Center for Law, Medicine and Bioscience to be Established

The Law Center will establish a Center for Law, Medicine and Bioscience in the coming year. Professor Edward P. Richards, former director of a Health Law Institute at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, will direct the program with the assistance of Professor Michael J. Malinowski, a bioscience and pharmaceutical regulatory expert.

In addition to providing classes in the health law area, the Center will seek to assist the state of Louisiana in its Vision 2020 effort to develop bioscience initiatives. An important goal of the Center for Law, Medicine and Bioscience will be to enhance the bioscience/law initiatives of the Pennington Center, LSU Medical Centers in Shreveport and New Orleans, and the LSU A&M bioscience programs. A signature publication is planned for the Center as it engages practicing attorneys as adjunct health law professors.

The Law Center has the strong support of the Governor’s Office which has stated publicly that if LSU is going to be a driving force in health care and research, including such areas as gene therapy and cutting edge molecular biology, then the Law Center must be in the forefront of health law and intellectual property and related fields.}

Congressman Tauzin Named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Congressman Billy Tauzin, LSU Law Class of 1967, author, amateur actor, and native Cajun, has been named the LSU Law Center’s Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for 2001. Tauzin will be recognized at the LSU Law Center’s Distinguished Alumni breakfast to be held October 18, 2002, at the Faculty Club on the LSU campus.

Congressman Tauzin of Chackbay, LA represents Louisiana’s diverse 3rd Congressional District. He is currently serving his 12th term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was first elected in 1980 in special election to fill the seat vacated by Dave Treen, and now has served the 3rd District longer than any of his predecessors.

In 2001, Congressman Tauzin became the first Louisianian ever to be named chairman of the influential House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which has jurisdiction over all interstate and foreign commerce, including energy, telecommunications, health care, biomedical research, consumer protection, the environment, and travel and tourism. In addition, he is a senior member of the House Resources Committee.

Tauzin also serves as Deputy Majority Whip, making him the only person in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives to serve in the leadership of both major political parties.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Representative Tauzin served with distinction in the Louisiana State Legislature. He was Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee and Chief Administration Floor Leader. Twice he was chosen as one of Louisiana’s “Ten Best Legislators.”

Tauzin received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Nicholls State University in 1964 and a Juris Doctor Degree from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1967. He is married to the former Cecile Bergeron of Crowley, Louisiana, and has five children by a previous marriage.

The Law Center’s Distinguished Alumnus/a Award is given to individuals who exemplify the highest quality and ethical standards of the Law Center and recognizes personal and professional achievements and loyalty to alma mater. Nominations are submitted by members of the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the Law Center. Selection is determined by an advisory committee.

Chancellor to Host Second Complex Litigation Seminar

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Law Center Renovations Continue

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Appellate Advocacy Program Redesigned

The Law Center’s Moot Court Committee, chaired by Professor John Devlin, has redesigned the appellate advocacy curriculum. The new program, adapted from similar models at top tier law schools and approved by the Law Center faculty, separates the Moot Court competition from the learning experience of persuasive writing, appellate brief writing, and oral advocacy.

Full-time legal writing professors will teach students the fundamentals of persuasive writing and oral advocacy in the spring semester of their freshman year. This first attempt at advocacy will be taught with a condensed trial record consisting of a judge’s written reasons for judgment including case law for and against the judge’s ruling. Videos of oral arguments will give the students a baseline from which to compare their skills with the skills acquired in the senior level NITA training given to all 3L students. A field trip to meet the judges at the First Circuit Court of Appeal and to attend actual oral arguments will complete the introductory experience.

As a supplement to this basic training, an elective advanced appellate advocacy course will be taught by experienced adjunct instructors. This advanced course is designed to give students hands-on training by experienced appellate lawyers or appellate law clerks. The course will define some of the differences between federal and state appellate practice, and will feature guest lecturers from the state and federal appellate courts.

