a running coach pulled her off the track and handed her a shot put. On her first try, she came within a foot of the school record. She soon set a new record, which still stands. As a high school freshman in the San Francisco Bay Area, O'Connor made it to the state track championships her freshman year; her school shot put and discus records remain unbroken.

"Field games are more about leverage and torque than being muscly," she observed. "Shot put and discus are really mental sports. You have only a few short steps and a short amount of time to do what you need to do, so you have to be extremely focused."

Thanks to her strong focus on academics as well as sports, O'Connor attended Princeton University. She was a member of the varsity track and field team all four years of college and was elected field captain her junior and senior years. In addition to majoring in anthropology, she earned a special certificate in women and gender studies.

"Anthropology is really an 'umbrella' discipline; it's religion, history, law, politics, art and culture are all rolled into one," said O'Connor. Although her thesis adviser suggested she consider going to law school, O'Connor wasn't initially interested in a legal career. "In college, I never so much as darkened the door of the pre-law adviser. My whole family is in education and law, so I wanted to make my own way. Later on, I realized my brain is wired a certain way."

"When I was a kid, my father would work through logic puzzles with me," she said. "I learned to think through hypothetical situations and develop quick retorts. It helped me learn to think on my feet and made me able to handle any situation."

After graduating from Princeton in 2003, O'Connor applied for numerous legal assistant positions with firms on the East Coast but was continuously told she was "overqualified" for the job. She eventually accepted a position with an attorney close to her mother's home in Etna, Calif., near the Oregon border. "I was hired to provide extra help on big cases," said O'Connor, who conducted research, filed complaints and helped draft motions for the attorney from March 2005 to August 2007.

O'Connor enrolled at Willamette University College of Law in the fall of 2007. In addition to earning honors in Legal Research and

Writing both semesters as a 1L, O'Connor worked as a student assistant in the course. During her second year of law school, she was a member of the Jessup International Moot Court Team, worked on the editorial staff of the *Willamette Journal of International Law and Dispute Resolution* and served as ombudsman of the Student Bar Association.

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During summer breaks, O'Connor returned to California, where she interned part time with the Siskiyou County Public Defender, researching and drafting motions and appeals and assisting attorneys with trial preparation. "I was able to shadow the public defender," said O'Connor, who worked on several cases involving juvenile

defendants. "Working with child defendants is very different from other types of cases; you're more idealistic. You feel like you have a chance with them, that they are still moldable, that you can have an impression on them."

When O'Connor returned to Willamette to start her final year of law school this fall, she came back with a new last name — she married in July — and with a job offer in hand. When she graduates with the Class of 2010, she will return to the Siskiyou County Public Defender's office, where she will continue her work with children defendants. "I want to be an advocate for children, to stand up for them and give them a voice," she said. "It may be the first time in their lives they've had someone do that for them."

No doubt, O'Connor has the mental and physical vigor to champion the cause.

Seeing the Forest

The value of a family tree takes on a new dimension when you are the third-generation CEO of a timber and paper business.

"My grandfather founded Longview Fibre Co., and my father was the second CEO," said Richard H. Wollenberg JD'78, who spent his early years working summers at the plant. "I pursued other interests and initially did not plan to work for the company. Later, after practicing law for 10 years, I started on the legal side and slowly moved into other areas of the business."

Wollenberg grew up in Longview, Wash., where the family mill first opened its doors for business in 1927. The company was founded on the utilization of waste wood, which marked the beginnings of a new era in paper production on the West Coast. In 1940, the company began acquiring timberlands and eventually owned 589,000 acres in Washington and Oregon.

Following high school, Wollenberg studied engineering and math at Harvey Mudd College for one year before transferring to Reed College. "I'm not sure why I eventually majored in philosophy," Wollenberg said. "I still took a lot of math classes; I just didn't want to go through college strictly focused on science."

During his senior year, Wollenberg took a constitutional law class that piqued his interest in a career in law. Following graduation from Reed, he enrolled in Willamette University College of Law. "I didn't have a specific career direction in mind when I came to Willamette," he said. "My hope was to gain usable skills for the future."

Wollenberg earned his law degree in 1978 and immediately was hired by WUCL alumnus William G. Royce BA'69, JD'72 to work in his private law practice in Sitka, Alaska, near Juneau. "When the firm split in 1981, I went with Royce to his new firm," said Wollenberg, who was made a partner in Royce Wollenberg and Friedman in 1983. He went on to run his own general practice firm from 1985 to 1988.

"In 1988, I had the opportunity to come back to the 'Lower 48' and work for Longview Fibre Co. in a legal capacity," said Wollenberg, who joined the company as associate general counsel. "It was a big transition from general practice. There was a lot to learn that was specific to business law — antitrust law and environmental law, as well as putting together purchasing documents and large real estate transactions and exchanges in timberland."



From 1993 to 2000, Wollenberg worked his way up from production manager to senior vice president of the Western container division to executive vice president. "I really had to learn about the broader business issues," he said. "But I had received a good education from Reed College and Willamette University, so I was not afraid to read, ask questions and learn what was needed to make a difference."

