Pugh and Stagg Named Distinguished Alumni

Robert G. Pugh and the Honorable Tom Stagg were recently named LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center’s Distinguished Alumni of the Year. In making the announcement, Law Center Chancellor John J. Costonis explained that 2004 would be a special year in the cycle of the Distinguished Alumni Awards. A decision was made to end the anomaly of being a year behind in the cycle (the 2003 award winner being awarded in 2004) by selecting both the 2003 and the 2004 award winners. Therefore, the LSU Law Center will honor Robert Pugh as its 2003 Distinguished Alumnus and Judge Tom Stagg as its 2004 honoree. Both men are from Shreveport. Plans are underway to have a joint recognition celebration on October 14 at the Petroleum Club in Shreveport.

The 2003 award winner, Robert Pugh, was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. He graduated from St. John’s High School in Shreveport where he would later return as a teacher. He graduated from Centenary College in Shreveport with a B.S. degree in 1946 and is a 1949 graduate of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Pugh is also a former professor of Law and Medicine at Louisiana State University Medical Center in Shreveport.

After Chancellor Costonis informed Pugh of his selection as the 2003 Alumnus of the Year, Pugh responded: “I am very much honored by your kindness in affording me the opportunity to be recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from my law school. To be a lawyer was indeed a desire that accompanied me for all my life. My entry into law school was from a position that was humble and unpromising. The lessons I learned there have been my guiding light for over half a century. It has never dimmed, nor is it likely at all that it ever will.”

His past awards are numerous and indicative of his outstanding reputation and career. He won the 1990 Louisiana Bar Foundation Distinguished Attorney Award; is an honorary member of the LSU Law Center Order of the Gof, and a 1993 inductee in the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame. He won the 1998 American Inns of Court Fifth Circuit Professionalism award and is a Fellow in the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Pugh is also a practicing Catholic and was selected a member of the prestigious Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher. He was also named to the Hall of Honor at St. John Jesuit School in Shreveport.

Married to Jo Ann Powell, Pugh has three children: Robert G. Pugh, Jr., Jean Anne Pugh Cottingham, and Lamar Powell Pugh. Robert, Jr. and Lamar are both lawyers in practice with their dad in the Shreveport Law Firm of Pugh, Pugh, and Pugh LLP.

Law Center Closes Ranks on Nation’s Top Law Schools

The LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center has again moved up in rank among the nation’s top 100 law schools, according to the 2005 edition of U.S. News and World Report’s Best Graduate Schools. The Law Center moved to 89th on the list, tied with four other universities.

The Center moved from third to second tier and into the nation’s top 100 law schools last year, and jumped ahead an additional 10 spaces in this year’s rankings.
Participants at the conference included the following: John Baker (LSU), Phil Bates (King’s College, London), Vera Bergelson (Rutgers University, Newark), Tony Dillof (Wayne State University), Markus Dubber (SUNY Buffalo), Antony Duff (University of Stirling, Scotland), Marcello Ferrante (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina), Kimberly Ferran (Rutgers University, Camden), Claire Finkelstein (University of Pennsylvania), Stuart Green (LSU), Jeremy Hood (University of Oxford, England), Kyron Huigens (Cardozo Law School), Douglas Husak (Rutgers University), Kevin McMenigal (Case Western Reserve), Pendele Peeter (American University), Stephen Shute (University of Birmingham, England), Andrew Simester (University of Nottingham, England), Ken Simons (Boston University), Bob Sullivan (University of Durham, England), Victor Tadros (University of Edinburgh), and Leo Zaibert (University of Wisconsin-Parkside). Papers presented at the conference will be published by Oxford University Press in a forthcoming book titled Defining Crimes: Essays on the Criminal Law’s “Special Part.” Two of the papers, and two commentaries, will also appear in a forthcoming issue of the Louisiana Law Review.

The conference represents one of the most ambitious undertakings so far by the Pugh Institute for Justice, a tax exempt, charitable organization founded in 1998 to provide support for research, educational, and pro bono activities that will promote justice for individuals in the administration of the criminal and civil justice systems in the State of Louisiana and elsewhere. For more information about the activities of the Institute, see its website: http://bost.law.lsu.edu/pughinstitute.

National Security Law and Bioterrorism Conference

On April 1–2, Professor Edward P. Richards of the LSU Law Center hosted a symposium on national security law and bioterrorism. Bringing together nationally known experts in national security law and public health, the symposium explored the legal and policy issues in managing bioterrorism. These included managing the threat of smallpox, the role of the military in a bioterrorism event, whether there is a federal police power, and tension between the traditional separation of law enforcement and the military and the new role established in the Patriot and Homeland Security Acts. The symposium was very successful, with the discussions extending late into the evening. Papers from the symposium will be published in a special issue of the Louisiana Law Review. For more information about the conference and other public health and bioterrorism research at the Law Center, visit Professor Richards’ website at: http://biotech.law.lsu.edu.

Law Center Hosts African Dignitaries

Professor Alain Lavasseur, Director of the European Studies Department at the LSU Law Center, acting upon the request from the U.S. State Department, recently hosted seven African dignitaries interested in receiving instruction on the law of the United States and Louisiana.

The visitors were as follows: Gisele Charlotte Coulbavy, attorney from Burkina Faso, Aleine Djeus Ndine-Mpessa, Assistant Director for Criminal matters at the Ministry of Justice in the Cameroon, Djonata Djatto, Advisor for Judicial Matters in the Office of the Prime Minister in Chad, William Fernandez, Assistant Public Prosecutor at the Magistrates’ Court of Conakry in Guinea, Hamadoun Dit Balobo Guindo, Judge in the Tribunal de Premiere Instance in Mali, Youssoupha Dia Mbojd, Prosecuting Attorney in the Court of Appeals, Khakll in Senegal, Kosiso Housin, Magistrate at the Supreme Court in Togo.

Professor Emeritus Robert Pascal, Professors John Baker, Alain Lavasseur, Michael McAuley, and Randy Trahan combined to make an impressive and successful conference. Our visitors were gracious, attentive, inquisitive, and everyone enjoyed the exchanges of ideas.

The Genomics Revolution? Science, Law and Policy

On February 4–6, the LSU Law Center held a conference on the impact of genetic research on human health and the law. The conference was organized by Professor Michael Malinowski of the Law Center, an expert in biotechnology law. The conference was co-sponsored by the Pennington Biomedical Research Center at LSU, which hosted the conference, and the Center for Public Law and Policy.

The conference brought together leading academics and representatives of biotechnology industries for an exciting series of presentations on the potential benefits of genetics research, as well as the threats to privacy and individual autonomy.

The Honorable Tom Stagg is a United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. Judge Stagg celebrated his 30th anniversary of service as a district judge on April 26, 2004. As the year 2004 is a banner year in Judge Stagg’s life, it is fitting that he would be named the 2004 Paul M. Hebert Law Center Distinguished Alumnus.

