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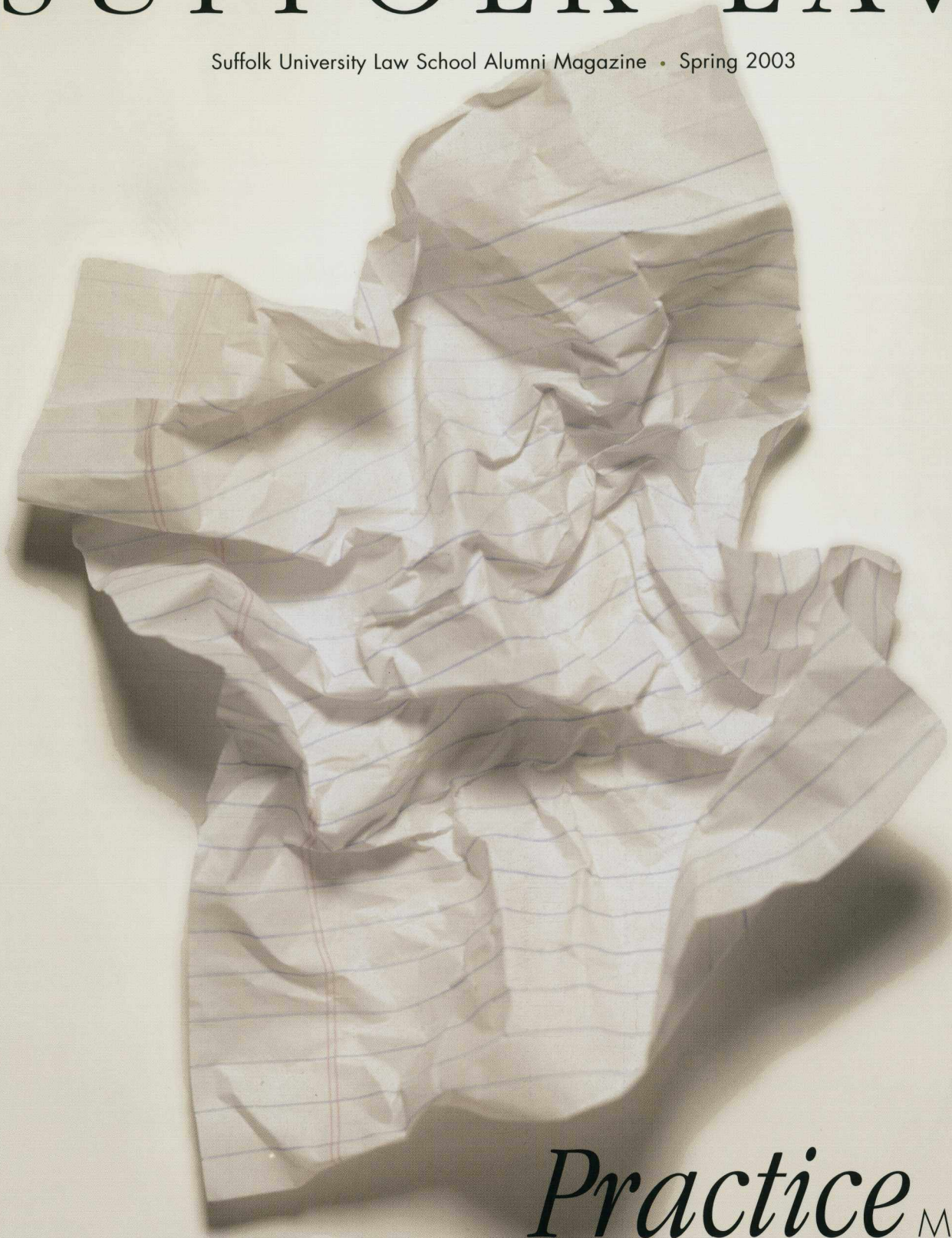
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JUNE

Law School Reunion 2003

If your class year ends in 3 or 8, it's time for your reunion Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7

Alumni Reception in Rhode Island

Thursday, June 12

30th Annual Alumni Evening at the Boston Pops (University-wide event)

Tuesday, June 17
6:30pm reception
8pm concert

JULY

Third Annual Alumni Day at the Lowell Spinners (University-wide event)

Lowell Spinners are the Single A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. Lowell Spinners vs. Tri Valley Cats Thursday, July 17
3:30pm buffet
5pm game

Advanced Legal Studies

All courses are held at Sargent Hall, unless otherwise noted. The following schedule is tentative. Contact ALS Director Carole Wagan for more information at 617.573.8627, als@suffolk.edu or www.law.suffolk.edu/als.

