

# LAW IN ACTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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Students in UW Law School clinical programs provide legal services to real clients with support and close supervision from faculty.

## Wisconsin Named No. 2 Law School in Practical Training

The University of Wisconsin Law School took the No. 2 spot behind Yale Law School as Best in Practical Training in a study published by the *National Jurist* magazine in its Fall 2008 issue. Law schools were ranked based on the number of available clinical positions per full-time student at each law school approved by the American Bar Association. Wisconsin tied with Drake University Law School.

“We’re delighted to be recognized for our commitment to this significant aspect of legal education,” notes Law School Dean Kenneth B. Davis, Jr. “We were a leader in clinical education right from the start, and we understand the importance of combining substantive law classes with attorney-supervised clinical experiences to help students

grow as professionals.”

Clinical education has become increasingly important over the past few years as studies on legal education call for more of these learning opportunities and student demand for relevant, hands-on training increases. A recent influential report by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which critiqued legal education in the United States and Canada, emphasized the importance of clinical experiences in educating future lawyers. Legal clinics, like medical internships for future doctors, offer students who are preparing for the legal profession an opportunity to develop the necessary skills in a closely supervised setting. Clinics prepare students to work with clients, be problem solvers, and deal with complex ethical issues.

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## Alumni Listening Sessions Provide Valuable Feedback

Alumni and community leaders in five Wisconsin cities and in several major cities across the country participated over the past six months in listening sessions with Dean Kenneth B. Davis, Jr. The sessions were organized to gather information, elicit feedback, and identify several action areas that will constitute the Law School’s next steps in positioning itself in an atmosphere

of intensified competition for national recognition, for top students, and for outstanding faculty.

Great students, great faculty, and a great curriculum were the unifying themes at the Listening Sessions. Dean Davis presented his thoughts about change to each group and invited feedback. Despite the differences in locale, there was broad and strong support for an

initiative with a commitment to excellence that would enhance the stature and reputation of the UW Law School. Attendees supported taking action to retain the best faculty, motivate faculty productivity, renew the curriculum, and recruit the best students. There was also support for strengthening the business law curriculum and for expanding skill-based training to all

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## “Back When I Was in Law School...”

*“We are one of the schools that early on made clinical education a significant part of our educational program, a decision that is important both in our history and for our future.”*

One thing I’ve learned as Dean is that we each view the UW Law School through the lens of our own time and experience. As a result, I sometimes find myself discussing today’s UW Law School in terms of how it was ten, twenty-five, or thirty-five years ago. While much about legal education is the same, there also is much that has changed.

One example is our clinical education program, which recently was recognized as among the “best in practical training” by the *National Jurist* magazine. There are roughly two hundred law schools in the U.S. today, many of them very good, but only a dozen or so that can truly claim a distinct and well recognized niche in shaping the course of legal education and scholarship over the years. We are one of these few. We are also one of the schools that early on made

clinical education a significant part of our educational program, a decision that is important both in our history and for our future.

For those of you who participated in our clinical program in the past, today’s experience would seem very familiar to you, but like other aspects of the curriculum, it is not the same as it was. Clinical education has become increasingly sophisticated and there are broader offerings. Moreover, not only has clinical education been recognized for its important role in the education of future lawyers, but it is also in high demand among prospective students, and a strong clinical program is virtually a requirement for law schools that want the best applicants.

What is it that makes the clinical experience so significant for current students and so important in the decision of applicants? Several factors no doubt are important: the usefulness of clinics to expand upon and synthesize classroom learning; the way clinics develop confidence

and skills, including how to work with clients, investigate facts, identify the theory of a case, negotiate settlements, and do many of the things that real lawyers do; and the way clinics provide students with an opportunity to practice a high degree of ethical, competent professionalism and develop a lifelong habit of reflective lawyering.

