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# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

JUNE 30, 1996

## A WORD FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE....

We are very proud to announce that we exceeded our goal of 1,350 alumni/ae donors this year and can count a total of 1,566 alumni/ae among those listed on the 1995-96 Honor Roll of Donors. This is a 28% increase over last year! The Honor Roll will appear in the Fall edition of *The Loyola Lawyer*, and will include not only these alumni/ae, but students, faculty, staff and other friends who contributed to this year's Annual Fund Campaign.

The increase in alumni/ae donors reflects not only the hard work of the phonathon crew, but the increased interest and enthusiasm of our alumni/ae body. The visibility and reputation of the Law School is growing and these numbers demonstrate that our alums recognize and appreciate the efforts and quality of Loyola's faculty, administration, students and staff. The Alumni Office views this increased interest as a challenge to raise our goals for 1997 and beyond.

We thank all who supported this year's Annual Fund Drive - and we look forward to another record-breaking year.

## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is designed to keep the Loyola Law School alumni/ae informed about what is going on at Loyola on a more frequent and informal basis than the *Loyola Lawyer*; it is not meant to replace the *Lawyer*, and all pertinent alumni/ae news published herein will also be carried as part of the "Alumni News" section of the *Lawyer*.

In this brief Newsletter we will bring you news from the Board of Governors, information about ways in which you may get involved in the life of the Law School, and where and when you might "catch up" with other alumni/ae.

Please begin your 1996-97 participation with Loyola by voting for candidates for the Board of Governors using the enclosed ballot -- and keep in touch! Karen Parks 213/736-1046; Carol Flynn 213/736-1029.

## **ELECTION PROMISES TO BRING NEW FACES TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

With 26 candidates vying for seats on the Alumni Association Board of Governors this month, it is certain that there will be some "new" faces at the Board table. All members present at the June Board meeting expressed pleasure at the number of candidates, and determined that there would be a place, and a job, for anyone interested in the work of the Board. The Board is elected by vote of the members of the Alumni Association for three-year terms that are staggered allowing for the election of nine new members every year. (Ballots are enclosed with this *Newsletter*, with a postage-paid return envelope.)

"Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend Board meetings, and lend a hand," according to outgoing President, Larry McLaughlin. At the first meeting of the 1996-97 year on Wednesday, August 7, newly elected Board members will be introduced, the Board will elect officers, and the president will appoint Board members and other volunteers to the various Board committees. Meetings are open and anyone interested in serving on a committee of the Board is welcome to volunteer.

## **INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES (IOs):**

Interested alumni/ae are invited to participate in First Year Orientation activities on Tuesday, August 13. Alums, students, faculty and staff meet informally with incoming students on this second day of Orientation.

Trial advocacy and moot court competitions seek alums to sit as judges at various times during the year: It means a great deal to the students to have the input of practicing attorneys and sitting (or retired) judges. Please let us know that you can help out.

*All it takes to turn an IO (Involvement Opportunity) into an OI (Oh, I can do that!) is a note or call from you. Please use the form on the bottom of the enclosed Ballot, or call Carol in the Alumni/ae Office at 213/736-1029 to volunteer.*

## WHAT'S NEW?

1961 - John J. Collins, a partner in the Pasadena firm Collins, Collins, Muir & Traver, was elected to the California State Bar Board of Governors.

1964 - Anthony Murray has been named to a four-year term on the Board of Regents of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

1966 - Hon. Joseph E. DiLoreto has been appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court.

1967 - Marvin A. Demoff, sports agent specializing in representing professional football players, was profiled in the June 10, 1996 edition of *California Law Business*. Michael D. Leventhal has relocated his commercial litigation, real estate and probate law practice to Century City.

1968 - Gregory C. M. Garratt is a partner in the recently formed San Diego law firm of Stephenson, Worley, Garratt, Schwartz, Heidel & Prairie, emphasizing its practice in the areas of land use, environmental, real property, education and employment law.

1971 - Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano of Hawaii was among 10 former community college students named 1996 Outstanding Alumni by the American Association of Community Colleges. Hon. Francis A. Gately Jr., Rio Hondo Municipal Court, was profiled in the March 21, 1996 issue of the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Hon. Jeffrey L. Gunther, Sacramento Superior Court, chaired an American Inns of Court Team at McGeorge Law School which won second place at the National American Inns of Court Convention in Tampa, FL.