Stagg was born in Shreveport and graduated from Byrd High School in 1939. After high school, he attended Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge earning a B.A. degree in 1943.

During World War II, Stagg served in the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant. He was honored with the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star for Valor, and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for his outstanding service and heroism. After the war, Stagg briefly attended Cambridge University and then the LSU Law Center where he received his J.D. in 1949. He began the practice of law in February 1949 with the firm of Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook and Hargrove. He was a solo practitioner from 1955–1958 and thereafter, senior partner with Stagg, Cassidy, Johnson and Hargood and the successor firm, Stagg, Cassidy and Beard.

Stagg was appointed by President Richard Nixon as a United States District Judge and sworn in on April 26, 1974 in Shreveport. He was Chief Judge of the Western District of Louisiana from 1984–1991. On March 1, 1992, Stagg took senior status, but maintains a full staff and case assignment. In addition to trial court duties, he has served on panels in several Circuit Courts of Appeal.

Stagg is an active member of the Republican Party. He has served as a Republican National Committeeman for Louisiana, a member of the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee; and a five-time delegate to the National Republican Convention. Stagg was also a candidate for the Louisiana Senate in 1968 and Louisiana Attorney General in 1972. He was elected as a delegate to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention in 1975 and served as Chairman of the Temporary Rules Committee and Chairman of the Executive Department.

Stagg has been married to Margaret “Miki” O’Brien, for 58 years. They have two children, Julie S. Harrington of Denver, Colorado and Margaret S. Sour of Shreveport, and three grandchildren.

The Law Center’s Distinguished Alumni Award is given to individuals who exemplify the highest quality and ethical standards of the Law Center. The award recognizes personal and professional achievements and loyalty to their alma mater. Nominations are submitted by members of the Law Center Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the Law Center. A final selection is determined by an advisory committee.
Law Center Takes Lead in International Programs

In a recent U.S. News & World Report issue, an article titled "Law Schools Go International" captured an emerging trend amongst U.S. law schools. The LSU Law Center, however, is in the enviable position of being well ahead of the national curve in the internationalization of legal education.

In 1999, officials at the Law Center sought to make the most of Louisiana's unique juridical juxtaposition at the crossroads of the legal world and develop a network of top international law schools with the purpose of increasing the quality and quantity of international exposure in the students' education. The result is a hand-picked cadre of internationally renowned universities, and over the last five years the interaction (student exchanges, professorial exchanges, joint seminars and an international summer program) between LSU and the network schools has increased steadily.

During the 2003-04 academic year, the Law Center received students from: Argentina, Belgium, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, India, Italy, Peru, and Romania. In addition, in recent years LSU students could be found studying in Argentina, Costa Rica, France, and Spain. "LSU law now sets the international standard in the delivery of summer legal education in Europe," according to Joseph McCahery, Professor of International Business Law with Katholieke Universiteit Brabant in the Netherlands. The Law Center has one of the strongest International Scholar Programs in the country. Since 2000, the Law Center has annually hosted between eight and 10 leading professors, practitioners, and judges from Europe, Central America, and South America, each of whom taught a short course. During the same period, Law Center professors taught short courses in Argentina, Belgium, France, Italy, and Peru.

Further capitalizing on the strong relationships with law schools in Europe and Latin America, the Law Center in 2004 will launch the new International Executive Education Programs. The principle program will be the International Professional Practice Program, designed to deliver practical executive legal education to lawyers and business persons in major commercial markets, such as: Buenos Aires, Argentina; Lima, Peru; Bogotá, Colombia; San Jose, Costa Rica; and Mexico.

The Law Center’s Summer in France program, with 76 participants in 2004, has grown to be the second largest in the United States. Now in its 20th year, and only its third since relocating to Lyon, the program will host students from Belgium, France, Italy, and the Netherlands in 2005.

Law Center Graduate Program Expanding

Fall 2004 will see a significant advancement and evolution of the Law Center’s Graduate Program. In past years, the program consisted of five Fellows who were personally selected by professors of international universities that we had an established relationship. Recently, the program was enlarged to a maximum of 30 candidates, with a full file review of applications by the Graduate Admissions Committee. There will be a sustained growth of the program over time, taking up to 15 candidates now with the possibility of greater growth in the future.

Also, there are ten approved “slots” for International Exchange students each year, with each “slot” being one semester. These exchange students are in the midst of their legal education at their home university and come to the Law Center to broaden their educational experiences and return to their home programs with a deeper understanding of common law and the global and comparative aspects of civil law and common law. Several former exchange students have applied to become candidates in the LL.M. program, and one Fellow this year was an International Exchange student last year.

The Law Center enrolled 11 LL.M. candidates in its graduate program in Fall 2004. The countries represented are: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, France, Indonesia, Nigeria, Peru, Turkey, and the United States. We are also expecting four International Exchange students in the fall and at least three in Spring 2005. Their countries include: Belgium, Colombia, France, and The Netherlands.

Clearly we continue to establish very strong bonds between the Law Center and the countries of Latin America, which complements very nicely our existing long-standing relationship with several European countries. We have also been working closely with Latin American trade organizations to recruit the best and the brightest of that region, including organizations based in New Orleans.
Law Center Welcomes New Faculty

Our newest faculty member, Ronald Scalise, has an unparalleled law school graduate record from Tulane Law (2000). He graduated Summa Cum Laude, fourth in his class, and furthered his legal education at Trinity College in Cambridge where he earned his LL.M (comparative law) in 2003. His accolades are too numerous to list in this forum, but run the gamut from Coif to receiving the ACLU Defender of Freedom Award. We are honored to have Professor Scalise join the faculty as an assistant professor in the areas of Successions and Donations and Legal Traditions.

As a former clerk to LSU Law alumnus and former Distinguished Alumnus for LSU Law Judge James L. Dennis, he comes with the highest recommendation:

Ron Scalise is without a doubt one of the very best law clerks with whom I have had the pleasure of working with as well as a great human being and friend. I am gratified by the felicitous coincidence of his becoming a law professor, the first among my former clerks, at my own alma mater. The Paul M. Hebert Law Center. I extend my fond best wishes to Ron upon the commencement of what I know to be a distinguished career and to the Law Center for continued excellence in legal education during the 21st century.

—Judge James L. Dennis

Russell Long Chair Receives Matching Funds

Matching funds for the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center’s first academic chair in honor of Senator Russell B. Long were approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents. The $400,000 commitment from the Regents completes the $1 million funding requirement to make the academic chair a reality.

