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Orange County Graduates Will Honor Mark Robinson at Annual O.C. Alumni Dinner

Last year, the annual Orange County Alumni Dinner sold out with more than 200 alums attending the event honoring Professor Emeritus William G. Coskran '59. This November, the achievements of Alumnus Mark P. Robinson, Jr. '70 will be recognized at the November 4 Dinner. A senior partner at Robinson, Calcagnie & Robinson of Laguna Niguel, and the new president of the Consumer Attorneys of California, Robinson was one of the plaintiffs' attorneys in the recent $4.9 billion verdict against General Motors - the largest award ever given in a personal injury lawsuit. A specialist in product liability cases, Robinson has been counsel or co-counsel in cases in more than 20 states, including the landmark Ford Pinto case of Grinnshaw v. Ford Motor Company with his mentor and partner Art Hews, in which the jury awarded $129 million in compensatory and punitive damages. In 1978 and in 1996, Robinson was honored by the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association as "Personal Injury Trial Lawyer of the Year." The Dinner once again promises to provide an ideal opportunity for networking with regional alumni and judges, and faculty and administrators. The active participation of Orange County alumni in their community and with their law school is recognized and

Professor Laurie L. Levenson to be Honored at September Dinner

Professor Laurie Levenson, attributed with the founding of, and continuing inspiration for the Loyola Women's Roundtable, will receive special recognition from the group at their Second Anniversary Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, September 23, 1999, at the Hotel Inter-Continental, Los Angeles. "This is not only for women," according to Donna Curtis '95, chair of the event. "All alumni, students and friends of Loyola, and of Professor Levenson, are encouraged to attend. It's going to be a great party, and we're looking forward to giving Laurie her due!" Professor Levenson, a William M. Rains Fellow and former assistant U.S. attorney in Los Angeles, recently completed her three-year term as associate dean for academic affairs at Loyola and has returned to full-time teaching. Curtis added, "She has been a great support to the group and we want to thank her with the same spirit she has brought to all our events." The WR Steering Committee has planned the evening to be a celebratory one, with an emphasis on fun and fellowship. The event is also designed to encourage growth of the WR Scholarship Fund that provides dependent care funds to students with child care or other dependent care expenses. To further participation, the group has

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Celebrating Loyola’s Dedication to the “Public Good”

By Todd Lawrence, Administrator, Public Interest Law Department

As we move into the next millennium, Loyola Law School is proud to celebrate its long history of dedication to the “public good” through a series of events focused on the protection of the public. These events are geared to honor past public interest work and examine how access to justice can be strengthened in the future. The future of public interest practice depends on all of us. Law students enter law school with the desire to help people and make the world a better place. The first event focuses on supporting students in summer public interest projects.

The Public Interest Law Foundation Annual Auction on Saturday, October 16, 1999, will feature a casino night, silent and live auction, great food and plenty of fun.

Once we graduate from law school, our professional responsibility to support access to justice for all can be fulfilled in many ways. Some of our alumni work full-time for legal services agencies; however, many devote significant time from their private or government practice to pro bono work. In recognition of both of these important means of service delivery, the law school is planning a recognition luncheon to honor our alumni both in full-time legal services work and in private practice with a strong commitment to pro bono. This luncheon is scheduled for late November or early December. At this time, we are seeking nominations for alumni who have been exemplary in their performance of the public interest obligation of all lawyers. All alumni are encouraged to nominate alumni from the legal services arena and private practice for recognition at this luncheon. Please call Todd Lawrence, in the Public Interest Law Department at 213.736.1059, send him an e-mail at todd.lawrence@lls.edu, or send him a fax at 213.487.7856.

On March 16, Loyola and the Cancer Legal Resource Center are hosting a conference focusing on workplace and health care issues for people with cancer. The audience is anticipated to be lawyers, employers, and health care providers.

Finally, the law school is approaching the coming of the next millennium with two academic symposiums. The first, which will be published by The Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review, will examine the topic of intergenerational equity. This symposium coordinated by Professors Ted Seto and Larry Solum is expected to attract well-known scholars from the legal and economic communities. The second symposium, to be published in The Loyola of Los Angeles International and Comparative Law Journal, will feature an essay by a prominent United States lawyer about the future of access to justice for all. We expect to have responses to this essay from ten different countries including Australia, Chile, and France.

A Call for Participation

Loyola Law School is one of the most diverse ABA-accredited law schools in the country. As you probably know, women have long made up nearly 50 percent of the Law School’s student population. Perhaps you did not know, however, that approximately 40 percent of Loyola’s current students are students of color. In fact, increased diversity has become one of Loyola’s most attractive features. Diversity creates a richer and more stimulating environment in which to study law, and there is no question that employers actively seek enhanced diversity in the workplace.

Graduates of color, as all alumni, are invited to continue taking an active and visible role in the life of their law school. Full alumni participation is vital in effectively addressing the concerns and issues of the entire Loyola Law School community.

Alumni Relations will be working closely with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, now headed by Assistant Dean Carol Ross-Burnett, to provide resources and support for diverse alumni groups. If you are interested in helping to develop formal alumni networks for Black or Native American graduates, in expanding outreach to Asian/Pacific Islander alumni, or in becoming involved with the Latino alumni, please contact Suzanne Zeninis in Alumni Relations, at 213.736.8153.
Celebrating the Women of Loyola

Women's Roundtable
2nd Anniversary Scholarship Dinner
with Special Recognition to
Professor Laurie Levenson

Thursday, September 23, 1999
6:00 p.m. Reception    7:00 p.m. Dinner

Hotel Inter-Continental
251 S. Olive Street    Los Angeles

Business Attire

Dinner and sponsorship information: Karen Parks 818.906.1655 or kaparks@hotmail.com
Reservations required. Please respond by September 13, 1999.

☐ Please reserve       _____ tickets @ $70.00 per person
☐ Scholarship Sponsor(s) @ $150.00
   Includes Private Reception Invitation and one Dinner Ticket.
   Scholarship Sponsors will be listed in the Dinner Program.

☐ I would like to be a Lady or Knight of the Roundtable; enclosed is my $1,000 Scholarship contribution.
   Ladies and Knights of the Roundtable will be given special recognition at the Dinner and their names placed on a permanent plaque at the Law School. Includes Private Reception Invitation and one Dinner Ticket. Ladies and Knights will be listed in the Dinner Program.

☐ I am unable to attend, but please accept my tax deductible contribution of $__________.

Total amount $__________ by

☐ Check enclosed, payable to Loyola Law School
☐ VISA    ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card #__________________________ Expiration Date ____________
Signature of card holder __________________________

Name __________________________       Class Year ____________

You may fax this form with credit card information to: 818.906.1804; or enclose your check with this tear-off and mail to:
Loyola Law School Women's Roundtable, 4570 Van Nuys Boulevard, #363, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
did you know...

that two of Loyola Law School's three journals have changed names? The Loyola of Los Angeles Entertainment Law Journal has been renamed The Loyola of Los Angeles Entertainment Law Review, and The Loyola of Los Angeles International and Comparative Law Journal has been renamed The Loyola of Los Angeles International and Comparative Law Review.