But perhaps the most compelling aspect of a clinical experience is that it is *real* — an opportunity for students to work with real clients with real problems. And there is no greater feeling for a student attorney than helping a client accomplish something that would have been impossible without the clinic’s legal assistance. This is a feeling that resonated with our clinical students more than a quarter century ago, and it is one of the aspects of our clinical education program that, unlike many other things, hasn’t changed one bit.

—Dean Kenneth B. Davis, Jr.

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## Law School Benefits from WARF's IP Expertise

UW Law School students and faculty are benefiting from the Law School's increasing involvement with the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) and WARF's expertise in intellectual property and entrepreneurship issues, thanks in large part to the efforts of WARF's Managing Director Carl Gulbrandsen '81 and his colleagues.

WARF, founded in 1925, supports scientific research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison by moving inventions arising from the university's laboratories to the marketplace. As the technology transfer organization for the university, WARF is at the center of a legal practice area that is growing both in popularity and in prestige.

The Law School, with support from a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, is partnering with WARF to offer a new student education initiative in entrepreneurial studies, with an emphasis on the technology transfer process (licensing agreements, joint ventures, partnerships, and other methods to share both the risks and rewards of bringing new technologies to market). The new program, which is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2009, responds to a growing student interest in intellectual property, entrepreneurial studies, biotechnology, and hands-on learning experiences in business transactions.

In another venture with WARF, the Law School's East Asian Legal Studies Center and WARF held a two-day program in

October on Intellectual Property (IP) Management with Nanjing University in Nanjing, China. The program featured speakers from Nanjing University, WARF and the UW Law School, including professors John Ohnesorge, Pilar Ossorio, Shubha Ghosh, and Allison Christians from the Law School.

These opportunities for students and faculty to work alongside the experts at WARF, as well as with legal and business professionals involved with intellectual property issues, will help law students gain the skills that will be needed by high-tech businesses in the twenty-first century. The partnership will also connect the Law School faculty with scientists and other professionals to build a stronger interdisciplinary community in an entrepreneurial climate.

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areas of teaching. Alumni expressed the desire to be more involved with the Law School faculty and with one another.

"Our commitment to excellence will be the centerpiece of our strategic initiative," explained Dean Davis in discussing his view of the next step in setting the Law School's priorities. "We are looking at the future of the Law School, and we know that we must make smart choices and carefully set our priorities. We thank you for your involvement, and we will work hard to be worthy of your trust and your support."

The Law School welcomes additional feedback on priorities for the future. Send your comments, thoughts, ideas to Alumni Director Jini Rabas at [jmrabas@wisc.edu](mailto:jmrabas@wisc.edu).

### Professor Charo Joins Obama Transition Team

UW Law School Professor R. Alta Charo, a nationally prominent authority on bioethics, was named by President-elect Barack Obama to the Transition Team he formed immediately following his election in November.

Charo had worked on issues surrounding science and health policy for Obama's pre-transition team from mid-September to early November. Her expertise includes a number of issues related to bioethics, health policy, and science policy.

Charo was assigned to the team reviewing the Department of Health and Human Services, and went to Washington in late November to work in person with executive branch personnel of the Bush

Administration in order to ensure a well-informed and smooth transition. She expressed appreciation to her Law School colleagues for helping her to make a rapid change in plans.

Charo is the Warren P. Knowles Professor of Law & Bioethics at the Law School and has a joint appointment with the School of Medicine and Public Health in the Department of Medical History and Bioethics. She is the author of nearly one hundred articles, book chapters, and government reports, and was elected to the National Academies Institute of Medicine in 2006. Among her teaching areas at the Law School are bioethics, food-and-drug law, and health law.

## Successful Recruiting Adds Five to Faculty

The Law School continues its success in recruiting top talent, including experienced scholars. This year's five new faculty include three new professors and two lateral hires.

In the increasingly competitive law school environment, recruiting and retaining the best faculty is critical to the stature and reputation of a school. Louis Butler, Andrew Coan, Shubha Ghosh, Darian Ibrahim, and Brad Snyder bring expertise in wide-ranging substantive fields including criminal defense, appellate practice, intellectual property, business law, constitutional law, American legal history, and entrepreneurship.