In 1992, in recognition of the service of Senator Russell Long as a member of its board of directors, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company established a life insurance policy through its MetLife Director Charitable Contribution Program. Upon Senator Long’s death in 2003, the life insurance policy paid $600,000 to the LSU Foundation for the benefit of the LSU Law Center to establish the Russell B. Long Eminent Scholars Academic Chair. The senator’s law partner and administrator of his estate, Christopher Kirkpatrick, advised the Law Center and the LSU Foundation that the senator wanted this chair to attract a scholar of such distinction that his or her joining the LSU law faculty would enhance the national reputation of the law school and the University. The senator’s desire to achieve this goal was particularly prescient in view of the LSU Board of Supervisors’ recent “Flagship Initiative.”

Upon hearing of the Board of Regents decision to fully fund the chair, Long’s widow, Mrs. Carolyn Long, remarked: “I join the other members of the Long family in rejoicing to the generous response in completing the full funding for the Russell B. Long Eminent Scholars Chair at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center. The law school was dear to Russell’s heart and he had an enduring devotion to Louisiana State University.”

The first incumbent of the Chair will join the faculty at the rank of Professor of Law with tenure. The Law Center anticipates that a national and, indeed, international search for the Russell B. Long Eminent Scholar will focus upon candidates powerfully credentialed in global law scholarship. The highest priority will be assigned to proven distinction in Civil Law in view of the Law Center’s international reputation as a center of bi-jural legal excellence. Candidates distinguished in international and United States environmental law may also be considered in light of the broad array of environmental issues facing Louisiana.

Senator Russell B. Long served in the United States Senate from Louisiana for 38 years. A member of one of the nation’s most renowned political family dynasties, Long was an influential member of Congress for more than three decades. Long was the son of Louisiana governor and senator Huey P. Long and nephew of three-time Louisiana governor Earl Long. He was the Senate majority leader from 1965 to 1968 and chaired the Senate Finance Committee from 1966 to 1981. Elected to the U.S. Senate seven times, Long retired from public office in January 1987. He is a 1942 graduate of the LSU Law Center and was named the Law Center’s Distinguished Alumnus of the year in 1992. Senator Long died on May 9, 2003.

Tucker Lecture Held

The Tucker Lecture took place on March 11, 2004 at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center. The lecture is held each year in honor of Colonel John H. Tucker, Jr. The guest speaker for the 31st Tucker Lecture was the Honorable Bernette Joshua Johnson who is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Associate Justice Bernette Johnson was introduced to the audience by Chancellor John J. Costonis. The topic of her stimulating lecture was titled Ruminations on Solidary Liability. A reception immediately followed the lecture.
Law Center Receives Congressional Appropriation for Public Health and Latin American Commercial Law Programs

Federal funding has been received to expand two important initiatives of the Law Center — the Public Health Law and Latin American Commercial Law Programs. "These initiatives address areas of state and national significance," according to Chancellor John Costonis. The half million dollar appropriation was secured through efforts spearheaded by Representative Billy Tauzin’s office and supported by other members of the Louisiana delegation.

The goal of the Public Health Law program is to encourage a better understanding of public health law by lawyers and public health professionals. The program will focus on two key areas of public health concern: traditional public health law, including communicable disease control and sanitation, with an emphasis on bioterrorism preparedness; and, management of obesity as a public health problem. Law Center Professor Edward Richards, program director, said, “The project will produce materials to teach principles of public health law and to encourage students to seek careers in public health law.” Additional materials will be developed for reference, self-study and professional continuing education.

The Latin American Commercial Law Program will help to facilitate economic development between Louisiana and the United States, as well as Louisiana and Latin American nations. The program will utilize the LSU Law Center’s bi-jural (Civil and Anglo-American Law) expertise to build relations with Latin American law students, practitioners, governmental agencies, and university law departments. Via cooperative endeavors with various Latin American universities, the Law Center aims to provide training in the fundamentals of United States commercial law on the LSU campus and abroad. The Law Center will use the project to establish rapport with Louisiana municipal and state agencies, and with federal agencies seeking to expand Latin American trade.

A variety of activities are planned, including formation of an advisory committee to guide educational initiatives, creation of a Distinguished Visitor’s Program on Civil and Common Law Hemispheric trade law issues, conferences featuring United States and Latin American scholars, law school deans, businesspersons, and economic development officials; recruitment of outstanding Latin American candidates for the Law Center’s LL.M. and M.C.L degrees; and developing specialized curricula and skills programs to facilitate Latin American students’ transition from the Latin American Civil Law to Anglo-American Common Law legal system. <<

Law Programs Reach International Audience

Chancellor John Costonis and Professors Catherine Rogers and John White recently served as guest faculty for a program titled, International to U.S. Law; conducted in Italy. The program was offered by the LSU Law Center in conjunction with three Italian universities: the University of Bologna, University of Milan, and University of Insurbria.

Over 50 students from various law schools in Italy and Germany participated. Chancellor Costonis’ program was titled, ‘The Common Law of Properties: Introduction to U.S. Property Law.” Professor White taught a course on ‘Torts,” while Rogers taught a course on ‘Contracts.”

The program was superbly directed by Professor John White and expertly organized by Kit Williams. In addition, a guest lecture was offered on ‘Mass Tort Class Action” by James Roy (’76). <<

Center of Continuing Professional Development (CCPD) to Offer Eleven Specialty Programs

Frank L. Maraist, long-time LSU law professor, agreed to work with existing staff, Glynn Pellegrin, Scott Harrington, Stephanie Lindley, and Joan Albott to create a community committee to meet the continuing education needs of our alumni by engaging them in the course work and method of dissemination. Professor Maraist has gathered an impressive cadre of bench and bar to aid in the production of some 11 specialty programs per year.

The world of continuing education is open-ended and LSU law is on the cutting edge of these changes. The Louisiana State Supreme Court has approved offering online presentations. LSU Law has contracted with West, a Thomson business, to provide these cutting edge classes. Online presentations should be fully operational by Fall 2004.

Other CLE firsts:
- Pending Supreme Court approval we hope to offer in-house, i.e., within a law firm, specialty programs
- We are researching international seminars
- We are considering restoration of LSU Law Summer School for Lawyers
- We are interested in investigating the viability of providing CLE with alumni programs such as Law Day, and even as new travel alumni programs such as cruises or CLE in South American or European venues

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Law Center Professors Named Godfrey Scholars-in-Residence

Professors Lucy McGough and Jim Bowers have been named Godfrey Scholars-in-Residence at the University of Maine Law School. They will spend the last week of September in Portland, each teaching classes as well as giving a public lecture. Professor McGough's topic is Protecting Children in Divorce: Lessons from Caroline Norton. Professor Bowers will speak on Putting Your Nose in Your Client's Business. Both works will be published in the Maine Law Review.

The Godfrey Fund, which supports the Godfrey Scholar-in-Residence program, was established in 1990 to honor the University of Maine law school’s founding dean and professor Emeritus, Edward S. Godfrey, who is also a former justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Former scholars in residence include Professor Carol Rose (Yale), Professor Edward F. Sherman (Tulane), and Professor Martha L. Minow (Harvard).