AUGUST

Oxford Summer School A Continuing Legal Education Law Program in Oxford, England

Two-week residential program sponsored with University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law August 2-16

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Ethical and Practical Issues in Representing Clients under Disability: Unraveling Mass. Rules of Conduct 1.14

Cosponsored with Flaschner Judicial Institute Friday, September 5
9am-4pm

Strategies for Protecting Patient Safety

Cosponsored with the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Friday, September 12
9am-5pm

Civil Liberties and the War on Terrorism

Cosponsored with the National Alliance for Justice, The National Lawyers Guild, National Police Accountability Project Saturday, September 20
9am-5pm

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Cosponsored with the Massachusetts Chapter of NAELA Thursday, September 25
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Practical Strategies in Employment Litigation

Thursday, October 2
Time TBA

Relocation & Custody: How to Resolve the Conflicts

Thursday, October 9
5-8pm

Fundamentals of Elder Law

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4-7:30pm

Third Annual Conference on Special Education

Cosponsored with the Juvenile Justice Center Friday, October 24
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Second Annual Conference on Children with Mental Health Needs

Friday, November 21
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Business Skills for Legal Practice

Friday, December 5
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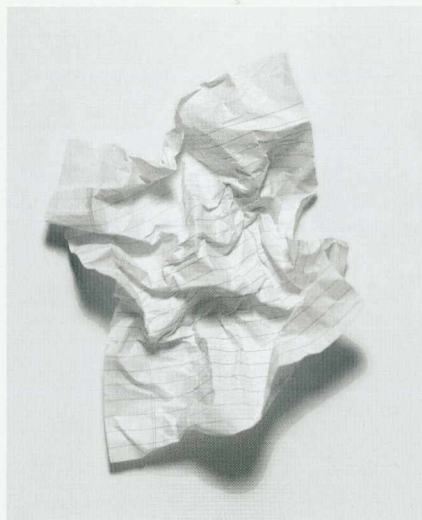
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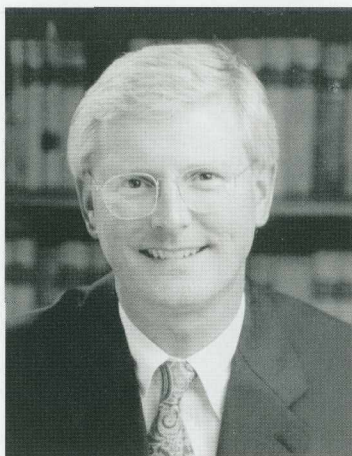
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OUR COVER

story celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Legal Practice Skills program. LPS, as it has been known to every first-year law student since 1973, introduces students to those skills most critical to a lawyer's success – effective legal reasoning, research and writing.

Suffolk Law School's LPS program has grown and evolved to become a model in many respects. Our LPS instructors have gained national prominence for their teaching and scholarship, and students and alumni repeatedly attest to the important role the program played in their own success as lawyers.

We appreciate the contributions of the more than 125 LPS instructors, several of whom have become professors at Suffolk or at other law schools. Today, recognizing that research and writing are important crafts best taught by experienced attorneys with a long-term commitment to teaching, our instructors are all in full-time, career positions. We are extremely proud of the current program, led by Director Kathleen Elliot Vinson.