The new Tullis Moot Court Competition will be held in the spring semester. The competition will be open to all 2L students, regardless of whether the elective course was taken. This completely voluntary competition, no longer mandated as part of appellate advocacy curriculum, will infuse a spirit of competitiveness and enthusiasm in all students because they now have an equal opportunity to earn a position on the Moot Court Board. In addition, the Moot Court Board will now be the hands-on group that will prepare the next year’s competition.

The Tullis competitors, chosen from the top-ranked of the Moot Court Board, will have the opportunity to take yet another advanced advocacy seminar taught by longtime courtroom advocate and former judicial fellow of the United States Supreme Court, Professor Paul Baier.

This multi-tiered approach, beginning with freshman persuasive writing and ending with the senior level NITA training program, will provide all Law Center students with the opportunity to hone their advocacy skills prior to graduation.

Chancellor To Host Second Complex Litigation Seminar

Complex litigation in the form of state or federal class action suits and other forms of multi-plaintiff actions has increasingly engaged the attention of lawyers and litigants throughout Louisiana and the nation.

In response to this development, the LSU Law Center assembled leading members of the bench and bar for a comprehensive review of this important topic from the perspectives of governing and emerging legal principles, of the plaintiffs’ and defendants’ bar, of the judiciary, and of the special master.

A Complex Litigation Seminar, hosted by Chancellor John Costonis in March 2002, was an intensive one-day seminar to acquaint practitioners with the basic concepts of complex litigation involving multiple parties, issues generating the need for innovative techniques, and a mixture of traditional and nontraditional techniques and procedures for resolution. Faculty for the seminar included David W. Robinson, Emilie C. Rolfs III, Aubrey B. Harwell, Jr., Hon. Richard T. Haik, Sr., Patrick A. Juneau, J. Jerry McKerrnan, and Calvin C. Fayard, Jr. Attending practitioners were awarded 7.2 hours of Louisiana CLE credit.

The seminar’s success prompted Chancellor John Costonis to bring this important program to New Orleans with a slightly modified format. A Second Complex Litigation Seminar has been scheduled for October 11, 2002, at the Ritz-Carlton in New Orleans. Seminar topics and speakers include:

**Class Actions Under Louisiana and Federal Rules**
David W. Robinson, Baton Rouge

**Alternative Courses of Action**
Emilie C. Rolfs III, Baton Rouge

**Attorneys Fees**
David W. Robinson, Baton Rouge

**Luncheon Speaker:**
Richard F. Scruggs, The Scruggs Law Firm, Pascagoula, MS

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Views on the Future of Complex Litigation in America

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Role of the Special Master, Patrick A. Juneau, Lafayette
Role of the Attorneys, Calvin C. Fayard, Jr., Denham Springs and Drew Ranier, Lake Charles

**Roundtable Discussion**
All speakers and audience Q&A Session

E.D. White Lectures on Citizenship:
The Ambiguous Legacy of the Enlightenment

The 52nd E.D. White Lecture series was held January 30-31, 2002. James Q. Wilson, prominent social scientist and frequent member of presidential commissions, delivered the lectures. The title of his series was, *The Ambiguous Legacy of the Enlightenment*. His first lecture addressed *Moral Institutions*, and his second, *Marriage*.

Noting that one out of every two American marriages ends in divorce, Wilson proposed that the principal function of marriage is to protect children. He worried that the secularization of marriage, the expanded rights of women, and an increasing lack of respect for marriage are creating serious social problems in the world.

Wilson is a Professor of Management and Public Policy, Emeritus, at the University of California, Los Angeles, as well as Ronald Reagan Professor of Public Policy at Pepperdine University in Malibu.

The Edward Douglass White Lectures on Citizenship were inaugurated at Louisiana State University in 1934. They were established to honor the late United States Chief Justice and native Louisianian, Edward Douglass White, himself the son of a governor of the state. Past lecturers have included such prominent scholars as Edward S. Corwin, Lon Fuller, Louis Hartz, and Eric Voegelin, and two Chief Justices of the United States.