Rogers’ Article Receives National Honor

Professor Catherine Rogers has recently completed the third in a series of four related articles that examine the “confused and incomplete” ethical regulation of participants in international arbitration. The article, titled, Regulating International Arbitrators: A Functional Approach to Deriving the Standards of Conduct, was selected as a winner for the 2004 Stanford-Yale Junior Faculty Forum in the category of Law and Humanities and will be published in the Stanford Journal of International Law.

Roger’s first two articles considered attorney ethics in international arbitration, while her most recent article turns to the controversies surrounding the regulation of international arbitrators. According to Rogers, “This article provides the necessary theoretical models to untangle the methodological mayhem that characterizes judicial attempts to delineate standards to describe arbitrators’ obligations of impartiality.” She argues that confusion over arbitrator impartiality is rooted in the misleading judicial referent. Rogers suggests that reconciling the contradictions between arbitrators and judges requires reconceptualizing the term “impartiality,” and that a new definition must be developed independent from national judicial standards. Through conceptual analysis, her article demonstrates that the impartiality required of arbitrators is tied to specific features of their functional role in the international arbitration system, rather than being simply a watered-down version of the mythologically “impartial” judge.

The first two articles were selected for the 2001 Stanford-Yale Junior Faculty Forum in category of private international law, and also received the 20th Annual CPR Professional Article Award for 2002 for their contributions to Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Professor’s Work in Covenant Marriage Draws State and National Recognition

Louisiana has been designated as one of eight high activity states nationally as relates to marriage strengthening in a policy paper published by the Center for Law and Social Policy, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, according to Professor Katherine Spaht. She has recently consulted with several national organizations, including the Institute for American Values and the Office of the Administration of Children and Families of DHHS in Washington. ACF is President George Bush’s lead agency for his ‘Healthy Marriage’ initiative.

In 1997, Spaht’s work at the state capitol resulted in the passage of the “Covenant Marriage” law and this past session in the addition of five new provisions to the legislation. According to Spaht, “If the five [new] provisions in Louisiana law were based on a study of civil codes from around the world.” Her work also spawned a study by the National Science Foundation, conducted by Professor Steven Nock at the University of Virginia, and the results will accompany a soon-to-be released article by Spaht examining the extent to which covenant couples actually conduct their married lives in accordance with the new 2004 legislation.

Several presentations by Professor Spaht are planned for the coming year, including invited presentations at Hillsdale College in Michigan, as well as Harvard University Law School and Princeton University. At Hillsdale College her remarks will address the topic of What’s Wrong with No-Fault Divorce. Her paper, Postmodern Marriage As Viewed Through the Lens of the ALI Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution, will be presented at Harvard, while her work titled, The Current Crisis in Marriage Law, will be the topic of her paper presented to the Witherspoon Institute at Princeton University. Her paper, The Origins of the American Covenant Marriage Movement, will appear in a new book to be published in September, 2004, through the auspices of Emory University titled, Covenant Marriage in Comparative Perspective.

Spaht’s Law Center summer research grant has also resulted in a new publication titled, Covenant Marriage Seven Years Later: Its as Yet Unfulfilled Promise.
The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) recently honored Professor William E. Crawford of Baton Rouge as the 2003 Distinguished Professor at its Annual Fellows Dinner. Recognition is given to those individuals who, by reason of his or her professional activities, have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession and have brought credit and honor to the legal profession.

Professor Crawford is the James J. Bailey Professor of Law at the LSU Law Center in Baton Rouge. He has served in the United States Army and Air Force. He received his undergraduate degree and his J.D. from LSU where he was Editor in Chief of the Louisiana Law Review. In 1955, he began law practice with the Chaffe McCall law firm in New Orleans where he became a partner in 1962. He served two terms as Secretary-Treasurer of the Louisiana State Bar Association, 1961–63. In 1965, he returned to the LSU Law Center as Assistant Dean and Associate Professor of Law, achieving the rank of Professor in 1971. He revised Vols. 10, 11 & 12 of the West’s LSA Code of Civil Procedure, “The Formulary”. He has edited the one volume Code of Civil Procedure for West Publishing Company each year since 1982. He authored the Louisiana Civil Law Treatise, Vol. 12, Louisiana Tort Law in 2000. In 1976, he was the co-translator of the New Code of Civil Procedure in France. He has appeared regularly since 1971 with the LSU Law Center CLE program. Since 1978, he has been Director of the Louisiana State Law Institute. In 1996, he was a principal expert witness before the legislature in his capacity as professor of tort law for the Revision of Tort Law under Governor Foster’s administration. He has received the award as the Louisiana Bar Foundation’s 2003 Distinguished Professor.
Taxation with Representation

Faculty advisors Susan Kalinka and Chris Pietruszkiewicz stewarded Tax Club students through multiple projects, including the Law Center’s 2004 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site, where they and 65 other Law Center student volunteers helped 220 foreign students, teachers, and instructors fill in their federal and state income tax returns.

In 2004, Lisa Gintz, Diane Stucke, and Mary Taylor, members of the Law Center’s Tax Moot Court team, coached by Mark A. Maronneaux and Adjunct Professor Todd A. Rossi, competed valiantly at the 2004 Annual Albert R. Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition held at the State University of New York School of Law at Buffalo.

The following 2004 Law Center graduates have been accepted and are attending LLM programs in taxation during the 2004–2005 academic year at the following law schools: Linnie Benezech, University of Florida, Frederic G. Levin College of Law (Florida); Renesha Fountain, Georgetown University Law Center (Georgetown); Charles Kearns, Georgetown; Brandon Lagarde, Florida; Samantha McVay, Florida; Jennifer Piaskecki, Boston University School of Law (Boston); Robert Rhine, Georgetown; Brent Sheppard, Boston; Brianne Star, New York University School of Law; Diane Stucke, Boston.

Kimberly Robinson, Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue, along with Pietruszkiewicz and Kalinka, have established an externship program in which students spend 72 hours working in the Litigation and Tax Policy Sections of the Louisiana Department of Revenue. During the summer of 2004, Bryston Tholen participated in the annual summer externship program at the Internal Revenue Service’s office in New Orleans where Heather Horton, LSU Law 2003, LLM Georgetown, 2004, has accepted a staff position.

2003–2004 Tax club officers were Presidents Stacie Lambert and Sarah Campbell Wood and Vice Presidents Lisa Gintz and Robert Rhyne.

And the winner is...

Moot Court Garners National Award

The Law Center continues to support achievement in advocacy skills for students. This support garnered two coveted national awards this year.

In February, students Mindy Heidel, Tori Sherer and Megan Terrell placed second in the nation at the Pace University National Environmental Moot Court Competition held at the Pace Law School in White Plains, New York. Professor Kenneth Murchison serves as faculty advisor to the team; and LSU Law Center alum, Charles Ellis of Breazeale, Sasche and Wilson, coached the team to victory. Charles Ellis recently proclaimed at a reception, in their honor, that next year’s team is going “all the way to number one.” The competition is co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Environmental, Energy, and Resources and the Environmental Law Institute.

