



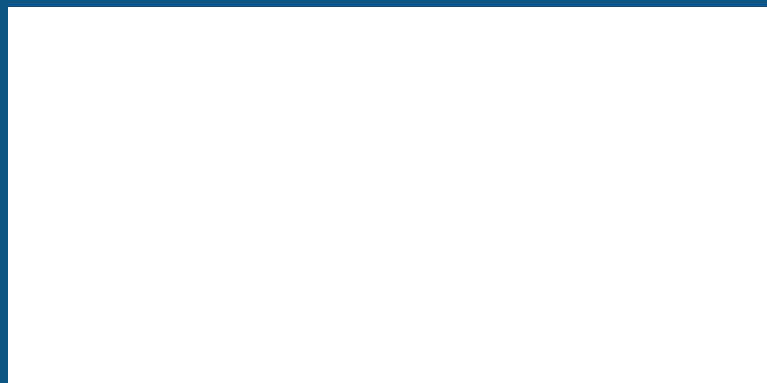
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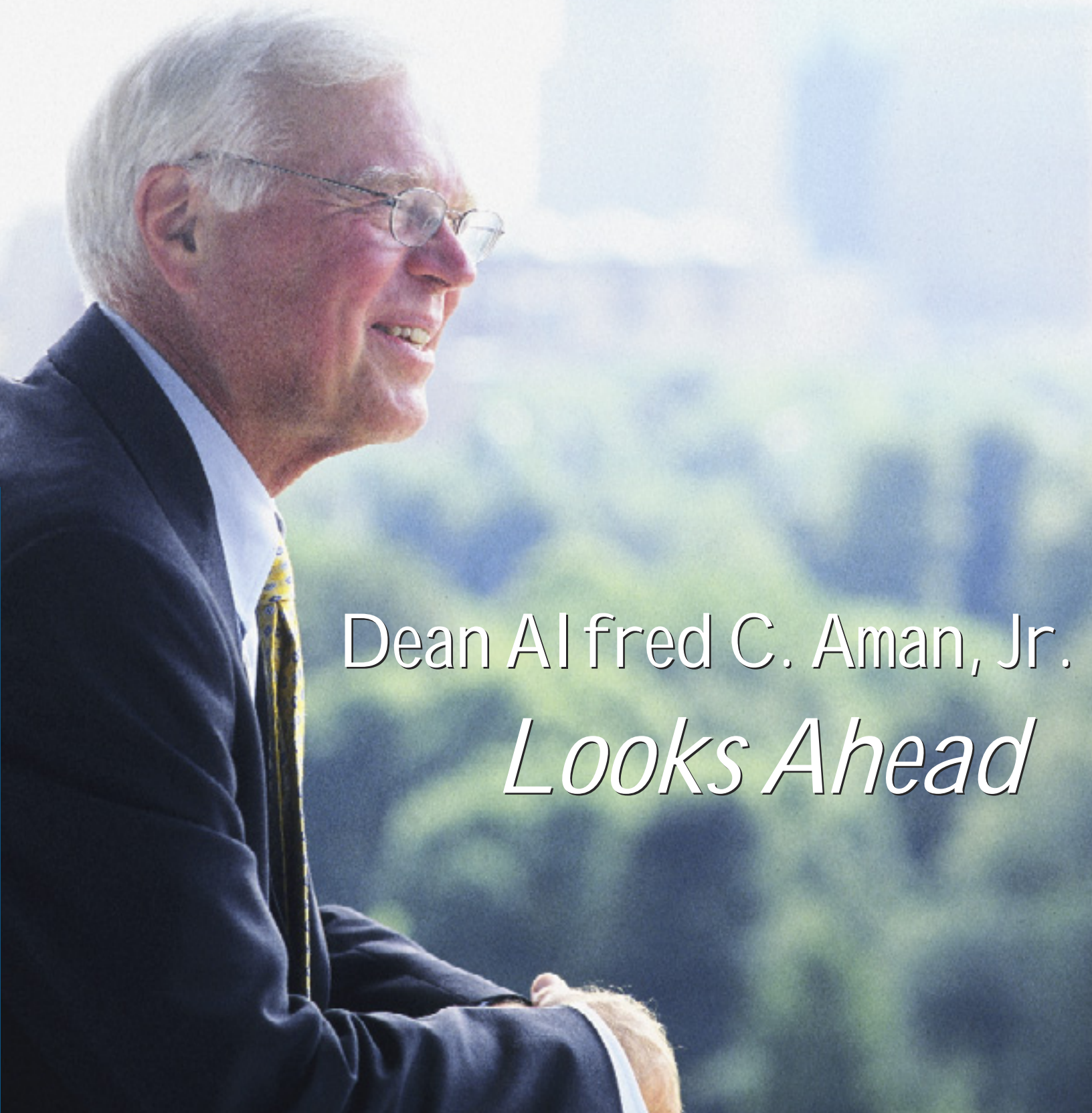
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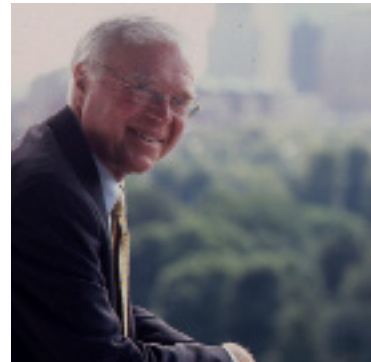
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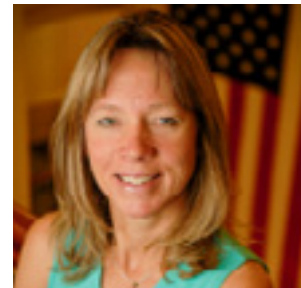
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One of the most exciting aspects of becoming the ninth dean of Suffolk University Law School is the opportunity to meet and hear from our graduates. Your stories about Suffolk Law and the careers you have chosen are key components of this great law school's history.

Since coming to Suffolk Law, I have been impressed by the high quality of our students, the breadth of their opportunities, the creativity and dedication of the faculty and staff, and the deep sense of community that exists here. Our students bring tremendous talent, energy, and motivation to the law school, and we strive every day to prepare them for success. I strongly believe that the Suffolk Law School community is like a large extended family, and our alumni are a very important part of that family. Together, our professors, administrators, students, and alumni comprise a strong, interactive, global community of professionals, preserving the Suffolk tradition as a charter for the future. We need your support, enthusiasm, and insights as we carry on the proud traditions of excellence and access that are the hallmark of Suffolk Law School.

This fall and winter, I will be traveling to Suffolk Law alumni clubs throughout the country, and I hope to meet as many of you as possible. I look forward to working closely with you in the months and years ahead.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alfred C. Aman, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alfred C. Aman, Jr.
Dean and Professor of Law

Law Briefs

Celtics Legend Addresses Graduating Law Students

NBA champion, civil rights advocate, and author **Bill Russell** advised 1,672 graduating students from all components of the university to go out and help create a civil society in his Suffolk University commencement address on May 20.

“Kindness is an act of strength,” Russell said to the graduates, “and a society that is kind is a civil society. I have as much regard for Suffolk University as I have for any school on the planet. This school not only gave you lessons, but also tried to impart a philosophy on how to be a good citizen.”

One of four honorary degree recipients at the ceremony, Russell was awarded a doctorate of humane letters degree. The other recipients were:

- The late attorney **John J. Gardner, JD '31**, of counsel at Charmoy, Stolzberg & Holian LLP in Boston, who was awarded an honorary doctorate of laws. Gardner, a Dorchester native, was the law school's oldest living graduate, having celebrated his 100th birthday this past September.
- **Margot Stern Strom**, president and executive director of the Brookline-based, educational nonprofit Facing History and Ourselves, who was awarded a doctorate of humane letters.
- The Honorable **Peter T. Zarella, JD '75**, a justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, who was awarded an honorary doctorate of laws.

Suffolk University President **David J. Sargent, JD '54, LLD '78** presided over the commencement exercises, which brought together students from the law school, the College of Arts & Sciences, and Sawyer Business School.



COMMENCEMENT EVE 2007

More than 300 alumni and friends gathered at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel on May 19 for the 25th Annual Suffolk University Centennial Commencement Eve Dinner. Suffolk University President David J. Sargent delivered remarks, as did Kathryn Battillo, vice president for advancement. Nicholas Macaronis, chairman of the university's Board of Trustees, presided. The annual event, hosted by the president and trustees of Suffolk University, introduces the honorary degree recipients and celebrates the financial generosity of Summa and Frost Society members.

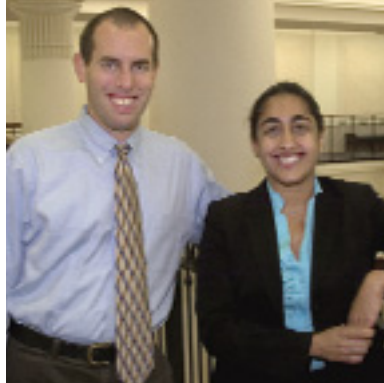


New Clinics Focus on the Rights of Children and Immigrants

This fall, two new Suffolk Law professors will offer two new full-year clinical programs, both of which provide students with important experiential learning on current issues.

Assistant Clinical Professor **Erik Pitchal** is teaching a Child Advocacy Clinic that focuses on children in foster care who have just turned 18 and are legally required to leave their foster homes; there are more than 700 such cases in Massachusetts every year. “These children still have enormous needs,” says Pitchal.

Students in the clinic pick up the cases of those who have recently aged out of the foster care program and assist them in negotiating with the Department of Social Services; applying for Social Security Insurance, Medicaid, and housing assistance; and identifying other government programs for which they might be eligible. Students also help clients find and enroll in appropriate educational, vocational, or job training programs.



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Erik Pitchal and Ragini Shah
“The students are very committed,” says Pitchal. “They learn very quickly how important the work they’re doing is.”

The other new clinic also deals with child advocacy, but in a very different arena. Assistant Clinical Professor **Ragini Shah** leads an Immigration Clinic focusing on unaccompanied minors—young children who come to the United States without their parents. “In talking to immigration judges and nonprofit attorneys who represent minors, I found there was a real lack of organized knowledge,” says Shah. “There are many protective laws applied to children that are not applied to adults.”

Students represent undocumented immigrant children before immigration courts and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency. In cases where children have sought relief on their own, students may also take on a deportation defense before an immigration court. Other cases concern applications for immigration benefits, such as Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, victims of crime visas (U visas), or trafficking visas (T visas), as well as political asylum matters.

“It’s an important field to cover at the law school,” says Shah. “Immigration is a big topic in the world, and it’s beneficial for students to have the space to engage.”

From their inception, both clinics drew “overwhelming interest,” according to Pitchal, with more than twice as many applicants as available positions.

“Students come to law school because they want to practice law and help people. Often, these clinics are their first opportunity to do it in a hands-on way,” says Pitchal. “They thrive on being the lead attorneys.”

Law Students Take Groundbreaking Voyage

For five Suffolk Law students, a monthlong summer excursion to the northern coast of Israel proved an eye-opening experience, as they participated in an exchange program with the University of Haifa.

The program, now in the middle of its second year, invites four students from the Faculty of Law at the University of Haifa to spend six weeks interning at the Suffolk University law clinics; five Suffolk Law students then spend four to five weeks in clinical internship positions through the Haifa curriculum. The exchange program is believed to be the first of its kind in either country.

“There are many benefits to the students of this program,” says Professor **William Berman**, who started and helped develop the exchange. “Students are able to compare methods of clinical legal education and add their unique perspective to the discourse on important legal and social issues.”



From left: Professor William Berman; third-year law students David Slott, Sarah DeOliveira, Elizabeth Goldman, Alex Chernyy, and Joe Giuliano; and Associate Dean Marc Perlin

This past summer, Suffolk students gained hands-on legal experience working on housing issues, gender equality issues, and Arab minority rights. The students also took time out to travel to Jerusalem, where they observed arguments before the Israeli Supreme Court and the Knesset (Parliament) in session. They also toured the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem.

David Slott, JD '08 spent the three weeks working with local students, professionals, and community leaders to establish the Ethiopian Women’s Community Center in

Kiryat Yam, a suburb of Haifa. He describes the experience as “exceptional” and sees many similarities between his own law education and those of his University of Haifa counterparts.

“The relative size and youth of the Israeli state facilitate progressive social change,” he says. “There, students are taught to use the law, advocacy, and creativity to bring about positive social change for both individuals and larger demographics. Given the history of public interest advocacy at Suffolk Law, the same can be said for the students at our school.”

Doing the Public Good

Three Suffolk University Law School students are among 13 scholars from Boston-area law schools who have been selected for participation in the 2007 Rappaport Fellows Program in Law and Public Policy.

Lyn Huckabee, JD '10; Chad Laurent, JD '10; and Melanie Manoach, JD '08 were chosen based on their excellent academic records and demonstrated commitment to public service.

"Lyn, Chad, and Melanie, who were chosen from among nearly 100 applicants, have impressive academic records as well as an interest in public service," says Professor Joseph McEltrick, the faculty director of the program. "The Rappaport summer internships provided them with practical policymaking experience, while making their talents available to three key public agencies serving the Greater Boston community."



MARGARET SINGER

Melanie Manoach, Chad Laurent, and Lyn Huckabee

Huckabee spent her summer at the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources; Laurent interned with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and Manoach worked in the Office of the Port Director at Massport. All three sing the praises of their experiences.

Each Rappaport Fellow receives a stipend of \$7,000 for completing a 10-week summer internship with a Boston-area government employer that focuses on urban law and policy issues. Rappaport Fellows also participate in a summer seminar series and are provided with mentoring opportunities designed to enhance their professional development and their understanding of law and public policy issues.

"I loved working for Massport and being a part of the wheels that move Boston," says Manoach. "This sounds clichéd, but it was truly a life-changing experience that made me reevaluate my entire career path."

Adds Laurent, "The experience reaffirmed the reasons why I chose to attend law school as well as my commitment to renewable energy and environmental law and policy."

Visiting Professors Join Suffolk Law School

In addition to eight new fulltime faculty members, Suffolk University Law School welcomed seven visiting scholars for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Edwin Hood, distinguished visiting professor, is the Ruby M. Hulen Professor



of Law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he has been a member of the School of Law faculty since 1969. He has served as the director of the school's Graduate

Tax Program since 1993 and also serves as the director of its Ireland Summer School Program. Previously, he taught at New York University School of Law and Willamette University. He earned a BBA degree from the University of Iowa, a JD degree from the University of Iowa College of Law, and an LLM degree in taxation from New York University School of Law. Hood is teaching Basic Federal Income Taxation and Corporate Taxation during the fall 2007 semester.

Ruth Jones is a professor of law at McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific, where she has taught in the



criminal law field since 1996. Before joining the McGeorge faculty, she taught as an adjunct clinical professor of law at Fordham School of Law. Jones previously

served as an assistant district attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office and as a staff attorney for the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. Her scholarship has focused on domestic violence and criminal law. She earned an undergraduate degree from Smith College and a JD degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. Jones is teaching Criminal Law during the fall 2007 semester.

Robert Keatinge is a nationally recognized expert in the field of business organizations, especially where it relates to tax consequences. Keatinge is of

counsel to the Denver, Colorado, firm of Holland & Hart LLP. He is a member of the American Law Institute and has served on the adjunct faculty of the University of Denver College of Law and the



University of Miami Graduate Program in Estate Planning. He earned a BA degree from the University of Colorado and a JD degree as well as an LLM degree in taxation from the University of Denver. Keatinge is teaching Agency, Partnership & the LLC and Basic Federal Income Taxation during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Ken King has been a Juvenile Justice Center practitioner-in-residence for the past nine academic years. From August 1980 to February 1982, he was an assistant regional counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (DSS). In 1982, he left the DSS



to enter private practice with the firm Fenn & King until September 1995, when he became the attorney-in-charge of the Salem office of the Children and Family Law Program of the Committee for Public Counsel Services. In 2004, he was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Turku Faculty of Law in Finland. He earned an AB degree from the University of Illinois, a JD degree, and LLM degree from Northeastern University. As a visiting faculty member, King is teaching and supervising student practice in the Juvenile Justice Center.

Pierre Monette Jr. has supervised and taught students enrolled in the Juvenile Justice Center of Suffolk Law School since February 1999. Previously, he worked for the Committee for Public Counsel Services, the public defender agency of Massachusetts. His community involvement includes teaching students in the martial art of Taekwondo, of which he has earned the title of master instructor, as well as supporting youth mentoring at the Dorchester Youth Alternative Academy. He is a graduate of Boston College and the New England School of Law. As a visiting faculty member, Monette is teaching and supervising student practice in the Juvenile Justice Center.



Mary Szto has been a visiting associate professor of law at Santa Clara University School of Law since 2005. Previously, she taught at the law schools of Regent University, Pepperdine University, and the University of Detroit Mercy. She also serves as the co-director of the Summer Law Program in Xiamen, China, of Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center in New York. She earned an



undergraduate degree from Wellesley College, an MA degree in religion from Westminster Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, and a JD degree from Columbia University School of Law. Szto is teaching Introduction to Chinese Law, Nonprofit Organizations, and Property during the 2007–2008 academic year.

Wayne Lewis is a tenured member of the DePaul University College of Law faculty, where he has also served as an associate dean and acting dean. Lewis began his legal career as an attorney in the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in Washington, D.C. In 1978, he was appointed assistant regional director of the FTC's Chicago regional office. In 1980, he began his teaching career at Indiana University School of Law–Indianapolis, and in 1982, he joined the DePaul faculty. For the last few years, Lewis has also taught Commercial Law classes as a visiting professor at Northwestern University School of Law. Lewis was a visiting professor at Suffolk Law during the fall 2006 semester and will teach Commercial Law Sales and Commercial Paper during the spring 2008 semester.



New Staff Hires and Promotions

Erin Evans

*Associate Director
Dean of Students Office*

Before coming to Suffolk Law, Evans was the manager of disability services at Babson College. She has served in several professional organizations relating to disability services, including the Association on Higher Education and Disability, and is a founder of the Boston Disability Leadership Consortium. Evans earned a BA degree in psychology from Elizabethtown College and a MA degree in psychology from Boston College.

Michelle Harper, JD '04

*Director of Public Interest and
Pro Bono Programs
Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service*

Harper most recently served as a staff attorney and director of the pro bono project of the Victim Rights Law Center in Boston. After graduating from Suffolk Law, Harper began her legal career at Ropes & Gray LLP, where she focused on civil litigation and employment matters. Harper earned a BA degree in psychology from Loyola University in 1997. Before law school, she worked as a rape crisis counselor at the Sexual Assault Resource Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Susan Prosnitz

*Executive Director
Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service*

After a Superior Court clerkship and practice as a litigation associate in the Boston office of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, Prosnitz held several public-sector positions: chief of litigation for the Boston Police Department, executive director of the Special Advisory Task Force on Massport, chief counsel of the Massachusetts Highway Department, and, most recently, general counsel of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Prosnitz is a graduate of Amherst College and Duke University School of Law.

Mary Karen Rogers, BA '82, MA '92

*Director of Career Development
Career Development Office*

Rogers has spent a total of 22 years in the Career Development Office, twice serving as interim director. She is a member of the National Association for Law Placement, the Massachusetts Law School Consortium, and the American Counseling Association, and she served as co-chair of the Northeast Law School Consortium from 1988 to 2001. She also participates in the Posse Program, which promotes college access and leadership development for young people from nontraditional, culturally diverse backgrounds. She earned a BS degree in humanities, cum laude, and an MS degree in counseling and human resource development from Suffolk University.

