Let the Celebration Begin:
2006 Marks 100 Years of Scholarship, Teaching, and Service

The rich legacy of the past is being celebrated throughout the year, with numerous activities and events to honor our historic achievements. The activities will commemorate “100 Years of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service,” the motto chosen to accompany a newly designed Centennial logo.

Plans for the year include the premiere of the LSU Law Magazine, displays of memorabilia, and special alumni, faculty, and student activities. A hallmark of the year will be a festive gathering of alumni and friends at a blacktie gala slated for the Pete Maravich Assembly Center on Friday, September 15, 2006.

The live cast for the evening will include James Carville (*73), John Breaux (*67), Billy Tauzin (*67), John “Jay” Dardenne (*79) and an all-star lineup of accomplished and renowned LSU Law graduates. Guests will be entertained with the debut of a historical video on the Law Center, reenactment of the best-of-the-best “Assault and Flattery” show, and musical entertainment by the Harmon Drew Supergroup and other talented LSU Law graduates.

Earlier in the day, guests may join John Barry, author of Rising Tide and The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History, for a luncheon headliner event at the LSU Cook Conference Center. In the afternoon, make plans to attend the Stanford Centennial Speakers’ Series for an interactive session with Barry and a distinguished group of speakers from the Stanford Washington Research Group. Panelists will address the economic, social and political realities for post-hurricane Louisiana and the gulf coast.

Law alums Cyril Vetter (*72) and Mary Olive Pierson (*70) serve as co-chairs of the Centennial celebration. Look for more information soon on the Centennial activities.

Stanford Private Wealth Management is the premier corporate sponsor of the Centennial gala and the Stanford Centennial Speakers’ Series.

LSU Law Students achieved the highest passage rate among first-time examinees on the latest Louisiana State Bar Exam, according to results released by the Committee on Bar Admissions for the Supreme Court of Louisiana and the LSU Law Center.

LSU law students regained their traditional first place passage rate, with 85.63% of first-time examinees receiving passing scores on the July 2005 administration of the Bar. One hundred sixty LSU Law Center students took the exam for the first time in July 2005 and 137, or 85.63%, successfully passed the Bar. This pass rate represents an 8.93% increase over the Law Center’s July 2004 results.

Even more compelling, according to LSU Law Center Chancellor John Contiotes, is this achievement by a Law Center class featuring the lowest first-year class attrition rate—a mere eight percent—in the Law Center’s recorded history.

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Law Center Dedicates Centennial Plaza and Russell B. Long Memorial

Left to right...Mrs. Russell B. Long, with Russell Long’s daughters, Pamela Long Wofford and Rita Katherine “Kay” Long.
Law Center Serves as Home for Disaster Recovery Call Center

ATTORNEY VOLUNTEERS are providing free legal advice as part of the Louisiana Legal Assistance Call Center operating at the LSU Law Center and at more than 30 FEMA disaster recovery centers (DRC) opened statewide. The disaster recovery program is operated by the Louisiana State Bar Association in conjunction with FEMA, the ABA, and with space provided by the Law Center. The program provides advice on a pro bono basis, including landlord/tenant, family law, estate planning, small business counseling for students regarding course selection, special preparation over the past year, including additional counseling for students regarding course selection, special preparation courses, and modification of certain areas of the curriculum. LSU’s overall pass rate for all 168 test takers was 83.9% (141), with 12.5% (21) conditioning the bar and 3.0% (6) students failing to pass the examination. These rates gave the LSU Law Center the highest percentage of students passing the Bar and the lowest percentage of failures when compared to the state’s other law schools and out-of-state colleges.

Results on the July 2005 Bar Admissions for first-time examinees are shown in the chart below.

LSU Law Center students also achieved the highest pass rate for all test takers on the July 2005 exam. Chancellor Costonis attributed the success of both first-time examinees and total test takers to the hard work and due diligence of LSU Law Center’s students and its faculty.

The Law Center placed additional emphasis on Bar examination preparation over the past year, including additional counseling for students regarding course selection, special preparation courses, and modification of certain areas of the curriculum. LSU’s overall pass rate for all 168 test takers was 83.9% (141), with 12.5% (21) conditioning the bar and 3.0% (6) students failing to pass the examination. These rates gave the LSU Law Center the highest percentage of students passing the Bar and the lowest percentage of failures when compared to the state’s other law schools and out-of-state colleges.