Following is an introduction to these accomplished new faculty members.



**Louis Butler Jr.**, a former Wisconsin Supreme Court justice and the first African American to sit on the state's highest court, is

the UW Law School Justice in Residence for two years. Butler, a graduate of Lawrence College, received his law degree from the UW in 1977 and worked in the state public defender's office as both a trial lawyer and an appellate practitioner before his judicial appointment to the city of Milwaukee Municipal Court and his election as a Milwaukee County circuit court judge in 2002. He was appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 2004 and served from 2004–08. For the past twelve years, Butler has been a faculty member of the National Judicial College, teaching

judges from across the nation. He will teach courses in criminal law, appellate advocacy and legal process and work with students and faculty in the Law School's moot court and clinical programs.



**Andrew Coan**, a graduate of Stanford Law School, received his B.A. in English and Philosophy from the UW-Madison,

where he graduated first in his class. Following law school, Coan clerked for the Honorable Richard A. Posner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and was a James C. Gaither Fellow & Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School. Coan is a prolific op-ed writer whose work has been published in a variety of papers, including the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Christian Science Monitor*. His scholarly work has appeared in *Stanford Law Review*, *Fordham Law Review*, and *Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties*, among others. His teaching interests include constitutional law, federal courts, and legal theory. He teaches Constitutional Law and Federal Jurisdiction.



**Shubha Ghosh**, who most recently was a Professor of Law at Southern Methodist University, earned a B.A. from Amherst

College, a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan, and a J.D. with distinction from Stanford Law School. After graduation from

Law School, Ghosh served as a law clerk for Judge John T. Noonan on the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and was an associate for Baker & McKenzie in San Francisco. Ghosh's teaching interests include intellectual property, business associations, Internet law, copyrights, patents, torts, and property. His published work has appeared in *Tulane Law Review*, *Case Western Law Review*, *Houston Law Review*, *Florida Law Review*, *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology*, *Berkeley Technology Law Journal*, *Antitrust Law Journal*, and other publications, both scholarly and practitioner-oriented. His current scholarship includes a book on Global Patent Law, an update of *Understanding Intellectual Property* (by Donald Chisum) for Lexis-Nexis, and numerous articles. He is also involved in research on punitive damage awards in civil tort actions and statutory treble damages. At the UW Law School, Ghosh teaches intellectual property law courses.



**Darian Ibrahim** comes to the UW Law School from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, where he was

an Associate Professor of Law. His scholarly interests include corporate and securities law and the intersection of law and entrepreneurship. Ibrahim's current research analyzes and compares the financing options that are available to high-tech startups, including angel finance and venture capital. His published work has appeared in journals including

the *Vanderbilt Law Review* and *Iowa Law Review*. Ibrahim is a 1999 graduate of Cornell Law School (magna cum laude). He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering in 1996 from Clemson University (magna cum laude). Ibrahim was an associate in the Corporate and Securities Group at Troutman Sanders LLP in Atlanta for four years and clerked for the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court before entering academia. At the Law School, Ibrahim teaches Business Organizations II (public corporations), Securities Regulation, and Law and Entrepreneurship.



**Brad Snyder** spent two years covering baseball, crime, and politics as a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun* between his undergraduate education at Duke and his legal education at Yale Law School. After graduating from Yale, he clerked for the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and then worked for nearly three years as an associate at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C. In 2003, Snyder published his first book, *Beyond the Shadow of the Senators: The Untold*

*Story of the Homestead Grays and the Integration of Baseball*, recounting the story of one of the greatest teams in the history of the Negro Leagues. In 2006, he published his second book, *A Well-Paid Slave: Curt Flood's Fight for Free Agency in Professional Sports*, which tells the story behind the Supreme Court's *Flood v. Kuhn* decision about baseball's antitrust exemption. Snyder writes about the intersection between American legal history and constitutional law. He teaches Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, and a seminar on *Brown v. Board of Education*.