New Faculty Members Join Suffolk Law

This fall, eight new fulltime professors joined the Suffolk University Law School faculty ranks.



Alfred C. Aman, Jr., the dean of Suffolk University Law School, is an internationally renowned scholar and lecturer. He served as dean of Indiana University School of Law–Bloomington from 1991 to 2002, where he was also the Roscoe C. O’Byrne Professor of Law. Previously, he served as a member of the Cornell University Law School faculty and held a Distinguished Fulbright Chair in Trento, Italy, as well as visiting professorships in England, France, and Italy. Dean Aman is the author of five books and numerous articles on administrative and regulatory law, especially as it relates to the global economy. He is a graduate of the University of Rochester and the University of Chicago Law School, where he was executive editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review*. Dean Aman will teach Administrative Law during the spring 2008 semester.

D. Christopher Dearborn was most recently a senior associate at the Boston law firm of Rankin & Sultan, where his practice focused on criminal defense in state and federal courts. Dearborn practiced as a staff attorney for nine years with the Committee for



Public Counsel Services, where he represented indigent defendants in Massachusetts trial courts. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member at New England School of Law and at Western New England College School of Law, where he taught trial practice courses. Dearborn is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and of Vermont Law School. He joins the Suffolk Law clinical faculty to teach in the Suffolk Defenders Program.

Sabrina DeFabritiis, JD ’02 graduated from Boston College before attending Suffolk Law School. While at Suffolk Law, she served as vice president of the Moot Court Honor Board and as a member of the



Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy and was also a member of the Moot Court Tax Team, which won the National Tax Moot Court Competition in 2002. After clerking for the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court, DeFabritiis spent four years as an associate in the Boston office of Campbell, Campbell, Edwards & Conroy PC, where she served in their advanced motions and appellate practice department. DeFabritiis is teaching Legal Practice Skills.

Jeffrey Lipshaw practiced with the law firm of Dykema Gossett PLLC in Detroit, Bloomfield Hills, and Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has also served as a vice president and general counsel of two corporations. In 2005, he taught as a visiting professor at Wake Forest University School of Law and later at Tulane University Law School.



He received his undergraduate education at the University of Michigan and is a graduate of Stanford Law School. Lipshaw has written extensively in the areas of contracts and business law, and is teaching Agency, Partnership & the LLC and Securities Regulation.

Erik Pitchal was most recently the director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Family and Child Advocacy at Fordham School of Law. He also served as an adjunct associate professor at Fordham Law, teaching courses on children and the



law and family law. Pitchal was previously an attorney on the staff of Children’s Rights in New York City, where he conducted class-action litigation on behalf of foster children in multiple jurisdictions. He worked as a staff attorney in the juvenile rights division of the Legal Aid Society in Brooklyn, New York. Pitchal is a graduate of Brown University and Yale Law School. He joins the Suffolk Law clinical faculty to teach in the Child Advocacy Clinic.

Ragini Shah was a lecturer in law and a clinical staff attorney in the Child Advocacy and Immigration Law Clinics at Columbia University School of Law. Before working at Columbia, Shah was a staff attorney in a number of legal services



organizations in the New York area. She also taught Employment Law as an adjunct faculty member at the School of Management and Labor Relations of Rutgers University. Shah earned an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and a JD degree from Northeastern University School of Law. She joins the Suffolk Law School clinical faculty to teach in the Immigration Law Clinic.

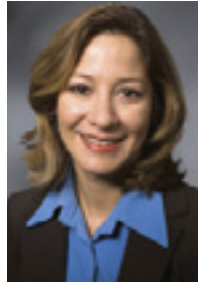
Gabriel Teninbaum, JD '05 earned a law degree cum laude from the



Suffolk Law Evening Division, where he was the chief comments editor of the *Suffolk Transnational Law Review*. He also holds a BA degree from Georgetown University and an

MA degree from Cambridge College. Before attending law school, he served in the U.S. Secret Service, where his duties included physically protecting the president of the United States and other dignitaries. After graduating from law school, Teninbaum worked as a trial attorney at Sugarman and Sugarman, PC, where he represented plaintiffs in wrongful death, premises liability, liquor liability, motor vehicle liability, and medical malpractice litigation. He is teaching Legal Practice Skills.

Elizabeth Trujillo is a graduate of the University of Houston and earned a JD degree from the University of Houston Law Center, where she served as notes and comments editor of the *Houston Law Review*. Following law school graduation, she practiced with the firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae LLP in Houston. Most recently, Trujillo was a faculty member at the University of



Detroit Mercy School of Law; she previously served as a visiting professor at Florida State University College of Law. Trujillo has written and lectured on a variety of issues relating to international law and international trade. She is teaching Contract Law as well as a seminar on NAFTA and International Trade.

New and Returning Adjunct Faculty

Richard J. Buckingham is a legal reference librarian at Suffolk University Law School. A graduate of Rutgers School of Law in Newark, New Jersey, he joined the library staff in 2002 shortly after earning an MA degree in library and information science from Simmons College. While at Simmons, he worked part-time as a library intern at Harvard Law School. Buckingham has guest-lectured on legal research techniques in numerous Suffolk Law classes, including Advanced Legal Research, Appellate Practice, and International Criminal Activity. He is teaching International and Comparative Research during the fall 2007 semester.

Dino M. Colucci, JD '88 concentrates his legal practice in the area of trial work, particularly complex and catastrophic personal injury matters. Past clients have included victims of aircraft disasters, individuals who have experienced medical negligence, and survivors of the World Trade Center attack. In the past several years, his practice has also involved representation of elderly people who are victims of nursing home negligence. A graduate of Tufts University and Suffolk Law School, Colucci has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Suffolk University. He will teach Trial Evidence during the spring 2008 semester.

David Gibbs is returning to the adjunct faculty after practicing law for more than 25 years as a trial and business lawyer, focusing on complex business matters and disputes involving intellectual property; technology issues; real estate; and ownership of emerging, closely held, and family businesses. He also has an active practice in dispute resolution, serving as an arbitrator in more than 150 cases; designing dispute resolution systems for clients, trade associations, and courts; training mediators; and acting as an advocate for clients in alternative dispute resolution procedures. A graduate of Tufts University and the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law—Boalt Hall, Gibbs has taught Negotiation in the MBA program at Babson College and previously taught Litigating Technology Disputes at Suffolk Law School. Gibbs will teach Negotiation Theory and Practice during the spring 2008 semester.

*Suffolk Law faculty, staff, and students making news...***A Man of Many Suits**

On August 3, the U.S. Senate passed a controversial bill giving the government broad new powers to conduct electronic surveillance of overseas telephone calls. On August 4, The House approved it. On August 5, President Bush signed it into law.

And on August 9, **Michael Avery**, professor of constitutional law, was in federal district court in San Francisco, arguing that the new statute violated the Fourth Amendment.

"It's not often that you have something teed up so that four days after a law passes you can be in a courtroom challenging its constitutionality," Avery says.

The challenge to the electronic eavesdropping law is one of three high-profile cases that Avery has been involved in this year. In July, he helped win a verdict awarding \$101 million in damages on behalf of four men convicted in 1968 of a murder they did not commit. And in Avery's first big case of 2007, argued early in the year and decided in May, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court upheld a verdict against the *Boston Herald* that awarded more than



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\$2 million in libel damages to Superior Court Judge Ernest Murphy.

For the wrongful conviction lawsuit, Avery constructed a case based on 30,000 government documents and evidence that went back four decades proving that the government had framed the men and then covered it up.

"It was the largest sum of money ever awarded in a wrongful conviction case in the United States," Avery says. He expects the case to have an impact not only on the size of future awards for the wrongfully convicted, but also on the FBI's manipulation of sources who provide evidence and testimony. "One of the things we hope is that this will result in changes in the way the FBI handles its relations with informants," he says.

Two Professors "Write On"

Lawyers are no strangers to writing, but two Suffolk Law professors are now writing *about* writing, and doing it on a major stage. **Julie Baker** (left) and **Lisa Healy**, who each teach Legal Practice Skills and Advanced Legal Writing at Suffolk Law, have joined forces to pen a monthly column on legal writing for *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*.

"Although writing is one of the most used and most important skills for lawyers, it's one many dislike," says Healy. "We wanted to offer lawyers practical tips for making writing not only easier, but also more effective."

The column, titled "Write On," offers pragmatic writing tips and strategies covering such topics as large- and

small-scale editing, planning and strategizing before writing, and learning to write in plain English. Future topics may include persuasive writing strategies, appellate style, and transactional writing. The reception from the legal community has so far been a positive one. "We've gotten great feedback from practitioners, judges, and alumni," says Healy.

Before joining the faculty at Suffolk Law, Healy was an editor at *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. She and Baker continue to write professionally both as litigators and for publication. "We've both been teaching legal writing for seven years, and we felt writing is a skill often neglected by busy practitioners," says Baker.

More than anything, their latest endeavor is a continuation of their teaching efforts at Suffolk Law. "We're very proud of the Legal Practice Skills program here," says

In the appeal of *Murphy v. Boston Herald*, which also awarded \$1.4 million in interest payments to the judge, the court upheld Avery's contention that reporting by the *Herald* about the judge's alleged remarks in a juvenile rape case was not only false, but also malicious. "It is difficult for a public official to win a libel case against a newspaper," Avery says, "and even more difficult for a public official to win on appeal."

Remarkably, these three cases were the only ones Avery has taken in recent years. "It's just sort of a coincidence that they all heated up at the same time," he says. "It's been a very busy year for me."

Despite his recent high profile, Avery makes it clear that Suffolk Law School remains his top priority. "I'm very happy teaching and writing. I love my job teaching at the law school," he says. Avery is, as usual, teaching Evidence this fall, as well as an upper-level course called Individual Rights.

Will he use these three cases in his classes this semester?

Avery laughs. "Yes," he allows, "I think my students will hear about them."

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Healy. "It's viewed by many of our colleagues across the country as one of the best programs in which to teach."

And now they're able to bring that classroom experience to a wider audience. Or, as Baker puts it, "It's a great opportunity to share with practicing lawyers the writing skills we have learned through teaching legal writing to law students."

Justice Served

A professor famed for her tireless generosity is finally getting her due.

Ilene Seidman (right), professor of clinical law, was recently awarded the Equal Justice Works 2007 Outstanding Law School Faculty Award, given each year to one law faculty member in the nation for his or her outstanding work on behalf of students seeking careers in public interest law.

Lindy Aldrich, JD '06 (middle) and **Kate Lawson, JD '06**, both former public interest students at Suffolk Law who now work together at the Victim Rights Law Center, were the first to nominate Seidman. "It was the easiest decision," says Aldrich. "Ilene played an enormous role in the support, guidance, and inspiration we had while students."

"I would not have made it through law school without her commitment to my success and incredible mentorship," adds Lawson.

Aldrich and Lawson wrote several essays on Seidman's behalf detailing her



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exceptional teaching and guidance at Suffolk Law. They also reached out to former Dean Robert Smith; Professor Jeffrey Pokorak, director of clinical programs; and many of Seidman's past students for letters of recommendation. All told, seven letters were sent to Equal Justice Works on Seidman's behalf, with at least 12 former students signing on to the letters.

"Her mark in this area is extraordinary in terms of both advancing institutional support for public interest careers and

providing individual counseling, guidance, and support to students moving from law school to their lives as lawyers," says Pokorak. "This national recognition is not only helpful to Suffolk Law and our growing public interest and public policy programming, but it is also a well-deserved honor for Ilene."

Seidman is typically benevolent in her reaction to the honor.

"Of course, I was very touched and honored to be nominated and really delighted to be given the award," she says. "I was particularly gratified because the students worked so hard on the process, which seemed quite intense. I was happy that their hard work paid off."

A Patent Display of Intellectual Curiosity

When the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office accelerated its process for examining a patent application in August 2006, they changed a policy that had been in place for more than 200 years and on the books for more than 50. The uproar among inventors piqued the interest of **Gary Ganzi, JD '08**, whose article on the subject was recently published in the *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society*.

Ganzi, who has pursued a concentration in intellectual property law, decided to take an in-depth look at the issues involved in the policy change as well as its consequences. "It's a complex subject, and it needed that kind of effort," he says. After conferring with Director of Academic Concentrations Betsy Roberti, Ganzi spent a semester writing a thesis, with Professor Andrew Beckerman-Rodau serving as advisor. In addition to numerous other source documents, Ganzi read every comment registered by companies and inventors—more than 300 of them, each 10 to 20 pages long.

And the research led Ganzi to some unexpected places: "After studying it, my thoughts on the issue changed completely."



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Beckerman-Rodau submitted the paper on Ganzi's behalf; soon enough, the third-year student was published before completing law school. "I'm glad I did it," says Ganzi. "I feel like I'm contributing to the dialogue in a constructive, in-depth way."



ONE FOR THE BOOKS

Adam Foss, JD '08 (third from right, standing) was one of nine outstanding Massachusetts law school students to receive a book award from the Massachusetts Black Judges Conference on May 29 in the John Adams Courthouse. The Honorable Margaret H. Marshall (second from left, seated), chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, congratulated the law students on their achievements. She encouraged them to strive to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate and to bring a renewed commitment to "the most fundamental of values—justice for all." Each year, the Massachusetts Black Judges Conference awards stipends to deserving second-year law school students to assist them in covering the costs of their law books for the following year. Law schools nominate students based upon academic achievement, leadership qualities, potential trial skills, and financial need.

The Winter of Her Content

Winter Raymond, JD '09

“Courage,” wrote Mark Twain, “is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear.” Few people could claim a deeper understanding of that statement than **Winter Raymond, JD '09**, who overcame an unimaginable experience to pursue successfully the law career she always knew she wanted.

The Wisconsin native was certain she wanted to be an attorney “before I really knew what it even meant,” Raymond recalls. Her legal passion crystallized into an enthusiasm for international law when, as a high school junior, she traveled with a Korean friend to Seoul. “There was something about Korea that drew me in. The people, the food, the culture—everything about the country was so different and traditional and yet so modern.” Raymond went on to major in East Asian studies at Boston University, graduating summa cum laude in 2004.

Her interest in Suffolk Law was piqued during a senior-year internship with the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC), where Elissa Flynn-Poppey, JD '00, the director of the JNC, became “an amazing legal mentor” to Raymond. She applied and, after acceptance, was awarded the David J. Sargent Fellowship for academic excellence.

But Raymond wasn't quite ready to commit to the three-year grind of law school. So she returned to South Korea, where she taught English, interned at several law firms, and worked on her language skills. After nine months overseas—“probably the happiest I had been in a long time,” Raymond says—she prepared to return to the United States and begin her life's next chapter.

But on the night of July 31, 2005, a week before she was slated to fly home, fate took an unthinkable turn.

“While I was sitting at my desk checking email, the window of my veranda opened, and a man appeared in the window,” Raymond recounts. “Korea is a safe country, and I never could have imagined anything bad happening there. So I wasn't scared, but merely confused as to why an unknown man was in my apartment. In that moment of hesitation, the man lunged at me, knocked me to the ground, and began beating me on the head and face repeatedly.”

Raymond fought back relentlessly, hitting, scratching, and kicking; when the man began to strangle her, she whipped her head back and forth in an effort to dislodge his grip. But her attacker refused to let up. Finally, as she floated in and out of consciousness, her attacker left her briefly and went into the kitchen. Raymond then found the strength to grab her cell phone, run into the bathroom, lock the door, and call the police.

The attack was thwarted, but in many ways Raymond's ordeal shifted from one horror to another. She was taken to three different hospitals before being given proper treatment. No DNA evidence was collected, and it was two days before laboratory tests were performed. An investigator finally visited Raymond on her third day in the hospital, where she lay recovering from facial and skull fractures, neck muscle tears, and extensive bruising, but there was little follow-up. To this day, her attacker has never been caught.

After three weeks in the hospital and two more weeks of recuperation, Raymond traveled back home to Wisconsin. She spent the next year recuperating both physically and emotionally from her ordeal; then, remarkably, she chose to enroll in law school as originally planned.

“I was ready to get on with my life in some capacity,” explains Raymond, “and I felt that if I wasn't ready then, I might never have the courage to do it.”



Still, the transition was difficult. Raymond struggled with how to relay her story to others; her first-year criminal law class also forced her to relive painful memories. Yet, she persevered admirably, even winning honorable mention for a first-year law brief she wrote for her Legal Practice Skills class. In the end, “finishing the first year gave me a sense of accomplishment that is almost unmatched,” Raymond says.

This summer, Raymond returned to Seoul. “I needed to go back to the country that I had called home,” she explains. Raymond interned with CJ International Law Offices/Barun Law, researching and editing a 420-page legal coursebook on the role of law in the economic growth of Korea, and will continue with the firm this fall while taking law classes at Korea University.

Her attack, meantime, has given her a clearer sense of career purpose: Raymond's long-term professional goal is to establish victim rights centers in Korea for both foreigners and Koreans. “I want to push for accountability in the legal system,” she says. “I could not foresee any career that would not involve doing something to help others.” n

Dean of the Castle

Associate Dean Linda Sandstrom Simard

Linda Sandstrom Simard was working on an article for a law journal in the office at her family's summer home on Cape Cod when her son Ryan, 9, interrupted. He had just built an awesome sand castle, and could she please—“*please, Mom*”—come down to the beach and see it?

Simard dropped what she was doing and headed down to the beach. It was indeed an awesome sand castle. She lingered for a while, playing with Ryan and her other children, Amanda, 12, and Kyle, 4, before turning them back over to the babysitter and turning herself back over to her research on the influence of amicus briefs in federal court. For Simard, Suffolk University Law School's newest associate dean and its first-ever female associate dean, has long made it her business—and her pleasure—to blend career and family.

When Dean Fred Aman called and offered Simard the associate dean position earlier this year, her first reaction was excitement.

“I have always felt that Suffolk Law is a really strong law school,” says Simard, who has taught civil procedure at Suffolk Law since 1993. “But in many ways, the school has been quiet about its strengths. I'm excited about the potential to reach out and make Suffolk Law's strengths more well known.”

Simard didn't accept the new job immediately, however. She and husband Kevin Simard, a partner at the Boston law firm Riemer & Braunstein, talked it over for several days with their children. With the family's blessing and with Aman's agreement that she could keep teaching Civil Procedure, she started the new job this semester.

Simard's role in the new job is to help develop new academic programs, possibly in conjunction with other institutions in the Boston area and beyond. Those duties set her apart somewhat from the other three associate deans—Bernard Keenan, Marc Perlin, and John Deliso—who have

always been more involved in running the school. “This is the first time that there will be an associate dean focusing on new programs,” she explains.

Simard recognizes the significance of being the first woman appointed associate dean, but doesn't want to overplay it.

“The notion that this is a first is a bit misleading because of all the strong women who came before me and paved the way for women at Suffolk Law,” she says. “It doesn't feel like anything new.”

Simard, a New Jersey native who graduated from the University of Delaware in 1986 and from Boston College Law School in 1989, wasn't interested in litigation until she got a federal clerkship. “I'm not a fighter,” she says. “I don't want to spend my day fighting with people.” But she realized that mastering civil procedure was in a sense a way to win without fighting. “It is more like a chess game,” she says.

