



Robert J. Smith '74

## 1970s

**Bruce Kerr '72**, a high-tech attorney at Sun Microsystems in Northern California's Silicon Valley, creates and performs song parodies under the name of Loose Bruce Kerr. His renditions of "The Cheesehead Song" and others can be viewed on YouTube.

**Lester A. Pines '74**, partner and attorney with Cullen Weston Pines & Bach LLP, was nominated for Dane County's ATHENA Award in recognition of his many years of mentoring women to become community leaders and successful professionals.

**Robert J. Smith '74**, a shareholder in the Madison office of Akerman Senterfitt Wickwire Gavin, has been inducted into the National Academy of Construction. Smith is currently Secretary of the American College of Construction Lawyers, and will follow this term as President-Elect and then President.

**Nicholas S. Zeppos '79** is the eighth Chancellor of Vanderbilt University. Zeppos has served Vanderbilt for two decades as a Professor of Law, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Interim Chancellor.



Patricia Rodriguez '85



Mitch Metropulos '86

## 1980s

**Susan S. Engeleiter '81** has been named CEO and President of Data Recognition Corporation, headquartered in Maple Grove, Minnesota. Engeleiter has been President and Chief Operating Officer of the company since 1998.

**Patricia Rodriguez '85**, who practices in the Law Office of Patricia L.R. Rodriguez, based in Schenectady, New York, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association. Rodriguez concentrates her practice in the areas of family law and criminal law, and is active in the State Bar's Family Law Section.

**Mitch Metropulos '86** has been appointed Circuit Court Judge, Branch III, Outagamie County, by Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle. Prior to taking office in September 2007, Metropulos was a prosecutor in Chippewa, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties.



Joseph P. Wright '88



Timothy F. Nixon '90

**Mitchell D. Rose '87** has joined CIC Plus, Inc., as Vice President of Operations and General Counsel, working out of the company's main office in Skokie, Illinois. CIC Plus provides payroll and year-end solutions to companies nationwide.

**Steven M. Press '88** and his wife, attorney Jody A. Cohen Press, have formed the Press Law Office, PLLC, in Minneapolis. Steven Press is also a Ramsey County Conciliation Court Referee.

**Joseph P. Wright '88**, a senior partner at Stafford Rosenbaum LLP, has been elected to the firm's Executive Committee. He will serve as the firm's operations partner. Wright's practice focuses on business litigation, insurance, and utility law.

**Leonard L. Wagner '89** has been appointed Associate General Counsel of Kansas City Southern and its subsidiaries. His focus area will be claims and litigation.

## 1990s

**Jane M. Beckering '90** has been appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals as judge for the Third District. Most recently Beckering was an attorney with Buchanan and Beckering, PLLC and Kent County Circuit Court mediator.

**Timothy F. Nixon '90**, a shareholder in the Milwaukee office of Godfrey & Kahn S.C., has been named to the 2008 Editorial Advisory Board of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal. Nixon is leader of Godfrey & Kahn's Business Finance and Restructuring Practice Group.

**Debra A. Petkovsek Stroik '90** has opened Stroik Law Office in Madison, focusing on family law, real estate, litigation, probate, criminal defense, and juvenile matters.

**Karen King '95** has joined Eisai Research Institute, a Japanese pharmaceutical company, in Andover, Massachusetts, as Patent Counsel. Prior to this King was Corporate Counsel in the Intellectual Property Department of Pfizer Inc. in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Rebecca Grassl Bradley '96** has joined the Technology Practice at Whyte

Hirschboeck Dudek S.C., Milwaukee. She focuses on litigation and transactions in commercial and information technology.

**Terri S. Flynn '96** is a new partner at Quarles & Brady LLP. Flynn practices at the firm's Milwaukee office, focusing her practice on intellectual property law.

**Raymond D. Jamieson '96** has been promoted to partner at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee. Jamieson focuses much of his practice in product liability defense, and contract and intellectual property litigation.

**John T. Barry '97** has been promoted to partner at the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady LLP. Barry focuses his practice in the areas of taxation, corporate services, mergers and acquisitions, and private equity/venture capital.