Loyola Law School Mentor Program

Alumni Mentor Questionnaire

The Loyola Law School Alumni/Student Mentor Program began over 10 years ago. Then, as now, the goal was to provide students with alumni mentors who may give input and support during law school, bar exam preparation, and entry into the profession. There are no requirements for the mentor relationship – the degree of commitment depends on the individuals involved. Meetings may be on a regular basis or simply by telephone; a mentor may involve a student in his/her practice; a student may ask the mentor for advice on briefing cases, test taking, resume writing or job search tips. Each mentor pair must decide what suits their own needs, expectations and schedules. It should be noted that the goal of the Mentor Program is unrelated to job placement. While it is not impossible that a student could find a job via his/her mentor, students are advised that this should not be the goal in applying for a mentor.

The criteria employed for matching mentor pairs derive from the information provided by means of Student Applications and these Alumni Questionnaires. We in Alumni Relations can render the best service to Loyola Law School students if you complete this application with as much information as possible. Please return your completed questionnaire to the Alumni Office via mail to: Mentor Program/Alumni Office, Loyola Law School, 919 S. Albany Street, Los Angeles, CA 90019, or fax it to the Alumni Office: 213.384.1659.

You will be notified of the name, address and telephone number of the individual with whom you have been matched. Early in the academic year there will be an event to give mentor pairs an opportunity to become acquainted with one another, and with other alumni and students. Throughout the year, the Alumni Office will be available to provide guidance as needed. If you have any questions about the Program, you may contact Mary Detmers in Alumni Office: 213.735.1029; e-mail: llsgrads@lmulaw.lmu.edu; fax 213.384.1659.

Dean’s Forum Luncheon to Welcome New President

Members of The Dean’s Forum will be invited to join Dean Gerald T. McLaughlin and Mrs. McLaughlin at their home, to attend a Welcome Luncheon for Reverend Robert B. Lawton, newly appointed President of Loyola Marymount University. The Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 24, 1999, at 12:00 Noon. Those who may be interested in information on becoming a member of The Dean’s Forum should please telephone Elizabeth Fry in the Office of Development at 213.735.1096.

Become a Mentor...

By just completing this alumni questionnaire

My main practice area(s):

1. 

2. 

3. 

and/or □ Public Interest □ Government/Civil □ Government/Criminal □ Corporate/In-house

OPTIONAL: Some students have indicated that they would like to be paired with a mentor who had similar life circumstances or law school experience based on one or more of the following. Please fill in below only the information about yourself that you do not object to our considering when we are pairing:

Gender _________ Age while in Law School _________

Marital status during Law School _________

with child(ren), ages? _________

Ethnicity _________

Evening student _________ Other _________

Name ____________________________

Grad Year _19______

Address ____________________________

City ____________________________ Zip ______

Telephone (day) ____________________________

Telephone (eve) ____________________________

Fax Number ____________________________

E-mail address ____________________________

I am affiliated with the following Loyola alumni association:

□ African-American □ Latino □ Orange County

□ Small Practice Network □ Women’s Roundtable

□ None of these (note, all alumni are members of the general LLS Alumni Association)

Geographic area in which I would prefer a match:

□ Downtown LA □ Westside LA □ East LA □ Orange County

□ Valley/West □ San Gabriel Valley □ San Diego □ Riverside

□ Other ____________________________
A Report on Loyola Law School Alumni

1952 Roger M. Sullivan and Hon. Manuel Real '51, founders of the St. Thomas More Law [Honors] Society, while law students, received the Society's "St. Thomas More Medalion" in March at its annual luncheon. (Also see 1981, Sullivan.)

1955 Herb Gelfand, real estate attorney and past president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, was profiled along with his wife Beverly in the 6/4/99 issue of Los Angeles' Jewish Journal.

1960 Edward Mays - a law-related event in his professional career will be portrayed in the Universal Pictures film currently entitled "Erin Brockovich"; still in pre-production, the motion picture's cast includes actors Julia Roberts and Albert Finney.

1962 Johnnie L. Cochran, following the conclusion of a landmark police violence case in New York, has accepted the high profile Riverside case of Tyisha Miller.

1967 J. Anthony Bryan has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association; his second term, Bryan served previously from 1980-83.

1968 Stephen Page, Otis Elevator Company president/chief executive officer, was honored by Loyola Marymount University at its 87th annual commencement exercises in May. A member of LMU's Board of Regents, Page was one of three grantees (LMU 52) to receive the "Distinguished Alumni Award" for 1999 in recognition of professional achievement.

1970 Perry Silver and classmate Neil Freedman's firm Silver & Freedman merged this past November with Friedrych & Webster, Inc. (co-founder J. Michael Webster '74) to form the new, mid-sized Silver & Freedman, other Loyola graduates employed at the Century City firm includes Mitchell Stein '78, Alan Kaplan '79, Stephanie Izen '93 and Maria Rodriguez '97.

1971 Bob Miller, former Nevada governor, has joined the board of directors for PageNet, a wireless messaging and information services company. Tony Rackackowske, Jr. was profiled in the 1/4/99 issue of the Orange County Register; Rackackowske was most recently on Orange County Superior Court judge until his fall 1998 job change to lead prosecutor for the County's District Attorney's Office. Elizabeth Yohn Williams has published a book on mentoring leaders: Creative Leadership: 7 Steps to Find Your Style!

1972 Lee Kanon Alpert was unanimously elected president of the City of Los Angeles' Department of Building & Safety Commission in July; he is a founding principal in Elinson's Alpert, Barr & Gross, which last year was awarded Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce's award for ongoing commitment to the community - also, Alpert recently received the "Tree of Life" award from the Jewish National Fund for his active community participation. Russell Bostrom of the alternative dispute resolution group Judicate West, based in Santa Ana, was profiled in the 1/8/99 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal; the arbitrator/mediator is a former Harbor Municipal Court judge and has taught at Western State Univ. of Law. Tony Blankley, who for seven years served as press secretary to Newt Gingrich — and prior to that as a speech writer for President Reagan — is a panelist on "The McLaughlin Group," a political analysis television show aired on Sundays. Howard W. Gillingham is chairperson at Pilbros High School in Los Angeles, teaching world history, U.S. history, government and economics. Michael C. Mitchell was recently appointed director of planned giving for LMU after 27 years of private practice in estate planning/probate, in Pasadena. Mark P. Robinson, Jr., senior partner at Robinson, Calagno & Robinson of Laguna Niguel, and the new president of the Consumer Attorneys of California — an interest group — was profiled in the 1/11/99 issue of the Orange County Reporter; recently, Robinson was one of the plaintiffs' attorneys in the 54.9 billion verdict against General Motors — the largest award ever in a personal injury lawsuit — also representing the plaintiffs was alum Christine Spagnoli '86.