Recent lecturers include Jean Bethke Elshtain, Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr., John Finnis, Richard Fenno, and Harold Berman. Sponsorship of this series is shared between LSU’s Department of Political Science and the Paul M. Hebert Law Center.
Law Center Renovations Continue

Law Center graduates from the Class of 2002 may well remember their last year of law school as a year of pounding, dust, viscous, and piles of sheet rock. But entering freshmen at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center will experience a very different law school.

Perhaps the most dramatic changes involve the recently installed escalator that leads to a completely transformed Daggett Courtyard on the second floor. The courtyard, once a dingy, damp and dismal space, is now an inviting student lounge and food court. New facilities for the Admissions and Student Affairs Offices are also on the second floor and construction has begun to move the Career Services Suite from the third floor to the ground floor.

The Law Library has undergone a major face lift with renovated circulation and reference desk areas on the first floor reading room. Additional space has been provided for public terminals to access library materials. Fourteen computers have been installed in a first floor electronic classroom, which will be used for library in-house instruction. The renovated first floor also features a remodeled microforms room for some of the Library’s growing microforms collection. Freshly painted walls, a new carpet, and new furniture have helped freshen the look of the library. Finally, an expanded rare books area will accommodate the library’s older materials and archives. This facility will also house display cases and an inviting reception area.

Major building circulation improvements have come with the construction of a covered bridge with attendant elevator and staircases to connect the 1969 and 1936 buildings.

Slated for completion in November 2002, the Law Center renovations will create an environment that will greatly enhance student life. To learn about naming opportunities for the Law Center Renovation Campaign, contact Susan Davis, Director of Alumni Relations, 225-578-8644 or sdavis@lsu.edu.

Louisiana Civil Law System Subject of Tucker Lecture

The newly installed escalator, left, the new Admissions Suite, top right, and the refurbished library are part of ongoing renovations at the Law Center.

The Civil Law System in Louisiana—Archaic or Prophetic in the Twenty-First Century was the topic for the Tucker Lecture held in March 2002 and delivered by Kathryn Venturatos Lorio of Loyola University law faculty.

Lorio related the concern of many that Civil Law is dying out in Louisiana. She identified several contributing factors: common law incursions, economic forces for unification of laws, and non-bilingualism in Louisiana. After reviewing a number of developments underway at Louisiana law schools, however, she observed signs indicating a possible resurgence of Louisiana Civil Law. Chief among them is the observed commitment of Louisiana’s four law schools to sustain student interest in Civil Law. She applauded, in particular, the LSU Law Center’s Bi-Juralism Program which fuses both the Civil and the Common Law and prepares students for practice in bi-jural jurisdictions.

Lorio is the author of Louisiana Successions and Donations: Materials and Cases, numerous articles on the subject of legal issues relating to assisted reproduction, and co-author of West Civil Law Treatise on Successions and Donations. The Tucker Lectures are offered each year in recognition of Colonel John H. Tucker Jr., who was among Louisiana’s foremost legal scholars and distinguished citizens. He served the bar of this state for many years, both through the bar association and as chairman of the Louisiana State Law Institute. His writings in legal periodicals have done much to illuminate the history and present-day viability of our civilian system. The lecture series was established in his honor through the LSU Foundation by a group of interested patrons of the civil law.
LSU Moot Court Finals in McKernan Law Auditorium

The Robert Lee Tullis Competition Finals were held in March 2002 in the McKernan Law Auditorium of the LSU Law Center. Finalists included Stacey M. Cassidy and Charles H. Abbott, Appellant/Appellee versus Monique E. Angelle and Randy T. Cresap, Appellant/Appellee. The winning team was Cassidy and Abbott.

Named in honor of the late Dean Emeritus of the Law Center, the Tullis Competition provides advanced development of appellate advocacy skills for certain third year students (the semifinalists) who excelled in Appellate Advocacy. The Tullis Competition is centered around a moot Louisiana law problem, and is organized, scheduled, and executed by the Moot Court Board through the Tullis Committee.