The National Environmental Moot Court Team placed second in the nation in 2004.

The 2004 Environmental Moot Court Team, left to right: Professor Ken Murchison, Megan Terrell, Tori Sherer, Chancellor John Costonis, and Mindy Heidel.

2004 National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition

LSU Law Students Place Second in Nation

For the first time, the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center competed in the 2004 National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, co-sponsored by The John Marshall Law School and the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association. Professor Todd Bruno and Jeff Traylor of the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney’s office, and LSU Law School Class of 1999, coached students Michael Smith, Julie Hayes Kilborn, Christine Mire, and Tim Fondren to the Competition Finals. In the semifinal round, the LSU team defeated Georgetown University. In the final round, the team was narrowly defeated by returning finalists, Harvard Law School, and brought home honors of placing second in the nation. One team member, Christine Mire, received one of only two individual awards given at the tournament—the “Best Cross Examination Award” surpassing competitors from 20 law schools.

2004–2005 Criminal Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team

2004 Law Center’s Student Profile

Profile of the incoming class of 2004–05

| Total Applications | 1846 |
| Total Accepted     | 473  |
| Total Enrolled     | 213  |
| Female             | 115  |
| Male               | 98   |
| Mean GPA           | 3.5  |
| Mean LSAT          | 154  |
| LA Residents       | 178  |
| Nonresidents       | 35   |

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James Carville and Mary Matalin Keynote Founding of Law Center Centennial Society

James Carville and Mary Matalin entertained a host of lawyers last spring as the Law Center renewed a quest for endowment income. Governor Kathleen Blanco welcomed the guests at the event held at the Governor’s Mansion. Cyril Vetter and Ollie Pearson have agreed to chair the campaign to enlist membership into the Centennial Society with donations of cash, stock, bequests, insurance policies or other planned gifts. To join Centennial, or to find out if your estate provisions for LSU Law qualify you for membership, please call Alumni Relations at 225/578-0733.

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28th Judicial District Bar Association

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Chancellor’s Council Black Tie Dinner

The rolling hills of the Felicianas provided a beautiful setting for the LSU Law Center’s annual Chancellor’s Council Black Tie Dinner. Law Center Chancellor John J. Costonis and wife Susan, welcomed guests to Hemingbough in St. Francisville to express appreciation for their 2003 participation in the Chancellor’s Council. The theme of this year’s dinner was “Black Tie and Plaid”. Guests were treated to a unique Scottish flair as bagpipers from the Baton Rouge Caledonian Society entertained and led guests from an outdoor cocktail reception into a lavishly decorated Hempstead Hall for dinner.

Honored guests at this year’s celebration were family members of Law Center Alumnus and former U.S. Senator Russell B. Long ’42. Mrs. Russell B. [Carolyn] Long, Senator Long’s widow, traveled from Washington D.C. and joined Long’s daughter Kay Long ’87, and grandchildren Russell Long Mosely ’02 and Katherine Mosely. At the dinner, Chancellor Costonis recognized the 2003 gift of Senator Long that provided the initial funding for the Law Center’s first Academic Chair. The chancellor announced that only days before the dinner, the Louisiana Board of Regents had committed to match Long’s $600,000 gift with an additional $400,000 in 2004, which will provide full funding for the chair.

Also recognized at the dinner were extraordinary contributions made by Billy Baggett ’53 in establishing the Billy Baggett Endowed Scholarship targeted to assist law students who were participants in LSU football or other LSU varsity sports. Patti Moss Melker Richards was also recognized for the initial gift to establish the LaVerne Lewis Moss Endowed Scholarship in honor of her mother. This scholarship was established to especially assist law students who are single parents. Retired and beloved Law Center employee Susan Davis was also recognized at the dinner. Funds were raised in 2003 to establish the Susan D. Davis Endowed Scholarship in recognition of Susan’s long and distinguished career at the LSU Law Center.

Chancellor’s Council Chairman for 2003, Mike Palmintier ’75, expressed his thanks to all council members and announced that the 222 members making up the 2003 Chancellor’s Council was an 11 percent increase in membership over the previous year and the most members since the Council’s establishment. In addition, members of the 2003 Chancellor’s Council were responsible for $493,479 in contributions to the Law Center.

Membership in the Chancellor’s Council is open to all LSU law alumni who make annual unrestricted contributions of $1,000 or more to the Law Center. For more information on joining the Chancellor’s Council and its activities, contact Martin Hernandez, martinhz@lsu.edu, Alumni Relations, 225/578-8644.
Always dreamed of being a philanthropist? If I won the lottery I would...

Well John Busenlener, LSU Law 1975, wanted to see if there was a way to set up a giving plan where all alums could participate and insure the future of the Law Center. We have seen a true metamorphosis at LSU Law in the last few years, and this is a plan to make sure we never have to work that hard again.

The plan is for whole life insurance, administered by nationally respected insurance companies (chosen for their financial strength, and rated by AM Best, Standard and Poor’s, Moody’s, and Duff and Phelps on: claims paying ability, underwriting concessions offered to the program; and premium-to-benefit ratio).

The death benefit can be chosen by the alum—$100,000, $250,000 and $500,000. Donation examples (and these are conservative—many would be lower) are:

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These figures can be tweaked to include a “second to die” policy for lower premiums, and can even be tailored to allow uninsurable donors to participate.

The benefits to the alum:
- Premium is 100% tax deductible
- Favorable rates
- Whole life policies become available for all of your philanthropic needs if you sign on for LSU Law
- You will be recognized for the DEATH BENEFIT by the Law Center and LSU Foundation. Full donor credit for pennies on the dollar
- All members of the Centennial Society are included in our annual gathering of like-minded donors. In years past, we have entertained with United States Supreme Court Justices and celebrities with fabulous food and refreshments.
- All members of the Centennial Society will receive The Centennial, a separate newsletter to keep alums aware of endowment information and planned gift information that you can use for all of your financial planning.

For more information, call the Alumni Relations office at 578-0733.

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**Congratulations LSU Law Alumni**

**2004 LSBA Award Winners**

- **Allen Lewis Smith, Jr. ’64**
  Curtis B. Boisfortaine Trial Advocacy Award

- **Fred T. Crifasi ’92**
  William D. Medlin ’78
  Pro Bono Publico Awards

- **Rowena T. Jones ’81**
  Pro Bono Career Public Interest Award

- **Richard C. Broussard ’74**
  Frank X. Neuner, Jr. ’76
  David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

- **Missy Cresson ’96**
  Outstanding Young Lawyer

- **Greg Koury ’99**
  Outstanding Pro Bono Young Lawyer

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**Golden Graduates honored at LSU Law Commencement**

On May 27, 2004, the LSU Law Class of 1954 celebrated its Golden Anniversary and was honored at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Commencement. Over 210 graduates of the LSU Law Center listened to words of wisdom by Judge Harold Brouillette of Marksville. Judge Brouillette welcomed the class of 2004 into the profession and asked that they pursue their careers, and conduct themselves in a manner which brings honor to the profession and to the LSU Law Center. Brouillette made comparisons of the class of 2004 and 1954. He said “there were no computers, no cell phones, no fax machines, no email, and no advertising by lawyers.”