1972 - Hon. Richard W. Lyman, Long Beach Municipal Court, was profiled in the March 7, 1996 issue of the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Herman Thordsen has been appointed to the Advisory Board for the Real Estate Appraisal Certificate Program at California State University, Fullerton.

1973 - Terry C. Andrus, former counsel for Orange County, has joined the law firm of Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart, in Orange.

1974 - Karen Atkins, a public defender handling felony cases with the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office, was recently profiled in an article in *Santa Barbara News Press*. Michael C. Denison

has published MCLE self-study articles in the March and July, 1996 editions of *California Lawyer*. Hon. Larry P. Fidler, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge, was profiled in the April 5, 1996 issue of the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Hon. Rolf M. Treu, Citrus Municipal Court in West Covina, was recently profiled in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*.

1975 - Lubomyr M. Carpiac was elected managing partner of the Ventura-based firm of Ferguson, Case, Orr, Paterson & Cunningham.

1976 - John F. Lynch, head of the District Attorney's Office in Norwalk, is campaigning in the runoff election for District Attorney against incumbent Gil Garcetti.

1977 - Manuel J. Covarrubias has been appointed commissioner of the Ventura County consolidated courts. Craig I. DeRoy was promoted to executive vice president of First American Financial Corporation. Hon. Kathleen Kennedy-Powell, who presided over the preliminary hearing of O.J. Simpson's criminal trial, was profiled in the April 9, 1996 issue of the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Hon. Carl J. West was elevated from the Los Angeles Municipal Court to the Superior Court. Hon. Carla Woehrlé has been named U.S. District Court magistrate judge in Los Angeles. Woehrlé's first assignment was to give remarks and administer the federal oath at Loyola Law School's recent Swearing-In Ceremony for alumni/ae who passed the February 1996 bar.

1978 - Peter M. Thorson has joined Los Angeles' Richards, Watson & Gershon as a senior attorney practicing public law. Thorson was the city attorney for Mission Viejo and Temecula.

1979 - Brad Miles Fox has been appointed Commissioner of the Culver City Municipal Court.

1981 - Diana J. Carloni, Councilwoman in the City of Hesperia, was profiled in the May issue of the *Inland Empire Business Journal*. Steve Crosby, grandson of Bing Crosby, Director of External Affairs for LA Cellular Telephone Co., was profiled in the April 11 edition of the *Los Cerritos Community News*.

1982 - Jack Robbins, who specializes in insurance law, presented a day-long CLE program entitled, "Bad Faith Litigation in California," this spring for a national CLE provider.

1983 - Hon. Joanne O'Donnell has been appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court. Tomson T. Ong has received his Doctor of Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and recently received his Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of San Diego School of Law. Ong practices as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles.

1984 - William Carter is an Assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting environmental cases and was recently profiled in the *Thousand Oaks Star & News Chronicle*. M. Katharine Davidson has joined the Century City firm of Weinstein, Boldt, Racine & Halfhide as a partner, specializing in estate and income taxation. Davidson also chairs the National Kidney Foundation of Southern California, Los Angeles Region, and serves on the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Taxation Section.

1985 - Blenda Eyvazzadeh has been added as a partner to the Los Angeles office of Cummins & White. Eyvazzadeh practices in the areas of business litigation and personal injury defense. Deirdre H. Hill has resigned as president of the Los Angeles Police Commission and joined the campaign for Democratic candidates in California as deputy campaign director. Hill was honored as the 47th Assembly District's "Woman of the Year."

1986 - Richard A. McDonald has joined Reznik & Reznik in Sherman Oaks as of counsel. McDonald, who practices commercial and real estate law, was formerly a senior associate with Los Angeles' Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May. Maria D. Villa, a principal in the law firm of Lathrop & Villa, was elected President of the Mexican-American Bar Association of Los Angeles County. Villa and her classmate and partner Stephen M. Lathrop were married in 1988.

1987 - Peter Spelman has been named a partner in the Beverly Hills law firm of Rosenfeld, Meyer & Susman where he practices family law. Anthony Witteman is an associate at the Los Angeles firm of Lord, Bissell & Brook.

1988 - James Craig Johnson has announced the opening of his law firm in Temecula: Schwartzman & Johnson. The firm specializes in civil litigation, real estate and land use law.