She had always thought she'd end up as a professor, and after three years at Hale & Dorr in Boston—“I worked with interesting people who taught me some very good habits in terms of practicing law”—Simard sent out her résumé. She was courted by law schools in California, New York, and Ohio, but chose Suffolk Law, in part for its locale. “Boston is where I wanted to be,” she says.

Simard quickly became one of the school's most popular instructors, no mean feat for someone teaching civil procedure, with its reputation for eye-glazing dullness. “I mention that to my students on the first day of class,” Simard says. “I say, ‘Don't listen to those people who tell you that civil procedure is dry as dirt.’ Sometimes I think a teacher's passion for the subject can make a big difference in how much the students enjoy it.”

While the students enjoy her, she clearly enjoys them, too. Simard is renowned for her open-door policy, and students often wander in just to talk—and not only about classwork.

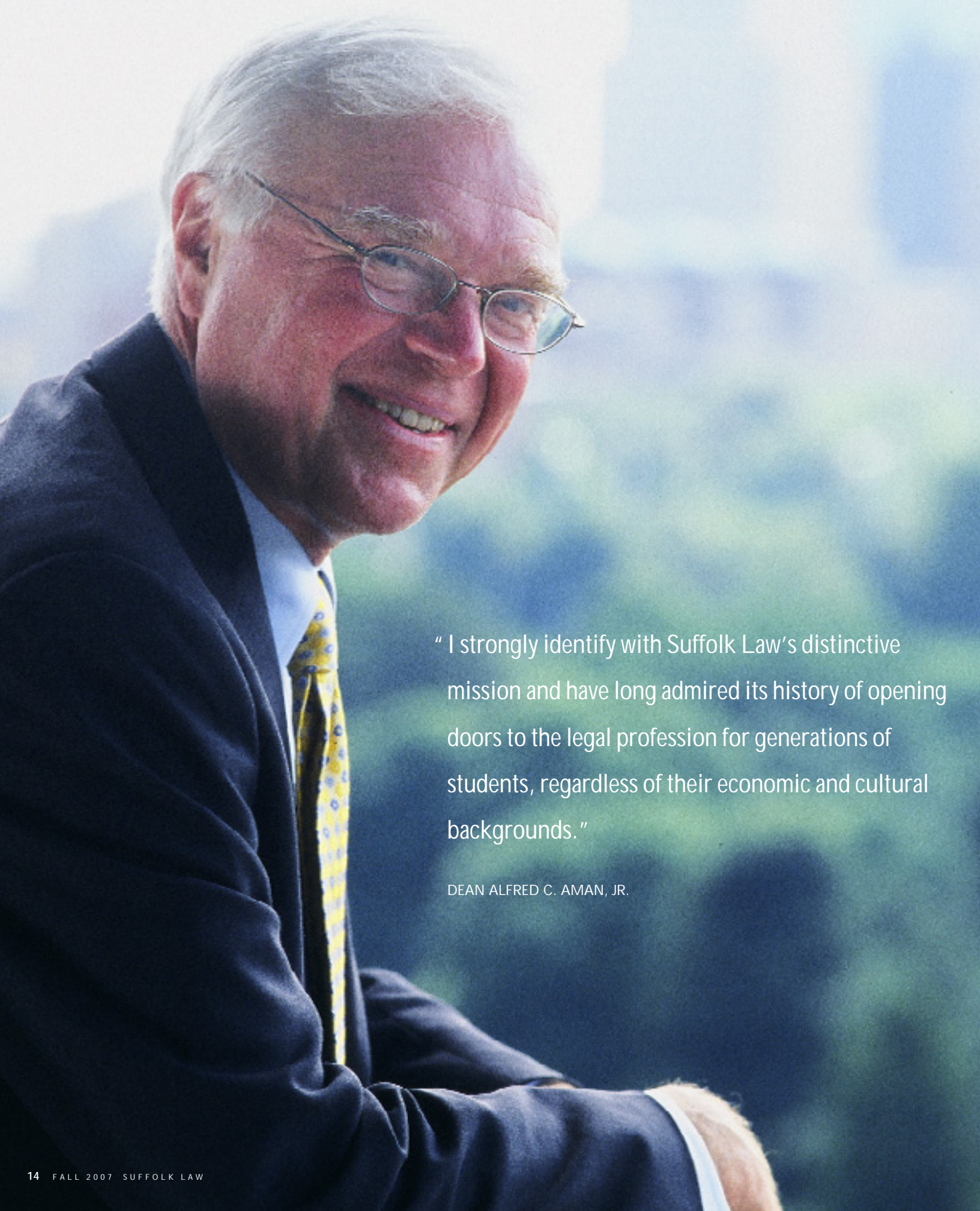
“On many occasions, I have had female students come in and ask me about



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balancing my career with my family,” Simard says. “They ask, ‘How many kids do you have? How does it work? Is it crazy?’”

She tells them yes, sometimes it's crazy, but most of the time it's great. “They like to see a woman have a family and a professional life,” Simard says. “They're very encouraged to see it's possible.” n



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DEAN ALFRED C. AMAN, JR.

A Conversation with Dean Alfred C. Aman, Jr.

When Alfred C. Aman, Jr., became the ninth dean of Suffolk University Law School this past July, his hands-on leadership approach was immediately apparent from the fact that he could rarely be found behind his desk.

“Part of what I enjoy about ‘deaning’ is the collegiality that comes with the position,” explains Dean Aman from his fourth-floor Sargent Hall office overlooking the Back Bay skyline. “I’m someone who walks around the building as a way of staying connected to faculty, staff, and student colleagues.”



An internationally renowned scholar, Dean Aman brings to Suffolk Law not only a genial manner, but also a breadth of experience and knowledge as well as a deep commitment to the institution’s values and principles. He served as law school dean at Indiana University School of Law–Bloomington from 1991 to 2002, where he was also the Roscoe C. O’Byrne Professor of Law. A member of the Cornell Law School faculty from 1977 to 1991, Dean Aman has held a Distinguished Fulbright Chair in Trento, Italy, and visiting professorships in England, France, and Italy. He earned an AB with distinction in political science from the University of Rochester and a JD from the University of Chicago Law School. An expert in administrative law and globalization, Dean Aman is the author of five books, the most recent of which is *The Democracy Deficit: Taming Globalization Through Law Reform*.

Richard Scheff, JD ’81, president of the Suffolk Law School Alumni Board of Directors, sat down with Dean Aman to discuss his initial impressions of the Suffolk Law student body, his desire to further the law school’s legacy of providing access to excellence, and his perspective on the unique benefits of studying in the “legal laboratory” of Boston.

SCHEFF *Fred, I want to officially welcome you to Suffolk University Law School on behalf of the Alumni Association. How do you feel?*

DEAN AMAN I feel terrific! I'm enjoying getting to know the law school and university community—and Boston as well. My wife, Carol, and I are both from the Northeast, and we're thrilled to be making Boston our home.

SCHEFF *What was it that drew you to Suffolk University and to the position of dean of the law school?*

DEAN AMAN I was drawn to Suffolk Law by its commitment to access and excellence—a history I was well aware of before I visited the first time—and by the people I met

University School of Law, I thoroughly enjoyed the challenges of administration in terms of preparing legal professionals for the challenges they will face in the course of their careers. Like Indiana, Suffolk Law has a strong public mission that is integral to its educational mission. Suffolk Law clearly plays a leading role in legal education today by virtue of its extraordinary faculty and curriculum, its location in one of the world's most dynamic cities, and its dedication to public service and the public interest. It is an exciting time to be at Suffolk Law School, and I am honored to be its dean.

SCHEFF *What are your initial goals for the first 6 to 12 months of your tenure?*

exciting at the law school, to learn more about how their own legal careers have developed since law school, and—on a more personal note—to share my own enthusiasm for Suffolk Law's leadership in legal education and the legal profession.

SCHEFF *Is there anything in particular that excites you most about an opportunity here at Suffolk Law that perhaps did not present itself at Indiana?*

DEAN AMAN The major difference is Suffolk Law's position in a large urban center that is also a state capital. Boston is an incredible legal laboratory for students and faculty alike, in terms of the scale of the legal community, the range of legal



here. I strongly identify with Suffolk Law's distinctive mission and have long admired its history of opening doors to the legal profession for generations of students, regardless of their economic and cultural backgrounds. I also feel a strong sense of kinship with the others I have had a chance to meet, in the sense that we share a deep belief in institutions—especially educational institutions—and their power to change lives in positive ways. In my 11 years as dean at Indiana

DEAN AMAN Clearly, there's a lot of learning that has to continue on my part as I come to know Suffolk Law more fully and the goals and accomplishments that have made it the special place it is today. Within the law school, I am already beginning to meet faculty, staff, and students to learn more about their hopes, goals, and priorities for the school. Beyond the law school, I hope soon to begin meeting more of the 21,000 Suffolk Law alumni and alumnae to convey what's new and

issues, and the diversity of public and private institutions in this city. You walk out the door and there's the State House. Students cannot help but take away a message about law's role in public policy and, more broadly, in society. Boston is also an international city, and whether or not students participate in one of our international programs, they cannot help but be aware of the global reach of law, even when it is practiced locally. Boston's diversity is also a tremendous asset for Suffolk Law School.

“I’ve been inside a lot of law schools, and I’ve never seen a facility as fine as this one. The public spaces are spectacular.”

SCHEFF *How does someone like you, who had never seen Suffolk Law until the hiring process, go about acquainting yourself with the way of life here, the faculty, the students, and the administration?*

DEAN AMAN I am very much looking forward to getting acquainted! Everyone has been very welcoming and generous with information. [Former Dean] Bob Smith has been especially helpful, and I’m very grateful for the time and care he gave to the transition process. Going forward, based on what I’ve experienced these last few weeks, I think I’ll do my best learning by listening. Part of what I enjoy about “deaning” is the collegiality that comes with the position. I’m someone who walks around the building a lot as a way of staying connected to faculty, staff, and student colleagues. Sometimes it’s to learn more about what issues they’re grappling with, and how as an administrator I can help them in their institutional roles—but just as often it’s just to say hello, to shed the institutional role for a few minutes. I hope folks will get used to seeing me around the building—and won’t hesitate to tell me if they’re too busy to visit. With respect to students, I plan to teach a seminar or course in the spring, and I hope this will give me a chance to learn more firsthand about students’ experiences and perspectives.

SCHEFF *Speaking of the building itself, what are your impressions of the facility and what it has to offer to the university as a whole, and to the students and faculty in particular?*

DEAN AMAN I’ve been inside a lot of law schools, and I’ve never seen a facility as fine as this one. The public spaces are spectacular. The classrooms are state-of-the-art—not just with their excellent technology, but also in terms of how they enable students to engage each other. It’s a very, very thoughtfully designed building, and very human in its design. The library is wonderful, and readily accessible at the building’s core. The cafeteria and other gathering places are also centrally placed—convenient, of course, but also symbolic of the school’s community. The function room plays an integral role within the university and the local community, and this, too, is invaluable. From another perspective, I think the building is impressive as public architecture. No matter what courthouse or other major institution they encounter in their professional lives, every Suffolk Law graduate can feel completely at home, just from having walked into Sargent Hall on a daily basis.

SCHEFF *You mentioned the student body. In the short time that you’ve been here, have you formed an impression of the student body or the typical student here at Suffolk Law?*

DEAN AMAN I don’t know if there is such a thing as a typical student. And yet one senses that there is a real Suffolk Law student culture. From my meetings with students so far, I have a strong impression that there’s a lot of enthusiasm and optimism, very high motivation, and strong academic engagement. Many of our students are working to make their way through school,

and they are making sacrifices to be here. There’s strong discipline and drive. The students I’ve met are eager to take advantage of the opportunities that are here at the school, and to learn as much as they can about what their careers will demand of them.

Beyond the student culture, I’m also impressed with the faculty culture that has made teaching such a high priority. The collective commitment to preparing students for successful legal careers—wherever they might choose to devote themselves professionally—is part of what distinguishes Suffolk Law.



Dean of the Drums

In his new role as dean of Suffolk University Law School, Fred Aman makes sure that the beat goes on—literally. In addition to his credentials in law and academia, Dean Aman is an accomplished jazz drummer.



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“Playing music opens vistas for you,” he says. “You have a broader sense of what’s possible in life.”

At the age of four, Dean Aman started experimenting on the full set of drums his uncle kept in the family living room. He later studied with Ed Thigpen, best known for his work in the

Oscar Peterson Trio, and took a number of courses at the Eastman School of Music while an undergraduate at the University of Rochester. Even after he began preparing for a legal career at the University of Chicago Law School, Dean Aman continued playing drums as a hobby, both live and on local radio.

Later, while a professor of law at Cornell, Dean Aman joined the Greenhouse Effect, a bebop band initially formed by several Cornell undergraduates studying environmental policy. His many collaborators throughout the years have ranged from undergraduates to music professors, and one of his groups even recorded a CD two years ago—though you’re forgiven if you somehow missed its release date. “You cannot buy these in stores,” Dean Aman jokes. “Operators are not standing by.”

While jazz and law may seem strange bedfellows, Dean Aman finds a strong correlation between the two. Like top musicians, “great lawyers must have imagination and creativity,” he says. Or as Dean Aman put it to the incoming Suffolk Law class this fall:

“The study of law and the study of music have important things in common: the development of technique and then the creative application of that technique to the legal problem or piece of music at hand. Your instrument is the law, and your mastery of it means at first mastering certain basic techniques: reading more carefully than ever before and writing more clearly and precisely than you may have imagined was possible.”

SCHEFF *I gather that one of the things important to you is providing scholarships to students. And naturally, if we are to do that, there has to be significant fundraising. Can you share some of your thoughts on where we need to be?*

DEAN AMAN Fundraising for scholarships is increasingly important at all law schools, given the rising costs of education and—as is especially the case in Boston—the rising cost of living, including the cost of credit. Law schools everywhere are increasingly focused on scholarship aid, and—beyond the economics of daily life—this is due to the fact that all of the nation’s 190 or so law schools are competing for essentially the same students. It may be surprising, but all law school student recruitment is essentially national these days. Scholarships are crucial to maintaining any school’s ability to recruit and retain the student body in the best position to benefit from their own school’s programs and resources. I think of scholarships as going hand in glove with our outreach to prospective students as to why they should prefer Suffolk Law in this highly competitive environment. Suffolk Law School is highly distinctive in its commitment to public service and the public interest. Increased scholarship aid would allow us to offer loan repayments to students interested in public service or public interest careers, which tend to offer lower salaries compared to other areas of practice. This is just one example of how scholarships can be an investment in both individuals and the collective mission of the school at one and the same time.

SCHEFF *How do we get there?*

DEAN AMAN The university’s capital campaign has announced increased scholarship aid as among its goals, and I am very much looking forward to working with the campaign as we reach out to law alumni on behalf of their successors at the law school.

SCHEFF *So many things change in our lives. People have children and other commitments, and as you noted, things are expensive across the board. How do we convince alumni that giving to Suffolk Law should be a priority as opposed to an afterthought?*

DEAN AMAN Well, this is a deeply personal decision that people inevitably make on their own. I think the best we can do is to convey fully the value of their gift as an investment in the university, in the law school, and in the future of the legal profession. When people think about what their own legal education meant to them, when they think about their own professional success, maybe they’ll remember their own dreams and motivations as young law students and take some fresh satisfaction in their own successes. Perhaps many can say, with pride, “But for Suffolk Law, I wouldn’t have had this chance.” I think it’s natural to want to give back to the institution so that future students can have this same opportunity, but, as I say, this is a very personal decision.

In addition to individual outreach, we can keep the connections open with alums to let them know what’s going on in the school today. Sargent Hall was built in 1999. Well, thousands of graduates have never

been through this building. So how do we tell them about what the school has become, how it's changed, and how proud they should feel of it? I'm sure many alums know how valuable their degree has been to them personally, but perhaps they would like to know how the value of their degree continues to rise, given the compelling growth of the university and the law school since their own student days.

modern law practice. We have a great concentration of Suffolk Law grads in Boston, but we also have a terrific distribution nationally. Alumni can be of great help to students as they seek positions, and to new graduates as they begin their careers. By the way, I feel Suffolk Law deserves to be as well recognized nationally as it already is locally and in New England; our alums are a crucial part of that process, given their prominence in the bar and bench.

school, but also to succeed there—and similarly, not only to pass the bar, but also to succeed professionally as lawyers. Every law school wants a strong, diverse student body, as well as excellent and diverse faculty widely recognized for their teaching and scholarship. These are elements of the rankings, and I see them as a rough measure of our comparative strengths—but not as a motivation for priorities or programs. As I say,



SCHEFF *To connect the alumni with the school, will you personally go out and conduct outreach? And, if so, how much of your time do you expect to devote to that?*

DEAN AMAN I am happy to devote a substantial amount of time to it. I expect to learn a great deal about the school in meeting alumni, as I've said, and I am eager to play a role in linking them to the Suffolk Law School of today. Communication with alums goes both ways, and, of course, alumni are a great asset to the school quite apart from monetary gifts. Alums can be of enormous help to us in recruiting the student body for which Suffolk Law is justly famous. Law is a dynamic field, and alums can help students and faculty alike keep abreast of the challenges and opportunities of

SCHEFF *Speaking of reputation, what is your philosophy regarding school rankings? Are law school rankings something that are important to you, and if so, in what ways?*

DEAN AMAN As you know, there is a lot of debate among legal academics about the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings—these are the ones everyone watches—pretty sharply divided pro and con. My philosophy is essentially bipartisan. I'm for them when they support our efforts to do things that any good law school would be doing whether or not that magazine article came out every year. For example, every law school wants to be able to recruit a student body that can benefit from its program, to help students not only gain access to law

these are things that every law school—Suffolk Law included—already values. Rankings in and of themselves do not necessarily detract from the core goals you would have as an educator. But once they begin to detract or distract from those core goals, that's when I'm against them.

In any case, even at best, the published rankings are not the measure we're really seeking. The real rankings are the accomplishments and the success of our alums—10, 20, 30 years out of law school. If somebody says, "How is Suffolk Law doing in the rankings?" I say, "Just take a look at what our graduates are doing now. Take a look at how many Suffolk Law graduates are serving as judges, prosecutors, public defenders, as partners and associates in excellent



law firms—large, small, and solo—as counsel in companies and foundations, and as public servants in their communities. Turn that lens onto the nation’s law schools, and Suffolk Law is very high in the rankings.” Philosophically, I think we have to realize that the Suffolk Law experience changes people’s lives, and it allows them to change other people’s lives. This school has such a rich history and such a great story to tell, and that’s what makes it extraordinary. It’s going higher in those rankings that I really care about. The published rankings will follow wherever Suffolk Law leads.

SCHEFF *There are so many great law schools in Boston: Harvard, Boston University, Boston College, and Northeastern, in addition to Suffolk Law. How do we compete in this arena?*

DEAN AMAN We compete by articulating the mission of the law school in a way that allows people to think past the numbered rankings. We compete by responding fully when prospective students ask, “What’s special about this school?” As I’ve just mentioned, what’s special about this school is what people have done with their degrees, and how Suffolk Law has prepared them for

their successes by emphasizing legal professionalism as public service.