Following commencement, a luncheon was held in honor of the Golden Graduates and their families at the newly renovated Tucker Room at the LSU Law Center.

Representing the class of 1954 were Judge Harold J. Brouillette of Marksville, Marc Dupuy, Jr. of Marksville, Robert K. Guillory, of Lafayette, Gerald F. Lofaso, of Houma, Charles B.W. Palmer, of Amite, Frank J. Peragine of New Orleans, David W. Robinson, of Baton Rouge, Judge Felix H. Savoie, Jr. of Baton Rouge.
Free LSU Law Alumni CLE Seminar
November 12, 2004
McKernan Law Auditorium

Below is a list of the speakers for the LSU Law Alumni CLE Seminar on November 12, 2004:

2 p.m.–3 p.m.  Professionalism
Larry Feldman, Jr. (’74)
Wiener, Weiss & Madison, A.P.C., Shreveport

Michael W. McKay (’74)
McKay Williamson Lutgring & Cochran, L.L.C., Baton Rouge

3:10–4:10 p.m.  Ethics
Judge Harold J. Brouillette, retired (’54)
Marksville

Senator Jay Dardenne (’79)
Kennon, Odom & Dardenne, L.L.C., Baton Rouge

Edward C. Abell, Jr. (’63)
Onebane Law Firm, Lafayette

Register online at www.lsucle.org

Frances Leggio Landry

The LSU Law Center is saddened at the passing of Frances Leggio Landry. Landry passed away on Monday, September 20, 2004. She was 96. A 1934 graduate of the LSU Law Center, she practiced law with her late husband, Jules F. Landry, from 1934 until his death in 1990, and as a solo practitioner from 1990-2004.

While at the Law Center, she was Order of the Coif, Phi Kappa Phi, and Mu Sigma Rho. In 1988 she won the LSU Law Center Distinguished Alumna Award. She and her late husband endowed two professorships for the Law Center.

Landry also commissioned the beautiful stained glass wall that graced the foyer of the 1969 building for over 30 years. It has now been properly placed in the newly renovated student lounge area.

Mrs. Landry will be missed by her friends in the legal community and at the LSU Law Center.
### Upcoming Events >>>>

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Robert Day ’68 has moved his architectural stone business, Bollard Stone, to a new location at 7903 St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans and joined his business with French Rock Company.

Corell Haymon ’68 and his brother Brian Haymon ’85 were featured in a story in the June 2006 edition of the Louisiana Business Journal. Corell is the new managing director of the Baton Rouge based Petroleum Service Corp. and Brian Haymon is the Lafayette based president and chief operating officer. Petroleum Service Corp. has been acquired by the international firm SCA. The SCA Group operates in 140 countries and has 50,000 employees.

Gerard Le Van ’62 former LSU law professor, has focused his nationwide practice on prelitigation private mediations of disputes over family wealth and family business. The Le Van Company is based in Black Mountain, NC.

Charles S. McCowan, Jr. ’67 was listed in the 2006 edition of Chambers USA—American Leading Business Lawyers. Chambers USA is widely regarded as the premier European guide for the U.S. legal profession. McCowan is a partner at Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D’Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP.

Ben R. Miller, Jr. ’63 was listed in the 2006 edition of Chambers USA—American Leading Business Lawyers. Chambers USA is widely regarded as the premier European guide for the U.S. legal profession. Miller is a partner at Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D’Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP.

Harry Morel ’68 serves as District Attorney for the 29th Judicial District that encompasses all of St. Charles Parish. Morel was recently recognized as the featured prosecutor by Louisiana General Practice.

Allen Lewis Smith ’64 was the recipient of the Curtis Washington Advocacy Award by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) as its 2004 convention in Sandestin, FL. Smith served as a judge for his longstanding devotion to excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and conduct for the courts, judges, and all counsel in his practice of the law.

John M. Wilson ’67 was elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. The Foundation recognizes outstanding teachers whose professional, public, and private careers have demonstrated significant contributions to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. Wilson is a shareholder with Lapow & Lewis.

Gary A. Bietz ’77 became managing partner of Bietz, Miller, Hawthorne, D’Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP. Bietz practices in the litigation and toxic tort defense group where he represents many of the firm’s corporate clients. Bietz retains the reigns of the 100 attorney law firm from partner Candy L. Macken. Since becoming a partner, Bietz has been managing partner for six years, will continue his full time practices in estate planning, tax, and probate, and will serve as a member of the firm’s Management Committee.

Richard C. Broussard ’74 of Lafayette was honored by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) with its 2004 Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award for his demonstrated commitment to the promotion of legal education and significant contributions that have enhanced pro bono services in the State. The award was presented at the annual LSBA Meeting in Sandestin, Florida. Broussard is a partner in the Lafayette Firm of Broussard & David.

Frank X. Neufer ’76 of Lafayette was presented with the 2004 Earth Day Legal Healtt Law Client Protection Award by the Louisiana Client Protection Organization (NCPO). Neufer was honored for his leadership and guidance in reforming the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Client Protection Program. Neufer served as chair of a special committee, which spent more than a year examining the LSBA’s program and exploring alternative funding sources. He is the President of the Louisiana Client Protection Organization (LCPO) and current LSBA President-Elect. He and the LSBA were honored on Friday, June 4 at the NCPO’s 20th National Forum on Client Protection in Naples, Florida.

Charles P. McCoy ’87 has been appointed Lamont South and West, Salt Lake City and Cheyenne. McCoy has served as a judge of the 9th Judicial District Court in Rapides Parish. He will continue to serve as a judge in an ad hoc capacity. He has set up the “Center for Collaborative Solutions” which is a group developing civil and criminal jury protocols for the Collaborative Divorce Movement.

John W. Gevelges ’78 retired from the 9th Judicial District Court in Lafayette Parish. He will continue to serve as a judge in an ad hoc capacity. He has set up the “Center for Collaborative Solutions” which is a group developing civil and criminal jury protocols for the Collaborative Divorce Movement.

W.H. deGravelles ’78 retired from the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) as its 2004 convention in Sandestin, FL. Smith served as a judge for his longstanding devotion to excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and conduct for the courts, judges, and all counsel in his practice of the law.