1973 George Gellin, associate partner of Century City's Cox, Castle & Nicholson, was profiled in the 7/2/99 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal on his career as a seasoned mediator/arbitor in the areas of real estate and construction. Steven E. Feldman has been included since 1993 in the publication Best Lawyers in America, in the field of criminal defense. Darrell Forney of Hillinger & Castaneto, and fellow alumnus Charles T. "Ted" Mathews '72, Pasadena-based sole practitioner, have recently become affiliated as counsel. Lawrence E. Price has joined Buchanan Ingersoll (Tampa, FL.), focusing on medical malpractice and products liability defense. Michael Wolfson, professor of law at Loyola, and playwright, recently won first prize for his play "The Soul Sitter" at Sanoma County's Harvest Festival of New Plays.

1974 Jano Fonnelly has joined Los Angeles' Crime, Macias & Koenig as counsel; she specializes in financial institutions, secured transactions and bankruptcy law. Evanue L. Lewis is now a licensed real estate broker with Coldwell Banker, Beverly Hills, in addition to maintaining a boutique entertainment law practice for select clients. John D. Manzino of Rancho Cucamonga-based Manzino & Briggs was profiled in a May 1999 issue of the Inland Empire Business Journal; Manzino has served in the presidencies of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association and the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce. Gerald Shea was elected district attorney for San Luis Obispo County in June 1998.

1975 Byron Hinchett has been promoted to managing director of San Diego-based Grubb & Ellis Co.; Hinchett formerly was senior vice president and sales manager for the real estate services firm. Shelly Joy Shurton formed a new law firm in October 1998: Shurton, Abshold & Kammer, LLP which specializes in real estate and business litigation, and real estate transactions — fellow grad Kevin Kammer '84 is a partner.

1976 Jess J. Araujo has published a book aimed toward the nonlawyer: The Law and Your Legal Rights: A Bilingual Guide to Everyday Legal Issues, which offers basic information on garden variety legal issues and on how the legal system works. Carl M. Feller, chief of the Fresno division office of the U.S. Attorney, was one of two attorneys to receive the "Director's Award," presented by Attorney General Janet Reno in Washington, D.C., for having successfully prosecuted a case involving an attack on aスタイリッシュなCounty recorder. Louis Vérugo, Jr. was appointed by Attorney General Bill Lockyer to the position of senior assistant attorney general of the new Civil Rights Enforcement Section, California Attorney General's Office.

1977 Brian Eyres recently was promoted to vice president and assistant general counsel at Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., where he has been affiliated since 1985; Eyres and his staff of attorneys handle the company's product liability and warranty litigation. Joshua Needle has opened a new business on Santa Monica's Main Street: Impolitic Cartoon Commentaries, a gallery of opinionated art featuring the Paul Conrad Collection. Patrick Schnegg, in June, was sworn-in as president of the 22,000-member Los Angeles County Bar Association, which operates legal education programs, a lawyer referral service, a dispute resolution program and more than a dozen public service projects; Schnegg, who is a partner in the downtown Los Angeles firm of Knapp, Marsh, Jones & Doren, is also vice president of the Los Angeles World Airport Board of Commissioners.

1978 Dennis K. Ames is a member of the trial lawyer defense firm LeFollette, Johnson, DeHann, Fesler & Ames, Santa Ana, which specializes in medical, legal and professional malpractice, employment litigation, product liability, etc. Stephen F. Brown was promoted to chief deputy district attorney, San Luis Obispo County, in August 1998; Brown succeeded Gerald Shea '74, who was elected district attorney. Robert Coldren of Santa Ana's Hart, King and Coldren — specialists in manufactured housing/mobilehome park law — will staff its new office in Santa Rosa. Ben H. Lyon is vice president and general counsel of CelNet Systems, Inc., a provider of wireless data communications services; Lyon advises senior management on corporate finance, SEC matters, commercial transactions, intellectual property, etc. William J. Robinson has left his partnership and...
position as head of intellectual property at Graham & James to join Mayer, Brown & Platt, Los Angeles, where he will oversee the international law firm’s West Coast intellectual property practice. Cathy H. Waterman was profiled in The Dallas Morning News regarding her career as a jewelry designer for retailers including Barneys New York; her clients include actresses Jamie Lee Curtis, Gwyneth Paltrow and Meg Ryan.

1979 Michael A. Cartelli has announced the opening of his new office in Pasadena. Angela Hawkekotte of Adams, Hawkekotte & Hudson served as the 1989-99 president of the Pasadena Bar Association; also, Hawkekotte was profiled in the book Beyond L.A. Law (Harcourt, Brace 1997), published by the National Association of Legal Personnel.

Jonathan A. Manning is practicing with Payne & Blanchard, LLP in Dallas, TX. Fred T. Winters continues to practice in the areas of business and real estate litigation, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights at the Irvine office of Berger, Kahn, Shaftron, Mass, Figler, Simon & Gladstone. Christi Solzuch has been promoted to executive vice president and general counsel of the hospital company Tenet Healthcare Corp.

1980 David Ettinger, a partner in Encino’s Horvitz & Levy, recently was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald George to the California Judicial Council’s Appellate Advisory Committee, where he is the only private-practice attorney among the 14 members; the Committee is chaired by Supreme Court Justice Joyce Kennard. Paul H. Irving, who specializes in corporate finance and banking, has been named the managing partner and chief executive of Los Angeles’ Manatt, Phelps & Phillips. Michael J. Gurinsk T. George, chair of the executive committee of the conference of delegates, authored the article “Despite the Howls, Some Good Work, Too.” published in the June 1999 issue of the California Bar Journal.

Linda M. Wirdt-Curtis has been named director of corporate and legal affairs, and risk management, for Hebrew Home & Hospital in West Hartford, CT; a 334-bed, long-term and sub-acute facility and home health care agency. Henry C. Yuen, chief executive of Gamestar International Group, has been elected to the additional post of chairman, Gamestar is a maker, marketer and licensor of proprietary technologies and systems aimed at making technology more consumer-friendly. Roxanne Wilson was featured in the July 26/99 Los Angeles Daily Journal “Large Firms” profile. She is a partner — whose practice focuses on pharmaceutical and consumer product and employment litigation — in the Los Angeles office of Cleveland-based Arter & Hadden, founded in 1843.