## Alumni Honor Faculty for Teaching Excellence



Peter Carstensen



Asifa Quraishi



Michele LaVigne



Thomas Dawson



Paul Kent

Five outstanding teachers at the UW Law School have been named by the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association (WLAA) as “Teacher of the Year” in three separate categories.

Professors **Peter Carstensen** and **Asifa Quraishi** each received the 2008 Teacher of the Year award, which recognizes excellence in classroom teaching by a tenure-track professor. Carstensen is an expert in antitrust law and Quraishi in Islamic law. Carstensen and Quraishi received the same number of votes from the three

polled classes of recent alumni, and both were declared winners of the honor.

**Michele LaVigne** is the 2008 Clinical Teacher of the Year. LaVigne, a former public defender, is director of the Defender Project at the Law School's Frank J. Remington Center. LaVigne is also the founder of the highly successful Mock Trial Program at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf.

Adjunct faculty members **Thomas Dawson** and **Paul Kent** received the Warren H. Stolper Award, also known as the Adjunct of

the Year Award, for their excellence in co-teaching environmental law. Dawson is an Assistant Attorney General and Director of the Environmental Protection Unit with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and Kent is an attorney with Anderson and Kent, S.C., which specializes in environmental law.

In announcing the awards, Dean Davis noted, “One of our Law School's central strengths is the quality of our faculty and their commitment to teaching. We thank these five great teachers for their work and dedication.”



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Chancellor Carolyn “Biddy” Martin shared her vision for the UW-Madison and the Law School’s role in that vision.

## New Chancellor Meets Faculty and Welcomes Board of Visitors

Carolyn “Biddy” Martin, the new chancellor of UW-Madison, was introduced to the Law School’s faculty and welcomed the Law School’s Board of Visitors at its annual meeting on November 7.

Martin, who became the twenty-eighth leader of the university, came from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., where she had served as provost since 2000. Prior to becoming Cornell’s provost, Martin spent four years as senior associate dean in Cornell’s Colleges of Arts and Sciences. A professor of German studies and women’s studies, she served as the chair of German studies from 1994–97. Martin knows the Madison campus well, having received her doctorate in German literature at UW-Madison in 1985.

“Martin brings experience and enthusiasm to the chancellor’s position,” noted Kenneth B. Davis, Jr. “She has an inclusive style and is a champion of our interdisciplinary approach, a strength both of the Law School and the UW-Madison campus.” Martin also appreciates the traditional value of the Wisconsin

Idea, that the boundaries of the campus are the boundaries of the state and beyond.

Martin told the group that she had borrowed language from Dean Davis for her inaugural address in October. “Ken speaks of the Law School as both preeminent and public,” Martin said. “This is true for the university as well, and we can’t do one without the other. We can’t be preeminent without being true to our public mission to serve the state, and we can’t serve our public without remaining preeminent.” Martin says she embraces the chance to spend significant time working with the many supporters of UW-Madison to ensure that it continues to thrive.

The Board of Visitors is an alumni group appointed by the Dean to serve in an advisory and consultative capacity. The Board provides advice to the Dean on matters such as long-range planning and alumni relations, forms an advocacy network for the Law School, and assists and advises on major fund-raising efforts.

## Ohnesorge Named Co-Director of UW’s China Initiative

University of Wisconsin Law School Professor **John Ohnesorge** has been named Co-Director of the new UW-Madison China Initiative, which is designed to promote global competence and to advance internationalization with respect to China.

The Initiative brings together a group of outstanding faculty, alumni, and leaders in business and government to bolster research and teaching about China, to create new partnerships between Chinese higher education institutions and the UW-Madison, and to develop plans for strategic engagements between China and the state of Wisconsin.

Ohnesorge, who is Vice-Director of the Law School’s East Asian Legal Studies Center, will be Co-Director of the China Initiative for a two-year term. For more information on the goals and work of the Initiative, see [www.international.wisc.edu/china/about.html](http://www.international.wisc.edu/china/about.html).