Linda S. Covington ’74 is the corporate counsel to General Electric in Metairie, a locally based international corporation. Covington is a member of the firm’s Management Committee. Covington is the founder, president, and CEO of the Louisiana Center for the Arts. Covington has been recognized as one of the top 25 attorneys in the country by the National Client Protection organization.

Jeffrey M. Curry ’85 was elected a member of the Southeast Louisiana Bar Association for the year 2004-05. He is already making plans for the first Bench Bar Conference in early 2005.

Mary Beth Arceneaux ’85 moved from Baton Rouge to Mt. St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Arceneaux is with the firm Tom Bisk & Associates, P.C. in Charlotte Amalie. Arceneaux is also on the board of directors of the Rotary Club of St. Thomas Foundation, Inc. and the Board of Trustees for St. Peter and Paul Catholic School. Joseph S. Camiccione ’86 is the founder, Chairman, and Vice President of Medgima Healthcare Information Systems. Medgima utilizes the latest technology and the medium of the internet to facilitate the business management of healthcare practices.

André Charles Castagna ’86 recently moved to Atlanta and took and passed the Georgia Bar Exam in February 2004.

Stephen L. Harrison ’89 accepted the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Scott Equipment Company, LLC. He will serve as Of Counsel with his firm of Watson, McMillin, & Harp, LLP in Monroe.

Melanie M. Hartmann ’90 is listed in the 2004 edition of Chambers USA—American Leading Business Lawyers. Chambers USA is widely regarded as the premier European guide for the U.S. legal profession. Hartmann is a partner at Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D’Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP.

Donald R. Jones ‘88 joined with Richard Wilensey in forming the law firm Wilensey & Jones LLP in Dallas, TX. The firm handles a wide range of transactional legal work and litigation.

Renea Jones ’89 was awarded the LSBA’s 2004 Career Public Interest Award at its annual convention in Sandestin, MS. Renea Jones is managing attorney of the Employment and Public Benefit Unit of New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation (NOLAC).

Gregg K. Kroengerschmidt was named the Labor and Employment practice group of Jenkins & Gelichin in Austin, Texas.

Christine Lipsey ’82 was elected to the Board for the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge.

Eve Masiert ’82 is a partner with Mandeville Stafford and is an executive of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Masiert has served as a council member since the summer of 2001.

Lawrence Park ’84 was appointed to the Of Counsel status with American Maritime Health Law Practice. Park is the founder, president, and CEO of the American Maritime Health Law Practice.

Jeffrey Mitchell ’89, who formed his own firm of Phillips & Mitchell in 2000, with partner Deirdre Mitchell, has become law partners with Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. The firm will operate under the name, The Cochran Firm—New Orleans, Phillips, Mitchell, Honeycutt & Rochel. The Cochran firm will have more than 15 lawyers in 11 cities throughout the country.

Cuaghe Nazes ’87 is the treasurer for Colonial Pipeline Company, Alpharetta, Georgia. Nunez is responsible for debt service operations, financial planning and analysis, cash management, risk management and investor relations.

Teresa Norton Yaison Smith ’89 announced the opening of her new firm called Hunter Hay- not, P.C. in San Antonio, TX. Smith limits her practice to real estate and probate litigation.

Gail Stephenson ’84 was named the director of legal writing at the David Ball Center for Intellectual Property at the University of Denver. Stephenson had been an adjunct instructor in the law school’s legal writing program since January 2003. She is also on tenure track as an assistant professor of law. Stephenson is director-at-large with the Baton Rouge Bar Association and a member of the editorial board of the Louisiana Bar Journal. She taught appellate advocacy as an adjunct professor at the LSU Law Center from 1997-2001.

Anthony Troup, III ’87 joined the law firm of Adams and Reese, LLP as a member of the New Orleans Practice Group based in its New Orleans Office.

J. Timotho Woodard ’89 also working for several years in the Legal and Risk Management departments of insurance companies. J. Ray McDermott is a marine construction company with its executive offices in Houston, TX.

Marie R. Voytes ’80 was elected to the Board of Directors of the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the United Way. She was also elected as a member of the 2005-2006 Board of Directors of the American Federation of the United Way. Voytes has been rated 1, on a scale of 1-4, with 1 being the highest, by the international firm of Chambers and Partners. She has also been named as one of the Top 50 Women in Houston by the National Women’s Law Foundation. Her practice concentration involves state and federal appellate work.

Erin McCauley Alley ’94 was elected a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. Alley is with the firm of Baggett, McCauley, Burgess, Watson & Gaughan in Lake Charles.

John C. Anjier ’95 was appointed for the BCI Client Services Department of the company’s largest Florida based practice.

Charles F. McCoy ’87 has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the American Maritime Health Law Practice. McCoy is the only lawyer in Louisiana recognized by the list.
In Memoriam

The LSU Law Center mourns the passing of the following alum/iae whose deaths were reported since the date of our last newsletter publication.

Jennings B. Jones, Jr. ’49 from Sweetlake, Louisiana
Died March 17, 2004

George D. Nelson ’40 from Shreveport, Louisiana
Died January 2004

Paul Edwin Palmer ’52 from Lake Charles, Louisiana
Died February 15, 2004

William T. Pegues ’39 from Mandeville, Louisiana
Died February 2004

On the Move

Bryant Barnes ’90, who resides in Houston, set up his practice in government contract law. Barnes is a member of the Army Reserves and was recently deployed to Iraq. Major Barnes is currently serving a year deployment abroad the command of the 143rd Engineer Brigade in Camp Victory near Baghdad, overseeing government contract law and other matters. Barnes’ wife, Rhyn Underwood Barnes ’89, is in Houston advising their government contract clients.

Marc Bitter ’95 joined the New Orleans law firm of Forman, Perry, Watkins, Krutz & Tannehill. Charles G. Blizas ’98 joined the firm of Breazeale, Sachse, & Wilson LLP in Baton Rouge as an associate practicing in oil and gas law and property litigation.

Hilary R. Bosnell ’96 is the Director of Bankruptcy Quality Assurance Chief Bankruptcy Counsel with the firm of Brace, Vander, Linden, & Wernick, P.C. in Dallas.

Linda Law Clair ’93 was awarded a certificate at the 2004 Baton Rouge Bar Association luncheon for her completion of over 500 hours of pro bono case work through the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Pro Bono Project. She is the first to receive the Quad Century Club Award. Clair is a partner with DEVCR & Clair.

Fred T. Cramiss ’92 received the Pro Bono Publico Award from the Louisiana State Bar Association at its annual convention in Sandestin, FL. Cramiss was elected this year as secretary/treasurer of the Young Lawyers Section of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. He is a partner in the firm Marcela & Cramiss.

Cliffon M. Doggs, II ’93 is an associate in the Business Transactions and Real Estate section of Jackson Walker L.L.P. in Austin, TX. Doggs represents large commercial landowners, developers, and investors in all aspects of acquisitions and dispositions.