1989 - Nancy Miller has joined Ventura's Nordman, Cormany, Hair & Compton as an associate and will practice administrative law, focusing on the firm's public agency practice. Chad T-W Pratt successfully competed in the 1996 Los Angeles Marathon.

1990 - Karen Dana Fienberg has co-authored the 1996 supplement of the *Federal Circuit Patent Case Digests*. Jeffrey D. Horowitz was made manager of the Claims and Legal Departments at Frontier Pacific Insurance Company.

1992 - Leigh A. Kirmsse was named partner at Legal Strategies Group, a Bay Area law corporation.

1993 - Christopher Driscoll has joined Glen T. Jonas in forming the Los Angeles law firm of Jonas & Driscoll, specializing in criminal defense, business litigation and personal injury.

1994 - Phoebe Leigh-Suelflow is a manager at KPMG Peat Manwick LLP in the state and local tax practice in Los Angeles.

1995 - Kirk Cypel is the Chief Financial Officer for Express Foods in Houston. Gary Pfister of Pasadena has been elected a member of the Los Angeles Republican County Central Committee. Henry Posada has announced the opening of the law firm Posada & Saab in Downey, emphasizing criminal defense and general litigation.

#### ENGAGEMENTS, MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS

Michael C. Denison '74 and Colleen McGrath Denison '90 have announced the birth of twin daughters, Shay McKenna and Sommer Reilly, born May 25, 1996. Steven R. Parminter '79 and Kathleen (Thompson) Parminter '88 have announced the March 7, 1996 birth of their second son, Christian Knight. Susan Beam '81 has announced the birth of her second son, Andrew Beam Cable, born on November 2, 1995. Moira Curry '88 has announced the March 12, 1996 birth of her daughter, Bridget Chloe Thorpe. Jeffrey D. Horowitz '90 was married in April to Jill Urstein. Rebecca Hairston Lessley '91 has announced the birth of her third son, Robert Wayne Lessley, on March 3, 1996. Leigh A. Kirmsse '92 has announced the January 2, 1996 birth of her son, Joshua Lansing Stratmann-Kirmsse. Sydne J. Squire '95 and Chuck Michel '89 will be married on July 3, 1996.

# CALENDAR

*All listed events are open to alumni/ae. For further information, please contact the Alumni/ae Office.*

## JULY 1996

July 7

Alumni/ae Brunch in San Jose, CA.  
11:30 am/Hotel St. Clair  
*Reservations - Carol 213/736-1029*

July 9

Alumni/ae Reception in San Francisco, CA  
5:30 pm/San Francisco City Club  
*Reservations - Carol 213/736-1029*

## AUGUST 1996

August 7

Board of Governors Meeting  
6 pm/Bannan Room  
*Please let us know if you plan to attend  
213/736-1029*

August 12 to August 17

Orientation Week  
*Alumni/ae invited to participate August 13 (see  
"Involvement Opportunities" on Page 1)  
Contact Carol Flynn 213/736-1029*

## SEPTEMBER 1996

September 19 (*tentative date*)

Academic Awards Ceremony  
6 pm/Student Lounge

## OCTOBER 1996

October 19

PILF Auction and  
Law School Community Day  
12 noon/Campus

October 19

Open House for Prospective Students  
9am to 2 pm/Campus  
*Alumni/ae invited to participate. Please contact  
the Alumni/ae Office 213/736-1046*

## NOVEMBER 1996

November 2

Century City Bar Association DUI Mock  
Trial/MCLE  
8 am/Moot Court Room  
*Contact Karen Parks 213/736-1046*

November 3

St. Thomas More Brunch  
12 noon/Off campus

November 16

Prospective Student Open House  
9am to 2 pm/Campus  
*Alumni/ae invited to participate. Please contact  
the Alumni/ae Office 213/736-1046*

November 22

Fifth Annual Fritz B. Burns Lecture  
3 pm/Campus

November 23

Diversity Open House for Prospective  
Students  
9am to 3 pm/Campus  
*Alumni/ae invited to participate. Please contact  
the Alumni/ae Office 213/736-1046*

## DECEMBER 1996

December 10

Swearing-In Ceremony for July bar passers  
10 am/Campus

*Keep in touch with the Alumni/ae Office*

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