Clearly, Suffolk Law’s role in this community is another distinctive aspect of the school, especially in terms of the unique strength of the law school’s clinics and outreach programs. Those elements give us a very high profile as a high-powered, public-oriented school with a very broad, human mission.

Suffolk Law faculty take their teaching extremely seriously, and this, too, makes even a large school like Suffolk Law feel small, in the best sense. Students leave Suffolk Law with a large network of cohorts, as well as the support of faculty deeply engaged with the law in both practical and theoretical terms. I would encourage any student

interested in a personalized learning environment, strong professionalization, and opportunities in the widest possible range of law careers to consider all of Boston’s fine schools—and then choose Suffolk Law!

SCHEFF *Let’s turn to the faculty and some of the programs offered at Suffolk Law. Do you have specific goals in hiring?*

DEAN AMAN I am very impressed by the faculty’s strength and versatility, its dedication to Suffolk Law and its students. I’m impressed, too, by their range—a really stimulating blend of theory and practice, terrific clinical programs, and a strong skills curriculum. It’s clear to me that the law school has hired very well. Going forward as dean, I am as concerned with retention as I am with recruitment. When it comes to faculty recruitment, Suffolk Law, like most law schools, aims for a diverse faculty, outstanding in their specialties and with the intellectual and professional range that allows them to contribute significantly to the law school as a whole.

SCHEFF *I know that you’ve spent a fair amount of time overseas teaching, and Suffolk Law obviously reaches overseas in a number of ways. Is that something you want to see expand here?*

DEAN AMAN Suffolk Law has several strong international programs, as well as a flourishing LLM program. We’re committed to maintaining these programs, and perhaps to expanding them. When students walk into Suffolk Law School, they are walking into

the world. Having students from other countries come and spend a year taking our LLM degree, for example, is not only a great opportunity for them to learn about

and by the creative imagination of the lawyers, legislators, and judges who made the law a social reality. In practice, I worked primarily in the area of energy law, and from that

prison health context. I find that an active research program helps me integrate my teaching and service commitments, and also gives me a chance to hold onto my perspective

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the American legal system, but it’s also a tremendous opportunity for our students to come into contact with other legal systems facing other challenges and opportunities. Even for students whose goals are to set up law practice in their own home towns, this sort of exposure is a great asset—intellectually and in practical terms. The world is so much more interconnected than it was a generation ago, and adding the international dimension to the lives of Suffolk Law students is invaluable.

SCHEFF *Tell us a little bit about your own research issues, where you are today in terms of some of your focus, and where you see yourself heading in the future.*

DEAN AMAN My research interests as an academic were strongly shaped by my early experiences as a law clerk and in law practice. After law school, I clerked for Judge Elbert Tuttle, then senior judge of the old Fifth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals, in the early 1970s, when the courts were working out the implications of the then-new civil rights landmark cases and legislation. From that experience, I came away tremendously impressed both by the power of law as a force for change,

milieu became broadly interested in administrative law as the interface between states, markets, and citizens. In that context, too, I was fascinated by questions of interpretation—especially in areas such as utilities and public services, where ordinary people were likely to be deeply affected by administrative outcomes. These were the issues that motivated me to enter teaching and also provided me with the themes of my early books and articles. By the time I started teaching, the “Reagan Revolution” was in full swing. I became interested in the local impact of so-called globalization, and, conversely, in the ways globalization is driven domestically. My most recent book was on democracy deficit issues and the potential for reinvigorating local democracy through administrative law. I’m currently working on an idea that began as just an example in that book, on the conditions of government contracts with private service providers to vulnerable communities such as in the

as a member of the faculty. That’s important to me, since I think of a deanship as a collegial role. That’s what makes it so interesting. n



Current Suffolk Law National Trial Team members and their coaches—including head coaches Professor Timothy Wilton, front, and Bobby Hazelton, JD '02, second row, far right—take a rare pause in their grueling practice schedule.



Trial *by Fire*

by Sharron Kahn Luttrell



CHRISTOPHER HARTING

It happened more than a dozen years ago,
but the event lives on as a near-mythical moment in the history of the Suffolk University Law School National Trial Team.

In an ornately detailed federal courtroom in Miami, Florida, then-third-year law students Robert A. Fullerton, JD '95 and Kathy Jo Cook, JD '95 were competing in the National Student Trial Advocacy Competition sponsored annually by the American Association for Justice (AAJ) (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America). Their fictional case involved a restaurant patron who had broken his neck when a rusty, 10-year-old chair collapsed under his weight. The plaintiff claimed that the manufacturer used substandard steel in constructing the tubular, S-shaped chair frame; the defense argued that the restaurant caused the rust and should have replaced the chair.

Fullerton and Cook had already survived 10 round-robin trials at the regional and national semifinal levels and were paired against a team from Campbell University in the final, deciding round. Suffolk Law's team won the coin toss and chose to represent the defense. Fullerton took his position in front of the panel of prominent lawyers in the jury box and the federal judge who presided while the team's advisor, Professor Timothy Wilton, looked on.

The Team Spirit

Suffolk University Law School currently fields eight national competition teams, each representing a different specialty area of law. The teams have their roots in a university decision more than 40 years ago to require each first-year student to argue an appellate case before a panel of faculty members.

“It was very fundamental, very rudimentary, very rough in those days,” says Professor Richard Pizzano, who was a Suffolk Law student when the appellate program first came into being. “We had only two classrooms. Sometimes we had to turn wastebaskets upside down and have students put their papers on the wastebasket because we didn’t have podiums.”

The first-year requirement eventually grew into an intrascholastic competition program that today is open to any Suffolk Law student; last year a total of 161 students competed. The school hosts two appellate and two trial competitions each year, each judged by outside attorneys and judges. The program is overseen by the Moot Court Board, an honors board, which also annually publishes the *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*.

The interscholastic trial competition teams took longer to develop, in part because they required additional financial resources. But then-Dean David Sargent was “very big on these outside teams,” says Pizzano, “and encouraged us to develop as many of them as we could.”

Suffolk Law’s other competing teams are: the Constitutional Law Team, the International Law Team, the National Moot Court Team, the Patent Law Team, the Securities Law Team, the Tax Law Team, and the Trademark Law Team. – *SLK*

Fullerton launched into his opening argument, parts of which, all these years later, Wilton can still quote verbatim. Recalling the pivotal moment today, Wilton lowers his voice to a deep growl and drops his r’s to approximate the Boston-born Fullerton’s cadences.

“I got a friend named Joe,” Wilton recalls him saying. “Joe has a 1969 Dodge Dart. When I ride around with Joe, I can see the road passing beneath my feet, because Joe’s floorboards are all rusted out. Now I ask you: If one day I fall right through the floor and get hurt, is that Dodge’s fault, who sold Joe a perfectly fine car in 1969? Or is that Joe’s fault, for keeping that car on the road far after its useful life has ended?”

Three hours later, through dramatic opening statements, tense direct and cross examinations, and eloquent summations, the points were tallied, and the Suffolk Law National Trial Team was declared the 1995 Student Trial Advocacy Competition national champions. Wilton’s team had beat out more than 200 other law schools to take the title.

Back home in Boston, Wilton and his students went out to celebrate at the Dugout, a Kenmore Square bar where Fullerton was bartending nights to help put himself through law school.

“We walk into the bar, and Rob sees his friend,” Wilton recalls. “He goes, ‘Hey, Joe! Joe, bring the car around. Show them the floor!’ Sure enough, it was a true story. I tell you, this stuff is magical.”

“Magical” could also describe the sustained success of Suffolk Law’s National Trial Team over its 24-year history. The team has won the New

England regional championship in either the AAJ competition or the American College of Trial Lawyers’ National Trial Competition (NTC) a total of 17 times, including six consecutive NTC regional tournament wins in the last six years, the second-longest winning streak in the nation. Two years ago, the team was a national NTC semifinalist, and over the years the team has made the national NTC “Final Four” four times. Most years, team members have competed in the prestigious National Institute for Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions, a fall competition open to the nation’s top 16 trial teams; and this fall, team members will compete for the fourth consecutive year against 18 other trial teams in the William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition. For the last two years,

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BOBBY HAZELTON, JD ’02

the team has ranked in the national top 10 for Tournament of Champions points, and for the last three years the team has been the highest ranking law school in New England for Tournament of Champions points.

And, of course, there’s that magical AAJ win in Miami.

The National Trial Team program is one of eight competition teams at

Suffolk Law (see sidebar). Although the National Trial Team has been the school's most consistent breakout star, several other competition teams have also enjoyed recent successes. Last year, the Securities Law Team made it to the Final Four and received a Best Brief award in the Irving R. Kaufman Memorial Securities Law Moot Court Competition; that same year the Constitutional Law Team won the national J. Braxton Craven Moot Court Competition, considered one of the most esteemed appellate advocacy competitions in the country. And several years ago, the Trademark Law Team placed second in the national Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition.

The teams give students a forum in which to apply classroom theory to real-world practice, says Professor Richard Pizzano, who in addition to overseeing all of the outside teams and personally coaching two of the school's constitutional law teams, serves as faculty advisor to the Moot Court Program, supervising the Moot Court Honor Board and the *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*.

"These competitions enrich their educational experiences, teach them some of the fundamentals of the lawyering process, and teach them to stand up on their feet in front of people," Pizzano says.

And in no case is that truer than for Suffolk Law's National Trial Team. Founded in 1983 by now-retired Professor Charles Burnim, the team gives students invaluable practice trying cases before members of the bench and bar around the country. Each spring, the program fields four teams of four to eight students each, sending two teams to the AAJ competition and two teams to the NTC competition.

While the two competitions differ slightly, both have been compared to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's March Madness. The sponsoring organizations kick off their annual competitions six weeks ahead of the first tournaments by issuing teams a fictitious case. Teams go head-to-head in trial simulations held in actual courtrooms around the country, and judges use a point system to score student advocates on the different aspects of their performance. Teams argue both sides of the case in round after round, moving up through regional and then national tournaments with each win.

Tryouts for the National Trial Team are open to any Suffolk Law student but are highly competitive; last year, some 40 students tried out for 11 open spots.

"We're looking for students who can think on their feet and who'll be comfortable with the performance aspect of the competition," says Bobby Hazelton, JD '02, a former competitor and the current head coach of the team, along with Wilton. (Seven alumni, many of whom are former competitors themselves, serve as coaches for the team.) Candidates prepare a five-minute closing argument from a trial record, and then answer questions from coaches and team members during a 20-minute interview.

The students who win a slot on the team each fall are slotted onto one of the program's four squads as either advocates or witnesses. The team members practice about 20

hours per week, meeting all day Sunday from January until March, when the regional tournaments begin. They also squeeze in additional practice sessions during the week. All told, says Hazelton, each student advocate puts in about 200 hours of preparation for each competition.

The students and coaches work together, analyzing the record, putting together the theory behind the case, developing their witness examinations, and formulating their opening and closing arguments. They determine the best way to organize the facts in order to lead

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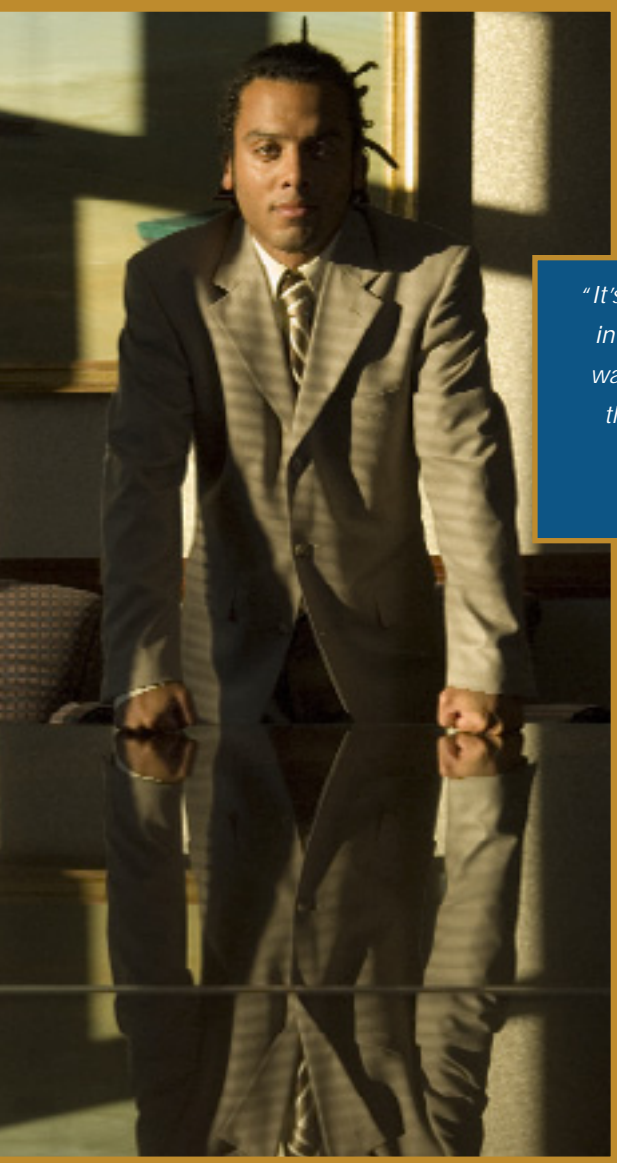
AMY MARTIN, JD '08



the jurors to their point. They learn to turn a witness response in their favor and to recognize when it's time to change tactics. They hammer one another with questions, hoping to cover any possible surprises during competition. The entire experience, pre- and post-competition, is a crash course in trial advocacy. And perhaps

"It's been by far the best experience of law school. You get a feeling that everything you're learning in law school is put into practice with these competitions," says Amy Martin, JD '08, an AAJ regional finalist last year who received 85 percent of all available points in the tournament.

In fact, the opportunity to be a part of the Suffolk Law National Trial Team has proven a specific draw to some prospective students. Cassandra Hearn, JD '07 chose Suffolk Law precisely because of the trial team's reputation. She became one of the rare students accepted



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ADAM FOSS, JD '08

onto the trial team in her first year and went on to participate in all three regional competitions. Hearn believes that her trial team work prepared her for a third-year position in the Suffolk County District Attorney's office (through the Prosecutors Program)—which in turn helped her hone her trial team skills.

"It was a cyclical thing," Hearn says. "Since I had the mock trial experience, they were more apt to give me real trial experience, and the real trial experience helped me with mock trial."

Fellow trial team member Adam Foss, JD '08 also chose to attend Suffolk Law after watching trial team members stage a mini-mock trial during a prospective student open house. Before attending Suffolk Law, Foss spent three years as a paralegal at a business litigation firm; he

most importantly, the students learn to argue both sides of a case with passion and precision, which trains them to avoid the tunnel vision that can result from approaching a case from a single perspective.

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PROFESSOR TIMOTHY WILTON

marveled that the students on the trial team were as skilled, if not more so, than most of the lawyers he had seen in court.

"It's experience that you don't get sitting in a classroom or reading cases," says Foss. "If you want to be a trial attorney, it's the best thing you can do to prepare short of actually being one."

That assessment doesn't surprise Wilton.

"By the time they get done with trial team—especially the competing advocates—their trial skills are as good or better than the average practicing lawyer," Wilton says. "Their training goes far beyond that of any other law student."

In fact, for one team competitor, that highly developed skill set led to an unanticipated job offer. The year Wilton joined the program as co-director with Burnim, his team won the regional NTC tournament. A week later, Larry Boyle, one of the attorneys who judged the competition, invited the two winning student advocates to interview at his Boston law firm, Morrison, Mahoney & Miller

(now Morrison Mahoney). Student advocate Thomas Elcock, JD '86 took Boyle up on his offer and started working at the firm; six months later, he argued his first jury trial in the Massachusetts Superior Court.

"I did it by myself, and the only reason I was in a position to do that is because of the trial competition, and because Larry had judged me and said, 'You can try this case,'" Elcock says.

Wilton attributes the team's continued success to a number of factors, including the intense practice schedule and the care with which team members are chosen, assigned to their roles, and paired up. But mostly, Wilton insists, the team's accomplishments are due to the dedication of the coaches, most of whom are former trial team members and young practicing attorneys who sacrifice nights and weekends to prepare the next

generation of trial attorneys for competition—and, ultimately, for thriving careers.

"They feel like they have a huge debt to pay back," says Wilton. "Half a dozen young lawyers and other people like me have poured hour after hour into training them to be the best trial advocates in Boston."

Erin Harris, JD '06 was an advocate on one of the Suffolk Law teams that swept the NTC regionals in 2006, where she and competition partner Kevin Freytag, JD '06 made it to the Final Four. Harris was also a 2006 recipient of the Judy Potter Award for best individual advocate in New England. Now a Suffolk County assistant district attorney, Harris was eager to return to Suffolk Law as a trial team coach. However, she thought long and hard about signing on for a second year this fall, wondering if she might better spend

her time working a second job to pay off her student loans. In the end, she chose to continue coaching.

"I think it's worth it to stick with the team because of how much it gave me," says Harris. "I wouldn't be in this job right now if I hadn't been in the program, and I wouldn't do as well as I do if I hadn't been in the program."

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CASSANDRA HEARN, JD '07

But the National Trial Team experience isn't all late nights and stressful mock trial showdowns. Over the years, there have been many stress-reducing moments of levity—one of which even led to a team custom.

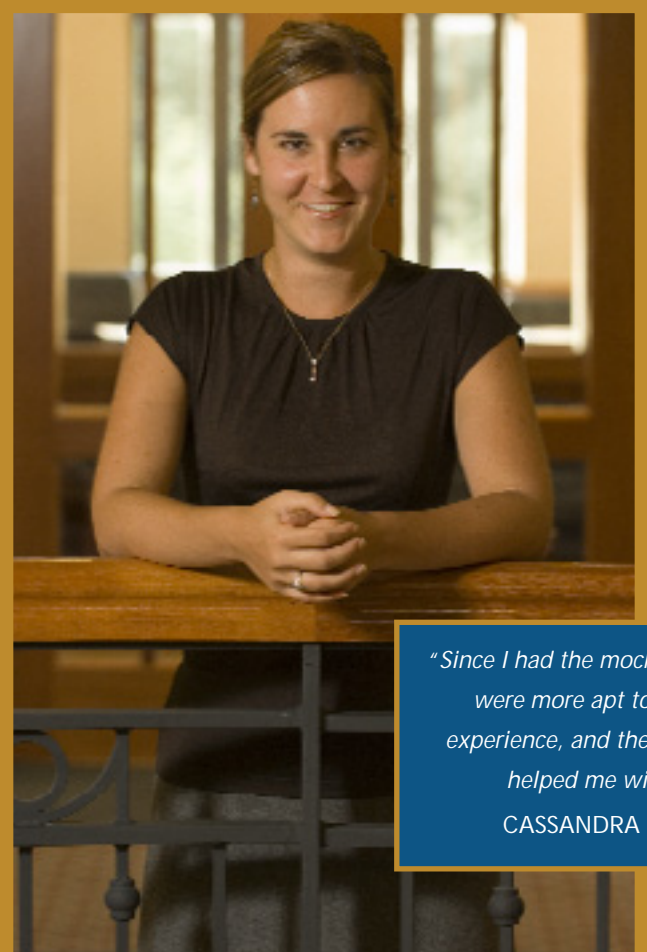
"These competitions enrich the students' educational experiences, teach them some of the fundamentals of the lawyering process, and teach them to stand up on their feet in front of people."