David Foxley ’94 is a partner in the law firm of véroux, Kerschner, Duhatek, LLP in Denver, Colorado specializing in general civil litigation.

Margoe C. Frayley ’95 is the director of professional development at Davis, Grimes, and Stubbs in Denver, Colorado.

Kelley R. Kortzine Funes ’97 became a partner in the litigation practice group in the Baton Rouge office of Phillips Dunbar, LLP. Funes practices in the areas of commercial and insurance litigation. She is the secretary/treasurer of the Young Lawyers Section Council of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and the chair of the 75th Anniversary Publicity Committee.

Catherine Saba Garing ’99 joined the firm of Thompson, Walter, Roberts, Vannucci, LLP as in house legal counsel in Lafayette for four years.

Ed Hardin, Jr. ’97 was elected a partner in Keown, Miller, Hawthorne, D’Armond, McGowan & Jamieson, LLP. Hardin practices labor and employment law.

G. Trigge Hartman, III ’93 joined the firm of Keown, Miller, D’Armond, McGowan & Jamieson, LLP in attorney in the litigation group.

Joel M. Kastner ’96 is a senior partner in the Chicago office of the international law firm Cren O’Conner. Kastner spoke in June 2003 at a seminar for instance industry personnel in New York, London, and Paris on “Aggressive Motion Practice in Defending Significant and Complex Claims.”

Chris D. Kiesel ’99 was named director in the Baton Rouge law firm of Roy, Kasel, Keogan and Deluna.

Grey Kosky ’99 is an attorney with the Lafayette law firm of Labadie & Neuner, was honored with the Pro Bono Award for outstanding pro bono service to the disadvantage of Louisiana by the Young Lawyers Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association. This honor is bestowed annually on one attorney in the Young Lawyers Section who has demonstrated the highest commitment to pro bono service and dedication to the cause of access to justice.

Hubert McRae ’98 is in house legal counsel for VA TECH ESCHER WYSS in Rastenburg, Germany. The company is part of the VA TECH group, an Austrian based trust of about 80,000 employees and 500 group companies all over the globe. Kugler’s occupation is mainly that of an operative counsel for all questions concerning German and international projects and contract matters.

Valerie E. Lege ’99 was recently married to fellow LSU Law Center alum, Van R. Mayhall, III ’81. Valerie practices environmental law at Taylor, Porter, Brooks, and Phillips, LLP while Van Mayhall, III, works in corporate and insurance regulatory law at Breazeale, Sachse, & Wilson, LLP.

Tana L. Mason ’96 became a partner with the law firm of Brotman, Angell, & Nader in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Eric R. Miller ’90 joined the firm of Gordon, Arau, McCullin, Duplantis & Eggan, LLP as a partner. He is continuing his practice in labor and employment law.

J. Patrick Morris, Jr. ’97 was named a shareholder with Linko & Lewis. Morris practices in the business and energy sections and was an associate on the Louisiana Law Review.

Robert Rideout ’80 returned from Iraq where he was Captain and Judge Advocate General with the 2474th Army Support Group. He was stationed outside Nasiriyah, Iraq and received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Upon completion of his tour of duty, Rideout was replaced by Lieutenant Colonel William H. Haskin, Jr. in 1987 graduate of the LSU Law Center.

J. Marsh Robinson ’91 joined the firm of Breazeale, Sachse, & Wilson LLP as an associate in the Baton Rouge office. He practices in construction law.

Barry Ricardi ’92 is with the Law Offices of Henry H. Lefkas in Lafayette handling matrimonial, longshore, and state worker’s compensation defense. Ricardi was named Mamo Man of the Year for his work as a volunteer baseball and softball coach, leader in the Boys Scouts of America, and volunteer work as a Rotarian. Ricardi received the District Award of Merit from the local council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Charles F. Semans III ’95 made partner at his firm of Shook, Hardy, & Bacon, LLP in New Orleans. Semans practices in the area of EBSA and employee-benefits defense. He has an emphasis on the defense of complex and class-action cases against ERISA plans.

Maggie Trahan Simar ’95 joined the firm of Peterson, Lord, & Lewis as an associate. Simar will conduct hearings and pre-trial family cases.

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Lessoned: George L. Jackobsen

George served the library’s clientele well, often going the extra mile to assure that his clients received what they needed as he applied his thorough knowledge of FCLC methods and techniques. George’s most recent projects included the electronic conversion of the English translation of the Orleans Territory Acts of 1804, and a timely legal bibliography of the headscarf issue in France, available at www.gettedit.org/ref/pdf/FR/FR0130409991.

Those of us who worked with George will not soon forget his sharp wit, his penchant for jokes, and his exactitude in matters of librarianship. <<<

Library Specialist George L. Jacobsen

The staff of Louisiana State University Law Center Library is saddened to report the passing of George D. Jacobsen, the library’s Foreign, Comparative and International Law Specialist. He was 61 years old.

George was with the Law Library since his arrival, he held various positions at LSU, as well as at the Lilly Library at Indiana University-Bloomington. He was also a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador from 1965 to 1967.

A Brooklyn native, George earned a B.A. from Hostos University, and an M.A. from Indiana University.

Sam Simpson ’94 practices law and lives in Richmond, Virginia where he works exclusively doing criminal defense in state and federal courts. 85 percent of Simpson’s practice is with clients who are not English speaking.

John J. Zvosec ’96 joined the New Orleans law firm of Taggart, Norton, Gideon, Stahl, Roebuck & O’Brien, LLC.

Tricia Burke Zvosec ’97 celebrated 17 years of service as staff attorney for the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

2000s

Bryan Denison ’00 moved from personal injury work to a new title company. Variety Title, which specializes in commercial and residential real estate closings.

Joseph J. Giarrusso ’01 joined the law firm of Linko & Lewis as an associate. Giarrusso will be practicing in the firm’s commercial and energy litigation sections.

Holly G. Hansen ’00 joined the law firm of Phelps Dunbar LLP in Baton Rouge. Hansen’s practice focuses on insurance defense and general civil litigation.

James E. Lopez ’02 joined McGlenn Stafford’s commercial litigation section as an associate in the Baton Rouge office. Lopez practices in the areas of bankruptcy, energy law, and general litigation.

Carmen M. Lavergne ’90 joined the firm of McGlenn Stafford, PLLC in its Baton Rouge office. Lavergne joined the firm as an associate practicing in the area of public finance.

Luban Levy ’02 completed his clerkship for Chief Judge Henry N. Brown, Jr. of the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Levy accepted a position as an associate bankruptcy attorney with McBride & Collier Attorneys at Law in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Karen McCallum ’93 after clerking for the 13th JDC in Lake Charles for one year, will join the Gray Law Firm, P.C. in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Charles B. Wilkerson ’93 joined the firm of Linko & Lewis as an associate. Wilkerson is a member of the firm’s Toxic Tort and Environmental Law sections.

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