1981 Melanie Blum has represented about 60 clients in the “front-page news” UC Irvine fertility clinic legal dispute; nearly all the UC cases are now settled. Andrea Ghorini Francis worked with Roger Sullivan ’50, who represented her father in a legal battle over her parents’ ranch land (owned by the family since 1880s and taken by the U.S. Government through an act of Congress) on California’s Santa Cruz Island. Sullivan, eminent domain specialist, successfully argued that government appraisers overestimated the property’s purchase price. Stephen C. Nill, planning giving and tax specialist for education, health care and religious institutions, moderates Giftplan, the Internet site of American Philanthropy Review. Diana Carlort Wourse of the Hesperia City Council has been named by the California State Assembly as the 1999 Women of the Year for the 54th District.

1982 Mark J. Garages has landed national spotlight by winning acquittals in Santa Monica and Little Rock, AR for Susan McDougald, regarding the widely reported Whitewater loan holdout; Garages was profiled in the 6/17/99 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal. Pat Hader is a partner of Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, in the investment firm of Riordan, Lewis & Haden, which recently opened its doors to outside investors. James “Duff” Murphy, real estate attorney and volunteer host of the Saturday morning opera show on KUSC-FM, is celebrating his 20th anniversary on local public radio; Duff was profiled in the 1/28/99 issue of the Los Angeles Times. Glenn A. Smith, media law specialist, has become a partner in the Los Angeles office of Cleveland-based Baker & Hostetler. Michael Winkelman has joined Wilmer Lee Scovel as a patent attorney and associate of the firm. Previously, Winkelman has worked with Dow Chemical Company, CF Braun & Co., and Union Carbide Corporation; in 1996 he received the U.S. Presidential “Green Chemistry Challenge Award.”

1983 Kevin Kammer has joined the new law firm, Shafron, Altschold & Kammer, LLP as a partner. Cheryl L. McDermott has been elevated to senior vice president for business affairs with Saban International, where she oversees program acquisitions, operations and administration for Fox Kids Networks International, a consortium of dedicated cable and satellite channels in 30 nations; prior to Saban, McDermott was a vice president at Turner Entertainment.

1984 Daniel Amos has merged his law practice with Paul & Janovsky, which specializes in representing plaintiffs in complex matters (product liability, construction accidents, negligence, professional malpractice, wrongful death, insurance bad faith, etc.). Steven Brady of San Rafael is specializing in plaintiff’s insurance, bad faith and complex personal injury litigation. Carol Codrington, adjunct professor (disability rights/civil rights litigation externships) at Loyola and director of litigation at the Western Law Center for Disability Rights, continues to serve the public through representing individuals with disabilities in impact litigation civil rights discrimination cases.

Carolyne Rae Cole, who is licensed to practice in California, Tennessee and Colorado, has been named vice president of marketing and general counsel of Oats Wellness Network, a division of Maxwell Bioscience, Inc., in Boulder, CO. Peter Gimpel has founded Redfeather Press, specializing in Torah Judaica, humanities, belles-lettres, literary fiction and poetry; he also has a newly completed novel, The Carnivals of Eternity Arch. Stephen M. Jamison, in Shriver v. Manhattan Beach Unified School District, served as counsel to the plaintiff—a Mira Costa High School student injured in football practice — and who two days later sustained permanent brain damage in a football game. Tried in November 1998, in Los Angeles County Superior Court, the verdict/judgment of $5,733,000 was for the plaintiff. James R. Martin has joined the Washington, D.C.-based law firm of Dickstein Shapiro Morio & Oshinsky, LLP. Adam Siegler and partners’ newly founded firm, Fox, Siegler & Spillane of Century City, was profiled in the 4/19/99 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal’s California Law Business; the firm’s thrust is in entertainment and intellectual property. Kimberly A. Smith was interviewed in the spring issue of LMU’s alumni magazine Vistas regarding the “Kick Ass Charm School” fundraiser she co-presented through the Loyola Law School Women’s Roundtable alumni group.

1985 Alice Freundlich, CEO and general counsel for Beverly Hills-based Lexington Commercial Holdings, Inc., has been named by the Los Angeles Business Journal (6/14/99 issue) as one of the 25 key women in Los Angeles commercial real estate; her ventures include “Beverly Lane,” a shopping-dining-family entertainment complex to be built in Beverly Hills’ Golden Triangle — FAO Schwarz will be the project’s anchor store. Erica Levitt, in a 3/23/99 Los Angeles Daily Journal article “In Good Time,” was interviewed about the new trend of lawyers working part-time or on a contract basis — so as to make time for battling an illness, rearing children, enjoying a hobby/sport, or exploring a second career. Christine Spagnoli of Greene, Brollet, Taylor, Wheeler & Panish in Santa Monica was one of the plaintiffs’ attorneys in the recent 54.9 billion verdict against auto maker General Motors – the largest award ever given in a personal injury lawsuit. Herbert A. Streib is attending the University of San Diego Law School part-time in pursuit of an LL.M in tax; Streib will complete his studies by or before spring 2000. Donald S. Zalewski is practicing law with Beam, Brobeck & West in Santa Ana. Helen E. Zokin, a former litigator now in private practice, served during the past year as chair of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE).

1986 James S. Arico, whose focus has been on real estate law, has been made a shareholder in the firm of Clark & Trewhitt. Thomas R. Gill has opened the San Francisco office of Manning, Muder & Wolfe; he is the resident partner. Jeanne P. Morgen is a sole practitioner in Torrance.

1987 Wendy Forward has joined the Los Angeles firm of Grisburg, Stephan, Oringer and Richman, specializing in appellate law. Richard Rasmussen and classmate Ralph (Skip) Coomber ’83 joined Rasmussen Coomber, LLP in June 1997, specializing in transactional law — primarily real estate, finance and business contracts; the partners also opened a new restaurant, Genoa, and have launched Genoa Catering Company. Barbara Ullman Schwerin continues as director of Loyola’s Cancer Legal Resource Center, which received 500-plus telephone calls the first half of 1999; more than 40 volunteer attorneys assisted callers last year. The Center, in conjunction with sponsoring organizations, is planning a symposium on cancer and legal issues for attorneys and health care professionals.
1988  Catherine A. Ehrgart was admitted to the partnership of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue last January.  Matthew Stone joined Freeman, Mathis & Gury, LLP as a partner in July 1998, practicing in the areas of governmental liability, civil rights, and insurance defense.

1989  Robert E. Kent is a partner of Gibbs, Diden, Locker & Turner, LLP in Century City.

1990  Lisa Klineinan Esses has joined Shappell Industries, Inc. as associate general counsel.  Eric L. Olson has been named senior vice president and managing director of the West LA office of Cushman Realty Corp., which he joined in 1991; Olson has completed more than 300 real estate transactions totaling more than $400 million.