PROFESSOR RICHARD PIZZANO

Twenty years ago, Wilton and students Joe Balliro Jr., JD '87 and Steve Lander, JD '87 were playing "evidence trivia"—quizzing each other from an evidence book—while driving north to a regional tournament at the University of Vermont when one of the students said, "Hey, Professor Wilton. If we win the regional championship, do we get to call you Uncle Wilty?"

"I said, 'Oh sure, fine, whatever, whatever,'" Wilton recalls. "Well, they won. That began a tradition. If you win a regional championship, you get to call me Uncle Wilty."

And with the team's taste for victory, there's no doubt 'Uncle Wilty' will be an oft-heard moniker for years to come. n



A Century of



THEN Beginning in 1914, this building at 45 Mount Vernon Street in Boston was Suffolk Law School's home.



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SUFFOLK LAW SCHOOL'S FIRST 100 YEARS



1906

On September 19, 1906, a young lawyer named Gleason L. Archer begins teaching law to a handful of working men during evening sessions held in the living room of his Roxbury home.



1908

Roland E. Brown, a machinist and a member of Archer's first class, becomes the first Suffolk School of Law student to pass the Massachusetts bar exam, a feat he accomplished as a junior in 1908.



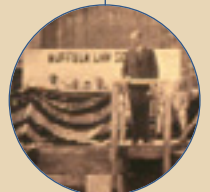
1914

Beginning in 1914, the year Suffolk School of Law receives its degree-granting charter and changes its name to Suffolk Law School, the building at 45 Mount Vernon Street in Boston serves as the law school's home. Because Archer had mortgaged his home to purchase the building, he and his family move into the top floor.



1915

Thomas Vreeland Jones, at age 40, becomes one of the first African Americans to graduate from Suffolk Law School. His family and friends later established a scholarship in his memory.



1920

Massachusetts Governor Calvin Coolidge delivers his first public address, after being nominated for the vice presidency of the United States, at the laying of the cornerstone for the Archer Building.

Achievement

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

“History has demonstrated that the great leaders of every age were, almost without exception, born in poverty, denied educational advantages in boyhood, and obliged to educate themselves at odd moments while doing a man’s work in the world. The same immutable principle is in operation today—the earnest souls who now toil in the evening schools to fit themselves for life will be found in the front ranks of our civilization of tomorrow.” – Gleason L. Archer (1923)

On September 19, 1906, Gleason L. Archer—armed with the determination and drive to offer the power of education to the working class—gathered six students in the parlor of his Roxbury apartment and founded Archer’s Evening Law School.

One hundred years later, Suffolk University kicked off its Centennial Celebration, a yearlong series of events reflecting on the university’s century of achievement and looking ahead to the next period of innovation and opportunity.

Here, through pictures and words, we take a look back at some of the groundbreaking lectures, forums, exhibitions, and festivities that made up Suffolk University Law School’s Centennial Celebration.



1929

Harry Hom Dow, JD '29 becomes the first Chinese American admitted to the Massachusetts bar.



1937

Marian Archer MacDonald, JD '37 becomes the first female graduate of Suffolk Law School.



1948

Frank Simpson becomes the second dean of Suffolk Law School.



1950

Red Sox star Ted Williams accepts a Suffolk varsity letter from Dick Conway and Don Shea of the Suffolk University Varsity Club.



1955

Jeanne M. Hession, JD '56, DJS '74, becomes the first woman elected Suffolk Law School class president. Classmate and future congressman John Joseph “Joe” Moakley, JD '56 ran her campaign. Today, Hession serves as a Suffolk University Lifetime Trustee.

September

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III Speaks at Suffolk Law



During a lecture entitled "The State of Our Security at Home," Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Robert S. Mueller III, a former U.S. attorney in Boston, told a Suffolk Law School audience that the

United States is safer than it was after the September 11 attacks, but that it is imperative for the nation to keep up its guard to prevent additional incidents of terrorism.

Heritage Medallions Awarded

Suffolk University President David J. Sargent, JD '54, LLD '78 and Suffolk Law School Lifetime Trustee Jeanne M. Hession, JD '56, DJS '74 were two of the five recipients of the Heritage Medallion, which pays tribute to those who have made outstanding contributions to the Suffolk University community.

Academic Convocation

On September 21, 2006—almost 100 years to the day of the school's founding—more than 2,000 students, trustees, faculty, staff, and visiting dignitaries gathered in Boston to praise Suffolk as a world-class university during the official kickoff to the university-wide Centennial Celebration. The pre-convocation procession, a sea of blue and gold, marched through Boston Common into a giant tent erected for the occasion. Former President George H.W. Bush, the keynote speaker, urged Suffolk University students to become active members of their community and advance the university's mission of public service.



Donahue Lecture Series: Justice Jack B. Jacobs

The Honorable Justice Jack B. Jacobs, justice of the Delaware Supreme Court and a distinguished author, lecturer, and educator, gave a talk entitled "The Ever-Vanishing Substance-Procedure Distinction in Modern Litigation" as part of the Donahue Lecture Series, which is sponsored by the *Suffolk University Law Review*.

Centennial Reception

More than 350 law school alumni and friends gathered at Sargent Hall for a post-convocation reception. On view in the lobby was the Centennial History Exhibit, which traced the birth and development of Suffolk Law School through photos and artifacts.



SUFFOLK LAW SCHOOL'S FIRST 100 YEARS



1956

Frederick A. McDermott becomes the third dean of Suffolk Law School.



1957

Senators John F. Kennedy, Leverett Saltonstall, and Sam Ervin receive honorary degrees from Suffolk Law School.



1964

Senator Ted Kennedy receives an honorary degree during Suffolk Law School's commencement.



1964

Donald Simpson becomes the fourth dean of Suffolk Law School.



1966

Catherine Judge, JD '57, LLM '60 (shown here teaching Contracts in 1980) becomes Suffolk Law's first female professor.

October

Lecture by Akhil Reed Amar

Professor Akhil Reed Amar, the Southmayd Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University and one of the nation's leading constitutional law theorists, gave a lecture entitled "The Judicialization of the Judiciary: Some Thoughts on the Supreme Court Nomination and Confirmation Process." Amar was a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at Suffolk Law School during the fall 2006 semester.

Donahue Lecture Series: Mary L. Bonauto

Mary L. Bonauto, the civil rights project director for Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), gave a talk entitled "Ending Marriage Discrimination: A Work in Progress" as part of the ongoing the landmark case *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*, which resulted in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court declaring that prohibiting civil marriage for same-sex couples is unconstitutional.



November

Lecture by Leonard L. Riskin

Leonard L. Riskin, professor of law at the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law and director of the Initiative on Mindfulness in Law and Dispute Resolution, gave a talk entitled "Defining the Problem: Court-Ordered Mediation."

Alumni Awards Dinner

"For the past 50 years, Suffolk has been blessed with another visionary, the man we are gathered to honor tonight ... our president and fellow alumnus, David Sargent." With those words, former Dean Robert Smith



introduced the evening's honoree, Lifetime Achievement Award winner David J. Sargent, JD '54, LLD '78 (above, right) at the 2006 Alumni Awards Dinner. More than 300 members of the Suffolk Law community gathered to pay tribute to President Sargent, one of only three Lifetime Achievement Award recipients in the school's history.

December

Exhibition: Celebrating 100 Years of Exceeding Expectations

Suffolk University's story of higher education access and excellence was told through photos and artifacts at an exhibit at Sargent Hall's Adams Gallery.

Centennial Ice Sculpture

Members of the Suffolk Law community (including Suffolk Law School Lifetime Trustee Jeanne Hession, JD '56, DJS '74, right, and sister Marguerite) beat the chill with a hot drink reception at Sargent Hall, when they stopped by to see the Centennial Ice Sculpture, part of Suffolk Law's First Night 2007 celebration.



January

Lecture by Richard Delgado

Richard Delgado, Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh, gave a talk entitled "The Myth of Upward Mobility."



1966

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Thomas Clark delivers the law school commencement address.



1967

House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill receives an honorary degree from Suffolk University President Thomas A. Fulham and Board Chairman John E. Fenton.



1971

Ralph Nader addresses the crowd at a Suffolk Law event.



1973

David J. Sargent becomes the fifth dean of Suffolk Law School.



1978

Renowned pediatrician Benjamin Spock visits Suffolk Law.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Speaks at Suffolk University Law School

As part of Suffolk Law School's conference "Globalization and the U.S. Law School," the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, gave a lecture entitled "One Woman's International Experience in Law: From Columbia to the Supreme Court by Way of Sweden." Following are some excerpts from Justice Ginsburg's presentation:

"I have been a judge now for some 26 years, and I appreciate the value of good academic commentary. Benjamin Nathan Cardozo expressed the point best when he said, 'The judge goes up on the bench and sees before him a list of names and numbers—one case follows another.' More and more, we are driven to rely on the work of a legal scholar, and it is not to be expected that overnight and at the call of a single case we should do the work scholars have been doing in lifetimes of devoted and intensive effort...."

If the Constitution is to remain alive and instructive today, it has to be interpreted in terms of conditions as they exist—now and not yesterday. My example is the Fourteenth Amendment, which became part of



the Constitution in 1868. Now, suppose you were to ask a jurist in the United States, 'Do men and women have equal statute before the law?' If you were to give that answer in terms of 1868, you would say, 'Of course not—women are not part of the political community; they have no right to vote....' Does that mean that today judges should

interpret those same words to 'We the people' were once white, property-owning men. But now 'we the people' encompasses a much greater group...."

I don't like being all alone in the court.... It was great to have Sandra [Day O'Connor] as my colleague because obviously we are both women and we are both feminists. We speak differently, we have very different backgrounds, we were divided on a lot of important questions, but we both had the experience of growing up women.... It was good for the public to see that women come in all sizes and shapes, just as men do, and that they don't necessarily look alike or think alike but have a certain sympathy for each other...."

One thing we should all understand is that the court, unlike the political branches of government, does not set its own agenda. We don't decide this is the year we will fix age discrimination. We respond to what's out there; we don't reach out and say we think Congress needs to be taught a lesson about some bad law that they passed."

SUFFOLK LAW SCHOOL'S FIRST 100 YEARS



1989

Paul Sugarman becomes the sixth dean of Suffolk Law School.



1994

John E. Fenton Jr. becomes the seventh dean of Suffolk Law School.



1997

Coretta Scott King receives an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree from President David J. Sargent.



1999

David J. Sargent Hall, the new state-of-the-art Suffolk Law building, opens.



1999

Robert Smith becomes the eighth dean of Suffolk Law School.

March

Law School Scholarship Dinner

Former Dean Robert Smith and Maria Piro, JD '07 (below), the Resimi/Fenton/O'Brien Scholar, spoke at the annual Law School Scholarship Dinner, which honors the

law school's scholarship recipients and their benefactors. In honor of the centennial year, the university established the Centennial Scholarship Program, which recognizes the first 100 benefactors who establish a newly endowed scholarship or enhance a current one as Centennial Scholarship donors.

Centennial Academic Conference

More than 400 people attended 62 individual and collaborative presentations at the second annual Suffolk University Academic Conference, entitled "Scholarship of Application: Integration and Connections."

April

Donahue Lecture Series: Carl Tobias

Carl Tobias, Williams Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law, and former counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Separation of Powers, gave a talk entitled "Congress and the Public Courts" as part of the ongoing Donahue Lecture Series.



Centennial Conference on International Human Rights

Suffolk Law School hosted a groundbreaking, two-day conference on human rights that brought together leading political, academic, and legal experts and activists to speak in two sessions: "Implementing Human Rights in Massachusetts: Legislative Strategies and Responsibilities" and "Hidden Epidemic: Child Sex Trafficking."

June

Federal Judicial Conference

Approximately 45 federal district court and federal magistrate judges from across the country gathered at Suffolk Law School for a focus program on Section 1983 held by the Federal Judicial Center, the education and research center for federal judges based in Washington, D.C.

Reunion Weekend

Suffolk Law alumni whose reunions fell on Suffolk Law's centennial year enjoyed a plethora of festivities, from a Boston Pops concert to a Boston Harbor cruise to a waterfront dinner. Alumni also celebrated the year's inductees to Suffolk Law's Half-Century Club and honored all 50-years-plus classes at a luncheon in Sargent Hall.



2000

Suffolk Law's Summer Law Program in Lund, Sweden, begins.



2001

Suffolk Law's Master of Law (LLM) Program in Global Law and Technology begins.



2002

NBC political analyst and Suffolk University honorary degree recipient Tim Russert moderates a Massachusetts gubernatorial debate at Suffolk Law.



2006

Suffolk Law's LLM Program in U.S. Law, held in Budapest, Hungary, begins.



2007

Alfred C. Aman, Jr. becomes the ninth dean of Suffolk Law School.

Faculty News

Marie Ashe presented a paper titled "Fundamentalism in 'Religious Pluralism'" for the panel "Establishment and Equality" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities in Washington, D.C. She also spoke as a participant on the panel "Modernity and After" at the 2007 Suffolk Law conference, "Globalization and the U.S. Law School: Comparative and Cultural Perspectives."

Michael Avery authored *Handbook of Massachusetts Evidence* (Aspen Publishers, 8th edition, 2007) with Mark S. Brodin and *Police Misconduct: Law and Litigation* (Thomson West, 3rd edition, 2007) with Karen Blum and David Rudovsky.

Julie Baker wrote the entries "Arizona v. Hicks" and "Schmerber v. California" for the *Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties* (Paul Finkelman, ed., Routledge, 2006).

R. Lisle Baker authored "Review Essay: The Intrapersonal Challenge of Learning Interpersonal Negotiation," which was published in 22 *Negotiation Journal* 505 (2006); "Using Special Assessments as a Tool for Smart Growth: Louisville's New Metro Government as a Potential Example," which was published in 45 *Brandeis Law Journal* 1 (2006); and "Common Law Environmental Protection in Massachusetts," which was published in *Massachusetts Environmental Law* (Gregor I. McGregor, ed., Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2006).

Edward Bander, Law Librarian Emeritus, received the Edgar Award for Lifetime Achievement from Law Librarians of New England. The award was presented at a luncheon hosted at the Social Law Library in Boston.

William Berman, at the request of the administrative office of the District Court of Massachusetts, presented on landlord-tenant law at a two-day conference for clerks of the district court.

Carter Bishop wrote "Family Limited Partnerships" and "Rabbi Trusts and Deferred Compensation," both of which were published in Supplement 2007-1 of *Limited Liability Companies: Tax and Business Law* (Warren, Gorham & Lamont, 1994), co-authored with

Daniel S. Kleinberger. He also wrote several articles, including "Federal Taxation of Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Arrangements," published in *Tax Research Consultant*, 2,200 et al. (2007) and available at <http://tax.cchgroup.com/trc>; and "Federal Taxation of Nonqualified Deferred Compensation and Section 409A," published in *Tax Research Consultant, Employers: Compensation and Benefits*, 15,000 et al. (2007) and available at <http://tax.cchgroup.com/trc>. He presented "The Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company" to the New York City Corporate Laws Committee; "Alternative Entities and UCC Article 9 Security Interests" at the ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C.; and "Bankruptcy of LLC Members: Does the Trustee Run the Company?" at Cardozo School of Law in New York. In April, he argued a case before the North Carolina Supreme Court as special counsel on behalf of an injured employee suing the employer's LLC owner for an independent tort.

Karen Blum wrote several articles, including "Qualified Immunity: Discretionary Function, Extraordinary Circumstances, and Other Nuances," published in 23 *Touro Law Review* 57 (2007); "Section 1983: Qualified Immunity," published in 1:6 *Practising Law Institute: 23rd Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation* (2006); and "Local Government Liability Under Section 1983," published in 2:7 *Practising Law Institute: 23rd Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation* (2006). She also made presentations with accompanying written materials to the ICLE-Georgia in Atlanta ("Municipal Liability Under Section 1983"); the 21st Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983 in Atlanta ("Qualified Immunity Under Section 1983: Nuances of the Doctrine"); the National Police Accountability Project/Suffolk Center for Advanced Legal Studies; the Loyola Law School in Los Angeles ("Police Misconduct Litigation: Qualified Immunity in the Excessive Force Case"); the Defense Research Institute Seminar on Government Liability in Orlando, Florida; the Orientation for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges in

Washington, D.C.; the 25th Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (chair and presenter) at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.; the National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges in Austin, Texas ("Update on Section 1983"); the 24th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference at the Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago; the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute in Trenton; the annual Connecticut Judges' Institute at Quinnipiac Law School in Connecticut ("The Nuts and Bolts of Section 1983 Litigation"); Section 1983 Focus Program for Federal District Court and Federal Magistrate Judges (chair and presenter) at Suffolk Law School; the annual meeting of the Georgia Municipal Association in Savannah; the National Workshop for U.S. Magistrate Judges in Baltimore; and the annual meeting of the Ohio Municipal League in Columbus.

Eric Blumenson wrote "National Amnesties and International Justice," which was published in 2 *Eyes on the ICC* 1 (2006); the Spanish version of this article, "Amnistias Nacionales y Justicia Internacional," appeared in *Revista Argentina de Teoría Jurídica* (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, July 2006) and is available at www.utdt.edu/ver_contenido.php?id_contenido=1573&id_item_menu=3555. He also wrote "Killing in Good Conscience: What's Wrong with Sunstein and Vermeule's Lesser Evil Argument for Capital Punishment and Other Human Rights Violations?," which was published in 10 *New Criminal Law Review* 210 (2007).

Martha Chamallas, Visiting Distinguished Professor, made a presentation to Suffolk Law School faculty and students titled "Civil Rights and Civil Wrongs: Race, Gender, and Tort Law."

Gerard J. Clark wrote "The Michigan Affirmative Action Cases: A Critical Essay," which was published in 30 *Oklahoma City University Law Review* 1 (2005).

Frank Rudy Cooper authored "The Seesaw Effect from Racial Profiling to Depolicing: Toward a Critical Cultural Theory," which was published in *The New Civil Rights Research: A Constitutive Approach* (Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Laura Beth Nielsen, eds., Ashgate Publishing, 2006). He also presented a paper, "Policing Masculinities," at the Criminal Justice Roundtable at Yale Law School in New Haven.

Kate Nace Day presented her book-in-progress, *Becoming Women Lawyers*, at an Emory University School of Law faculty colloquium as a visiting scholar with Professor Martha Albertson Fineman's Feminism and Legal Theory Project. She also participated in an Emory Law conference on the status of women in the legal profession, discussing her work on a panel titled "Presumptions of Competence." With Professor Sara Dillon, she helped organize "Hidden Epidemic: Child Sex Trafficking," the Centennial Conference on International Human Rights program held in April at Suffolk Law; she and Professor Dillon gave the program's opening remarks. She recently published "Blue Waters" and "White Devotions" in *Legal Studies Forum* and co-taught a course on international human rights with her husband, Professor Russell G. Murphy, during Suffolk's Summer Law Program in Lund, Sweden.

Sara Dillon participated on the panel for "Romania's Homeless Children: Problems, Politics, and Policies Related to Institutional Conditions, Foster Care, and International Adoption" at Harvard Law School; presented at "International Economic Law: The State and Future of the Discipline," the annual conference of the American Society of International Law's International Economic Law Group, in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire; and served as a panelist for "Promoting Children's Interests: Preparation, Practice, and Policy Reform," a conference at Harvard Law School sponsored by HLS's Child Advocacy Program and the ABA Center on Children and the Law.