The Honorable Thomas M. Beasley, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, addressed a similar subject. His lecture, titled Ethical Effective Advocacy, was held in the Law Center’s Robinson Courtroom.
LSU Law Center Celebrates 100-Year Anniversary with Dedication of Plaza and Memorial to U.S. Senator Russell B. Long

THE LSU LAW CENTER kicked off its centennial celebration on Friday, March 10 with dedication of the newly designed Centennial Plaza and a memorial to U.S. Senator Russell B. Long. “The plaza, memorial fountain and life-size bronze of the Senator are the crowning jewel of a $15 million renovation to the Law Center complex,” said Law Center Chancellor John J. Costonis.

Among the distinguished guests for the event were Mrs. Russell B. Long, wife of the Senator; Kay Long and Pam Long Wolford, daughters of the Sena- tor; Russell Long Mosely; (“82) grand- son, C. Kris Kirkpatrick (“79), Long Law Firm; Reverend Chris Andrews of First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge; and, Dr. William Jenkins, LSU System President. Friends, family and colleagues of the Senator joined members of the LSU Board of Supervisors, Law Center faculty, staff, and students in celebrating the occasion.

Senator Long was a distinguished 1942 graduate of the LSU Law Center. Colleagues, family and friends of the Senator provided resources for the memorial, now the centerpiece of the Centennial Plaza. Kirkpatrick, a 1975 graduate of the Law Center and coordinator of the fundraising effort, was a former aid to the Senator.

Senator Long served Louisiana in the United States Sen- ate from 1948–1987, a record seven terms in state histo- ry. The son of legendary Louisiana Governor and U.S. Senator Huey Pierce Long and Rose McConnell Long, Russell Long was a tireless champion of the poor, disadvan- taged, and working American. He used his mastery of law, finance, and politics to re-shape his father’s “Share the Wealth” philosophy and improve the lives of millions of Americans. More than half of all national legislation passed under his gavel during his chairmanship of the powerful Senate Finance Committee from 1965–1981.

Described as “the fourth branch of government,” Long was hailed by his Senate colleagues as one of the most effective and admired legislators of the 20th Century. As an undergraduate, Long was LSU student body presi- dent. He graduated third in his 1942 Law Center Class, was associate editor of the Louisiana Law Review, graduat- ed The Order of the Coif, and was a Most Court winner. As a Navy lieutenant, he was awarded four Battle Stars for his World War II service. He practiced law in Baton Rouge before his election at age 29 to the U.S. Senate. The Senator was born on November 3, 1918 and passed away on May 9, 2003.

The Centennial Plaza was dedicated in honor of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center’s Centennial Year Anniversary. The plaza largely completes the renova- tions of the Law Center which began in 2001. The renova- tions have energized both restoration of the Law Center’s past excellence and the forging of new direc- tions for future excellence. The Law Center’s core mis- sion and values—teaching, scholarship, public service, and curatorship of the Louisiana Civil Law heritage—remain steadfast, and now supported through a physical complex that is again the focus of alumni pride.

The Russell B. Long Memorial Fountain and bronze serve as the focal point for the newly designed, student-friendly courtyard, and pay homage to the significant contributions of the Senator to Louisiana, the legal profes- sion, and LSU history. “Senator Long honored the Law Center with its first-ever endowed chair, the Russell B. Long Eminent Scholars Academic Chair, and he also provided seven endowed professorships for the LSU A & M campus. Few can match his passion and prowess for public service or his unyielding devotion to his beloved state and alma mater,” said Chancellor Costonis.

The plaza will be the backdrop for a planned sculpture garden wherein significant figures contributing to the history of the Law Center or legal profession may be honored. The Centennial Plaza was designed by Roy T. Dufreche, ASLA, CLARB, of Hammond, Louisiana in collaboration with Dennis Mitchell, landscape architect at LSU, who served as project manager. The life-size bronze of Senator Long was sculpted by artist Stephen Gibson of Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

Oliver “Rick” Richard Named President of Law Center Alumni Board of Trustees

OLIVER J. “RICK” RICHARD, III, a native of Lake Charles and 1977 LSU Law graduate, was recently named president of the Law Center’s Alumni Board of Trustees. Richard is the former chairman and CEO of Colum- bia Energy Company, a Fortune 500 company (1985– 2000) and a former member of the Federal Energy Reg- ulatory Commission. He is a graduate of the LSU Man- ship School of Journalism and serves on the board of directors for the Manship School.

Richard returned to Louisiana from Virginia with his wife Donna, also a Lake Charles native. He enjoys spending time hunting birds, fishing, reading, and photog- raphy. Richard will serve a two-year term and he suc- ceeds W. Shelby McKenzie of Baton Rouge.