1991  Brigette (Moller) Bren and husband Donald Bren served as honorary chairs at UC Irvine's annual dinner held this spring.  Tal Finney was appointed by Gov. Gray Davis in February as interim director of the Department of Social Services; in June, he was named by the Governor as interim commissioner of the state's Public Utilities Commission - his regular job has been director of policy.  Mark Nelson has been elevated to partner with Allen, Matkins, Leck, Gamble & Mallory LLP, and practices corporate and securities law for clients, including technology and financial services companies, in the firm's West Los Angeles office.  David Killoran recently joined the San Francisco office of Jaffei, Mangels, Butler & Marraaro, and is representing auto manufacturers in product liability litigation; formerly with the San Jose office of Bowman and Brooke, Killoran's victories include a defense verdict in a $20 million airbag design case.  Kristianna M. Parde is a deputy district attorney with the County of San Bernardino.  Paul J. Sievers, commercial litigator in the trial department at Costa Mesa's Rutan & Tucker, has been raised to non-equity partner and is part of the firm's Y2K practice group.  Robert A. Wilner, who practices bank and finance transactional law, has been raised to partner and elected shareholder at Los Angeles-based Buncher, Nemzer, Fields & Younger.

1992  Barbara S. Barolet, in addition to contracting and taking care of a three-year-old and 11-month-old twins, has joined Litigation Management & Training Services as a consultant specializing in harassment prevention training and email/internet issues training.  Thomas A. Cifarelli, of the Cifarelli Firm in Santa Ana, specializes in school and child care (safety) negligence cases.  Thomas A. Delany has transferred to the Office of Career Services at Loyola Marymount University, the firm primarily handles construction law and business law cases.  Stefan J. Kirchanski is a patent law attorney with Graham & James, LLP in Los Angeles.  Lindo Mosley Whitefield recently joined the Office of Career Services at Loyola Law School as assistant director of career services, she is primarily responsible for student career counselling and job search technology resources, and also assists with the production of the annual Employment Report and Salary Survey (ESS) for internal use for the National Association for Law Placement.  Jodi L. Sax, by day, specializes in copyright at Los Angeles' Small Larkin, by night, she offers the public advice on copyright and entertainment law via the internet, through her popular web site "fan girll.com."

1993  Yvette Abich, formerly of Beltran, Leal and Medina, has been named a city attorney for Commerce, previously, she spent two years as assistant city attorney in Bell Gardens.  Arif Alkhan, assistant U.S. attorney in the public corruption and government fraud section of the Los Angeles office, was profiled in the Los Angeles Daily Journal feature, "Twenty for the Future: California Lawyers Under 40 Who Are Pioneers to Make Their Mark."  Debra Klevniuss Bessen is practicing with Colkin & Colkin in Santa Ana.  Glenn T. Jones of Jones and Driscoll, L.L.P. in Los Angeles, wrote the article "Dealing with Self Incrimination," published in the July 1999 issue of California Lawyer Magazine.  Sharon Kopman has joined the bankruptcy firm of Wynne Spiegel Hikin, A Law Corporation, in Century City.  Ron Shier recently opened an office in Orange, focusing on issues entrepreneurs and small businesses face, including permits, licenses, tax planning and employment law compliance.  Timothy E. Siegel has joined Chernoff, Wilhauer, McChung & Stenzel of Portland, OR as an associate.

1994  Elva Nunez is a Kern County deputy district attorney practicing in the Family Support Division.  Nick Pacheco, deputy district attorney, won the June 1999 election for the City Council seat for the 14th District and was sworn in July 1; he replaces Councilman Richard Aloterie.  Sean Rice recently left his position as manager of acquisitions for Spectrum Resources Towers, LP in Falls Church, VA to become the national manager of site acquisition for Unilitec, Inc. in Tampa, FL; his practice of law has focused mainly on land use issues relating to communication towers.  Lisa G. Salisbury joined the real estate litigation firm of Kimball, Tirey & St. John in September 1998; Earl R. Wallace is a partner with the newly renamed Razzick, Snyder & Wallace, LLP; the firm primarily practices real estate law.

Mentoring Opportunity

Would you like to be a mentor to a Loyola Law School student?  If so, please take a moment to complete the form found in this newsletter.

1995  Sean Fawcett has joined the Beverly Hills firm of Bobo, Line & Coste.  David D. Goss has attained his CPA certification (California) and is employed by Deloitte & Touche, LLP as a senior tax consultant.  Vikki L. Vander Wood became associated last year with the litigation department of Orange County's Morrison & Foerster, LLP.  Kathy Mejib has joined the intellectual property firm of Christie, Parker & Hale in Pasadena.  Jack J. Pannell, Jr. is the new communications director for Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev); Pannell also continues his work as a legal agent and talent manager.

1996  Correction in last year: apologies to Albert J. Harnois, who has joined the firm of Christie, Parker & Hale.  Cynthia M. Herrera is a deputy district attorney in Orange County.  Matthew Rios, since March of 1998, serves as staff attorney advisor for Loyola Law School; his responsibilities primarily include coordinating disability accommodations and academic advising.  Gregory Townsend (Arusha, Tanzania) is associate legal officer to the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; assisting the Honorable Pavel Dolenc, who is on leave from the Supreme Court of Slovenia; Townsend works on matters and judgments on cases of genocide, crimes against humanity and violations of the Geneva Convention (Article 3).

1997  Samuel D. Bernal, M.D., Ph.D., J.D., has been appointed special consultant (for medical and regulatory affairs) to the board of directors of Zilla Inc., an international provider of healthcare products for dental and medical professionals and consumers.  Dr. Bernal is chief of the Division of Hematology and Oncology at UCLA - San Fernando Valley Program and at the Sepulveda VA Medical Center, and he is a professor at the UCLA School of Medicine.  Jerry Cohen, CPA, is practicing entertainment and intellectual property law in Encino.  Anthony Paul Diaz has been appointed deputy city attorney prosecutor for Los Angeles; last December, Diaz was invited by the President to the White House to meet with First Lady Hillary Clinton, Tipper Gore and the joint chiefs of staff to help formulate the U.S. Humanitarian Relief Act to South America.  Hany S. Fangary recently joined the Century City office of McDermott, Will & Emery as an associate in the environmental litigation department.  Chris Manolakis, a licensed civil engineer, is a construction litigation associate with San Francisco's Hanson Bridgett Marcus Vlachos & Rudy, which was profiled in the 6/7/99 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal.  Lawrence Venick has joined Cox, Castle & Nicholson, Los Angeles.  Alyssa D. Weissbach has joined Allied Legal Services, Inc. as an attorney contracted by Los Angeles County to represent the Department of Children and Family Services.  Carol Ob Besile, in March, opened The Neighborhood Legal Center of Los Angeles, a community law center which provides low-cost legal service to immigrants who earn too much to receive service from Legal Aid or the Public Defender's Office.  Initially funded by a public interest grant from Loyola, the Center is currently looking for additional financial support.  Erich J. Litch has joined the Portland, OR office of Perkins Coie, LLP, Litch is practicing corporate securities and business law at the Pacific Northwest's largest law firm.