Justices of the Louisiana Supreme Moot Court were Honorable John V. Parker, Senior Judge United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana; Honorable Billie Colombardo Woodard, Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal; and Honorable John Michael Guidry, Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal.

Dardenne Selected Honorary Member Order of the Coif

Senator Jay Dardenne, a 1979 graduate of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, was named honorary member of the Order of the Coif. Every year, the LSU Law Center faculty, which comprises the membership of the Louisiana Chapter of the Order of the Coif, votes on whether to induct a member of the legal profession who has distinguished himself or herself in the law. Dardenne was honored at an induction ceremony on May 23, 2002.

Dardenne is State Senator for District 16, which includes most of southeast Baton Rouge. He was elected in 1991 and re-elected without opposition in 1995 and 1999.

He serves as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. He is a member of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, which he chaired last term, and the Education and Judiciary ‘B’ Committees.

The Louisiana Chapter of The Order of the Coif, a national honor law fraternity, was established in 1942. Its purpose is to stimulate scholarly work of the highest order and foster and promote a high standard of professional conduct.

Honorable James L. Dennis Addresses Class of 2002

The LSU Law Center held commencement exercises on May 23, 2002. Aaron Joel Messer, senior class president, delivered the invocation and Chancellor John J. Costonis presided. Perry Segura, member and past chairman of the LSU Board of Supervisors, conferred the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree on 86 students, the Juris Doctor/Bachelor of Civil Law (J.D./B.C.L.) degree on 93 students, and the Master of Law degree (LL.M) on two students.

Jay Dardenne, Louisiana’s State Senator for District 16, was named Honorary Member of the Order of the Coif. (See related story above.) Recognized as members of the Order of the Coif were: Sara Kathleen Blackwell, Kecia Kling Campbell, Monique Angelle Cenac, Mayas Samar Dabit, Matthew James Fantaci, Todd Denison Keator, James Parker Laytisson, Carey Colgan Lyon, Elizabeth Ann Ready, Jennifer Ann Rogers, Angela Shannon Teer, Melissa Anne Vanderbrook, Garth Runyon Backe, Amy Lewis Champagne, Kristopher Michael Holden, Lawrence Andrew Melsheimer, John Marron Monsour, Christopher David Shouest, and Kerrie Lynn Theriot.

In his address to the graduates, the Honorable James L. Dennis, U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, stated, ‘It is always heartwarming for me to express my sincere gratitude for the education I received at the LSU Law Center. I received a splendid education that I could not have afforded elsewhere. I still admire and remain indebted to the Law Center professors who taught me how to think.’
Medal of Excellence to Law Center Senior

Chancellor Costonis presented the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence to Law Center senior Carey Lyon. Lyon received the annual award from the ABI, a national organization of bankruptcy professionals, in recognition of her top score in Professor Jason Kilborn’s Bankruptcy course in Fall 2001. Lyon was chosen from among all students enrolled in bankruptcy-related courses at the Law Center offered during academic year 2001-2002. The Law Center congratulates Lyon for her outstanding performance.

Professor Green Receives Fulbright Scholar Award

Stuart P. Green, Louis B. Porterie Professor of Law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to be in residence at the University of Glasgow in Scotland during the 2002-2003 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Green will be working on a book on the moral content of white-collar crime. He will be accompanied by his wife, Jennifer Moses, and their three children. Professor Green became a member of the Law Center faculty in July 1995. He teaches courses in Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and White Collar Criminal Law at the Law Center.

Green is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 140 countries for the 2002-2003 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program’s purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries. Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement of extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

John L. Weimer (’80) Elected to Louisiana Supreme Court

Judge John L. Weimer (’80) was sworn in as Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Sixth District, at an induction ceremony at Nicholls State University, Talbot Auditorium, in Thibodaux, Louisiana. The oath of office was administered by Daniel A. Cavell, his brother-in-law and an attorney from Thibodaux. Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. and Retired Sixth District Justice Harry T. Lemmon, Justice Weimer’s predecessor, provided remarks welcoming Weimer to the Supreme Court Bench. Prior to his election to the Supreme Court, Justice Weimer served as Judge of the 17th Judicial District Court 1995-1998, and Judge of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal, District 1, Division B from 1998 to the present.