In 2001, he became the third generation Wollenberg to preside over the company, overseeing all company operations, including manufacturing, sales, timberlands and administrative functions. "My father provided a strong moral and ethical base for me and the company and added value for shareholders over many years," he said. "Under my leadership, we improved productivity, reduced waste and energy usage, increased recycling, and reduced days of inventory and working capital. We also continued to manage our timberlands in a sustainable and responsible manner."

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In 2007, in a move he said was driven by his fiduciary duty to shareholders, he sold Longview to Brookfield Asset Management Inc., which purchased the company in a transaction valued at \$2.15 billion. "In light of the current economic downturn, the timing of the sale was particularly good for shareholders," he said.

Since retiring, Wollenberg has kept busy serving on the boards of a number of nonprofit organizations. "Semi-retirement was a big transition for me," said Wollenberg, a Reed College trustee and former member of Willamette's Law Board of Visitors. "I support the goals that Dean Symeonides has for the law school and was pleased to provide support for the college's new Oregon Civic Justice Center."

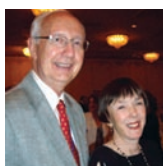
"It has been important to me to stay connected to Willamette because of the good education I received from the school. Education is so important for our society."

Class Action

Searching for Class Photo Composites ...

The College of Law proudly displays class photo composites from 1949 to 2009 in the second floor hallway. However, we are missing four years and need your help to complete the series.

If you have a photo composite for the Class of 1951, 1952, 1953 or 1957, please let us know. We would like to copy the photo and return the original to you. If you can help us in our search, please contact Alumni Relations at 800-930-ALUM (2586) or cmccann@willamette.edu.



J. Ronald Hershberger JD'61 of Palo Alto, Calif., was honored by U.S. Figure

Skating with a permanent endowed fund established in his name. The Ron & Gayle Hershberger Fund for Athlete Support is the result of dozens of gifts made in tribute to the work performed by Hershberger during his term as president of U.S. Figure Skating from 2005 to 2009. U.S. Figure Skating is the official governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States.



Edward J. Sullivan JD'69 of Portland, Ore., received the 2009 Chapter Presidents

Council Leadership Award from the American Planning Association for his volunteer service with the Oregon chapter. Sullivan is co-owner of the firm Garvey Schubert Barer.



Donald W. Schacht JD'72 of Walla Walla, Wash., was recognized by the Washington State Association for

Justice for his 20 years of service on the bench at the organization's annual Law Day held in May. Schacht is a judge on the Walla Walla County Superior Court.

Gary S. Thompson JD'72 of Prineville, Ore., retired on Oct. 31, 2008, after more than 18 years as a district and circuit court judge for Crook and Jefferson counties. Thompson was the leader in the implementation and success of the Drug Court Program in the 22nd Judicial District.

Kevin Brown BA'69, JD'73 of Tigard, Ore., has retired from Nike Inc. after 31 years of service that included trips to more than 120 nations, living two-and-a-half years in The Netherlands and living four years in Mexico. His final role at Nike was as head of the trademark anti-counterfeit effort for the Nike family of brands, including Nike, Converse, Cole-Haas and Hurley.

Brian M. Tollefson JD'76 of Tacoma, Wash., was recognized by the Washington State Association for Justice for his 20 years of service on the bench at the organization's annual Law Day held in May. Tollefson is a judge on the Pierce County Superior Court.

JoAnne Brandes JD'78 of Franklin, Wis., received the 2009 Lifetime Excellence Award from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. A 1975 graduate of UW-Eau Claire, Brandes

Jim C. Harris JD'72 of Boise, Idaho, was named Idaho's 2009 Trial Lawyer of the Year and received the James J. May Award at the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association's annual meeting in June. Harris was recognized for his dedication to the practice of law, his active community involvement, and his commitment to the preservation of the civil justice system.



was a top executive of S.C. Johnson & Son Inc. and JohnsonDiversey Inc. for more than 25 years before retiring in 2007. She now serves as an outside director of several corporate boards and sits on numerous nonprofit boards. She also is a partner in a new business that provides programs and consulting in global leadership.

Kimball H. Ferris JD'78 of Portland, Ore., was elected president of the Arlington Club for 2009. He has been a member of the club since 1999 and has served on the club's board of directors since 2005. Ferris is a shareholder and a member of the board of directors of Bullivant Houser Bailey PC.

David C. Jory BS'75, JD'78 of Washington, D.C., has entered into a strategic alliance with Tonkon Torp LLP. President of Capitol Hill Consulting Group, Jory formerly was legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. James H. Weaver and was on U.S. Sen. Robert W. Packwood's senate

staff. Jory also served as tax counsel to the Air Transport Association and vice president with R. Duffy Wall & Associates. He founded Capitol Hill Consulting Group in 2002.