Pugh Institute Public Interest Law Speakers’ Series Features Stephen Bright and William Quigley

Students, faculty, and guests listened intently as Stephen Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights, delivered a lecture in November, titled Debra’s Prison, Mass Incarceration, the Death Penalty and Other Aspects of The Criminal Justice System: Will We Ever Have Equal Justice for All. Bright has been director of the center since 1982. The Southern Center for Humans Rights is a public interest legal project based in Atlanta. The center is engaged in efforts to improve access to the legal system by poor people, both accused and convicted.

Professor William Quigley, director of the Loyola Law Clinic and Gillis Long Poverty Law Center, spoke on Social Justice Lawyering: How and Why as the Pugh Insti- tute featured speaker in February. Quigley is nationally known as a community activist, human rights lawyer and educator. He is a Professor of Law at Loyola.
Law Center Hosts Hemispheric Trade Conference

The LSU Law Center hosted an April conference focusing on the differences between common law and civil law approaches to commercial law and the impact on hemispheric trade. The conference, titled "Challenges to Hemispheric Trade Posed by the Common/Civil Law Divide," was held at the Cokl Conference Center and featured numerous speakers from throughout the United States and Latin America.

Discussion leaders from the conference included Boris Koudelék, President and Director of the National Law Center for Int’l American Free Trade; Dale Berl Farnish, professor at Arizona State University and specialist in Commercial Law, Comparative Law and International Trade; Francisco Reyes, Senior Partner, Francisco Reyes and Associates, Bogota, Columbia; and Alejandro M. Garro, Senior Research Scholar at Columbia University. Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) served as Keynote Speaker. Former Ambassador to the United Nations Ambassador Emilio J. Cardenas served as host of the conference, along with Chancellor John J. Cusano and Professor John S. Baker, Conference Director.

Conference sponsors included the USAID, UNCTRAL, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Inter-American Development Bank, Stanford Private Wealth Management, Booz Allen Hamilton, the National Law Center for Int’l American Free Trade, and the Law Center.

Law Professors Receive Promotion and Tenure

Kristin Batulis recently received the faculty’s recommendation for promotion to Associate Professor of Law. Catherine Rogers received the faculty’s recommendation for tenure and promotion to the rank of Professor of Law. Associate Professor and Acting Director Catherine Rogers was recommended by the LSU Board of Supervisors at the April meeting.

LSU Law Review Centennial Issue to Focus on Genomics Symposium

The editors and associates of the Louisiana Law Review have produced a specialissue of Volume 66 to celebrate its 100th year of academic excellence in 2006. The Centennial issue is a compilation of speeches from a recent conference titled "The Genomics Revolution: Science, Law and Policy," facilitated by Professor Michael J. Malinowski and sponsored jointly by the LSU Law Center Staff News

Alumni Office Welcomes New Staff Members

Kristin Batulis is the new Associate Director of Alumni Relations at the LSU Law Center. She is a graduate of Nicholls State University and holds a degree in marketing. Kristin worked for the City of Thibodaux for the last five years in the Mayor’s Office. She was marketing director for the City of Thibodaux as well as Director of the Main Street Program, a downtown development initiative. She has experience in fundraising, grant writing, project management, corporate relations, and outside sales. She has also been an Ambassador to Local Government with a consulting group.

Leslie Cole has joined the LSU Law Center Office of Alumni Relations as Special Events Coordinator. Ms. Cole’s experience includes serving as director of graphic production at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana and as a communications consultant in the Baton Rouge area. She currently serves as president of the Advertising Federation of Greater Baton Rouge, Board of Directors. In July, she will take office as state director of the American Advertising Federation’s Seventh District.

LSU Law Grads Encouraged to Update Addresses

Many LSU law grads have changed addresses and/or phone numbers as a result of the hurricanes.

If you have permanently changed your address, please let us know so that our records may be changed.

To update addresses, please log on to www.law.lsu.edu/alumni/ and/or phone numbers as a result of the hurricanes.
Student Competitions Making National News

LSU Law Takes First Place in International Criminal Moot Court Competition

The LSU Law Center team of John Adcock, Kelly Polk, and Kathryn Sheedy won the First Annual International Criminal Court Moot Competition held at Pace Law School in White Plains, NY. The team also received the Best Brief for the Defense award. The winning brief was published in the December 2005 issue of the Pace International Law Review. In addition to the team accolades, the students practically swept the individual awards. Polk was named the Best Oralist in the competition followed closely by Adcock who was the first runner-up while Sheedy received Honorable Mention. Additionally, Polk was recognized as the Top Oralist in the final round.

Professors Todd Bruno and Alberto Zuppi served as faculty advisors to the students.