1998  Jim Kneopp, through a fellowship from New York-based Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, will be joining the legal staff of Florida's nonprofit Migrant Farmworker Justice Project, where he will be handling labor disputes.  Denise Lehmann is a new associate at Costa Mesa's Rutan & Tucker, Orange County's largest law firm.  Holly

1999 Kissandra Cohen, the youngest person to ever have graduated from Loyola Law School (at the age of 20), was featured on the cover and profiled in the 6/11/99 issue of the Jewish Journal. Josh Gross, this past winter, served as an organizer for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) election supervisor for the national elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina; he spent 10 days monitoring the public polling site in the Town of Zvornik, near the Serbian border

Judicial Review

1950 Hon. Manuel Real and Roger M. Sullivan ’52, founders of the St. Thomas More Law (Honors) Society during their law school careers, were presented with the Society’s “St. Thomas More Medalion” at its annual luncheon last March.

1964 Hon. Thomas P. Anderle, Santa Barbara Superior Court, was profiled in the 3/23/99 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal. Prior to his appointment in December 1997, Anderle was a leading Santa Barbara family law attorney for three decades.

Hon. William F. Riley was appointed to the Board of Review in California’s Appellate Courts: A Reaction to Justice in the Balance 2020, and a proposal to reduce the number of nonmeritorious appeals.

1968 Col. Howard Patrick Sweeney, chief circuit military for the Western Judicial Circuit of the U.S. Air Force, was profiled in the 12/7/98 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal. Sweeney, who is planning an early retirement, has earned the decorations of Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal, and is a member of the ABA’s Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law.

1970 Hon. Sheila Prell Sonenshine, Fourth District Court of Appeal, stepped down from the bench in this spring and started a new venture. Judge Sonenshine is president and Chief Operating Officer of Equixe.

Hon. Roberto Winokrude Lee, appointed a commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court in 1997 and currently assigned to family support court, was profiled in the 7/22/99 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal; she is married to classmate Jeffrey M. Lee ’70, with whom she practiced law for 17 years at Century City’s Winokrude & Lee.


Hon. Rolf M. Treu, presiding judge at Citrus Municipal Court, was profiled in the 4/29/99 issue of the Highlander (West Covina).

1980 Hon. John T. Fennay, who was appointed to the Humboldt County Superior Court in December 1997, was profiled in the 3/22/99 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal.

1986 Comm. Steven Lee Monette, who most recently served as a Burbank assistant city attorney, has been named commissioner of the Los Angeles Municipal Court.

1986 Hon. Philip L. Soto, appointed to the Southeast Municipal Court in September 1998, was profiled in the 7/20/99 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal. Soto has successfully lobbied state and county lawmakers for construction money for expanding the District’s outgrown courthouses in Huntington Park and South Gate.

1987 Hon. Laura C. Ellison, most recently a deputy district attorney specializing in hardcore gang prosecution, is now handling a calendar of misdemeanor and felony cases in the South Bay Municipal Court since her judicial appointment in June 1998; Ellison replaces the late Judge Ben Aranda ’69.

1988 Comm. Anthony M. Peters, in May, was sworn-in as the newest commissioner at the Pomona Municipal Court. Most recently a public defender, Peters presides over misdemeanor cases and felony preliminary hearings, and is implementing a drug court program designed to rehabilitate nonviolent drug offenders.

Marital Agreements

Denise K. Daniels ’91 married Scott D. Marcus on June 27, 1999.


John W. Gehart ’93 and Zhaozhi Shu were joined in marriage on May 29, 1999 in Studio City. Shuxun Keeman ’93 will marry Jason Kay on October 9, 1999 in Napa.


Earl R. Wallace ’94 married Michelle Kelly on April 23, 1999 in Newport Beach; Federal Judge David O. Carter conducted the ceremony.


Amenda Luftman ’97 and Stephen Boren ’97 are engaged to be married on January 16, 2000 in Phoenix, AZ.


Lisette Perez ’98 is engaged to marry Roberto Casaneda on October 30, 1999.

James Prenton ’98 and Emilene Tangson ’98 were married in August 1998.

Michelle K. Murgolis ’93 married Mark J. Burnley on November 14, 1998 in San Diego; both bride and groom are prosecutors for the county of Tulare.

David Noble ’96 and Jennifer Valliere were recently wed in Palaos Verdes; the groom is an administrative attorney for the commissioner of public service in Carson City, Nev.

Certificates of Birth & Adoption

Michael C. Mitchell ’72 became a grandfather on January 21, 1999 when Evan Michael Mitchell was born to his son Dan and daughter-in-law Kathleen, both 1996 graduates of LMU.

David Mittelman ’87 and his wife Lisa announce the birth of their son Andrew Joseph, On April 21, 1999.

Judith L. Perez ’87 and her husband Eric Hayes announce the birth of their second child Emma Clare, born January 11, 1999. Emma’s brother is Morgan, age 4.
In Memoriam

Hen. Mark Wood ’49 (LMU ’39), decorated U.S. Navy aviator during WWII; Manhattan Beach/Hermosa Beach city prosecutor, private attorney and presiding judge of South Bay Municipal Court in Torrance (from 1972-86), passed away on 6/14/99. Founder of the South Bay Legal Aid Society, and former president of the South Bay Bar Association, Judge Wood revived the practice of imposing public service assignments rather than fines on minor offenders. His son Professor Scott Wood is a member of the Loyola Law School faculty.

Olsen S. Friedman ’50, a WWII Army Air Force veteran, passed away earlier this year. Friedman, who set up the scholarship committee of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, served as trial and appellate counsel in business, real estate, insurance and sports law litigation matters.

Victor B. Walton ’53 died May 5, 1999. Walton served in the 69th Division of the U.S. Army during WWII, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded a Bronze Star. Walton practiced law in Lakeside and taught real estate law at USD.

Frederick Belanger ’55 passed away on March 21, 1999. Belanger worked for Schill & Delamar of Los Angeles his entire career, and was managing partner from 1981-89. The retired civil trial attorney (who completed more than 200 civil jury trials and presented argument before the U.S. Supreme Court) also was a legal scholar, and a founder and past president of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Patrick Simons ’77 passed away on November 6, 1998 at the age of 50.

Focus on New York State
Loyola Law School Grads

1975 Professor Allan Wernick is a nationally recognized expert in immigration law and procedure. His weekly column on immigration law appears every Wednesday in The New York Daily News. Professor Wernick practices law of counsel to the Law Office of Glenn Bank in New York City, and is a professor at Hostos Community College, CUNY, where he teaches courses in immigration law to students pursuing degrees in paralegal studies and public administration. Wernick currently serves as chair of the citizenship and naturalization project of the City University of New York (CUNY). He has served on the national board of directors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), as chair of the Immigration Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and as president of the New York Chapter of AILA. He is widely published in professional journals. His book, U.S. immigration and Citizenship – Your Complete Guide, is considered by many to be the leading popular guide to immigration law.