**Rebecca Salawdeh '96** has opened Salawdeh Law Office, LLC, in Wauwatosa, specializing in representing individuals in employment claims. Previously Salawdeh practiced with Urban & Taylor as well as First Blondis Albrecht Bangert and Novotnak.

**Beth L. Cox '98** has been elected municipal judge for the Town and Village of Oregon, Wisconsin. Her term runs from 2007 to 2011.

**Elizabeth A. Hoffmann '98** was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure at Purdue University, where she teaches in the Law & Society program.

**Ismael Ozanne '98** is the new Executive Assistant for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, where he will advise DOC Secretary Rick Raemisch '88 and Governor Jim Doyle on legislative and policy matters. Ozanne has been a prosecutor with the Dane County District Attorney's Office since 1998.

**Lisa L. Kritske '99** has been named an adjunct professor at Bryant & Stratton College in Milwaukee. Kritske, a member of the Nursing Home Neglect & Abuse Team for the law firm of Pitman, Kyle & Sicula S.C., will teach business law at the college's downtown campus.

**Sean M. Scullen '99** has been promoted to partner at the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady LLP. Scullen provides counsel to private and public sector employers in all areas of labor and employment law.

**2000s**

**Bryan Kleinmaier '00** has been named a partner with Stafford Rosenbaum LLP in the firm's Madison office. Kleinmaier focuses his practice on municipal, labor/employment, and public utility law.

**Ryan J. Owens '01** has completed his Ph.D. in political science at Washington University in St. Louis and accepted a tenure-track position at Harvard University as Assistant Professor in the Government Department.

**Milele Coggs '02** was the Convocation Speaker at Fisk University's commemoration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January. Coggs is founder of M. A. Coggs & Associates, LLC, a political, business, and educational consulting firm.

**Erik R. Guenther '02** has been elected President of the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin board of directors. Guenther, a criminal defense attorney with Hurley, Burish & Stanton, S.C., in Madison, was also selected as the 2007 "Warrior of the Year" by the Dane County Criminal Defense Bar Association.

**Jill S. Schloff '03** has been named a new partner in the firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. Schloff practices in the firm's Real Estate Department in the Bloomfield Hills Office.

**Kelda Helen Roys '04**, Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin, has been appointed to the State Bar's Legal Services Committee.

**Brian T. Larson '05** has joined the Madison office of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. in its Corporate Transactions and Business Acquisitions practice.

**Rachel Arfa '07** has joined the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee as a staff attorney.

**Brian D. Bean '07** has joined the Madison office of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, in



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Bryan Kleinmaier '00



Jill S. Schloff '03

the Intellectual Property and Life Sciences Practice Groups.

**Melissa S. Caulum '07** is a new associate at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, where she is a member of the Litigation Practice Group in the Madison office.

**James J. Chiolino '07** has joined the Madison office of Quarles & Brady LLP as an associate. He is a member of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group.

**Emily E. Chow '07** has joined the Minneapolis office of Faegre & Benson LLP as an associate in the Litigation Practice Group.

**Stephanie A. Czukas '07** has joined the Milwaukee office of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP as an associate in the Land and Resources Practice Group.

**Marisa R. Dondlinger '07** has joined the Litigation Practice Group at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP in the firm's Milwaukee office.

**Edward J. Evans '07** has joined the Waukesha office of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP. He is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group.



Emily E. Chow '07



Kerry Burchill Murphy '07

**Jennifer E. Mead '07** has joined Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP in Minneapolis as an associate practicing in the Corporate Finance and Transactions Group.

**Kerry Burchill Murphy '07** has joined the law firm of Liskow & Lewis as an associate. Murphy will focus her practice on business litigation in the firm's New Orleans office.

**Matthew Smith '07** has joined Dorsey & Whitney LLP in Minneapolis as a member of the firm's Corporate Group.

**Melissa M. Turczyn '07** has joined the Madison office of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP as a member of the Business Practice Group.

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