## UW Law Librarian Shucha Recognized

University of Wisconsin Law School Law Librarian **Bonnie Shucha** has been named one of the *Wisconsin Law Journal’s* 2008 Unsung Heroes. The award recognizes outstanding work by “behind the scenes” personnel in the Wisconsin legal community.

Shucha, the head of reference at the UW Law Library, was recognized for her work helping alumni, students, and others find answers to their research questions. Shucha was also recognized for her many outreach activities.

## Securities Class Action Litigation Symposium Attracts National Interest

This year's Wisconsin Law Review Symposium, "The Continuing Evolution of Securities Class Actions," featured an especially timely topic central to the integrity and health of our financial markets. The symposium, held in Madison in October, was the Midwest version of the annual conference of the Institute for Law and Economic Policy (ILEP), widely considered to be the principal conference for securities and corporate law litigators.

Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin was the group's luncheon speaker, discussing "Litigation: A View from the Bench."

The conference, which brought together commentators from law firms and scholarly institutions from around the country, included four major panels featuring prominent speakers. It was co-sponsored by the the Law School, ILEP, and Citizens Bank.

## Women's Law Journal Takes New Name

The *Wisconsin Women's Law Journal* (WWLJ), officially became the *Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society*, with the publication of Vol. XXIII, Number 1. The WWLJ was one of the earliest law journals in the nation to be devoted to the study of women and the law, contributing insightful scholarship to the field over the past twenty-two years.

The name change to the

*Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society* more accurately reflects the scholarship being published in the *Journal* today. It acknowledges the impact of gender on the legal system without reference to one sex. The Board believes that the new name will better advertise the type of content and scholarship that they would like to publish, attracting submissions that more closely reflect the *Journal's* mission.

## Smith Named Assistant Director for Admissions



Rebecca L. Smith has been named Assistant Director for Admissions and Financial Aid at the Law School. Prior to beginning her new position Smith practiced at DeWitt, Ross & Stevens in Madison, in the areas of business, real estate, and family law.

Smith graduated from the UW Law School in 2007. She was Presi-

dent of the UW Law Mock Trial team, Secretary of the Latino/a Law Students Association, and Articles Editor and Symposium Editor of the *Wisconsin Women's Law Journal* (now the *Journal of Law, Gender & Society*). She was named the 2006 recipient of the Leonard Loeb Scholarship, conferred by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in recognition of both academic excellence and strong interest in family law.

## First-in-Family College Graduates Well Represented in Student Body

Approximately 15 percent of the UW Law School's current student body are the first in their family to have graduated from college. Many have overcome significant life obstacles to reach law school. Class background — measured by parents' education, income levels, and occupational status — is, according to experts in the field, a strong predictor of one's chances of even considering attending an undergraduate institution. Many highly qualified and interested students who are first-in-family college graduates consider law school out of their reach. A broad approach and a long-time holistic admissions policy that considers socioeconomic class along with the more traditional factors of diversity are helping Wisconsin increase socioeconomic diversity in the Law School.

According to Dean Kenneth B. Davis, Jr., "As Wisconsin's only public law school, we are constantly striving to ensure that students from low-income families and students who are the first in their families to attend college have a place alongside students from professional and more affluent family backgrounds. We actively recruit first-generation college graduates and hope to find alumni who will help us fund scholarships aimed at these students."

## Wisconsin Students Make Mark in National Competitions

UW Law School students received honors for their writing and litigation skills this fall at competitions throughout the country.

UW students took First Place at the ABA Regional Law School Negotiations Competition in November in St. Louis, competing against twenty teams from other law schools. The two-person team of **Sam Wayne** and **John Cornelius** will advance to the national competition in Boston in February. The team's coach is S. Richard Heymann of the Law School's adjunct faculty.