James A. Fitzhenry JD/MBA'81 of Portland, Ore., has been named president of Schmitt Industries. Fitzhenry previously served as the company's executive vice president. Schmitt makes computer-controlled balancing equipment for the machine-tool industry.

Leslie N. Kay JD'82 of Portland, Ore., has been named president of the Multnomah Bar Association board of directors for 2009-2010. She assumed her new duties at the bar's annual meeting in May. Kay is regional director of the Multnomah County office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon.

Class Action (continued)

Kerry R. Tymchuk BA'81, JD'84 of Beaverton, Ore., has become a corporate communications adviser to Conkling Fiskum & McCormick Inc. He will be based out of the firm's Portland office and will work closely with CFM Partner Pat McCormick in expanding CFM's corporate reputation management and issues management practices. Tymchuk previously served as state director for Sen. Gordon Smith from 1997 to early 2009.

Jaime M.W. Sanders JD'85 of Lake Oswego, Ore., has been appointed priest in charge of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Woodburn. Prior to attending seminary, Sanders practiced corporate and nonprofit tax law at Stoel Rives LLP.



David J. Harris JD/MBA'86 of White City, Ore., has been named president of Robert B. Miller College in Battle Creek, Mich. Harris previously served as dean of the School of Business at Southern Oregon University.



Scott W. Davidson JD/MBA'87 of Portland, Ore., has been named shareholder at Lane Powell PC.

He works in the firm's corporate finance and securities practice group. Davidson previously was a founder of the Portland office of White & Lee LLP.



John J. Albrecht JD'90 of Seattle, Wash., has accepted the position of chief financial officer for Boeing Shanghai Aviation Services, a joint venture between Boeing Co., Shanghai Airlines and the Shanghai Airport Authority, which provides aircraft maintenance, modifications and overhaul services. Albrecht and his family will live in Shanghai for at least two years.

Pete B. Tiller L'91 of Centralia, Wash., has published an article in the *Confederate Philatelist* (Vol. 54, No. 1, January – March 2009). "L.D. Bradley's

Destiny at Vicksburg" traces Capt. Bradley's Civil War military career via letters sent to his wife. Tiller has his own law firm that specializes in appellate work.

Lisa M. Umscheid JD'92 of Portland, Ore., has been named partner at Ball Janik LLP. Umscheid joined the firm in 2006; she has represented private and public sector clients in employment matters and employment litigation since 1992.

Aaron D. Felton JD'93 of Salem, Ore., has been appointed to a position on the Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision by Gov. Ted Kulongoski. Felton is a former Polk County deputy district attorney and Salem assistant city attorney.



Dennis A. Wheeler JD'93 of Anchorage, Alaska, has been named Anchorage city attorney by Mayor Dan Sullivan. Wheeler previously was an attorney for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska

with responsibility for utility and pipeline regulation.

Karna R. Gustafson JD'94 of Portland, Ore., a partner with Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP, has been admitted to the College of Community Association Lawyers. Fewer than 150 attorneys throughout the United States and Canada are members. Gustafson and one of her partners, **J. David Bennett JD'71**, are the only two attorney members from Oregon. Gustafson's practice focuses on real estate transactions and development, condominium and homeowner association law, condominium and planned unit development law, and business formations and transactions.

Samuel C. Kauffman JD'94 of Portland, Ore., received the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon's 2009 Civil Liberties Award. The award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to civil liberties. This year's award was given to a group of Oregon lawyers who represented individuals detained by the U.S. government in Guantanamo



WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

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Join a group of your fellow Willamette University College of Law alumni and be sworn in to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The alumni office has reserved 12 spots the morning of March 3, 2010, for our law graduates who would like to get sworn in. It is an argument day, so you also will have the opportunity to observe the Court in action, as well as visit with Gen. William Suter, clerk of the Supreme Court.

Other sightseeing opportunities and activities will be included in the three-night trip. Watch your mail for more information or contact Cathy McCann Gaskin at 800-930-ALUM (2586) or cmccann@willamette.edu.



Bay, Cuba. Kauffman is of counsel at Garvey Schubert Barer. **Jan K. Kitchel JD'78**, a shareholder at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt, also received the award.



Sarah Rhoads Troutt JD'95 of Salem, Ore., received the Joyce Ann Harpole Attorney Award at an event

held at the Oregon Historical Society on April 1, 2009. The award is given annually by Lewis & Clark Law School to an attorney who works in pursuit of justice while maintaining a sense of balance between his or her legal career and personal life. Troutt is a staff attorney for the Oregon State Bar Professional Liability Fund.



Dina E. Alexander JD'96 of Lake Oswego, Ore., was honored by the Portland Business Journal as one

of its "Forty Under 40" award winners for 2009. The journal annually recognizes young professionals for their character, achievement in their careers, engagement in civic activities, volunteerism in the community and genuine passion for what they do. Alexander recently returned to Ball Janik LLP, where she is a partner specializing in real estate law and construction law. Previously, she served as vice president of development and general counsel for Williams & Dame Development.