LSU Tax Law Team Wins ABA Student Tax Law Challenge

Law students Teri Ellison and Tonita Northington won first place in the J.D. Division of the American Bar Association’s Student Tax Challenge Competition. The team of Ellison (3L) and Northington (3L) presented both oral and written arguments before a panel of distinguished tax lawyers attending the Section’s Midyear Meeting in San Diego. To win the competition, Teri and Tonita had to analyze a complicated issue involving U.S. taxation of international transactions and corporate tax law. They were required to write a memo to a “senior partner” and a client letter describing the tax consequences of a proposed transaction. Professor Chris Pietruszkiewicz served as the faculty advisor to the team.

LSU Law Wins National Environmental Moot Court Competition

Micah Gautreaux, Margaret Graur and Karen Blakemore, students at LSU Law Center, won the National Championship in this year’s Pace University Environmental Moot Court Competition in White Plains, New York. Micah Gautreaux, team captain, also won best oralist award during one of the rounds of the competition. The Pace Environmental competition is recognized as the preeminent environmental law competitions in the country.

R. Charles Ellis, Adjunct Professor of Environmental Law and partner in the Environmental, Energy and Natural Resource (EENR) section of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP law firm was the team coach and LSU Law Center Professor Ken Murchison served as the faculty advisor. Ellis has coached the LSU Law Team for the last six years. During that time, the LSU team has reached the final round in three out of the six years.

LSU Law Places Second in National Tax Moot Court Competition

The LSU Tax Moot Court team placed 2nd at the National Tax Moot Court Competition held in Tampa, Florida from February 9–11. The competition was attended by law schools from across the country with prominent tax programs. The LSU team of Ryan Richmond, Laura Balhoff, and Jonathan McCartney, were undefeated going into the final round where it lost in a close 2–1 decision in front of three judges from the U.S. Tax Court in Washington D.C.

LSU Law Wins First Place at the National Moot Court Region VII Competition

The LSU Law Center team of William Davis, Angela Joyce, and Laramda Moffett won the National Moot Court Region VII Competition hosted by the Cumberland Law School in Birmingham, Alabama. Additionally, Joyce was named the Best Oralist in the competition. Professors Todd Bruno and John Devlin served as faculty advisors to the students.

The students defeated teams from University of Tennessee, Loyola University, and University of Alabama, before successfully arguing against University of Memphis in the Final Round. The National Moot Court Competition is sponsored by the Young Lawyers Committee of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

VITA Students Take First Place in National Competition

LSU Law’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program won the 2005 Best Continuing VITA Site Award presented by the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Student Division recently. The program assists nonresident international students and scholars in the Baton Rouge area.

The award recognizes outstanding VITA efforts at ABA-approved law schools and takes into account student participation; number of years in existence; number of returns prepared; and the students’ originality, ingenuity, and motivation in providing service to the community and publicizing such programs. Faculty director Susan Kalinka and Tax Club co-presidents Carla Sibille and Michael Arton led the way this year as law students. LSU also received the Volunteer Award for the best service returns prepared. Professor Chris Pietruszkiewicz prepared the students with a training session prior to their work.

Hats ‘N Canes

The 2005 Hats ‘N Canes events were a smash hit. Over 250 people attended the SBA-hosted cocktail party held at Bocage Racquet Club. Many family members were also there to celebrate and a five-piece jazz/swing band from New Orleans entertained the festive group.

There was also a large turnout at the annual toasting ceremony and tailgate party the next day, when students and guests enjoyed world champion gumbo in addition to the traditional champagne. Chancellor Costonis, SBA President Jacob Gardner, and Senior Class President Kathryn Maxwell gave toasts. Chancellor Costonis remarked that the Class of 2006 is the centennial class of the Law Center and he also congratulated students for the LSU Law win at the National Moot Court competition in Birmingham. Many seniors donned their hats and canes in the Law Center section during the LSU vs. Appalachian State football game that followed.

Barristers’ Bowl for Charity Football Teams

LSU Law students take to the field at Baton Rouge’s Memorial Stadium on January 28 for the Second Annual Barristers’ Bowl for Charity. Students raised funds for the American Red Cross Katrina/Rita Relief Fund.

Scholarships Established in Memory of Our Students

The Law Center is saddened to report the deaths of Joseph Ryan LoProto, a second-year student who died this past summer while studying abroad, and Keith Stanley, a 2004–05 first-year law student who died of Sepsis on November 2005. Family and friends of both of these fine young men have asked that those interested in honoring their memory do so through donations to their endowed scholarship funds. Checks may be made payable to the LSU Foundation; Keith Stanley Memorial Scholarship (in notation line) or Joseph Ryan LoProto Memorial Scholarship (in notation line). Contributions may be mailed to the LSU Law Center Office of Alumni Relations; 400 Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, or delivered to Suite 400, Office 400M.
Eighteen LSU Law Graduates Sworn In Before U.S. Supreme Court

EIGHTEEN LSU LAW GRADUATES were sworn in before the U.S. Supreme Court in an October 2005 ceremony in Washington, D.C. The day began with breakfast at the Court, followed by a prestigious ceremony lead by Chief Justice John Roberts.

Admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court were:
- Angela W. Adolph
- P. Maurice Alcande
- William J. Alcorn
- Emory A. Bearn, Jr.
- F. Lee Bailey
- Carolyn M. Campbell
- James C. Carper's
- John L. "Jay" Dardenne, Jr.
- Henry T. Darse
- John N. East III
- S. Gru Feindler
- Murphy J. Foster III
- Bonnie P. Foster-Jackson
- Jan M. Hayden
- Thomas H. Hauden
- Jennifer H. Jones
- William A. "Bill" Jones, Jr.
- Cliff J. Lenihan III
- Van R. Mayhall
- Patrick M. Merrow, Sr.
- Lynn P. Perez
- Larry M. Rustel
- Bradley J. Solakiewicz
- Mark C. Schmader
- Charles F. Sermans III
- Ursula R. "Hugh" Vass
- Felix R. Weiss
- Elizabeth B. Woodard

President Oliver "Rick" Richard. New members are:
- W. Arthur Abercrombie, Jr.
- P. Maurice Alcande
- William A. Bearn, Jr.
- Emory A. Bearn, Jr.
- F. Lee Bailey
- Carolyn M. Campbell
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- Jan M. Hayden
- Thomas H. Hauden

LSU Law Grad Elects Chair, Texas State University System Board of Regents

KENT ADAMS, A 1981 GRADUATE of the LSU Law Center, has been elected chairman of the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System. Adams was appointed to the Board in 2001 by Texas Governor Rick Perry and was previously appointed as a member of a Texas State Board of Health by then Gov. George W. Bush. Mr. Adams' two-year term as TSUS board chairman began Jan. 1.

Founded in 1911, the Texas State University System is the third largest university system in Texas with five university campuses and four other components spread across the state.

Adams, a Houston native, received his undergraduate degree from George Washington University in 1978 and his law degree from LSU in 1981. He is the founder and managing shareholder of Adams & Boswell, PC, Attorneys at Law. The firm has offices in Houston, Dallas, and Beaumont.

Adams practices in Texas & Louisiana, and his firm concentrates on defending businesses and individuals in civil litigation. Adams is board certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. His 2002 defense verdict in Bryant & Shackelford vs. U.S. Silica was recognized as one of the Top Ten Defense Verdicts in the United States that year by the National Law Journal.

Adams and his wife, Joanne, reside in Beaumont. They have two children.
Judge Landry Gift Enables Matching Scholarship Grant Program at Law Center

A UNIQUE MATCHING GRANT SCHOLARSHIP program is now in place at the Law Center. Resources from the judge Paul B. Landry estate gift are providing funding for this program. Partnered after the State Board of Regents matching grant program for endowed Chairs and Professorships, the Law Center program will provide matched funds for contributions to the LSU Law Center Scholarship program.

As the Law Center celebrates its Centennial Celebration in 2006, efforts will focus on increasing scholarship endowments. Student scholarships are valuable tools in our efforts to recruit and attract top law students for our Law School. Martin Hernandez, Law School liaison for incoming first-year students now stands at approximately $11,716 per year. Privately funded scholarship endowments are essential in providing financial support to our students.

The “Judge Paul B. Landry Scholarship Fund” will provide matching grants to restricted scholarship contributions made by Law Center patrons. For every $50,000 in private donor funding, the “Judge Landry Scholarship Fund” will match with an additional $20,000. The matching grant program will be administered by the LSU Law Center. This matching gift money is available both for newly established scholarships and for added funding in increments of $30,000 for existing scholarships at the Law Center. The program will remain in effect until funds from the “Judge Landry Scholarship Fund” are expended.

For information on giving a scholarship to the LSU Law Center or to make an additional contribution to an existing scholarship, contact Martin Hernandez in the Alumni Relations Office at 225/782-8644 or email martinhz@lsu.edu.

Matching Funds Received for Two Professorships

In ceremonies held at the Loy Cook Alumni Center in November, the Louisiana Board of Regents recognized generous donors who funded professorships at the LSU Law Center. Two professorships, the J. Noland and Janice D. Singletary Professorship and the Professional Ethics Professorship received $40,000 matching grants from the Regents.