At the national California Criminal Justice Competition in Los Angeles in October, a team of four students from the UW Mock Trial Team took Second Place in

a field of thirty teams from law schools across the country (ceding First Place to Northwestern by one point). Team members were **Erica Christian**, **Scott Colom**, **Sam Kidd**, and **Andrew Rima**. In addition, Sam Kidd was named Best Advocate among the one hundred and twenty students participating in the competition. Team coaches are adjunct faculty members **Rhonda Lanford** (of Habush Habush & Rottier) and **Ellen Berz** (State Public Defender). The Mock Trial Program is funded in large part by attorney Robert Habush '61.

Second Place honors at the Regional Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition in St. Paul went to the Wisconsin team of **Amesia Ngialah** and **Sai Lui**,

who then went on to the national finals in Seattle. A total of sixteen teams competed. The students were coached by Professor **Carin Clauss** and four classmates.

In the inaugural year of a newly established competition in Boston, the Foreign Direct Investment International Moot Competition (FDI Moot), three UW students distinguished themselves with briefs and oral arguments ("memoranda") on cutting-edge issues in the international law governing investor-state arbitrations. The team of **Erin Ehlke**, **Anu Chudasama**, and **Zhi-Xiang (Alex) Oh** won the award for Best Respondent's Memorandum, one of only two writing awards. Their coach was Professor **Jason Yackee**.

## New Certificate in Health Advocacy

A new Consumer Health Advocacy Certificate has been approved for graduate and professional students who participate in the Center for Patient Partnerships based at the UW Law School.

The Center for Patient Partnerships trains professional and graduate-level students from a diversity of disciplines in the art and science of patient advocacy and patient-centered care. The center advances the Wisconsin Idea as students assist patients and families struggling with life-threatening and serious chronic illnesses to navigate the health care system and address related legal, financial, and psychosocial issues.



**Comparing views.** Current students share experiences and opinions with members of the Law School's Board of Visitors during the annual visitor-student lunch.

## Rep. Obey's Kastenmeier Lecture Draws Overflow Crowd

U.S. Rep. Dave Obey, chair of the powerful House Committee on Appropriations, addressed the issue of economic injustice and the gap between rich and poor Americans at the annual Kastenmeier Lecture held at the Law School this fall.

Obey, a Wausau native and a UW-Madison graduate, has represented Wisconsin's 7th District in Congress since 1969. He is the only Democratic member of the House to have served on the three major economic committees in Congress: the Budget Committee, the Joint Economic Committee and the Committee on Appropriations.

In his speech, Obey told the

overflow audience in the Law School's Godfrey & Kahn Hall that the country's ongoing financial crisis is not the result of the so-called housing bubble or even Wall Street exuberance, but of the widening gap between rich and poor.

The Kastenmeier Lecture is supported by a fund established to recognize Robert W. Kastenmeier, a Law School graduate who served with distinction in Congress from 1958–90. The fund was created to foster scholarship in the fields of intellectual property, corrections, administration of justice and civil liberties. The eighty-four-year-old Kastenmeier, who lives in Washing-



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U.S. Representative Dave Obey spoke on "Economic Justice" to a large audience at the annual Kastenmeier Lecture.

ton with his wife Dorothy, attended the lecture, which has been held in his honor since 1992.

## Noted Author Scott Turow to Deliver Fairchild Lecture



Lawyer-author Scott Turow will present the Thomas E. Fairchild Lecture on Friday, April 24, at 4 p.m. in the Law School's

Godfrey & Kahn Hall. A reception will follow.

Turow is the award-winning author of eight best-selling novels and two nonfiction books. His books have been translated into over twenty languages and have sold over twenty-five million copies. Turow's first book, *One L* (1977), about his experience as a law student at Harvard, is considered a classic for students entering law school.

Alumni and guests are invited to this event and may register online at [www.wisconsinlawalumni.com](http://www.wisconsinlawalumni.com). Due to limited seating, registration is required. For more information, contact Lynn Thompson at [lfthomp1@wisc.edu](mailto:lfthomp1@wisc.edu) or (608) 262-4915.