Ryan W. Collier JD'97 of Salem, Ore., received the Marion County Bar Association's 2008 Carson Award for Extraordinary Service to the Bar. He served as the association's president for 2008 and as co-chair of the Marion-Polk County Campaign for Equal Justice during three successive record fundraising years.

Anastasia Yu Meisner BA'94, JD'97 of Lake Oswego, Ore., wrote an essay for the American Bar Association book, *Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Strategies for Success from Multicultural*

Stewart Honored as Professional of the Year



John Spencer Stewart JD'71 of Portland, Ore., was named Professional of the Year in Business and Corporate Law by Cambridge Who's Who, an exclusive membership organization that recognizes and empowers executives, professionals and entrepreneurs throughout the world.

Stewart is senior partner with Stewart Sokol & Gray LLC in Portland, where he is responsible for consulting with clients, lecturing for various state bar associations and representing large general contractors and developers. He has worked in the legal field for 37 years, excelling in the areas of business and commercial litigation, construction and design, surety and fidelity, and

insurance coverage and defense. He was listed as one of the top lawyers in the state by *Oregon Super Lawyers* magazine in 2006–08.

Stewart graduated *magna cum laude* from Willamette University College of Law in 1971. He is a member of the Litigation Counsel of America, the American Bar Association, and the bar associations for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and the District of Columbia.

Only two male and two female members in each discipline are named among the Cambridge Who's Who Professional of the Year. Honorees are chosen based on their professional accomplishments, academic achievements and leadership abilities. For more about the Cambridge Who's Who, visit cambridgewhoswho.com.

Women Attorneys. The book consists of a collection of essays written by women from a variety of cultural backgrounds and practice settings. Meisner is a partner in the firm Guyer Meisner Attorneys.

Timothy J. Bernasek BS'93, JD/MBA'98 of Portland, Ore., has been named 2009 chair of the Oregon State Bar Agricultural Law Section. Bernasek is a partner with Dunn Carney Allen Higgins & Tongue LLP.



Matthew S. Casto JD'99 of Evans, W.Va., has become of counsel at the firm of Jackson Kelly PLLC. His

practice focuses on the oil and gas industry with an emphasis in commercial and general litigation. Casto previously served as in-house counsel for the largest active driller of natural gas in the United States.



Kelly M. (Newton) Walsh JD'99 of Vancouver, Wash., was honored by the Washington State Bar

Association Young Lawyers Division with the 2008 Outstanding Young

Lawyer Award. Walsh also was named a "Rising Star" by Washington Law & Politics in both 2007 and 2008, and she was named an "Accomplished Under 40" award winner by the *Vancouver Business Journal* in 2007. She is a partner at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt.



Larry L. Linder JD'00 of Salem, Ore., has opened his own practice, which focuses on employment

law and civil rights law. Linder previously was an associate with Lafky & Lafky in Salem, where he represented clients in federal employment litigation. Linder also has experience in personal injury law, contract litigation, business litigation, appellate law and administrative hearings.

Tatiana A. Perry JD/C/MBA'00 of Portland, Ore., was honored by the *Portland Business Journal* as one of its "Forty Under 40" award winners for 2009. Perry is a partner at Tonkon Torp LLP, where she focuses on securities law and corporate law.



Ryan J. York BS'97, JD'01 of Seattle, Wash., was named partner in the law firm of Davis Wright

Tremaine LLP in January 2009. He works in the firm's securities law group.

Laura C. Conroy JD'02 of Hillsboro, Ore., was named manager of the Hillsboro Saturday and Orenco Sunday farmers markets. Conroy previously was in private practice, where she advised small businesses and nonprofits.

Teresa D. Miller JD'02 of Keizer, Ore., has been appointed administrator of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services Insurance Division. Miller joined the division in July 2008 and has been serving as acting administrator since November.



Michael J. Ryan JD'02 of Portland, Ore., was named partner at Miller Nash LLP.

Ryan joined the firm's business practice group in 2006 and has expertise in federal and state regulatory compliance for financial institutions.

Class Action (continued)

Stanley W. Butterfield JD'03 of Dallas, Ore., was sworn in as the new district attorney for Polk County in January 2009. He previously was in private practice in Dallas, where he focused on court-appointed defense work.

Karolyn R. Klohe JD'03 of Olympia, Wash., opened her own law firm in January 2009. Her practice focuses on adoptions and assisted reproduction law. She previously worked for the City of Federal Way in Washington as assistant city attorney. She also served as assistant attorney general for the state of Washington and as lead attorney for Washington State Parks.

Kyra K. Rohner JD'05 of Baker City, Ore., has joined the general practice firm of Coughlin, Leuenberger & Moon PC. Rohner previously practiced criminal defense law in Vancouver, Wash.

Kirsikka C. Van Doren JD'06 of Portland, Ore., has joined Smith Freed & Eberhard PC as an associate in the firm's construction defect group.

Robert W. Dengel JD/C'07 of Olympia, Wash., has joined the Washington State Department of Natural Resources as a policy analyst.

