

## Faculty Briefs

The Legislative Council of the State of Wisconsin has appointed **Arlen Christenson** as a Public Member on the Special Committee on Lobby Law Review. The Special Committee was established "for the purpose of examining the effectiveness of the current law regulating the practice lobbying."

**Martha Fineman** chaired "Feminism and Legal Theory," a conference held in mid-July on the UW-Madison campus. A profile on Fineman is also due to appear in an upcoming issue of the *National Law Journal*.

If you saw "Inside the Jury Room" on PBS' "Frontline" this spring, then you may be aware that the program was produced by UW Law Professor **Stephen Herzberg**.

The hour-long film "represents the first time a camera has been brought into the jury room."

Herzberg undertook the making of the film—nearly a four-year endeavor—because he believes the jury system is under sharp attack.

"Large corporations and the American Medical Association are seeking to limit the power of the jury," Herzberg told Madison's *Isthmus* shortly before the program was aired here April 11. "They argue that they are seeking to restrain lawyers; it is not lawyers who make these awards, it is juries. I want my film to strengthen the position of the jury. This film is a call to people to protect juries."

Herzberg said the deliberations recorded in "Inside the Jury Room" "confirmed my belief that the American people are good people. The jury is truly a

buffer between the vast power of the government and the people. The Jury is the conscience of the community."

The film was shot in Circuit Court of Milwaukee.

**Margo Melli** moderated a discussion entitled "Character and Fitness for Admission to the Bar" at the 1986 ABA annual meeting in New York. The program "examined whether character and fitness screening should take place and, if so, what constitutes fitness or lack of good character, the procedures that could be used in making such determinations, and the role of law schools in the process." Also on the panel was Erica Moeser ('74), director of the Board of Attorneys' Professional Competence, Supreme Court of Wisconsin.

## Notes on Alums

**James H. Wakatsuki** ('54) has been appointed as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. Justice Wakatsuki had previously served as a member of the Hawaiian House of Representatives, including two years as Majority Leader and five years as Speaker of the House, and three years as a Circuit Judge.

**Jack Aulik** ('58) was elected to the bench in Branch 4 of the Dane County Circuit Court, Madison, Wisconsin, in April and assumed his new position in August. Aulik has practiced law and lived in Sun Prairie since 1959.

**Steven W. Weinke** ('66) was recently elected Circuit Court Judge for Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. Weinke succeeds

Eugene F. McEssey ('49), who served the county for 24 years.

**Pat Richter** ('71) has been named director of personnel for Oscar Mayer Foods Corp., Madison. Richter was personnel manager for the beverages division of General Foods, White Plains, New York.

**Alan R. Post** ('72) has become an associate with Sorling, Northrup, Hanna, Cullen and Cochran, Ltd., Springfield, Illinois. Post had been with Illinois Bell Telephone.

In June, **James H. Haberstroh** ('75) became a vice president of First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee. Haberstroh joined the company as an estate tax specialist in 1977.

**Robert H. Buesing** ('77), a member of Trenam, Simmons, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye and O'Neill, Tampa and Miami, has been appointed to the Eminent Domain Committee of the Florida Bar. Buesing specializes in construction litigation.

**Bruce F. Beilfuss** ('38), retired Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, died on August 15, 1986. Chief Justice Beilfuss was first elected to the Clark County Board and never lost an election, serving 19 years on the Supreme Court. While Chief Justice, Beilfuss is credited with bringing the Wisconsin court system into the 20th century. The Wisconsin Law Alumni Association honored Justice Beilfuss with their Distinguished Service Award in 1982.