## Alumna Klingele Begins Clerkship for U.S. Supreme Court



UW Law School alumna Cecelia Klingele '05 is serving as a U.S. Supreme Court clerk with Justice John Paul Stevens this year. Klingele began her

one-year clerkship on the Court at the end of July. At the UW Law School, Klingele excelled academically, founded the Law School Family Association for support of students with young children, and was an active participant in three clinical programs. Following graduation, Klingele completed two years

as a law clerk to the Honorable Barbara B. Crabb, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, and served one year as clerk to Judge Susan H. Black of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.



Christopher Spencer '72



Linda H. Bochert '74

**1940s**

**Len Zubrensky '49** has written the book *Let the Hi-Jinks Begin*, a political memoir with stories of his relationships with Democratic “movers and shakers” in Wisconsin. Zubrensky will discuss the book at a Wisconsin Historical Museum program on March 3, 2009 in Madison.

**1970s**

**Christopher Spencer '72** has been elected a Senior Vice President of American Family Mutual Insurance Company in Madison, taking on the chief legal officer and corporate secretary responsibilities. He has served as Vice President of the Legal Division for the last ten years.



Peter M. Gaines '75



Cynthia A. Van Bogaert '82

**Linda H. Bochert '74**, a partner at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, received the Honorary Recognition Award of the UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in October. The award recognizes Bochert's seventeen years as a policymaker with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Department of Justice, helping to implement many of the state's pioneering pollution control laws and natural resource initiatives.



Orlando Cabrera '89



Don M. Millis '90

**Peter M. Gaines '75** has joined the Corporate Practice of Jenner & Block, LLP, in Chicago as a partner. His previous experience in complex finance transactions includes twenty years at Mayer, Brown & Platt and thirteen years practicing in London.

**John Walsh '75** of Axley Brynelson, LLP, a former President of the State Bar of Wisconsin, has been elected to the Claims Committee of the State of Wisconsin's Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund and the Wisconsin Health Care Liability Insurance Plan (WHCLIP).

**James J. Hoecker '78**, formerly chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Husch Blackwell Sanders as a senior counsel. Hoecker will focus primarily on emerging markets in the wholesale electric and national gas areas.

**1980s**

**Danae Davis '80** has been reappointed to the University of Wisconsin System's Board of Regents for a three-year term. Davis, who is Executive Director of

PEARLS for Teen Girls in Milwaukee, has been a Regent since 2003.

**Cynthia A. Van Bogaert '82**, a partner and chair of the Employee Benefits Practice Group at Boardman Law Firm LLP, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel. She is the first attorney in Wisconsin to have achieved this honor.

**Thomas McAdams '87** has been appointed to the state of Wisconsin's three-member Tax Appeals Commission by Governor Jim Doyle. McAdams has served as an Assistant District Attorney in Milwaukee County since 1987.

**Michael Meyer '87** has been named Supervising Staff Attorney for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago.

**Orlando Cabrera '89** has joined Nixon Peabody LLP in its Washington, D.C., office as counsel in the firm's Affordable Housing Practice. Cabrera was most recently Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He will continue as CEO and president of National Community Renaissance, a national non-profit affordable-housing developer.

**1990s**

**Don M. Millis '90** has been named a shareholder in the Madison office of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C., where he practices in the Tax and Litigation Departments and chairs the Governmental Relations Practice.

**Michael B. Schaedle '92**, a partner with Blank Rome LLP in Philadelphia, has been elected Secretary of the KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) Philadelphia Charter School, in recognition of his dedication to ensuring equal education to all students in the Philadelphia area.

**Lori Ringhand '97** has joined the faculty of the University of Georgia School of Law. Ringhand's teaching areas include constitutional law, election law, comparative law, and state and local government law. Her research focuses on empirical studies of voting patterns and practices of U.S. Supreme Court justices.



Michael B. Schaedle '92



Nia Trammell '98



Cynthia Buchko '00



Allison M. Sell '06



Sarah Fowles '08



Elisabeth Howard '08

**Steven C. Kilpatrick '98** has joined the Civil Litigation Unit of the Wisconsin Department of Justice as an Assistant Attorney General. Kilpatrick has worked for the last nine years at Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.