J. Noland and Janice D. Singletary Professorship

Mr. J. Noland “Buck” Singletary made a gift to the LSU Foundation for the benefit of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center to establish the J. Noland and Janice D. Singletary Professorship of Law. Singletary is a 1952 graduate of the LSU Law Center. This professorship is in honor of Singletary’s dearly departed wife, Janice. Mr. Singletary practiced law for many years in Baton Rouge and served as General Counsel of Louisiana National Bank for 131 years. He has also been involved in the insurance and finance business. Singletary has served with distinction as a member of the LSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Professional Ethics Professorship

The Professional Ethics Professorship benefiting the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center is the result of a contribution from the Louisiana Outside Health and Ethics Foundation. The initial donation of $60,000 is the first installment of a $375,000 pledge payable over the next 14 years. The funds were made possible through the 1998, $286 billion settlement reached between plaintiff states and major tobacco companies. Seventeen law firms, 13 from Louisiana and four out of state, represented the State of Louisiana in the dispute. The Louisiana Outside Health and Ethics Foundation was created by the 17 law firms as a vehicle for distributing donations to a variety of Louisiana organizations.

Five New Scholarships Established at Law Center

Kate Wallach Memorial Scholarship was established from the estate of Norma Ericson. Kate Wallach was a professor at the LSU Law Center and head librarian. She was a member of the faculty from 1949 until her retirement in July 1975. Wallach was a German refugee who had immigrated to the United States in 1939 along with her brother. She received a J.D. from the University of Cologne in 1931. After her emigration, she earned an LL.B. from the University of Wisconsin. With her training in civil law and in American law, she did an exceptional job of developing the collections in the LSU Law Library. Donations were made at the request of Jean Ericson, a long-time friend and co-worker.

Jean Ericson Memorial Scholarship was created from an estate gift of Norma Ericson. Jean Ericson was a librarian at the LSU Law Center and worked closely with Professor Kate Wallach. Ericson retired in July 1975 and moved to Arizona with her sister, Norma. Norma Ericson left a gift to the LSU Law Center to fund this scholarship in the name of her sister.

James A. Shafarski Memorial Scholarship was established through a gift by Barbara Shafarski in the name of her husband. James A. Shafarski was a 1977 graduate of the LSU Law Center who practiced law in New Brunswick, N.J. Prior to his death on August 23, 2004, Shafarski requested that an endowed scholarship be set up at the LSU Law Center. This scholarship will give special preference to law students studying from the state of New Jersey.

Ryan LoProto Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by classmates of Ryan with assistance from the Law Center Administration as a lasting memorial to their departed friend. LoProto was a second-year law student who died in July 2005 while attending the Law Center’s summer program in Lyon, France. A fund has been established where donors may contribute towards the eventual establishment of a $10,000 endowed scholarship. Once established, this scholarship will provide financial assistance to a second-year law student attending the summer program in Lyon who embodies LoProto’s outstanding integrity, leadership, and willingness to put others first.

Keith Stanley Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Keith Stanley. Stanley was a first-year law student in 2004–05 who died in November 2005 after suffering from a lengthy battle with cancer. A member of the class of 2007, Stanley was not able to return to law school after his first semester. Friends and family are working toward the establishment of a $10,000 endowed scholarship in Stanley’s honor.

For information on how to support the Law Center through scholarships, professorships and other gifts, please contact Martin Hernandez at 225/782-8644 or email martinhz@lsu.edu.

Donna W. Lee Professorship Established

A NEW PROFESSORSHIP WAS ESTABLISHED at the LSU Law Center in the name of alumna Donna W. Lee, a 1972 graduate of the Law Center. She has a Baton Rouge practice in family law with the firm Lee & Walsh, Attorneys and Legal Services. She received her undergraduate degree from LSU College of Arts and Sciences in 1969. Donna’s husband, David R. Pitts, made a donation to the LSU Foundation to establish a professorship at the Law Center in the name of his wife. Pitts is Chairman and CEO of Pitts Management Association, Inc. (PMA) which is a national hospital and healthcare consulting firm. Prior to PMA, Pitts was the CEO of Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans and served in the federal government as the Executive Officer for Health Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, as the Founding Associate Dean of Administration of the Hebert School of Medicine. He also served as the Executive Officer in the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General.

The new “Donna W. Lee Professorship” will be dedicated to a professor in family law.
Alumni Fund Life Insurance Policies to Benefit LSU Law Center

FOUR LSU LAW CENTER ALUMNI have purchased life insurance policies that promise long-term benefits for the Law Center. John Busenlener ´75, Dean Sutherland ´75 and his wife Rosalind, Mike Remondet ´91, and James “Jim” Roy ´76 completed their commitment to fund $100,000 whole life policies which will ultimately provide lasting income to the LSU Law Center.