Michael P. De Muniz JD'08 of Portland, Ore., has joined the

Salem firm of Ferder, Casebeer, French & Thompson LLP as an associate. His practice focuses on the representation of individuals before administrative tribunals and circuit and appellate courts. De Muniz is a member of the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Marion County Bar Association.

Carrie E. Eastman JD'08 of Port Orchard, Wash., has joined the firm of Sanchez, Mitchell & Schock PSC as an associate. The firm is based in Bremerton.

Casey A. Kovacic JD'08 of Portland, Ore., has joined Metropolitan Public Defender, where he is handling misdemeanor cases. MPD is a private, nonprofit law firm committed to providing high quality criminal defense for indigent clients.

Theodore W. Reuter JD/MBA'08 of Ontario, Ore., has joined Yturri Rose LLP as an associate in the firm's Ontario office. His practice focuses on business and general civil litigation.

Bryana L. Sack JD'08 of Portland, Ore., was appointed deputy district attorney for Washington County in October 2008. She is part of the domestic violence team that handles misdemeanor cases. She also works

in the Domestic Violence Diversion Program.

Michael D. Videtich JD'08 of Sherwood, Ore., has joined the Yamhill County district attorney's office as deputy district attorney. His caseload initially will focus on misdemeanors.



Nye Wang JD'08 of Salem, Ore., an associate at Crowell Ing LLP, has passed the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

examination. He is now one of two patent attorneys practicing at the firm. Wang's practice focuses on civil litigation, intellectual property matters and patent prosecution.



Joshua Weissman JD'08 of Honolulu, Hawaii, has become an associate at Bays, Deaver, Lung,

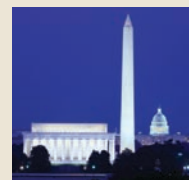
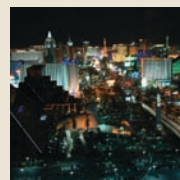
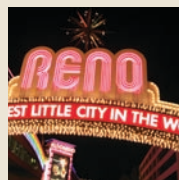
Rose & Holma. He focuses on real estate and commercial litigation, representing clients in business, tort and real estate disputes.



Jared R. Edgar JD'04 of Wasilla, Alaska, an attorney with the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, recently returned from a deployment with the II Marine Expeditionary Force in western Iraq. While deployed, he provided legal guidance on matters of international law, as well as on the operational implementation of the Iraq Security Agreement. Edgar's next assignment will take him and his family to southern Spain.

COMING UP...

Please Join Us!



The Office of Alumni Relations at Willamette University College of Law will host a number of after-work events this spring.

Watch for us in your area! We hope you will take the opportunity to reconnect with old friends, network with fellow WUCL alumni, enjoy some great food and beverages, and hear what's new at your law school.

Watch your mailbox and the law alumni Web site (willamette.edu/law/alumni) for information on gatherings

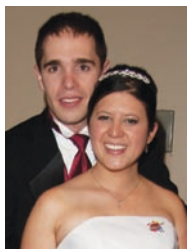
in Anchorage, Boise, Seattle, Reno, Las Vegas, Washington, D.C., and more!

For more information on these and other upcoming alumni events, call Cathy McCann Gaskin JD'02, associate director of alumni relations at the law school, at 1-800-930-ALUM (2586) or send an e-mail to cmccann@willamette.edu.

Marriages



Monica E. (Banas) Colonnier JD'99 of Santa Ana, Calif., married Chris Colonnier on Nov. 22, 2008. The couple reside in Santa Ana, where (Banas) Colonnier works for the firm Driscoll & Feder LLP.



Robert W. Dengel JD/C'07 of Olympia, Wash., married Adriana Caviedes on Dec. 27,

2008, in Portland, Ore. The couple reside in Olympia.



Angela E. Gipson JD/C'08 of Washington, D.C., married **William B. Niese JD'07** on May 16, 2009. The couple split their time between Washington, D.C., and Coos Bay, Ore.

Family Additions



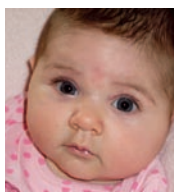
Kymberlee (Barrow) Stapleton JD'00 and husband Evan welcomed daughter

Laurn Rose on June 26, 2008. She joins big brothers Drew and Austin.



Alonzo on June 19, 2008.

Asenath R. (Chamberlain) Partee BA'97, JD'01 and husband Randy welcomed son Connor



Celeste M. (Mountain) Monroe JD'04 and husband **Justin M. Monroe** JD'04 welcomed daughter Stella Marie on Nov. 16, 2008.

Ann Davison Sattler JD/C'04 and husband Scott welcomed their first



child, daughter Chloe Maxime, on Nov. 28, 2008.

Matthew W. Hemmert JD'05 and wife Julie welcomed their second child, daughter Mallory Ann, on Feb. 4, 2009. She joins older brother Mason.



Yvonne E. (Schindler) Tingleaf JD'05 and husband **Tobias N. Tingleaf** JD'07 welcomed son Calvin Arthur on Dec. 17, 2008.