**Nia Trammell '98** has been appointed an Administrative Law Judge with the Workers' Compensation Division of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Trammell was also recently elected Vice President of the Madison Equal Opportunities Commission.

**Jay M. Schloff '99** has been named Chair of the Intellectual Property Practice at Intellipex PLLC.

### 2000s

**Cynthia Buchko '00** has been named a shareholder in the Madison office of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek. Buchko concentrates her practice in renewable energy law, energy and public utilities law, and commercial litigation.

**Lewis W. Beilin '03** has joined the Wisconsin Department of Justice as an Assistant Attorney General. Beilin works in the SPAR unit (State Programs, Administration and Revenue).

**Michael Dirks '04** has joined Tlusty, Hittner, Kennedy & Freeburg, S.C., based in Schofield, Wisconsin. He practices in the areas of family law, real estate, landlord/tenant law, and general civil litigation.

**Melissa Rhone '06** has joined the Civil Litigation Unit of the Wisconsin Department of Justice as an Assistant Attorney General.

**Allison M. Sell '06** has joined Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee as an associate on the Public Finance team.

**Amanda Prutzman '07** has joined Messerli & Kramer P.A. in Plymouth, Minnesota. She is a member of the Collections Group.

**Sarah Fowles '08** is new associate in the Business Practice Group at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP. She is practicing in the Madison office.

**Rebecca K. Hamrin '08** has joined the Real Estate Practice Group of Godfrey & Kahn S.C. She practices in the Milwaukee office.

**Elisabeth Howard '08** has joined Stafford Rosenbaum LLP as an associate in the firm's Madison office. Her practice focuses on business and municipal law.

**Stevens T. Kelly '08** has joined Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLP as an associate in the firm's Chicago office. Kelly will practice in the Investment Management and Financial Markets Group.

**Bree E. Linck '08** has joined Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLP in Chicago as an associate. She will practice in the firm's Labor and Employment Group.

**Adam J. Loomans '08** has joined the Milwaukee office of Godfrey & Kahn S.C. He is a member of the Corporate Practice Group.

**Aaron A. Mitchell '08** has joined the intellectual property law firm of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione in Chicago as an associate.

**Wendy S. Richards '08** is a new associate in the Milwaukee office of Godfrey & Kahn S.C. She is a member of the Tax Practice Group.

**Monica Santa Maria '08** has joined the Madison office of Godfrey & Kahn S.C. She is a member of the Litigation Practice Group.

**Sheila Simhan '08**, a first-year associate at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Chicago, is participating in the firm's year-long First Year Public Service Fellowship Program as a staff attorney at the Small Business Opportunity Center of Northwestern University School of Law.

**Andrew J. Turner '08** has joined the Corporate Practice Group of Godfrey & Kahn S.C., working in the Madison office.

**Eric J. Weiss '08** has joined the Litigation Practice Group in the Milwaukee office of Godfrey & Kahn S.C.



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## Upcoming Events

- *LEO Banquet*  
Saturday, April 18, 2009  
Madison Concourse Hotel
- *Thomas E. Fairchild Lecture*  
Friday, April 24, 2009  
Speaker: Author Scott Turow
- *Milwaukee Law Day*  
Thursday, April 30, 2009  
Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin,  
Milwaukee
- *Honors and Awards Ceremony*  
Thursday, May 14, 2009  
Union Theater
- *Commencement Day*  
Friday, May 15, 2009  
Law School Hooding Ceremony —  
Monona Terrace  
University Commencement —  
Kohl Center
- *Estate Planning in Depth*  
June 15–19, 2009  
Co-sponsored by ALI-ABA and UW  
Law School Continuing Education  
and Outreach
- *Reunion Weekend*  
September 4–5, 2009  
Classes of 1958, 59, 63, 64, 69, 74,  
79, 84, 89, 93, 94, 98, 99, 2004
- Events will take place at the Law School unless  
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