John Busenlener ´75 is an attorney and CPA. He received his undergraduate degree from Auburn University and his J.D. from the LSU Law Center. He is a partner in Busenlener ´75 and Johnson CPAs in Metairie. Busenlener is a member of the LSU Law Center Board of Trustees and was instrumental in providing the funding for the “Boogre – Busenlener Classroom” at the Law Center which was dedicated in the fall of 2005. Busenlener worked extensively to develop the program of planned giving at the LSU Law Center.

Dean Sutherland ´75 graduated from the University of New Orleans with a Bachelor of Arts in 1973. He received his J.D. from LSU Law Center in 1975. He is presently a member of the adjunct faculty of Loyola University School of Law teaching Insurance Law (Law 854) and the Law Center, where he teaches Maritime Personal Injury and Admiralty Law. He has also taught several hundred students in Trial Advocacy Programs for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, LSU Law Center, and Loyola Law School. In 1985, Sutherland co-founded the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy and has since been a member of the faculty and board of directors. In 2003, he joined Jeansonne & Remondet as Of Counsel to its New Orleans office. He is a member of the American, Louisiana, and New Orleans Bar Associations, as well as the Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit and the Maritime Law Association of the United States. He also serves as a member of the Law Center Board of Trustees. He is married to the former Rosalind Brewer and they have three children.

Mike J. Remondet, Jr. ´91 grew up in LaPlace, where he was recruited to play college football by Wichita State University. After an injury cut short his playing days, Remondet returned to Louisiana, where he entered the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He graduated in 1988, receiving a B.S. degree in Business Administration, with distinction. He received his J.D. in 1991 from the Law Center. While at LSU, he served as President of the Student Legal Network, an organization that provides an interface between students, faculty members, and practicing lawyers in the Baton Rouge area. On two occasions, Remondet was included in Who’s Who of New Orleans, in recognition of his professional achievements and community service. He has served on the President’s Club for the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and is involved in numerous community activities. He is a member of the Lafayette Parish and Louisiana Bar Associations and the State Bar of Texas. He is also a member of the Law Center Board of Trustees. Remondet is a frequent lecturer to individuals and organizations having an interest in his law concentrations. He is married to the former Lea Ann Young, and they have three children.

James R. “Jim” Roy ´76 is the managing director of Wright Roy and Edwards in Lafayette. He received his J.D. from the Law Center in 1976 and a L.L.M. from Georgetown University. He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, (Woodward/White) in the fields of maritime law as well as personal injury litigation. He was named “Litigator of the Month” by the National Law Journal August 20, 2001, for a $45 million jury verdict for a double amputee. He was president of the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association from 1990–1991. Roy is admitted to practice in all federal courts in Louisiana, the U.S. Fifth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He was appointed to the LSU Board of Supervisors representing the 7th Congressional District and is a member of the Law Center Board of Trustees.

The LSU Law Center is grateful for the gifts of these noted alumni. For more information about similar planned giving opportunities benefiting the LSU Law Center, please contact Martin Hernandez, Office of Alumni Relations 225/578-8644.
Alumni Events >>>>

Reunion at Juban’s—Class of 1975 and 1980

1975

Class of 1975

Carolyn Hebert, John Brady, Paul Hebert, and Dovie Brady

Gerry and Joan Ray with Ann Wise

1980

Class of 1980

Reunion at Boles’ home—Class of 1950

1950

Class of 1950 with Chancellor Costonis

Jean Pugh, George Pugh and Juanita Cole
1940s

John P. Lohrke, Sr. ’49 was named one of the Offshore Energy Center’s 2005-2006 Stakemakers. The award was presented to those individuals who distinguish themselves in such a way that they stand out clearly as leaders in the oil and gas industry. The Offshore Division for his co-development of the concept of a purpose-built topsides for the offshore oil and gas industry.

1960s


1970s

Frank M. Auror ’76 serves as CEO of Praxess Corporation in Shreveport. Praxess has evolved into an international information services company that specializes in identifying and sorting industry-wide information sharing problems. Praxess clients include the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force as well as several Fortune 500 companies.

1980s

Stephen W. Cavanaugh ’87 is a chief executive officer of Louisiana Workers’ Compensation Corporation (LWCC). Cavanaugh was named “President/CEO of the Year” by the Baton Rouge Business Report in 2004 and in 2005 he shared the National Excellence Fund for LSU’s Mandop School of Mass Communication.

1990s

S. Gay deLong ’90 was nominated by the Louisiana Bar Association Nominating Committee to be President of the Louisiana Bar Association in 2007.

2000s

Johanna J. Southwick ’06 was elected as the Federal District Court Judge for the Central District of California in 2004. She now plans to enjoy fishing and much more.