Victoria Dodd gave a talk on "Lessons to Be Learned from French and German Public Education" at the Suffolk University Academic Conference. She

also commented on WBUR Public Radio in June concerning the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in a major school desegregation case.

Valerie Epps was appointed co-director of the Teaching of International Law Committee of the International Law Association (American Branch). She also made several presentations: "The U.S./Coalition Invasion of Afghanistan: Legitimate Self-Defense or Illegal Aggression?" as part of a panel discussion titled "Transitional Justice: The Rule of Law in Afghanistan," held at Suffolk Law School; "Immigration, Refugee, and Asylum Law, US/UK/EU," as part of "The Protocol to the Refugee Convention and Its Relation to the Torture Convention," held at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, U.K.; "Massachusetts' Implementation of the Refugee Convention," as part of the Centennial Conference on International Human Rights held at Suffolk Law; "War Crimes," presented at the Boston Public Library; and "Six Months in Shanghai," presented at the St. Botolph Club in Boston. She also served as chair of a panel on "New Scholarship in Human Rights: American Society of International Law Conference," held in Vancouver, Canada.

John E. Fenton Jr. authored the article "Impeachment," which was published in *Massachusetts Evidence: A Courtroom Reference* (J.W. Carney Jr., Patti B. Saris, Martha B. Sosman, eds., Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2006).

Steven Ferrey authored the new 24th edition of *Law of Independent Power: Development, Cogeneration, Utility Regulation* (Thomson West, 2007). He also wrote two articles: "Corporate Governance and Rational Energy Choices," published in 31 *William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review* 113 (2006); and "Constitutional Barriers Confronting State Renewable Energy Programs," published in the *Energy Committees* newsletter of the ABA Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources (June 2006). He presented at a workshop on international contracts and global warming mitigation in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; an environmental law symposium at Boston College Law School

in Newton; and a workshop on carbon trading and greenhouse gases in Florida.

Shailini George and **Stephanie Hartung** gave a presentation, "Like Apples to Oranges: Methods of Demystifying Analogical Reasoning," at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference at the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

Christopher Gibson wrote *The Iran-United States Claims Tribunal at 25: The Cases Everyone Needs to Know for Investor-State and International Arbitration* (Oxford, 2007) with Christopher Drahozal; and "Technology Standards—New Technical Barriers to Trade?," which was published in *The Standards Edge: The Golden Mean* (Sherrie Bolin, ed., Bolin Communications, 2007). He is a contributor to *World eBusiness Law Report*.

Dwight Golann wrote "Using Video to Teach Negotiation and Mediation," which was published in 13:2 *Dispute Resolution Magazine* 8 (2007).

Marc Greenbaum wrote *Labor and Employment Arbitration* (Matthew Bender, 1997; supplement 2006) with Tim Bornstein and Ann Gosline. He also was a speaker at a symposium on age discrimination at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Boston and at the Boston Bar Association's 34th Annual Workshop for Public Sector Labor Relations Specialists on recent appellate case law in the Boston area.

Stephanie Hartung wrote the entries "Terry v. Ohio," "New York v. Belton," and "Chimel v. California" for the *Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties* (Paul Finkelman, ed., Routledge, 2006).

Charles P. Kindregan Jr. served as chair of the American Bar Association Section of Family Law Committee on Assisted Reproduction and Genetics, which drafted the *Model Act Governing Assisted Reproduction*, approved by the Section Council in February 2007. The act will now be submitted to the ABA House of Delegates. He also wrote *Massachusetts Domestic Relations Rules and Statutes Annotated with Related Federal Statutes Annotated* (Thomson West, 2007) and co-authored the 2007

supplements to the four-volume *Family Law and Practice* with his daughter, Patricia Kindregan, JD '94. His article, "Post-Divorce Relocation Law in Massachusetts Compared to the Determination of Such Cases in Georgia and Two Other States," was published in *The Family Law Review* 1 (2006). Along with Adjunct Professor Maureen McBrien JD '03, he spoke to the grand round for the OB-GYN medical personnel of the Massachusetts General Hospital on law of assisted reproduction and legal parenthood and at the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Bar Association. He also spoke to the Family Law Roundtable in New York City on issues in parentage law and was the moderator of a featured program on law governing assisted reproduction at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

Kenneth J. King made opening remarks to attendees at the Eighth Annual Juvenile Justice Conference, "Victims, Violence, and the Juvenile Justice System: What to Do When Problems + Solutions = New Problems," which was jointly sponsored by Suffolk Law's Juvenile Justice Center and Advanced Legal Studies. He also moderated two discussions at the conference: one on the effects of violence and ill-considered intervention strategies on children and adolescents, and a second on identifying client needs and practical tips on how to recognize signs that a client may have cognitive, developmental, learning, or emotional disabilities. He made a presentation to medical staff at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center in which he provided an overview of the Massachusetts juvenile justice system, discussed entry points into the system, and described what medical providers may be able to do to assist court-involved youth. He was also invited to make a presentation at the Ohio Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit in Dayton on litigating suppression issues and adolescent psychosocial and cognitive development as related to the waiver of constitutional rights.

Renée M. Landers served as a panelist for a symposium, "The Least Dangerous Branch? Liberty, Justice, and the United States Supreme Court," co-sponsored by Boston College and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. Excerpts from her presentation were published in 67:1 *Boston College Magazine* 41, 42–43 (Winter 2007) under the heading "Cases, Not Abstract Legal Issues" in an article titled "Nine on Nine: Conversations on Justice, Power, and the U.S. Supreme Court." She presented and served as a panelist at several forums, including "Bridging the Divide: Medicare's Role in Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities," which was sponsored by the Alliance for Health Reform and the National Academy of Social Insurance in January in Washington, D.C.; she presented an updated version of the same talk in June at a conference on diversity and aging sponsored by AARP in Los Angeles. She served as a panelist at the annual Charitable Board Service Training sponsored by the Public Interest Leadership Program of the Boston Bar Association. She also presented a paper titled "Massachusetts Health Insurance Legislation: An Effective Tool for Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care?" as part of the symposium "Laboratories of Democracy? Innovations in Health Law and Policy at the State Level," which was sponsored by the *Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy* and held at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. She appeared as a guest on the annual year-in-review segment of the WGBH program *Greater Boston* and on NECN's *NewsNight*, an in-depth news analysis program with Jim Braude, as a commentator on the Supreme Court's 2007 term.

Herbert Lemelman wrote supplements to *Manual on Uniform Commercial Code* and *Uniform Commercial Code Forms Annotated*, both of which are part of *Massachusetts Practice Series* (Thomson West, 2002; supplements 2006, 2007).

Stephen M. McJohn wrote *Copyright: Examples and Explanations* (Aspen Publishers, 2006) as well as "A New Tool for Analyzing Intellectual Property," which was published in 5 *Northwestern Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property* 101 (2006).

Elizabeth M. McKenzie wrote "PCs and CALR: Changing the Way Lawyers Think" with Susan Vaughn; the article is available at <http://lsr.nellco.org/suffolk/fp/papers/34>.

Joseph R. Nolan wrote the following volumes for *Massachusetts Practice Series: Appellate Procedure*, Volume 41 (2002; supplement 2007) (with Charlene A. Caldeira); *Civil Practice*, Volumes 9 and 9A (2004; supplement 2006) (with the Hon. Bruce Henry); *Criminal Law*, Volume 32 (2001; supplement 2006); *Equitable Remedies*, Volume 31 (1993; supplement 2006); and *Tort Law*, Volumes 37 and 37A (1989; supplement 2006) (the last three volumes with Laurie J. Sartorio).

Bernard Ortwein was a contributing author on *Analysis of the Draft Law on Lawyers for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam* (ABA Asia Law Initiative, 2006).

Marc G. Perlin wrote supplements to *Mottla's Proof of Cases in Massachusetts*, Vols. 1–3 (Thomson West, 1992; supplement 2006–2007); *Handbook of Civil Procedure in the Massachusetts District Court (Lawyers Weekly Publications*, 3rd edition 2003; supplement 2007) (with John M. Connors); *Collection Law: Debtor/Creditor Practice, Procedure, Remedies*, Volumes 48 and 48A of *Massachusetts Practice Series* (3rd edition 2000; supplement 2007) (with Jordan L. Shapiro and John M. Connors); and *Procedural Forms Annotated*, Volumes 10, 10A, 10B, and 10C of *Massachusetts Practice Series* (5th edition 1990; supplement 2006) (with Steven H. Blum). He also edited *The Rules: A Print and Online Rules Service for Massachusetts Containing Civil and Criminal Rules for State and Federal Courts (Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, 2007).

Andrew Perlman moderated a panel, "Policing Lawyers' Ethics in Class Action Litigation," at the 2007 Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. He also served on two additional panels: "Legal Ethics in the Evolving World of Sports Agents" at the 33rd Annual Conference of the Sports Lawyers Association in Cambridge, and "Ethical Issues for Lawyers in the Age of Technology" for a Boston Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.

Anthony P. Polito wrote "Dual Consolidated Losses" as well as Chapters 1–8 and 14–17 of "Net Operating Losses" in *CCH Tax Research Consultant* (2006), available at <http://tax.cchgroup.com/TRC>. His article "Trade or Business in the United States: What Domestic Activity Suffices to Conduct a Foreign Trade or Business 'in' the United States?" is forthcoming in an upcoming issue of *Tax Management International Journal*. During the 2007–2008 academic year, he will be a Visiting Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, where he will be teaching the courses Corporate Finance, Federal Income Taxation, and Taxation of International Transactions.

Michael L. Rustad wrote *Tort Law: Cases, Materials, Perspectives* (4th edition, 2007) with Thomas C. Galligan Jr. et al; *Everyday Consumer Law* (Paradigm Publishers, 2007); and *Understanding Sales, Leases, and Licenses in a Global Perspective* (Carolina Academic Press, 2007). He also authored the book review "H. Ward Classen's *A Practical Guide to Software Licensing for Licensees and Licensors: Analyses and Model Forms*," which was published in 26 *Licensing Journal* 24 (June/July 2006). He was a faculty member at the Massachusetts District Court Conference on Consumer Law in Lenox, Massachusetts; delivered a lecture titled "Old America, New Europe: E-Commerce Civil Procedure" at the Michigan State University Law School; and spoke at the Center for International Legal Studies' Conference on Internet Governance at the Clinton Library in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Ann Santos authored "The Humanity of the Practice of Law," which was published in 21:2 *The Second Draft: Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute* (December 2006).

Miguel Schor wrote the entry "Rule of Law" for the *Encyclopedia of Law and Society: American and Global Perspectives* (David Clark, ed., Sage Publications, 2007); and the article "Squaring the Circle: Democratizing Judicial Review and the Counter-Constitutional Difficulty," which was published in 16 *Minnesota Journal of International Law* 61 (2007). He also presented "Comparative Constitutional Law and Globalization: Towards Common Rights and Procedures?" at the Second Osgoode Constitutional Law Roundtable at York University's Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Ontario. His article "Mapping Comparative Judicial Review" was selected for the Second Annual Michigan-Illinois Comparative Law Work-in-Progress Workshop at the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. He also presented versions of the article at the following conferences: the Law and Society Conference at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany; the AALS Conference on International Law in Vancouver, Canada (by invitation); the Constitutionalism Seminar at the Institute for Constitutional Studies at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. (by invitation); and the New England Political Science Association meeting in Newton.

Louis N. Schulze Jr. authored "Homer Simpson Meets the Rule Against Perpetuities: The Controversial Use of Pop Culture in Legal Writing Pedagogy," which was published in 15:1 *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* 1 (Fall 2006); and the entries "Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents," "Mapp v. Ohio," "Minnesota v. Dickerson," and "Rhode Island v. Innis" for the *Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties* (Paul Finkelman, ed., Routledge, 2006).

Patrick Shin wrote "Vive La Différence? A Critical Analysis of the Justification of Sex-Dependent Workplace Restrictions on Dress and Grooming," which was published in 14 *Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy* 491 (2007). He presented the article at a symposium held at Duke University Law School in Durham, North Carolina.

Jessica Silbey wrote several articles, including "Truth Tales and Trial Films" in 40 *Loyola Law Review* 551 (2007); "Criminal Performances: Film, Autobiography, and Confession" in 37 *New Mexico Law Review* 189 (2007); and the book review "Orit Kamir's *Framed: Women in Law and Film*" in 17:4 *Bimonthly Review of Law Books* 11 (July/August 2006). She also presented "Criminal Performances: Film, Autobiography, and Confession" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities at Georgetown Law Center, and was invited to present "Origin Stories and Other Tales: Mythical Beginnings of Intellectual Property" at the University of Iowa College of Law and at Washington College of Law at American University.

Jeffrey D. Wittenberg wrote *Products Liability: Recreation and Sports Equipment* (New York Law Publishing, 1985; supplement 2007).

David Yamada was elected chairperson of the Section on Labor Relations and Employment Law of the American Association of Law Schools for 2007. He is the founder and president of the New Workplace Institute, a new nonprofit research and education center promoting healthy, productive, and socially responsible workplaces (www.newworkplaceinstitute.org). His ongoing work on workplace bullying was the subject of feature articles in the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* (January) and *Lawyers USA* (March). In recent months, he has given presentations on workplace bullying at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association and at a roundtable discussion of the Massachusetts Bar Association. n



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FROM THE LAW SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Dear Law School Graduates:

First, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Class of 2007, and officially welcome you to the Alumni Association. As a Suffolk Law graduate, you are automatically enrolled as a member of the Suffolk University Alumni Association, which enables you to network with more than 21,000 other Suffolk Law graduates throughout New England, across the country, and around the world. Simply log on to our site (www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/alumni/) and register for the Suffolk Alumni Online Community (www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/SFL/). You'll be instantly connected to a community filled with professional and personal resources you'll find nowhere else.

The 2007–2008 academic year promises to be an exciting time at Suffolk Law School. With the arrival of our new dean, Alfred C. Aman, Jr., opportunities to connect with other Suffolk Law alumni will be taking place all over the country when Dean Aman travels to alumni chapter receptions and programs in order to meet the Suffolk Law alumni family.

The Alumni Association also has an amazing lineup of events, lectures, luncheons, and workshops scheduled for the coming year, allowing you to rub shoulders with heads of state, top law firm partners, investment professionals, and numerous civic leaders. From financial workshops to informal networking events to distinguished speakers, the Suffolk Alumni Association gives you a variety of ways to expand your horizons, make connections, and forge new friendships.

We're proud of the Alumni Association and the many benefits it gives to its members, and we very much hope that everyone—and especially the new graduates from the Class of 2007—will attend an alumni event soon to find out all that we can do together!

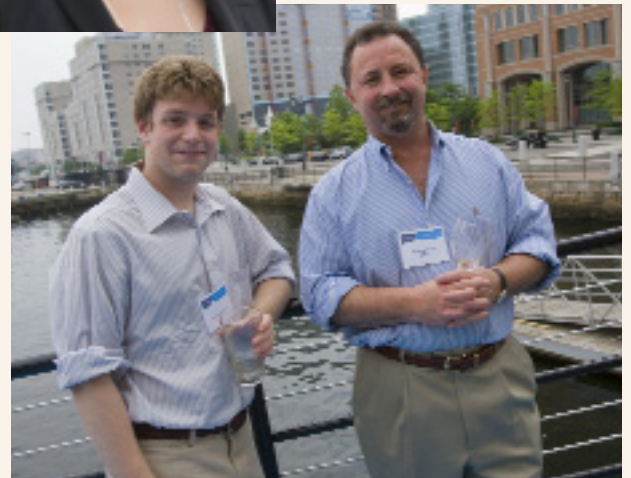
Warm regards,

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Diane Frankel Schoenfeld
Director of Alumni Relations

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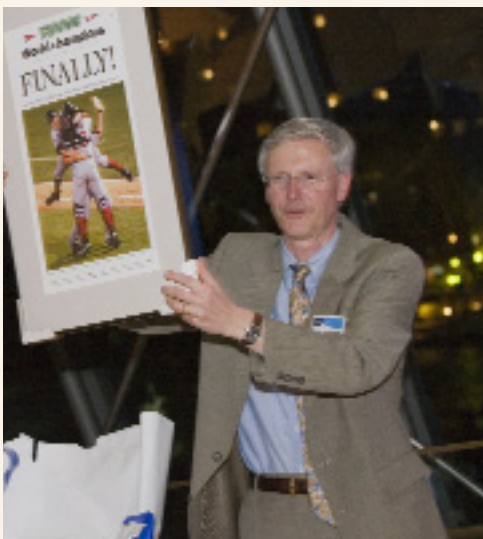
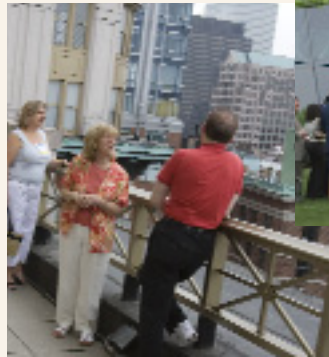
Suffolk Law alumni—along with alumni from the Sawyer Business School and the College of Arts and Sciences—hit the Hub for a two-day bonanza of music, cruises, meals, and tours during **Reunion 2007**, held during the first weekend in June. Graduates from the years ending in 2 and 7, along with their family members and guests, kicked off the celebration on Friday evening with a reception and a Boston Pops concert at Symphony Hall. The next day, a lunchtime harbor cruise afforded alumni a view of the historic city that Suffolk Law graduates once called (and in many cases still call) home; tours of the law school and the city, including the land-to-water Duck Tour, further invited alumni to revisit their Boston memories. Classmates then caught up and reminisced during a festive dinner at the beautiful Moakley Courthouse—which also honored the parting dean, Robert Smith—and ended the weekend with a brunch on Sunday.



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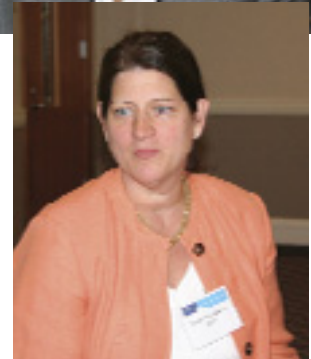
It's not too early to start planning your return to Suffolk Law! Next year's **Alumni Weekend** is happening **June 12-15, 2008**. All alumni will be invited back to campus to reconnect with classmates and Suffolk Law for a weekend of activities, with special attention given to class years ending in 3 or 8 that are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, and 50th reunions.

For more information about Alumni Weekend 2008, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 617.305.1999 or amueller@suffolk.edu.



A Globe-al Perspective

Public affairs journalism and the state Freedom of Information Act were on the menu at a luncheon held in May, when *Boston Globe* investigative reporter Sean Murphy, JD '91 gave a lecture entitled "Fight for the Public's Right to Know: A Journalist's Use of the State Public Records Law" to more than 65 alumni and faculty. A reporter and editor at the *Globe* since 1987, Murphy has covered such complex subjects as the Big Dig and Native American-owned casinos; his reporting has led to reforms of the Massachusetts Port Authority and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety. The presentation was part of the Alumni Luncheon Series sponsored by the Suffolk Law Office of Alumni Relations.