For 15 years, 1980-1995, Justice Weimer was an attorney in the private practice of law. He was also both an Adjunct Professor of Law and a Professor of Law at Nicholls State University during the years from 1982–1997. Justice Weimer is completing the unexpired term due to the early retirement of Justice Lemmon. The term expires at the end of 2002.

—taken from “Court Column” A Newsletter of the Judiciary of the State of Louisiana

Professor McGough Named to ABA Committee

Professor Lucy McGough will serve as a member of the Accreditation Committee of the ABA’s Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. Her term will run from 2002-2004.

Librarian Receives Award

Law Center associate librarian Charlene Cain was presented the Anthony H. Benoit Mid-Career Award by the Louisiana Library Association at the Spring 2002 LLA Conference Awards Luncheon. The award recognizes a Louisiana librarian in mid-career who has made outstanding contributions to the field of librarianship.

Board of Regents Matches Professorships

The Board of Regents presented the Law Center with a check in the amount of $160,000 this past May. The contribution represented the state match for four professorships from the FY 2001-2002 Louisiana Educational Quality Support Fund.

The matching funds completed the establishment of the following professorships: C.E. Laborde, Jr. Professorship, David Weston Robinson Professorship, Richard C. Cadwallader Professorship, and the Robert & Pamela Martin Professorship. The Law Center gratefully acknowledges the importance of the Louisiana Educational Quality Support Fund. Created through partnerships between donors and state government, these endowed professorships help the Law Center recruit and retain excellent professors. According to a policy established by the Board of Regents, each endowed professorship is worth at least $100,000.
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Louisiana State Bar Association Recognizes Law Alumni

The Louisiana State Bar Association and Law League of Louisiana recognized several LSU Law alumni at the Louisiana State Bar Association’s 2002 Annual Brunch in Sandestin. Michael H. and Ayan Rubin were honored with the prestigious Bernard J. Caillouet Award for their demonstration of a strong commitment to improving public understanding of the role of the law. Also recognized were: S. Guy deLaup and Hon. Melvin A. Shortess with the Pro Bono Publico Award; and Charles R. Davoli and Joseph L. Shea with the President’s Award.

Baton Rouge Bar Association Conference Reception

On April 5, 2002, the LSU Law Center sponsored a reception with Sweeney & Miller Law Firm in conjunction with the Baton Rouge Bar Association Conference in Perdido. The reception provided an opportunity for members of the bar and conference attendees to relax after a day of CLE courses and to re-connect with the Law Center and fellow alumni.

LSU Law Center Board of Trustees

Members of the LSU Law Center’s Board of Trustees were honored at a dinner on Thursday, April 11, 2002 at Mike Anderson’s Side Porch Restaurant. They dined on a seafood buffet with live music from the Cajun band “Tout Les Soir.” The board meeting was conducted on Friday, April 12 at the Tiger Den Suites located in the newly renovated area of Tiger Stadium. Susan Costonis, wife of Chancellor John J. Costonis, hosted a special tea at Highland Porch for the spouses of the Board of Trustees.

Lafayette Area Alumni Reception

On March 19, 2002, the Lafayette area steering committee welcomed Chancellor Costonis to a reception held at “A La Carte” restaurant in Lafayette, LA. The committee, consisting of Richard D. Chappuis, Jr., Patrick S. Ottinger, Patrick A. Juneau, Jr., Ralph E Kraft, Leslie J. Schiff, and Kenneth O. Privat, invited all LSU Law Center alumni in the Lafayette and surrounding parishes to the event. The Law Center wishes to thank the steering committee and the Lafayette alumni for their hospitality.