1979 Linda Grant Williams is a partner of Dewey Ballantine LLP, New York office. This past January, Sports Business Journal named Grant Williams among the six most innovative and wise executives in American sports, and credited her for pioneering arena financing through the technique of asset securitization. In the last four years, her practice has focused on the construction and permanent financing of sports arenas, including the Staples Center entertainment and commercial complex slated to open later this year. Her practice has concentrated in the area of secured lending and project finance, with emphasis on matters involving international and domestic banks and pension funds. She has during her 18-year career represented financial institutions and other capital providers as unsecured lenders and as construction and permanent lenders on hotel, office complex, shopping center, single and multi-family housing projects, as well as hydro projects and oil refineries.

1993 David Weinberg has been working since January 1996 as legal counsel for Major League Soccer, L.L.C., the first division professional soccer league, where he has been actively involved in the drafting and negotiating of sponsorship, broadcast, licensing, stadium and other league-wide agreements. In addition, Weinberg – who plays soccer himself – is in charge of the registration and enforcement of the league-wide domestic and international trademarks. Previously, he was an associate with the law firm of Koletsky, Mancini & Feldman, where he practiced civil litigation. Weinberg began his post law school career with World Cup USA 1994, Inc., where he was the manager of contract administration for the organizing committee of the 1994 World Cup.

1997 Alimee E. Cain, a recent graduate, is a member of both the California and the New York Bar. A year following law school, Cain relocated to Manhattan in early 1998 and began a matrimonial law practice as an associate with the law firm of Wechter & Masyr, LLP. Her practice also includes contract law and commercial real estate litigation.

Jill Slensky has left her job in the Major Fraud Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office and relocated to New York, where she is an enforcement attorney at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Focus on Washington, D.C. Loyola Law School Grads

1974  Michael R. Steed is senior vice president of investments for the Union Labor Life Insurance Company (ULLICO) Family of Companies—a holding company with several subsidiaries providing investment, administrative and insurance related products and services targeted to meet the needs of a trustee union marketplace. Steed also serves as senior vice president of investment and president for ULLICO’s SEC registered investment management subsidiary, Trust Fund Advisors, where he oversees the investment of more than $5 billion. Steed joined ULLICO in 1992 after serving seven years as president and founder of A.F.I.C. Group, Ltd., a financial and investment consulting firm for national and international clients. Before then, Steed was the executive director of the Democratic National Committee.

1975  Larry B. Anderson is the manager of Safety and Risk Management for the U.S. Postal Service. Anderson is a 30-year postal veteran who began as a craft employment and rose through the management ranks— including numerous management positions in Human Resources— to become the leader of the Postal Service’s safety, workers’ compensation and medical functions. For his success in developing and implementing workers’ compensation cost control strategies, which resulted in substantial reduction of the Postal Service’s long-term liabilities, he was awarded the prestigious “Postal Service Board of Governors’ Award” in 1997. Recently, Anderson was appointed to represent the Postal Service on the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health. In his current assignment, Anderson is responsible for all safety and health issues, including safety program administration and compliance, all workers’ compensation issues, and the Postal Service’s medical program.

Alexander H. Good is executive vice president for strategic and corporate development at Bell Atlantic, where he also serves as a member of the Management Executive Committee. He is directly responsible for the corporation’s strategic direction, corporate development, market and competitive assessments, strategic planning and international development. Previously, Good served as corporate senior vice president for strategic planning and corporate development and as president and CEO of Bell Atlantic International, Inc., and was responsible for international investments, partnerships and joint ventures. Prior to Bell Atlantic, Good was senior vice president of Mobile Telecommunications Technologies Corporation (MTEL) and president of MTEL International. Earlier in his career, Good was appointed by President Reagan to several key positions in the U.S. Government including the Department of Commerce, as assistant secretary and director general of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service. He also practiced with the law firms of O’Melveny and Myers and Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue, specializing primarily in international telecommunications and cable television transactions.

1976  Charles A. St. Charles has been with the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. International Trade Commission since September 1998, advising the Commission on injury to U.S. industry by reason of unfairly traded imports. Previously, Charles was with Stewart and Stewart, a D.C.-based international trade law firm— as associate and partner, he represented U.S. companies on trade matters ranging from NAFTA and the GATT/WTO to antidumping and countervailing duties. While at the firm, Charles was appointed three times by the secretary of commerce and the U.S. trade representative to serve on an Industry Sector Advisory Committee for International Trade Matters. Earlier in his career, Charles worked for Italian international organizations and taught at American universities in Europe, including the American University in Paris and the Shiller International University.

1977  Helen Edwards Marsh began her legal career as a labor lawyer for Region 31 of the National Labor Relations Board located in Westbrook, CA. Many of her investigations required the use of her language proficiency in Spanish and Italian. In 1982, she transferred to the Office of Appeals of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., where she handled appeals of every variety and complexity. There, she wrote briefs and successfully argued high profile cases before the Federal Courts of Appeals. In 1996, Marsh was promoted to deputy associate general counsel with the National Labor Relations Board, Division of Operations-Management, in Washington, D.C., where she is responsible for overseeing, supervising and evaluating the effective management and operation of three of the regional offices in Boston, Hartford and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Marsh has joint responsibility with the assistant general counsel and the deputy to the assistant general counsel for supervising additional regional offices in New York City, Brooklyn, Newark, Buffalo and Philadelphia. She and husband Dr. Elbert L. Marsh, assistant director of engineering at the National Science Foundation, are the parents of three children—a labor lawyer, a chemical engineer and a computer science college freshman.

1980  Robert J. Brinkman, a Washington D.C. media and newspaper lobbyist and attorney, was in 1992 named vice president, state, postal and regulatory affairs of the Newspaper Association of America (NAA). He has written legal articles on postal, telecommunications, advertising and other newspaper issues. Prior to joining the NAA, Brinkman was general counsel to the Newspaper Association for 10 years, where he led the community newspaper’s lobbying efforts. He also practiced telecommunications law with the Washington law firm of Hedicr and Lane.

1980  John Butler is the operations manager for WMAL radio in Washington, D.C., where he is the executive in charge of all programming, news and production for the station. ABC-owned WMAL is Washington’s number-one news and talk station, and the leading source of radio news, information and opinion in the nation’s capital. A program director for WMAL in the early 1990s, Butler also has worked as a correspondent for ABC News in New York, program director for KMBZ/KCMO in Kansas City, news director for KFBK in Sacramento, and news reporter for KJIX and KJIS-FM in Los Angeles. Although he has followed a broadcasting career, Butler says the law degree comes in handy: “One day I’ll be making a judgment call on how to handle a news story to avoid defamation; another day I’m working my way through contracts for programming or talent—and then there are negotiations with labor unions. Yes, the law degree has been very important to me.”