Class Notes >>>>>
Best Lawyers in America Names LSU Alums

The Best Lawyers in America, widely regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States, has recently selected the following LSU alumni:

Jennifer Treadway Morris ’94 joined the Whewell Firm in Baton Rouge.

James William Neu ’97 was named Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer with Hercules Offshore, Inc. of Houston.

Travis J. Ohrin ’93 was selected to the 2005 Louisiana State Bar Foundation, Class of 2005, with Patricia Braxton, Susan M. Simpson and David Trator in Baton Rouge.

Tammy B. Scelfo ’93 joined the firm of Kean Miller in Baton Rouge.

Robert W. Robison, Jr. ’98 was appointed as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States, has recently selected the following LSU alumni:

James A. “Jim” George ’62
Leon Gary, Jr. ’64
John C. Blackman IV ’69
Mary Joseph ’70
Fred L. Chevalier ’71
David S. Willerth ’71
Samuel A. Baur ’72
Robert W. Schruff ’74
Michael Rubel ’75
R. Patrick Vincent ’75
David Ruben ’78
Allen E. Bayard III ’76
Charles A. Landry ’77
Edward D. Wignman ’79
R. Keith Colvin ’79
Wine Center ’79
Paul West ’80
Stephen P. Stockbach ’81
Rudolph Agustin, Jr. ’82
Louis S. Quinn, Jr. ’83
Robert C. Tusher ’83
Errol C. King ’86
Lisa E. Maurer ’88
A. Kelton Longwell ’94

2000s

Harry M. Barton ’95 was named associate with Philips Day in its New Orleans office. Barton will work in the commercial litigation practice group.

Jennifer Crick ’95 joined National Investment Managers, Inc. in New York as Associate Counsel. She is also a freelance writer and was recently published in FORTUNE Magazine.

Michael Rau ’02 opened a law firm with ’95 Law Center graduate Brett Duncan. The new firm, Rau & Duncan, is located in Hammond, LA.

Allison L. Brunet ’03 joined the Baton Rouge office of Kean Miller practicing with the tort team.

Allison C. Boudreaux ’05 joined the Lafayette office of Liskow & Lewis as associate in the firm’s litigation section.

Robert Luev Castille ’08 accepted a career clerk position with U.S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. in Shreveport. Castille had been an associate at Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway.

2010s

E. Frederic Para, Jr. ’74 of McGlinchey Stafford
Pat Vance ’75 of Jones Walker
David S. Wilkening ’71 of McGlinchey Stafford
Rodolfo J. Aguilar, Jr. ’82 of McGlinchey Stafford
W. Blake Benoit ’82 of Jones Walker
Melanie M. Hartmann ’84 of Kean Miller
Jonathan A. Hunter ’87 of Kean Miller
Paul Shawnor Week ’80 of McGlinchey Stafford

Glew W. Laffite ’52
Charles S. McCorman, Jr. ’67 of Kean Miller in Baton Rouge
Ben R. Miller, Jr. ’61 of Kean Miller in Baton Rouge
Lynn J. Raymond ’69
R. Keith Colvin ’79 of McGlinchey Stafford
Murphy J. Fontenot, III ’79 of Broussard, Saez & Wilson
G. William “Bill” Jarman ’75 of Kean Miller in Baton Rouge
Phillip K. Jones ’74
Charles Landry ’77 of Jones Walker
Marylo C. Maloney ’75

Jennifer Crick ’95 received his M.B.A. from Louisiana State Universi-

T. Shane Sandefur ’95 joined the Baton Rouge office of Kean Miller. Sandefur practices in the environmental law group and is a registered professional engineer.

Heather N. Sharp ’95 joined the firm of Jones Walker in another Baton Rouge office in the business and commercial litigation section.

Andrea ‘Dave’ Spence ’94 joined the New Orleans office of Liskow & Lewis. Spence practices in the oil and gas, admiralty, and general litigation sections.

Bretten M. Starr ’94 joined the New Orleans office of Liskow & Lewis as an associate. He is a member of the tax group.

Dan Sippel ’90 was a captain in the U.S. Army and a recipient of the American Bar Association’s Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyer Award. Each year, one attorney under 36 years of age in each branch of the military receives this prestigious award. The award is based on military service, leadership ability, professional accomplishments, and service to the community.

Jennifer McCane Swarte ’95 joined the Baton Rouge office of Philips Dunbar. She is an associate in the litigation practice group.

David D. Terrell ’94 joined the Mandeville office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz as an associate.

Renee Vincent ’03 joined the firm of Kean Miller in Baton Rouge and practices in the commercial litigation, tort, trust, and med- cal malpractice groups.

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Stanford Centennial Speakers’ Series*
John Barry & speakers from the Stanford Washington Research Group
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