LSU Law Center and Baton Rouge Bar Association Young Alumni Mixer

The LSU Law Alumni Relations Office and the Baton Rouge Bar Association teamed up for their first Baton Rouge Area Young Alumni Mixer at Avoailles Café. The event, held April 18, 2002, was the first in a series of events planned for the Baton Rouge area young alumni. Approximately 75 people enjoyed the inaugural event.

Plimsoll Club Reception

John T. Nesser III, New Orleans Area Alumni Chairman, hosted a reception in honor of the LSU Law Center on May 9, 2002 at the Plimsoll Club atop the World Trade Center in New Orleans. All LSU law alumni from Orleans and Jefferson Parishes were invited to attend. The fundraiser sponsored by over 30 firms and individuals, was attended by more than 250 alumni and friends. The LSU Law Center Alumni Relations Office thanks John T. Nesser III and all of the generous sponsors and alumni of the New Orleans area for their continued support.

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Chancellor’s Council Dinner

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The Tradition Continues

The Monsour family submitted their family photo taken at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center’s Commencement in May 2002. The Monsour family celebrated its third and fourth graduates, twins Marron and Michael, of the Law Center. They were accompanied by, left to right, Jordan (’00), their mom, Mary Ann, their dad, Walter (’70), and their eldest brother Trey.
12th Annual Alumni Sandestin Reception

The LSU Law Center Alumni Relations Office hosted the 12th Annual Alumni Reception in Sandestin, Florida on June 27, 2002. The event was held in conjunction with the Louisiana State Bar Convention. Over 300 alumni, their families, and friends visited with Chancellor Costonis and members of the Law Center staff.

The Alumni Relations Office thanks WestGroup for its generous sponsorship of this year’s event. WestGroup has been a proud sponsor of the Sandestin Event for the last four years, and their support has helped make this event a terrific success.

Alumni and friends show support of the LSU Law Center in Sandestin at the Louisiana State Bar Convention.
Latin American Initiative for Center of Civil Law Studies

At a time when the world and the practice of law have transcended national boundaries, the Center for Civil Law Studies is uniquely positioned to become one of the foremost centers of civil law study in the world. Rather than focus its research and educational programs solely on European countries, the Center of Civil Law Studies will enlarge its attention to include countries in the entire Western Hemisphere. This shift in focus is timed to address the needs of NAFTA trading partners with civil law systems that must become conversant with the common law system of the United States.

Four visiting faculty from Latin America will be in residence at the LSU Law Center during the 2002-2003 academic year. Pablo Arce, Chancellor of the Autonomous Central American University in Costa Rica, will teach International-American Trade and Selected Problems. Julio Kelly from University Torcuato de Tella Law School in Buenos Aires will teach Comparative Commercial Law. Santiago Legarre from the Austral University in Buenos Aires will teach Comparative Constitutional Law. Francisco Reyes from the University de Los Andes in Colombia will teach comparative commercial law.

Elements of the program will include a major conference in Spring 2003 to which principal Latin American educators and trade development officials will be invited, and an exchange of undergraduate law school students from Austral University in Buenos Aires, UPc in Lima, Peru, and Catholic University in Ecuador.

The cornerstone of this initiative will be the establishment of a Latin American Trade Institute to increase Louisiana’s exports to Central and South America. With the assistance of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, the Law Center is seeking $5 million for various aspects of the program.

The Center will promote the study and development of the civil law, and the interaction of the civil law and common law, for which the State of Louisiana has served as a laboratory. The shift to Central and South America is also consistent with Governor Foster’s wishes that Louisiana ports expand trade with emerging markets in Central and South America.

The Law Center is uniquely capable of aiding the economic development of Louisiana by supporting trade with Central and South America. With faculty trained in the civil law systems of those countries, the Law Center can provide valuable assistance to companies seeking to do business in those countries. As well, its faculty trained in the common law can provide educational assistance to companies abroad seeking to expand their business in the United States.
John E. W. Baer II (’94)—recently named partner of the law firm Steen, McShane, & Williamson.