Amy L. (Donaldson) Hill JD'06 and husband Daniel welcomed son Cameron James on March 27, 2009.



In Memoriam



Rupert E. Park Jr. LLB'47 of Keizer, Ore., passed away on Feb. 23, 2009, at the age of 91. Park is survived by wife Marjorie; sons Rudy, Mike and Bill; and daughters Leslie and Kathy. Several years ago, the College of Law honored Park for his longstanding commitment to pro bono work in the legal community by naming an award for him.

The Col. Rupert E. Park Jr. Pro Bono Student of the Year Award is given annually to the third-year student who makes the greatest pro bono contribution during law school.

In Memoriam



The College of Law lost a special friend when **George M. McLeod LLB'38** passed away in April. Not only was McLeod a graduate of the College of Law, he also served as its acting dean from 1940 to 1942, when he left the position to enlist in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Upon his death, his sons sent the following letter to the law school's alumni office:

Our father George McLeod died on April 23, 2009. As we were growing up, as well as during more recent years, George shared with us his fond memories of his time at Willamette University, first as an undergraduate, then as a student in the College of Law, and finally as the 25-year-old acting dean of the law school.

George was raised in Oregon, where his family was active in state politics. His father was a businessman engaged in international trade of linen and flour. As a child, George met many politicians in his home. During his youth, he accompanied his parents on a trip to Shanghai, China, on one of his father's business trips. He kept a detailed diary during this trip, and copies of this journal have been shared by several generations in our family.

Located in the state's capital, Willamette University was an ideal place for him to pursue his education and to develop his civic consciousness. From his tales of his years at Willamette, he was comfortable interacting with classmates, the down-on-their-luck drifters who landed in the Salem jail for whom he served as an informal public defender, and with the president of the University and the governor of Oregon.

The education he received and the formative experiences he had at Willamette University were very important to him throughout his life. His horizons expanded when he joined the student body at Willamette. While there, he learned the importance of participating in civic activities, rather than solely pursuing personal and professional goals. Throughout his adulthood, George was generous in giving time and support to his church, to various community groups and to his political party. As a practicing attorney in Oakland, Calif., for more than half a century and as a resident of Berkeley, Calif., Willamette University remained near and dear to him throughout his life.

*Thank you, Willamette University.
Mark, Evan, Jonathan and Philip McLeod*

In Memoriam

Merle A. Long JD'48 of Albany, Ore., passed away on March 17, 2009, at the age of 88. He is survived by Muriel, his wife of 66 years; sons David and Mark; and daughters Barbara and Margaret.

Thomas W. Churchill JD'50 of Salem, Ore., passed away on June 23, 2009, at the age of 87. He is survived by wife Marian, son Thomas and daughter Catherine.

Bertrand J. Close LLB'52 of West Linn, Ore., passed away on Feb. 13, 2009, at the age of 83. He is survived by wife Charlotte and daughters Beverly and Catherine.



Duane R. Ertsgaard BA'51, JD'58 of Chattanooga, Tenn., passed away on Aug. 15, 2009, at

the age of 80. He is survived by wife Joann and sons Paul and Reid. He was preceded in death by son Lee. Ertsgaard enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a circuit court judge in Marion County, Ore., for almost 30 years.

Lawrence B. Rew JD'61 of Pendleton, Ore., passed away on July 16, 2009, at the age of 73. He is

survived by wife Judith, son Robin and daughter Shawna. He was buried on the family ranch in Pendleton.

Don A. Dana JD'69 of Salem, Ore., passed away on Sept. 22, 2008, at the age of 67.

John E. Johansen Jr. JD'72 of Lake Oswego, Ore., passed away on May 18, 2009, at the age of 62. He is survived by wife Elaine, daughter Tiffany, son John, stepdaughter Candice and stepson John.

Patrick H. Jensen JD'73 of Portland, Ore., passed away on March 23, 2009, at the age of 64. He is survived by wife Judy, daughters Kathryn and Kristine, and son Michael.

Richard A. Dalrymple Jr. JD'93 of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away on Feb. 2, 2009, at the age of 48. He is survived by wife Maria and stepchildren Diamond and Adam.



Christopher D. Waggoner JD'03 of Urbandale, Iowa, passed away after a car accident on

March 10, 2009. He is survived by his parents, Patsy and Harold; sister and brother-in-law, Julie and Jeff Lockhart; and his niece, Anna.



Submission Guidelines

Class Action Contact

Information for Class Action should be submitted to:
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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 15 for the spring issue and July 15 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.

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Please direct comments, suggestions and reprint requests related to *Willamette Lawyer* to:
Anne Marie Becka, communications director, Law
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Job Listings

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 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 dmosmanATwillametteDOTedu.

Key

JD = Doctor of Jurisprudence
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



Greek Cruise June 12–24, 2009

Cruise of Turkey, Greece and Croatia

Dean Symeon C. Symeonides led a group of 40 alumni and friends on a cruise of Turkey, Greece and Croatia in June. Oceania Cruises' "Insignia" was home for two weeks, as the group took in the sights of Istanbul and Ephesus in Turkey, Dubrovnik in Croatia, and many beautiful spots in Greece, including several of the islands. Each evening, Dean Symeonides met with the group to give a briefing on the region being visited the next day.