When Two Worlds Collide

The intersection of law and business was the evening's topic at "The Choice between Patent Protection and Trade Secret Protection," a discussion hosted by Cambridge law firm Lowrie, Lando & Anastasi, LLP. More than 25 alumni came out for the May talk, which was led by Professor **Andrew Beckerman-Rodau**, the co-director of the



Suffolk Law Intellectual Property Concentration. Of the 25 attorneys at Lowrie, Lando & Anastasi, nine are Suffolk Law graduates.

Former Dean Robert Smith (center) stands with Lowrie, Lando & Anastasi, LLP partners (from left) Gary Engelson, JD '95; Robert Skrivaneck, JD '96; Thomas Sullivan, JD '94; and John Anastasi, JD '94.

Setting the Pre-Bar High

Newly minted Suffolk Law graduates worked to dispel their bar exam jitters over coffee and pastries at a Pre-Bar Breakfast, held in July at Sargent Hall.



Suffolk University Law School Alumni-Trustee Call for Nominations

The Alumni-Trustee Committee of the Suffolk University Board of Trustees is now seeking nominations for placement on the alumni-trustee election ballot. All alumni of Suffolk University Law School are eligible to nominate themselves or another graduate.

Alumni-trustees from Suffolk University Law School, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Sawyer Business School serve together on the Board of Trustees of Suffolk University. The alumni-trustee representing a given school is elected to a three-year term by the alumni of that school. Each school holds alumni-trustee elections on a consecutive basis.

The Principal Responsibilities of an Alumni-Trustee:

- Participate in Board of Trustees' meetings five times a year.
- Serve as members on selected Board of Trustees' committees.
- Attend school-based Alumni Association Board of Directors' meetings.
- Participate in the Board of Trustees' Annual Fund Drive.

The Board of Trustees consists of life members, term members, and alumni-trustees who are nominated directly by alumni of the university. Life members and their successors, not to exceed six in number at any one time, serve until death or resignation. Term members, not exceeding 31 at any one time, serve five-year terms. Three alumni-trustees are nominated, one each from Suffolk University Law School, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Sawyer Business School. The president of the university and the vice president/treasurer are ex-officio members. The Board of Trustees meets five times a year: in September, November, February, April, and May.

Students, faculty, and staff of Suffolk University are excluded from serving as alumni-trustees.

The Alumni-Trustee Committee will choose three nominees to appear on the election ballot. These candidates' names, together with brief biographies, will be sent to alumni of Suffolk Law for balloting by mail.

If you wish to nominate yourself or another graduate, please submit the applicable name, year and degree, home and business addresses, telephone number and email, along with a brief statement of intent, no later than November 29, 2007, to Suffolk University Law School, Alumni-Trustee Committee, 120 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108-4977; fax: 617.573.8151; email: diane.schoenfeld@suffolk.edu.



FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Alumni:

As an attorney in a busy Philadelphia law practice, a family man, and the president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the Suffolk Law School Alumni Association, I find time management to be a constant challenge. Life is a balancing act—every minute I spend with a client means a minute away from my family, or from my duties on the Alumni Board, or from something else of value to me. And I imagine that, like me, you often find yourself setting priorities and making sacrifices to keep your family bond strong and your livelihood successful.

While attending our inaugural Delaware Valley Alumni Chapter reception two years ago, I ran into a colleague I had known for more than 20 years, a wonderful man and a true professional. I had no idea, however, that he was a fellow Suffolk Law graduate! Neither of us could believe we were part of the same extended “family” and had never known it. And that got me thinking.

I’m continually amazed at the ever-expanding reach, both professional and geographical, of the Suffolk Law alumni community. However, given our overburdened calendars, it can be difficult to find the time to draw upon the resources of such a diverse, well-connected group of individuals.

That’s why I consider the Suffolk Law alumni network to be so valuable. From online directories and in-person social gatherings to traveling lecture series and the annual Alumni Weekend, we work overtime to keep you connected to your 21,000-plus Suffolk Law peers situated around the globe. Wherever “here” is to you, our Alumni Association and our staff of alumni volunteers will be there, spearheading events and helping to make your life’s balancing act a little less difficult.

I encourage you to go to www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/alumni/calendar.cfm and take a few minutes to scroll through the many alumni-related events happening over the next year. Because no matter your work and life commitments, staying connected to the Suffolk Law family has never been easier.

Besides, you never know whom you could meet at an upcoming chapter event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Scheff".

Richard L. Scheff, JD '81
President, Suffolk Law School Alumni Board

Fostering Financial Literacy

The Suffolk University Law School Office of Financial Aid is encouraging students to “get smart”—financially, that is. In 2004, the office began a comprehensive financial literacy program for Suffolk Law students dubbed Get \$mart!™, which has since gained national recognition as an innovative best-practice model. Kristi Jovell, director of financial aid, says that 86 percent of Suffolk Law Class of 2007 borrowed an average of \$95,000 to obtain their law degrees; the goal of Get \$mart! is to help students handle that debt and successfully manage their other financial affairs. Realizing that alumni can also benefit from these financial topics, Diane Schoenfeld, director of alumni relations, has partnered with Jovell to create financial information programs that would be of interest to alumni as well as students. And alumni participation doesn't end there. “Some of our most popular topics are those presented by Suffolk Law alumni,” says Jovell.

The Get \$mart! program kicks off each year with two sessions during new student orientation that focus on credit basics, credit scoring, and identity theft. Programs are then held about once a month; topics include investing, how to start and maintain a small law practice, home buying, loan repayment options, budgeting, and estate planning.

The feedback from students has been very positive. “After attending a Get \$mart! program, I felt a great deal of relief, because I knew that Suffolk Law was serious about helping its students truly understand how to best manage their investment financially, whether it be through improving one's credit or creating an effective budget,” says Lisa Borelli, JD '10.

Moreover, Jovell says, students now view the Office of Financial Aid as a more useful resource: “They see us as an ally rather than just the office processing all these loans.” There have been positive quantitative results as well: average student debt is holding steady, and the Suffolk Law Office of Financial Aid scored higher marks than offices from all other peer schools in student satisfaction with the level of service and counseling provided. Although the ideal would be to have enough grant and scholarship funds so that students would not need to borrow, “until then, we'll focus on educating students to live frugally, borrow less, and manage their finances,” says Jovell.

For more information on the Get \$mart! program, including the 2007–2008 calendar, visit www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/finaid/getsmart.cfm. Alumni interested in presenting a Get \$mart! program, or who have a suggestion for a future topic, may contact Diane Schoenfeld at diane.schoenfeld@suffolk.edu or 617.305.1999. (The sessions are informational only, and presenters are not permitted to market any products or services.)



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Jazz Divas

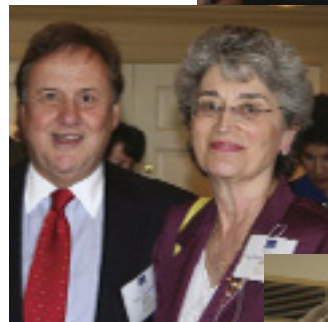
In April, Delaware Valley Alumni Chapter members got their groove back during a special evening at the Philly Pops. "Sophisticated Ladies" paid tribute to some of the greatest female jazz vocalists of the last 100 years, including Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, and Sarah Vaughan. Following the concert, alumni were treated to a green room reception.



A Family Court Affair

Members of the Alumni Chapter of Rhode Island honored retiring Associate Justice Pamela Macktaz, JD '66 at the Providence Biltmore Hotel in June. Macktaz was appointed to the Rhode Island Family Court in January of 1984; before her appointment, she had a private law practice in Woonsocket specializing in family law matters. In addition to

her practice, she was and continues to be actively involved in community and social service agencies in northern Rhode Island. Earlier this year, the National Association of Women Judges awarded Macktaz its 2007 Florence K. Murray Award in recognition of her trailblazing career.



Alumni Set Sail in Salem

Forty alumni and their family members took to the semi-open seas in July as part of the Annual **Boston Alumni Chapter** sunset schooner sailing trip. The boat, a replica of a fishing schooner that was reborn as a privateer before the War of 1812, took participants on a two-hour cruise around Salem Sound.



[SAVE THE DATE] MEET THE DEAN

Alumni across the country are invited to spend an evening with Suffolk University Law School's new dean, Alfred C. Aman, Jr., as he travels the country to meet and connect with the Suffolk Law community. More dates will be added to those listed below; go to www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/alumni/calendar.cfm for the most updated schedule.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11	New York Alumni Chapter Cornell Club, New York City 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29	DC Alumni Chapter Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30	Delaware Valley Alumni Chapter Union League Club, Philadelphia 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13	Boston Alumni Chapter Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15	Rhode Island Alumni Chapter Hope Club, Providence 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008	New Hampshire Alumni Chapter Bedford Village Inn, Bedford 6 p.m.

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Class Notes

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1955

Harold Cohen was cited for his many contributions to the New England Sinai Hospital by the Sinai Men's Associates. Cohen is a former president of the Sinai Men's Associates and a longtime member of the hospital's board.

1958

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1969

Harry Grossman was appointed a judge of the Massachusetts Land Court.

Mark Rappaport is of counsel with the Binghamton, New York, firm of Coughlin & Gerhart LLP.

1970

Diane L. Parsons-Salem was named of counsel in the real estate division of Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh, North Carolina.

1971

Carl P. Gross received the Silver Beaver Award from the Monmouth (New Jersey) Council, Boy Scouts of America. It is the highest recognition given by a Boy Scouts Council for exceptional and distinguished service to youth.

1972

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Richard Weiss
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Robert S. Heppe Jr. has joined the Worcester law firm of Mountain, Dearborn & Whiting LLP.

Harry R. Hoglander was reappointed to a second term on the National Mediation Board.

James E. Riley Jr. has become affiliated with Barron & Stadfeld PC in Boston.

1973

Leonard Polletta was appointed chairman of the New York State Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board.

1974

James Dunn was appointed to the Vermont Labor Relations Board.

Paul F. LoConto, first justice of the Worcester District Court, was appointed to the Commission on Judicial Conduct for a six-year term.

1975

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John Garrity gave up private practice to become a full-time judge in Poughkeepsie (New York) City Court, where he had served part-time for more than two years.

William Heaphy retired as the state and local government division chief of the Ohio Legislative Service Commission, where he served for more than 30 years.

Arthur McMahon was named vice president of human resources at Synta Pharmaceuticals Corporation in Lexington.

Lynn Morrill Turcotte has opened a law office in Worcester.

1976

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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Albert Conlon, Lynn District Court judge, was inducted into the Lynn English Hall of Fame.

Marshall A. Gallop Jr. was named a 2007 North Carolina Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics*.

David G. Spackman was named chief of the nonprofits division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's office.

1977

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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Barbara Anthony was appointed executive director of Health Law Advocates in Boston.

Dominic J. Paratore was named an associate justice of the District Court of Massachusetts and was assigned to sit in the district courts in Essex County.

Joseph M. Pinto was named president of the Burlington County Bar Association in New Jersey.

Robert Vacchelli was appointed a Connecticut Superior Court judge.

Carol Witt, BS '73 was elected president of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation.

1978

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David J. Elliott was elected a James W. Cooper Fellow by the Connecticut Bar Foundation.

Christopher Rich joined the board of directors of Child & Family Services in New Bedford.

1979

Kevin F. Berry, a member of Cozen O'Connor's Philadelphia office, was inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America.

Donald Briggs was elected president of the Maine Trial Lawyers Association.

John J. Cronin has joined Northmark Bank as a business development officer.

Marcia McGair Ippolito, chief of legal services for the Rhode Island Department of Administration, is president of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

James M. O'Sullivan was named of counsel in the workers' compensation practice group at Devine Millimet in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Thomas E. Robinson has been named to the board of directors of BRE Properties Inc.

Christopher Saheed was appointed principal of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

1980

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Edwin Wallace

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Mary L. Amrhein was appointed a district court judge for the Wareham District Court.

Deborah Walsh, chairperson of the legal studies department at Middlesex Community College and co-director of the MCC Law Center, received an Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

1981

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Sheila Tracey

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D. Michael Frink of Curtis Thaxter Stevens Broder & Micoleau LLC in Portland, Maine, was included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

1982

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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Robert J. Foley, director of the product tax department at State Street Bank in Boston, was appointed a consultant to the collective investment vehicles project at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

NEWSMAKER

"U.S. Congressman" is a title customarily shared with 434 coworkers, but only one person can call himself "chancellor." And at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell (UMass-Lowell), that person is now former **Rep. Marty Meehan, MA '81, JD '86**. This past July, Meehan resigned from a 14-year career in the U.S. House of Representatives to take over the top spot at his undergraduate alma mater.

"I bring a great passion to this job and a special understanding of the history and potential of the campus," Meehan says. "It is a great honor to have the opportunity to lead the University of Massachusetts-Lowell."

Meehan was first elected to Congress in 1992 and sat on the House Armed Services and Judiciary committees. Highlights of his tenure include his sponsorship of major campaign finance reform and his work as co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Tobacco and Health, eventually contributing to landmark settlements with U.S. tobacco companies. Meehan will now put his experience to use as UMass-Lowell's second chancellor and fourteenth leader overall.

It's hardly his first stint at the school. Meehan graduated from UMass-Lowell cum laude and later returned to teach political science as an adjunct faculty member. From there, it was off to Suffolk Law, the State House, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Congress ... and now back to his roots.

"The education I received at UMass-Lowell nearly 30 years ago, and later at Suffolk University, has enabled me to achieve what I have in my professional life," Meehan says. "I am going to set high goals in teaching, research, and service for this university and work diligently with the faculty and staff to accomplish them."



1983

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CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Philip Mulvey III

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Roland Airey was named executive director of Greater Lynn Senior Services.

Mary E. Keane received a master's degree in social work from Catholic University of America.

Denise McClintic was named vice-president of the TGen Foundation in Phoenix, Arizona.

Jody Newman was named managing partner at Dwyer & Collora LLP in Boston.

Stephen J. Sedensky III was appointed state's attorney for the judicial district of Danbury, Connecticut.

1984

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Mario Iglesias

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Peter Dulchinos was appointed to the board of trustees of Northern Essex Community College.

Deborah A. Eliason has joined the Massachusetts office of Beveridge & Diamond PC as counsel in the firm's real estate transaction and project development practice.

1985

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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Michael K. Callahan, BS '82, assistant general counsel for NStar, was appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners for a five-year term.

William E. Flanagan was reelected treasurer of the Dedham Historical Society.

Marisa Tinkler Mendez was appointed a circuit court judge in Miami, Florida.

Hunter O'Hanian was named president of Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass Village, Colorado.

Frank J. Riccio recently became a fellow in the American College of Legal Medicine.

1986

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

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William E. Carnes Jr. was appointed a superior court judge in Rhode Island.

Patrick Delulis was elected president of the board of directors of the Salem Chamber of Commerce for 2007.

Fred W. Clark was named chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

Thomas P. Harrison was named a shareholder in Hanify & King PC.

Kathleen McDermott joined Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP in Washington, D.C., as a partner in the health care group.

John O'Neil was named a Maine District Court judge.

Eric J. Parker, managing partner of Parker Scheer LLP, was elected to a two-year term as vice president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

1987

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

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Michael F. Walsh

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Mary Ferriter was named president of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Paul F.X. Yasi was named to the board of directors of the Marblehead-Swampscott YMCA.

1988

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Karen Lynch Bernard

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Suzanne M. Bump was appointed Massachusetts secretary of labor and workforce development.

Dino M. Colucci was appointed to the Suffolk University Law School adjunct faculty and will teach a course on trial evidence.

John Dennehy received the Martin Luther King Jr. Peacemaker Award from the town of Braintree.

Donna A. Daniels is an adjunct visiting professor of law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Dennis Gorman was named the 2007 president of Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple PC.

M.C. (McNeill) McBain was promoted to vice president, global alliances and global contract development, at International Business Machines Corporation.

Elizabeth W. Morse, a partner with Tashjian, Simsarian & Wickstrom LLP in Worcester, was appointed vice chair of the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Commission.

1989

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Mary Beth Heffernan, MPA '85 was named secretary of the West Roxbury Main Streets executive board.

Patricia M. Watson opened a law office in East Providence, Rhode Island.

John Wheeler, chief counsel for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, was named crime policy advisor to Governor Bill Richardson.

1990

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Joel R. Davidson

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Andrew C. Liazos was recognized as a national leader in the practice area of employee benefits and executive compensation in the latest edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. In May, he was named vice chair of the foreign and international subcommittee on employee benefits and executive compensation for the American Bar Association's Section of Taxation.

Rick Manley has taken a position as a partner in the public finance practice at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP in Boston.

1991

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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Ricky LeBlanc has joined The Law Offices of James Sokolove as the manager of quality assurance.

Thomas McAnespie, BS '86 was named assistant treasurer of the abandoned property division of the Massachusetts Department of State Treasurer.

Barry Pettinato has been promoted to assistant director of the Office of Immigration Litigation, a branch of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Joy Riddell joined the New Hampshire firm of Shaheen & Gordon PA as an associate.

1992

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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ALUMNI PROFILE

Clarke's Bar

Lance D. Clarke, JD '77 sets a new standard for multitasking. A judge who also maintains a thriving private practice, Clarke recently added "elected official" to his résumé—for the third time—when he became the Nassau County Bar Association's first African American president this past June.



A Cambridge, Massachusetts, native, Clarke first became enamored of the law while an undergraduate at Tufts University in the early 1970s, as he watched the Watergate proceedings on television.

"I would go to class and come back, sit down, and watch some of the lawyers who were involved, as well as the lawyers being tried," recalls Clarke. "Several of the congressmen were also lawyers, and they asked all the questions. It piqued my interest in the profession."

Clarke's older sister had graduated from Suffolk Law School, so he decided to follow in her footsteps. "My sister encouraged me to come to Suffolk because she felt welcomed there," explains Clarke. "Prior to 1970, African Americans were a rare commodity in law school. Deans Sargent and Deliso were enthusiastic about having a diverse student body, and that was reflected in their words and deeds."

After law school, Clarke and his wife Carol moved to New York City, where he joined an insurance defense firm. The couple lived in Queens until 1982, when Clarke went to work at his father-in-law's general practice firm in Hempstead, Long Island. Clarke has since built a strong private practice that focuses on real estate, estate litigation, and municipal law. In 2001, he also became village justice for the Justice Court of Hempstead, and is currently on his second four-year term. Over the years, Clarke has taken on a few additional jobs as well: he was a three-time deputy mayor and a city councilman for 15 years, and also served as president of the Hempstead Civic Association.

However, Clarke assumed new levels of electoral responsibility when he became president of the 108-year-old Nassau County Bar Association, an organization of nearly 6,000 members and 60 committees. "It's a fulltime job," he notes, "keeping track of 6,000 people—or 6,000 people keeping track of me—as well as answering all the media inquiries ... not to mention serving as a member ex-officio of every committee." But Clarke wouldn't have it any other way. "My first 60 days have been extremely exciting!" he says. "I look forward to the balance of my term."

Clarke uses much of his time as president to increase minority involvement within the bar association. "I've gotten a lot of calls from people who are African American. They feel as if the time has finally arrived—and they've arrived, too," Clarke says. "My goal for this year is to create more and more diversity in the bar association. If I open the door and don't pull in anyone else behind me, then I've wasted my time and haven't done the right thing for this community."

Have we mentioned that in his "free time," Clarke is a volunteer firefighter?