1980  Linda I. Marks, following graduation, worked for two years in the regional office of the Office of General Counsel for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Terminal Island, followed by seven years with the Enforcement and Litigation Office of NOAA’s Office of the General Counsel in Washington, D.C. enforcing fisheries, marine mammal, endangered species and national marine sanctuary protection laws. In 1989, Marks became an assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, D.C., where she prosecuted narcotics and weapons offenses, as well as shootings, robberies, burglaries, murders, bank embezzlement and ATM fraud cases. Since 1994, Marks has worked with the Department of Justice’s Office of Consumer Litigation, which represents the FDA, FTC, Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in civil and criminal enforcement of federal consumer protection statutes. Presently, Marks primarily handles large odorant compelling cases investigated by the FBI, NHTSA, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, state DMVs and state police and highway patrol.

1982  Antoinette Patterson LeBel interned for Judge Dorothy Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit during her third year of law school. Following graduation, she moved to Bethesda, Maryland with her husband and worked as an associate for eight years with the firm of Jackson & Campbell, P.C. in Washington, D.C., where she represented large insurance companies in declaratory judgment actions that determine responsibility for hazardous waste cleanup expenses. She left the firm five years ago when her twin sons were born, and has since then worked part-time from home as a Creative Memories consultant— LeBel teaches classes in photo preservation and creative photo album design, and markets photo-safe albums and supplies. She also sings with the Choral Arts Society of Washington and through the Adoptive Family Network teaches adoption courses for prospective adoptive parents.

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1983 Alan Gittelson, C.P.A., is consulting and business advisory partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Ernst & Young's E&Y Kenneth Leventhal Real Estate Group. Gittelson is the industry leader for the real estate, audit, tax and consulting practice in the mid-Atlantic area and is the national director of its government services. He has supervised due diligence and valuation for more than $12 billion of real estate and commercial real estate mortgages for private and government clients, including the Department of Defense's Housing Reorganization Office, Resolution Trust Corporation and The Mills Corporation.

1987 Linda M. Weinberg is an attorney for Verner, Liipert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, which has been named by Fortune (12/7/94 issue) in its second annual "Power 25" survey, first among the top ten freelance lobbying firms with the most power and access to business. Two former U.S. senators, and majority leaders, Bob Dole and George Mitchell are best known master lobbyists among the firm's 185 lobbyists and lawyers.

1989 Sheldon Shuff is a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division. Shuff's litigation work concerns a wide variety of natural resource valuation issues. For example, he was a member of a two-attorney trial team which represented the U.S. Government in the first binding arbitration ever entered into, and conducted by, the U.S. Department of Justice. An eminent domain case against the State of Washington, the arbitration was held before an arbitration panel consisting of a former U.S. District Judge and two technical experts. The case involved sophisticated technical and financial issues in land valuation including agricultural use, development potential, oil and gas exploration and product potential, and the potential for wind energy.

1991 James J. Jackson, a sole practitioner in Washington, D.C. with a focus on tax and IRS litigation, and tax litigation for non-profit entities, is involved with pro bono and charitable work in D.C. Since 1997, Jackson has served as chairman of the board of Criminon D.C., a nonprofit organization which delivers courses (on morals, ethics and communication) to inmates (200, to date) at Lorton and Occoquan Prisons through the D.C. Department of Corrections' Substance Abuse Treatment Program. The teachers, who include Jackson, are unpaid, and the feedback and results on the rehabilitive program have been positive. Jackson has also been involved with the fundraising for renovation of the nonprofit, outdoor Friends of Carter Barron Amphitheater (a similar, but smaller, version of the Hollywood Bowl).

Richard C. Sauer, since graduation, has completed a doctorate in law at Harvard, published one novel and a few law review articles, taught at Catholic University and The Columbus School of Law, and has spent about a dozen years handling fraud cases for the federal government. Presently, Sauer is assistant director with the Division of Enforcement of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. During his tenure with the Commission, Sauer and attorneys under his direct supervision have brought to successful conclusion major financial fraud, market manipulation and insider trading cases. These include: In the Matter of KPMG Peat Marwick, SEC v. Comparator Systems Corp., et al. and SEC v. Healthcare Services Group, et al. Earlier in his legal career, Sauer served as law clerk to Hon. John E. Bergener, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California, then as an associate attorney with Donning, Gill, Gould, Diamond & Specter in Los Angeles, and later as Senior Attorney at the Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Please Note
Loyola Lawyer Editorial Corrections
Winter 1999 issue
Page 11 - the editor neglected to note that the campus visit of Robert Shapiro '68 was a speaking engagement sponsored by the Criminal Law Society of Loyola Law School, and not an Alumni Relations event. In recent years, the Society has hosted numerous and notable speaking events with guests including Anne M. Ingalls '83 (Erinn Cosby murder), William Ginsburg, Sheriff Lee Baca, James Hahn and other attorneys from the City Attorney and District Attorney offices.

Page 39 - the editor neglected to note that the National Moot Court Competition in New York is sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers as well as by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

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Loyola Law School
Alumni Special Events for Fall 1999

SEPTEMBER 1999
Tuesday, September 14 .......................... San Gabriel Valley Alumni Reception
Friday, September 17 ............................ Her Excellency Mary McAleese, President of Ireland Honorary Doctor of Law Conferred and Founders Hall Dedication Ceremony
Thursday, September 23 ......................... Women's Roundtable Dinner
Tuesday, September 28 .......................... Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception
Wednesday, September 29 ...................... New York City Alumni Reception

OCTOBER 1999
Wednesday, October 20 ......................... Seattle Alumni Reception
Wednesday, October 20 ......................... Portland Alumni Reception
Thursday, October 21 .......................... San Francisco Alumni Reception
Thursday, October 21 .......................... San Jose Alumni Reception
Friday, October 22 .............................. Sacramento Alumni Reception
Saturday, October 23 ........................... Law & Technology Symposium & Dinner
Sunday, October 24 ............................. Dean's Forum Brunch Welcoming New President of Loyola Marymount University

NOVEMBER 1999
Thursday, November 4 ........................ Orange County Chapter Alumni Dinner
November 4 & 5 ................................. Western Conference On Tax Exempt Organizations (MCLE credit event)
Tuesday, November 16 ......................... San Diego Alumni Reception
Thursday, November 18 ....................... Ventura Alumni Reception
Thursday, November 18 ....................... Santa Barbara Alumni Reception

DECEMBER 1999
December TBA ................................. New Attorney Swearing-In Ceremony
Thursday, December 2 ......................... Annual Fritz B. Burns Lecture Series

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SAVE THE DATE
Loyola Law School
Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)
Seventh Annual Fall Auction
Saturday, October 16, 1999
5:30 – 10 p.m.
Law School Campus
See the insert in this newsletter.
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