Top: From left: Ronald A. Shellan JD'75; William P. Hutchison Jr. JD'69; Catherine M. (McCann) Gaskin JD'02; Ralph M. Yenne L'86 (in back); Dean Symeon C. Symeonides; Jeffrey B. Erb JD'95; Roscoe C. Nelson Jr. JD'73; G. Lawrence Salkield JD'66; Keith W. Lovett BA'65, JD'68; James R. Dyke JD'66



Middle left, from left: Keith W. Lovett BA'65, JD'68; William P. Hutchison Jr. JD'69; Barbara S. Hutchison; Linda C. Lovett BA'67

Middle right: Debra Nelson and Roscoe C. Nelson Jr. JD'73



Bottom left: Jeffrey B. Erb JD'95 and Dean Symeon C. Symeonides



Bottom right: Ralph M. Yenne L'86 and Debbie A. Yenne



Salt Lake City Alumni Reception Feb. 12, 2009

Hotel Monaco

Clockwise from top left:
Downtown Salt Lake City skyline

Emalee Banks and Michael L. Banks JD'07



David R. Brickey JD/C'92 and James L. Harris Jr. JD'98

David R. Shallenberger JD'08 and Matthew W. Hemmert JD'05



Seattle Alumni Reception Feb. 19, 2009

Wild Ginger Restaurant

Clockwise from top left:
Stephanie P. Dikeakos JD'97, Molly E. (Farr) Kosten JD'95, Catherine E. (Kvistad) Christensen JD'97

Sung U. Yang JD'01 and Dana C. Copstead Hoerschelmann JD'01



Katherine S. Chung JD'05; Asenath R. (Chamberlain) Partee BA'97, JD'01; Clifford L. Peterson JD'81

Eric R. Leonard JD'07, Charles L. Butler III JD'05, Bradley W. Wahrlich JD'07



Reunion Weekend 2009

Willamette University College of Law welcomed back alumni from the classes of 1959, 1969, 1979, 1984 and 1989 the weekend of July 17–18, 2009. The graduates gathered at the College of Law for a family friendly barbecue on Friday evening and continuing legal education classes on Saturday morning. Private class dinners were held in Salem at Wild Pear Restaurant and J. James Restaurant on Saturday night.

Left column top to bottom:
Dean Symeon C. Symeonides and Brian C. Erb JD'89



From left: William P. Hutchison Jr. JD'69; Alfred P. "Paul" Krampert Jr. JD'69; Sheryl A. Rueter BA'69; Gary A. Rueter BA'66, JD'69

From left: Walter L. "Bud" Crow JD'69, Barbara Crow, Barbara S. Hutchison, Geneva L. Hughes, Daniel F. Hughes JD'69



From left: Shannon E. Smith JD'89; Michelle L. McComb JD/C'89; Celia M. Fitzwater BA'84, JD'89

Right column top to bottom:
From left: Jeannine M. Wiesner BA'81, JD'84; Walter M. Beglau JD'89; Marie E. Colmery JD'89; John D. Curtis JD/C'89

From left: Eugene A. Frassetto JD'84; Johanna, Matt and Andy Dakopolos; Paul A. Dakopolos JD'84



Top row, from left: Laurie A. Skillman JD'84, E. Scott Harmon JD'84, Thomas E. Martin Jr. JD'84, Thomas J. Elliott JD'84, Larry J. Brant JD'84, Eugene A. Frassetto JD'84
Lower row, from left: Jeannine M. Wiesner BA'81, JD'84; Ardieth A. Muse JD'84; C. Jeffrey Abbott JD'84; Melanie K. Hantze JD'84

From left: James O. Garrett LLB'59; Marc M. Hansen JD'59; E. Gene Stunz BS'57, JD'59; Eunice Webb; Norman F. Webb LLB'59



WUPLP Auction and Alumni Reception
April 4, 2009

Mission Mill Museum, Salem

Clockwise from top left:
Margery S. Schweitzer JD'96 and Nancy
Langford

Shannon A. Terry JD'05 and Heather A.
Vogelsong JD'05

Michelle L. Vlach-Ing JD'01 and James S.
Davis JD'98

Gary E. Lockwood BA'57, JD'60; Gayle M.
Lockwood BA'57; Lois M. Cole JD'94; William
Brandt