"I've had a very wild career," Clarke concedes. So wild, his wife confides, that between the three jobs, the elected offices, and the volunteer work, he doesn't sleep much. "Carol says I always have one eye open," laughs Clarke. "She tells me, 'I'm going to get you a license plate so I can recognize you.'"

– Arin Greenwood

John Chapman joined Duane Morris in Boston as a partner in the corporate practice group.

Leigh-Ann M. Durant was recently awarded the Adams Pro Bono Publico Award. In February, she went in-house to EMD Serono Inc. in Rockland.

Stephen A. Gould was elected a partner at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP in Boston.

Stephen R. King was promoted to principal of Wolf & Company PC in Boston.

Mel Passarelli was appointed vice president of sales for North America at Attunity.

Simon R. Brown has joined the Concord office of Preti Flaherty as an associate in the litigation group.

1993

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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Andrew D'Angelo was appointed associate justice of Stoughton District Court.

Joseph Edwards, BS '89 was elected chairman of the board of trustees at Northern Essex Community College.

Nicola Favorito was appointed executive director of the Massachusetts State Board of Retirement.

Paul S. McCarthy was appointed senior associate director of athletics at the University of Connecticut.

John J. Sheehan recently opened his own law office in downtown Boston at 44 School Street across from Old City Hall.

1994

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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Michele Jalbert was named senior vice president & general counsel for the New England Council.

Ann Marie Maccarone joined the firm of Shechtman Halperin Savage LLP in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, as an associate.

Joseph R. McCabe joined the Boston office of CTPartners as vice chairman and executive committee member.

1995

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Gary Murad
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R. Stanton Dodge was named executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary of EchoStar Communications Corporation in Englewood, Colorado.

Tami Nason was promoted to general counsel at Charlesbank Capital Partners in Boston.

Timothy Oyer was elected president and managing partner at Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks PC in Boston.

1996

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Michael Costello, a Massachusetts state representative from Newburyport, was appointed chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Heather Gebbia is senior counsel at Momenta Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge.

Richard M. Harper II was named a partner at Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP in Boston. He is a lieutenant commander in the active reserves of the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Bethany (Bee) S. Mandell recently joined the immigration practice at Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo PC in Boston.

Daniel M. Surprenant has joined the Medicaid & Estate Planning Strategies Law Firm PC in Fairhaven.

Marc L. Terry has joined Mirick O'Connell in Worcester as a partner.

1997

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N. Kate Bennett joined the Hartford, Connecticut, law firm of Halloran & Sage LLP as a partner.

Ralph S. Boelter was appointed special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's division office in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Catherine L. Burns was named a partner in the Boston office of Seyfarth Shaw LLP.

Windy Rosebush Catino, BA '94 was promoted to partner at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP in Boston.

Robert Ford, BS '93, MPA '97, JDP has been named director of land protection for the Sudbury Valley Trustees.

Allison R. Lane was appointed a director of Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple PC of Worcester.

Joseph P. Sullivan was appointed to the board of Training Resources of America Inc. in Worcester.

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Anne M. Barry was appointed residential mortgage officer at Middlesex Savings Bank.

Steven M. Jensen was promoted to partner at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP in Boston.

Patrick Owens McAleer of Looney & Grossman LLP in Boston was designated

a proctor in admiralty by the Maritime Law Association. He is a licensed U.S. Coast Guard captain.

Bridget Murray was named director of development at the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley.

Augusto "Cookie" Rojas Jr. was named general sales manager for the Pawtucket Red Sox.

David A. Warren joined Mellon Financial Corporation as vice president in the private wealth management group in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

1999

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Margaret "Missy" L. Fulton was appointed assistant commissioner to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Brett A. Kaufman was named a 2007 Massachusetts Super Lawyer Rising Star by *Law & Politics*.

Sean Leonard was elected a partner in the Boston office of Holland & Knight LLP.

Mark O'Connor has joined the legal staff of NICA Inc.

Maureen Pomeroy joined Sulloway & Hollis PLLC in Concord, New Hampshire. Her practice focuses on advising businesses on employment law and litigation matters.

George Ramirez was appointed general counsel for the Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

John R. Van Amsterdam was named chair of the biotechnology practice group of Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks PC.

ALUMNI PROFILE

2000

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Margaret Kerouac was elected vice chair of the New Hampshire State Bar Association's section on family law. She is an attorney in the litigation department of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton PA in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Corey Lee opened a law office in Worcester.

Mark Maier joined McGuire Woods LLP as an associate in its office in Tysons Corner, Virginia.

2001

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Marc R. Michaud has joined the New Orleans, Louisiana, office of Lemle & Kelleher LLP as an associate.

Mark H. Peikin has joined the New York office of Hodgson Russ LLP as a partner.

Andrea Wagner and Stephen McDonough, JD '04 have formed Wagner McDonough LLP in Norfolk, Massachusetts.

Patrick R.H. Waller, a patent attorney with Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks PC, was named a 2007 Massachusetts Rising Star by *Law & Politics*.

Anne Wolfe, LLM '05 was named IP legal counsel for the Automobile Association in England.

Making (and Burning) Beautiful Music

Lauren Berkowitz, JD '95, MBA '96 isn't the frontwoman of a rock band, nor does she play the drums or pluck a banjo. She did dabble in the guitar as a young girl. "But put one in my hands now and I wouldn't know what to do with it!" she laughs.

Yet, Berkowitz has still managed to lead a career on the cutting edge of both the music scene and the digital age.



In May, Berkowitz was appointed senior vice president of digital for EMI Music North America. EMI Group, one of the Big Four record companies (alongside Sony BMG, Universal, and Warner), as well as the world's largest independent music company, operates several record labels, including Blue Note, Capitol, and Virgin.

Although this San Francisco native claims to have no musical proclivities of her own, she did grow up in a musical family: her brother is a keyboardist and blues musician, her parents and grandmother all play the piano, and one of her uncles performs in a band.

But Berkowitz chose to immerse herself in the business and production side of the industry—something she always wanted to do. After earning a bachelor's degree in communications from Boston University, she headed out to Los Angeles, where she worked in a production house as a casting director, producing—and occasionally appearing in—music videos and commercials.

After four years in the field, however, Berkowitz wanted to be involved in the industry in a greater capacity and decided to pursue a career in entertainment law. Returning to the East Coast, she enrolled in Suffolk University Law School. After wrapping up her legal studies, she went on to earn an MBA from the Sawyer Business School.

"I learned that to be successful in this field," she explains, "you need both a solid legal foundation and a sound financial background."

Going to Suffolk Law, she adds, not only gave her a chance to soak up all that a culturally rich city like Boston has to offer, but also connected her with scores of people who eventually became leaders in their fields and who remain some of her closest friends to date.

Following Suffolk Law, Berkowitz went on to work for CDNOW, one of the first major online music companies. Her timing was impeccable. "When the Internet burst forth, I was very well situated," she notes. "I was in the right place at the right time."

As technology became increasingly globalized, and her own educational background remained an "important differentiator," her career eventually took her overseas, where she became immersed in Europe's music industry. In Berlin, Berkowitz led business development at Linkedwith GmbH, a wireless software company, and later moved to London, where she was vice president at Sony BMG Music Entertainment and led the company's European digital business development.

Now settled back into life in the United States, the New York City resident is finding her law degree especially invaluable to the tasks she faces. With music and technology becoming increasingly intertwined, she finds herself working in uncharted territory, constantly interpreting and crafting new types of agreements.

"The trick is you have to be fast enough not to miss anything," Berkowitz says. "Things happen so fast in this industry—things that haven't been done before."

Meanwhile, she revels in a position that constantly places her on the cusp of the digital age. "It's a pretty cool time to have this kind of job," she says with a smile.

— Lauren Walser

2002

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2003

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Michael Bavly published a report on the conditions endured by Israeli civilians during the 2006 summer war. The report was prepared in cooperation with SHATIL, a project of the New Israel Fund, and the Concord Research Center in Israel.

E. Mayher is the placement director in the Boston division of Kelly Law Registry.

Elise B. Hoffman, a sole practitioner in North Andover, was named to the executive committee of the Lawrence Bar Association and serves on the City of Haverhill's Open Space and Recreation Committee.

Michael L. McCain was named a 2007 Minnesota Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics*.

Jennifer Rogers joined the Washington, D.C., office of WilmerHale as a staff attorney.

Amy Roma joined the energy practice of Hogan & Hartson LLP in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

Benjamin Seldin opened a law office in Brookline.

2004

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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Kerri P. Schray was appointed of counsel to Mirick O'Connell in Worcester.

2005

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Krista Zanin Griffith
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Timothy Beaupre joined the New Hampshire firm of Shaheen & Gordon PA as an associate.

Jennifer L. Bogacki has joined the Burlington, North Carolina, firm of Vernon, Vernon, Wooten, Brown, Andrews & Garrett PA as an associate.

Meghan M. Cosgrove has joined the Boston firm of Donoghue Barrett & Singal PC as an associate in the health care department.

Kyla Dennigan began working as a regulatory associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP in New York.

Christopher Froeb joined Nixon Peabody LLP as an associate in the real estate group.

Matt B. LeBretton was appointed to the board of directors of the Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund.

UP & COMING

Four Suffolk Law graduates were recently named to the 2007 *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* list of Up & Coming Lawyers. Additionally, Kathy Jo Cook, JD '96, first named a Rising Star in 1999, became the third member of the publications' Up & Coming Lawyers Hall of Fame.



Susan M. Bourque, JD '00, a partner at Parker Scheer, won more than \$4 million this year in personal injury settlements as counsel

or co-counsel. Originally interested in medical malpractice work, Bourque began at Parker Scheer as an unpaid intern while still at Suffolk Law.



Michael R. Costa, JD '97 is vice president and general counsel of American Renal Associates in Beverly. Costa began as a commercial litigator

while pursuing a master's degree in public health at Boston University and later became a partner at Greenberg Traurig, handling the first hospital privatizations in Massachusetts.



Katie Cook Rayburn, JD '99, a former Plymouth County prosecutor, gained national attention earlier this year for defending

Lucy Wightman, a former exotic dancer under indictment for practicing psychology without a license and other offenses. Rayburn is an associate at the Law Offices of Daniel W. O'Malley PC.



Thomas E. Workman Jr., JD '97 is both a legal forensics expert and an advocate for court-appointed attorneys and their clients.

Workman cofounded the Massachusetts Association of Court-Appointed Attorneys and, as president, won higher hourly fees for bar advocates.



Kathy Jo Cook, JD '96 of Keches & Mallen won a \$4.1 million verdict against Liberty Mutual for violating consumer protection laws. She frequently wins large

sums in personal injury, medical malpractice, insurance bad faith, and professional liability cases. Cook is also president-elect of the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts and will begin serving as president in March 2008. She is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA), the American Association for Justice (AAJ), and the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys (MATA). She has been featured in the *National Law Journal* and *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* for her work as chair of the Judicial Administration Section Council of the MBA.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Lisa Long and Eric Sigman have opened Sigman Law Office PC in Medford.

Elizabeth Mahony was named legislative and budget director for Massachusetts State Senator Benjamin B. Downing.

Elizabeth Souza was appointed chief of staff for Massachusetts Representative James R. Miceli.

2006

John T. Brennan joined the Vincent E. Bonazzoli Law Firm PC in Lynnfield as an associate.

Marita Callahan joined the Salem law firm of Stern, Keilty & Wall LLC as an associate.

Matthew Dunn joined Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP in Boston as an associate.

John T. Hurley has joined Hamilton Brook Smith & Reynolds PC in Concord as an associate.

Lauren Keane was named an associate at Moschella & Winston LLP in Somerville.

Andrea L. Martin has joined Burns & Levinson LLP as an associate.

Brian Thomas, an attorney with Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green in Manchester, New Hampshire, serves on the finance board of New Hampshire Catholic Charities.

2007

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Beth Keeley

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Jack Gearan has joined the firm of Burns & Levinson LLP in Boston.

William F. Lyons Jr. was named president of Traffic Solutions LLC in Boston.

Nicole Noel received a 2007 Law Student Ethics Award from the Northeast Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel.

They Call Him Mr. Coffey

Like many of us, **Stephen Coffey, BA '97, JD '01** was deeply affected when, as a college sophomore, he first learned about the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. It wasn't until Coffey sampled one of the country's native exports a decade later, however, that he discovered a way to help the rebounding African nation.

"Africa is the birthplace of coffee, and Rwandan coffee has an unbelievable aroma," Coffey says. "That's always the first sign of a fantastic coffee." Not long after falling in love with the region's Arabica beans, Coffey founded Thousand Hills Coffee Company. Its dual mission: introducing Rwandan coffee to the United States, while also supporting local Rwandan coffee farmers and subsidizing the construction of the Maranyundo School, an independent middle school for girls.



So how did a local kid from South Boston go from practicing law at a small local firm to building schools in Rwanda?

"I always knew that I would be running my own business," says Coffey, "and this job is perfect for me."

The Maranyundo School was the brainchild of Sister Ann Fox, director of the Paraclete Foundation in South Boston (www.paraclete.org), which sponsors the Rwanda Middle School Project. Coffey, a friend of Sister Ann's since childhood, heard about her plans to start a school in Rwanda modeled on her after-school program in Boston. "I called her and asked how I could help out," explains Coffey.

With Sister Ann's guidance and Coffey's assistance, the Paraclete Foundation began construction on the school in 2005 in the town of Nyamata. The school is scheduled to open in February 2008.

Meanwhile, Coffey decided to seek out a business venture that would combine his entrepreneurial instincts with his desire to further Sister Ann's efforts. When she mentioned the region's coffee, he ordered samples from the few companies importing Rwandan coffee to the United States. After sending samples to some professional coffee tasters, called "cuppers," their enthusiastic responses intrigued him. "I ended up going to Rwanda, and that's when I realized that I had something," he says.

In fact, Coffey's trip proved overwhelming on levels far beyond those he anticipated. "After visiting genocide memorial sites and talking with victims, many of whom are the sole survivors of their families, I was deeply moved," he recalls.

In 2004, Coffey cobbled together enough capital to launch his business, and soon Thousand Hills Coffee Company (www.thousandhillscoffee.com) was up and running in South Boston. (Rwanda is known as the "Land of a Thousand Hills.") The company was, and remains, a small operation minimally staffed by a few employees, some volunteers... and Stephen Coffey. "You can find me sweeping the floors and bagging coffee at midnight during the holiday rush," he says with a laugh.

Local restaurants, including Haley House and Avenue Grill, have begun to serve Thousand Hills Coffee, and Whole Foods has expressed interest. And, in a possible sign of his company's future prospects, even the venerable Starbucks has begun to sell Rwandan beans.

While building Thousand Hills Coffee Company is still an up-and-down venture—"one day's tough, the next day I'm shaking the president of Rwanda's hand"—Coffey ultimately feels confident about the future success of his business.

"When people have the choice of drinking great coffee or great coffee with a great cause," he says, "most people are going to choose the coffee with a great cause."

— Dan Tobin

In Memoriam

Wilbur Hollingsworth, JD '32
Harry Tabachnick, JD '34
Alexander S. Kowalski, JD '39
Gerald R. Bernier, JD '40
Bernard H. Starr, JD '40
Lewis Ferullo, JD '41
Bernard Lenhoff, JD '41
Carl Pierce, JD '42
Alfonso M. D'Apuzzo, JD '49
Wesley C. Archer, JD '50
Leo J. Dooley, JD '50
William F. Esip Jr., JD '50
William P. Kee, JD '50
Peter Makris, JD '50
John O. Marra, JD '50
Angelo J. Roberti, JD '50
Costas G. Letsou, JD '51
Alan E. Kunian, JD '54
Paul L. Lausier, JD '55
Robert J. Goodnow, JD '63
John D. Patrie, JD '64
Edison Farrand, BA '65, JD '68
Andrew Giuliotti, JD '68
Frances G. Merrigan, JD '68
John W. DiNicola, BA '66, JD '70
Denne J. Mancuso, JD '71
David J. Connolly, JD '72
James E. Deveney, JD '72
Thomas E. Gomberg, JD '72
Dorothea R. Looney, JD '72
Peter R. Beigbeder, JD '73
Anthony G. O'Connell, JD '74
Terence J. Gorman, JD '75
Daniel Chaffee, JD '77
John J. Sullivan, JD '79
Brian G. Burns, JD '80
John T. Day Jr., JD '81
John R. Fox, JD '82
Joyce Iones, JD '83
Diane Cardegna-Angell, JD '86
R. Bart Warner, JD '88
Anthony J. Cavaliere, JD '96
Rodney B. Chin, JD '97

Ellis F. Brown, JD '38, the former presiding justice of the Wrentham District Court, died January 14, of Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease, at the



age of 93. Born in Roxbury, Brown attended Suffolk Law after graduating high school. After serving in the United States Army during World War II, he returned to Roxbury to start a law practice, later expanding his practice to Boston. In 1968, he was appointed special justice in Wrentham, and then was appointed first presiding judge of the Wrentham District Court in 1972. In his 16 years as a district court judge, Brown presided over hundreds of cases, both civil and criminal. He retired in 1983 at the age of 70. He was preceded in death by daughter Jill and is survived by wife Muriel, daughter Susan, two stepsons, and one stepdaughter.

Richard A. Gonnella, JD '74 of Cranston, a Rhode Island District Court judge, died May 22, of cancer, at the age of 61. Born in Providence, Gonnella



earned a bachelor's degree in English from Roger Williams University before attending Suffolk Law School. He had a private law practice in Providence for 25 years. In 2000, he was appointed to the district court by former Governor Lincoln C. Almond. He also served as legal counsel for the Rhode Island Senate Judiciary Committee. "He was, as far as I'm concerned, one of our finest jurists," District Court Chief Judge Albert E. DeRobbio told the *Providence Journal*. "He was very knowledgeable in the law and very compassionate in how he dealt with people. He was truly a gentleman." In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Honorable Richard A. Gonnella Memorial Fund, which will be used to benefit Rhode Island students attending Suffolk University Law School. Please send donations to Suffolk University Law School, c/o Dean's Office, 120 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108. (A more complete tribute to Gonnella's life and career will appear in the spring 2008 issue of *Suffolk Law* magazine.)

Editor's Note: As we prepared to go to press, it was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of John Gardner, JD '31, Suffolk Law's oldest alumnus and a recent recipient of an honorary doctorate of laws from Suffolk University. A tribute will appear in the spring 2008 issue of *Suffolk Law* magazine.

Stanley Sokoloff JD '66 used to drive 60 miles after work to attend Suffolk Law three nights a week. Now his commute from Los Angeles, where he founded one of the nation's top patent firms, to Suffolk is 2,600 miles. Still, he maintains a close connection with his alma mater. "I feel very strongly that my success was based on my Suffolk education," he says. Since financial aid helped Sokoloff get his start, he and his wife, Susan, want to make the power of a Suffolk education available to other deserving law students.

The Drive to Succeed

The Sokoloffs are establishing a scholarship through a charitable gift annuity funded with highly appreciated stock. "The arrangement offers a tax advantage while still providing income for my wife and me during our lifetime," he explains. "Most important, it helps someone else go to Suffolk."

To learn how a charitable gift annuity supports Suffolk while guaranteeing lifetime income from your assets, contact **Charlotte Sobel Weinas, Director of Planned Giving** at (617) 573-8441 or csobe@suffolk.edu.



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