Timothy A. Barfield (’89)—recently named president of Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure Inc.

Andrew B. Benton (’99)—recently became chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association Environmental Affairs in the Louisiana Department of Environmental Law. He was also named counsel to the Louisiana State Bar Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Edward R. McGregor (’99)—joined the firm of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC. He recently became a shareholder in the firm of Loskow & Lewis. He practices labor and employment law.

Roy Z. Mengis (’88)—recently named partner in the law firm of Guin & Achee.

The book is the first for Haynie, a practicing attorney and partner of the law firm, McElveen, Palmentier, Holthus & Fruge’ LLP in Baton Rouge. Haynie obtained a law degree from Tulane University School of Law in 1995 and has practiced in the Baton Rouge area since 1996. He has been involved in a number of cases and practices in a number of diverse areas, including insurance and commercial litigation, subrogation, casualty, maritime law, and toxic tort defense. Haynie was also the featured writer of the March 2002 issue of Underwriter Magazine with an article titled, “Mold Cases Require Aggressive Defense.”

Michael E. Kirby (’73)—appointed by the Conference of Court of Appeal Judges to represent the group on the Judicial Council for a term which began January 1 and will end on December 31, 2004.

David Koch (’94)—recently received board certification in tax. He is also certified in estate planning and administration. He is a named partner in Weil, Dunn & Koch in Baton Rouge.

Leonard Knapp, Jr. (’71)—partner in Weill, Dunn & Koch in Baton Rouge. He is also certified in estate planning and administration. He is a named partner of Guin & Achee.

Susie Morgan (’80)—recently became a shareholder in the firm of Loskow & Lewis. She practices labor and employment law.

Kimberly Lewis Robinson (’98)—recently became a shareholder in the firm of Loskow & Lewis. She serves as associate editor of the environmental law section’s newsletter, The Louisiana Environmental Lawyer. Crochet is a partner with the firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Phillips, LLP, where she practices environmental law.

Anne J. Crochet (’83)—recently became chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association Environmental Law Council for the 2001-2002 term. She also serves as associate editor of the environmental law section’s newsletter, The Louisiana Environmental Lawyer. Crochet is a partner with the firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Phillips, LLP, where she practices environmental law.
Class Notes >>>

Bernard H. Rosenzweig ('79) — promoted to vice president of legal affairs for Scripps Networks, the company behind HGTV (Home and Garden Television), Food Network, DIY (Do It Yourself) and the new Fine Living Network. Rosenzweig left in 1995 with Scripps Networks since 1999 and will remain as general counsel of the company.

Christopher Roy, Sr. ('59) — appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve as an alternate judge in Alexandria until an election is held to fill the position by the death of Judge Eddie Robert.

David S. Rubin ('78) — a shareholder in Kantrow, Spalt, Weaver & Brelitz (APLC), Baton Rouge, LA, and a graduate of the American College of Bankruptcy. The induction ceremony was held in the Great Hall of the United States Supreme Court on March 15, 2002. He is one of 57 nominees from the United States and abroad inducted in the Thirteenth Class of College Fellows. They are recognized for their professional excellence and exceptional contributions to the fields of bankruptcy and insolvency law.

John Runnels ('85) — a partner with Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP, was presented with the 2001 Boss of the Year award at the River City Legal Professionals, Inc.'s Awards Ceremony held on January 8, 2002 at Ayoselles Café.

Charles Schrampag ('79) — recently named to the Executive Council of the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association.

Tiffany C. Sues ('91) — joined Rosenzweig in 2002 and was recently left the law firm of Stafford, Stewart & Porter and created Tillman & Williet in Alexandria, LA.

Lewis O. Unglesby ('74) — The National Board of Trail Lawyers recently announced that Lewis Unglesby earned NBTA board certification as both a civil and criminal trial advocate. According to the NBTA, Unglesby is one of only two attorneys in Louisiana who currently maintains dual certification from that organization.