Honolulu Alumni Gathering
March 13, 2009

Oahu Country Club

Clockwise from top left:
Peter T. Kashiwa JD'79 and Gary W.K. Au Young
JD'82

Kenneth T. Goya JD'81, Adrian Y. Chang JD'82,
Professor Yvonne A. Tamayo

David A. Webber JD'72 and Susan Webber

Keith S. Agena JD'95, Stephanie J. Matsumoto
JD'95, Gilbert C. Doles JD'83





Heritage Reunion May 1, 2009

At this year's Heritage Reunion, held on the Willamette University campus on May 1, 2009, special recognition was given to Theodore C. Carlstrom JD'60, Martin R. Wolf BA'57, LLB'60 and Richard A. Franzke BS'58, JD'60

in honor of the 50th anniversary of their win at the 1959 National Moot Court Competition. The three alumni were presented with the Outstanding Alumni Award for their academic and professional achievements. Carlstrom and Wolf were present at the reunion; unfortunately, Frankze was unable to attend. Also of note, Ronald B. Lansing

JD'60, who was honored earlier this year by the *Willamette Law Review* board for his work as founding editor of Willamette's first law journal, presented a course based on his book *Nimrod: Courts, Claims and Killing on the Oregon Frontier* during the reunion. More than 45 alumni and their guests attended the day's events.



Washington County Alumni Reception April 23, 2009

The Venetian Theatre and Bistro

More than 50 Washington County judges and attorneys gathered at the Venetian Theatre and Bistro in Hillsboro on April 23 to honor longtime Washington County District Attorney Robert W. Hermann BA'71, JD'74 for his outstanding legal work on behalf of the community. Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz JD'75 and Dean Symeon C. Symeonides officiated the event.

Clockwise from top left:
Robert W. Hermann BA'71, JD'74; Dean
Symeon C. Symeonides; Paul J. De Muniz JD'75

Meghan S. Bishop JD'08 and Michael D.
Hess JD'08

Larry A. Brisbee JD'67 and Rodney C. Adams
BA'57, LLB'60

Bracken D. McKey JD'98 and Eric E.
Butterfield JD'91



Photography Paul Schutz

Justice Denied in Plain Sight



"I have the honour to be an Old Bailey Hack." So spoke Horace Rumpole to Guthrie Featherstone, Q.C. "At which point we turned up into Newgate Street and there it was in all its glory, touched by a hint of early spring sunshine, the Old Bailey.

"Terrible things go on down the Bailey — horrifying things."



Lady Justice atop the Old Bailey in London

Charles Moore, age 16, indicted for breaking and entering on Aug. 27, 1834, and stealing a watch and several coins. Guilty. DEATH.

Robert Kirby, age 19, indicted for breaking and entering on Jan. 13, 1835, and stealing a waistcoat, a pair of trousers, two pillowcases, four petticoats and an apron. Guilty. DEATH.

From 1834–35, over a period of six sessions

consisting of six days each, 49 prisoners received the death sentence and 679 other prisoners were tried, most of whom were found guilty and "transported" to another country. Characteristic of this group was Robert Durham, age 10, who was indicted for stealing four pounds of pork on Jan. 23, 1835, found guilty and "transported" for seven years.

How did our professional forebears achieve such efficiency in the dispensation of justice? They minimized the role of counsel.

A majority of cases were tried without counsel for either the prosecution or the defense. Defense counsels were excluded from pretrial hearings, denied copies of witness depositions given before magistrates and not given a copy of the indictment until trial. In

felony cases, defense counsels were prohibited from addressing the jury and prosecuting counsel and, as a matter of customary noblesse oblige, refrained from making opening statements.

The prevailing attitude of the Bar was articulated by defense counsel James Harmer in 1835 in testimony before the Criminal Law Commissioners against the reform Prisoners' Counsel Bill: "The generality of the profession are of the opinion that counsel ought not to be allowed to speak for a prisoner and that the practice would be injurious to the accused." The "silks" of the Bar regarded the Old Bailey as a forum for "dishonest hacks," whose ruffianism, according to historian J.R. Lewis, occasionally surpassed that of the prisoners. Perhaps the Old Bailey barristers took their cue from members of the bench, who were described in 1834 by the *Monthly Law Magazine* as "bad in manners, bad in temper, bad in law and bad in English."

"For the doomed, the cold light of day soon turned dark."

Following each session, those unfortunate souls to be punished by death emerged from Newgate Prison in London to the sound of the tolling bells of the Church of St. Sepulcher, were carted down Newgate Street and hung in the Old Bailey courtyard. For the doomed, the cold light of day soon turned dark.

Crowds assembled during the hours preceding the death walk, and their unruly behavior elicited this comment from Charles Dickens: "I believe that a sight so inconceivably awful as the wickedness and levity of the crowd collected at the execution this morning could be imagined by no man." Perhaps not, but if you wish to experience human nature in all its agonizing drama go online to oldbaileyonline.org/ or peruse the 19th Century Old Bailey sessions trials available in print in the Willamette Law Library.

Indeed, "Terrible things go on down the Bailey — horrifying things." And all in plain sight.

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On Sunday, May 17, proud parents, family and friends gathered on the Willamette University campus to celebrate the Class of 2009's graduation. Dean Symeon C. Symeonides warmly welcomed students, faculty and guests to the College of Law's 123rd commencement and hooding ceremony.

The Class of 2009 was led by John C. Davis, who graduated *summa cum laude*.