Roger K. Ward ('96) — recently won second prize in an international competition on Human Rights held in Gren, France. There were competitors from a wide range of countries, including France. All competitors had to deliver their program in French.

Warren Daniel Williet ('79) — recently left the law firm of Stafford, Stewart & Porter and created Tillman & Williet in Alexandria, LA.

Russel W. Wray ('84) — an attorney with Wray, Pierce, and elected as a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Gerard E. Wimbler, Jr. ('79) — Managing attorney of the law firm of McGlachney Stafford, PLLC as a member.

Wimbler is based in Grapevine, Texas, and actively supports Ducks Unlimited. He is also recognized for their professional excellence and exceptional contributions to the fields of bankruptcy and insolvency law.

In Memoriam

Charles Haywood Dameron ('38) — retired attorney and long-time resident of West Baton Rouge Parish died Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at his home in Port Allen. He was 87. He graduated from the LSU Law Center in 1938 and began his law practice in Baton Rouge with Richard C. Cashfinder and Mary Bird Perkins, under the firm name of Cashfinder, Dameron & Perkins. Subsequently, he was for many years, a senior partner in the law firm of Haywood & Dameron. He served as a Trustee to the Haywood-Dameron & Fitchie. He served a short term as an assistant attorney general of Louisiana and for 30 years as first assistant district attorney of the 18th Judicial District. Dameron also served five years in the U.S. Army during the World War II era. He was presented the American Declaration of Honor for Science and Art at the National D-Day Museum in March 2001 by Austen ambassador to the United States, Dr. Peter Moyer.

Dr. John Lewis Davidson ('62) — retired professor of business law at the LSU Law Center and resident of Mer Rouge, a graduate of the LSU in 1958 and his law degree, with honors, in 1959. While at LSU Law Center, he served as an editor of the Louisiana Law Review, was voted Outstanding Law Graduate of 1956-57 by his contemporaries, and was inducted into the LSU School of Law’s two main honor societies, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Order of the Colf. Survivors include his 11 children and their spouses, and 15 grandchildren. Three of his children are lawyers, and one grandson attends LSU Law Center. Politz was known for his love of Cajun food, his Cajun humor, and ability as a federal jurist serving on one of the busiest and most important circuit courts in the federal judicial system. He ever-present wit and genuine concern for and interest in everyone he ever met will not soon be seen again.

Bobbe J. Rawls ('66) — native of Bastrop and resident of Stephensville, died November 23, 2001. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Rawls also earned a master’s degree in geology from LSU and a J.D. from the LSU Law Center in 1965. Rawls was a longtime attorney in Morgan City, at one point serving the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (spurt) as legal advisor. He also served on the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Board and actively supported Ducks Unlimited. He was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, serving on the vestry and as a senior warden.

Nauem Steele Scott III ('72) — Black Top Records co-founder and internationally known record producer died at his New Orleans home on January 8, 2002. Specializing in blues, rhythm and blues and zydeco for more than 20 years with his brother Hammond, the New Orleans based company recorded such music legends as Earl King, Snooks Eaglin, the Neville Brothers and many more. His record company received two Grammy nominations and won more than 50 W.C. Handy Music Awards (top award for the blues industry). He practiced law for a decade in Monroe where he became prominent in the oil and gas industry. He remained in Dallas for several years as a co-founder of Primos Production Company before moving to New Orleans in the mid 1980s.

Judge Hiram J. Wright ('48) — Retired 8th Judicial District Court Judge Hiram J. Wright died January 9, 2002 in Winnfield, Louisiana. He attended Louisiana State University from 1940 - 43 when he was called to active duty by the Army. Following his graduation from Infantry Officer’s School, Judge Wright participated in the campaigns in Normandy, France, where he was captured by the Germans and remained a prisoner of war until January 1945 when he was liberated by Russian forces in Poland. He returned to LSU and graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1948. He was in the private practice of law from 1948 until he took the bench in 1975. Appointed to the 8th Judicial District Court, he was elected to the same office in 1974 where he served until his retirement in 1984.