BRICKS AND BYTES

I am delighted to report that we are the only law school ever to host the two premier conferences on facilities and technology. Sargent Hall was selected by the ABA as the host location for "Bricks and Bytes," a program held once every three years at a recently constructed law school that is considered a model for its facilities and technology. The March conference drew more than 200 attendees and provided a great platform for presentations by a number of our faculty and administrators on cutting-edge issues in the use of technology in legal education. The Law School also hosted the annual Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) conference in 2001, which was attended by more than 500 legal educators.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

A news brief highlights the creation of a new academic concentration that reflects the growing interest in international law among our faculty and students. For several years the law school has been developing a broad curriculum in international and comparative law, both for JD students and for graduate students in our LLM program in Global Technology, and a wide range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities for students with international and comparative law interests. Establishing International Law as an academic concentration recognizes the strength of these areas of our curriculum, and allows students to receive formal recognition of their specialization.

The proposal for the new concentration came from Professor Valerie Epps, who will serve as its faculty director, and from Associate Professor Sara Dillon, who is profiled in this issue. Professor Dillon's recently published book on international trade and the European Union draws on her teaching and research while a professor at University College, Dublin, and reflects her commitment to making complex trade and economic issues more accessible to lawyers representing parties in our increasingly global economy.

SPRING REUNIONS

I hope to see many of you at our alumni reunion weekend, June 6 and 7, 2003, for graduates from classes ending in '3' or '8'. We have rescheduled reunions from the fall to June and are adding a variety of events leading up to the reunion dinner. Please visit the alumni website at www.law.suffolk.edu/alumni for current news, planned events and reunion registration.

The energy behind these exciting plans for reunions, as well as other alumni activities, is our new director of alumni relations, Diane Frankel Schoenfeld. Diane has been serving as our interim director since last summer, and she brings 13 years of experience in alumni relations and development at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and at Hebrew College. Please introduce yourself to Diane at an alumni event, or contact her at 617.305.1999 or at diane.schoenfeld@suffolk.edu.

Best wishes,

Robert H. Smith
Dean and Professor of Law



(L-R) Prof. Andrew Beckerman-Rodau, Hon. Sharon Prost, Associate Dean John Deliso, '72, Hon. S. Jay Plager, Betsy Roberti, Hon. Arthur J. Gajarsa

Federal Circuit Court Visits Suffolk Law School

The US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit sat at Suffolk Law School in a special session in October, before an overflow audience in the McLaughlin Moot Courtroom. The Federal Circuit, a court created as a result of the merger of the former US Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the former US Court of Claims, hears patent and federal administrative board appeals. Three cases were heard at Suffolk by the three-judge panel, which included the Honorable Arthur J. Gajarsa, the Honorable S. Jay Plager and the Honorable Sharon Prost. Alumni practicing in the intellectual property area, as well as students and members of the local patent bar, filled both the McLaughlin Moot Courtroom and an adjacent room.

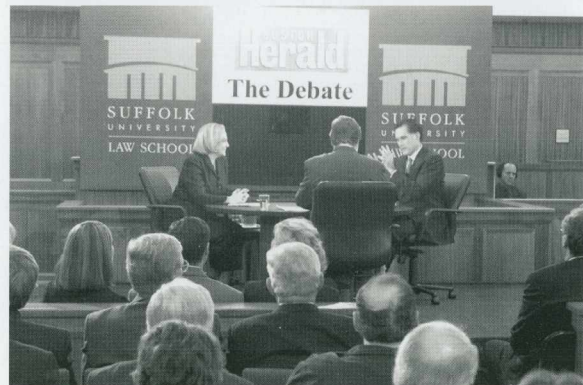
Based in Washington, DC, the Federal Circuit's visit to Boston also included sittings at Harvard Law School and Boston College Law School. The Federal Circuit also sat at the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in the John Joseph Moakley Courthouse for all three days of its visit. ●

Tim Russert Moderates Final Gubernatorial Debate at Suffolk Law School

"Meet the Press" moderator and attorney Tim Russert took center stage at Suffolk Law School's Sargent Hall during the final 2002 Massachusetts gubernatorial debate. The well-known NBC News commentator hosted the hour-long exchange in the McLaughlin Moot Courtroom between Republican candidate and now-Governor Mitt Romney and Democratic candidate Shannon O'Brien as they aggressively defended their records and positions on the death penalty, abortion rights, taxes and who would best solve the state's budget crisis.

The debate, broadcast live on Boston's major television stations, was the fifth televised debate, but only the third in which O'Brien and Romney squared off directly. Analysts later billed the debate as the pivotal event for both candidates as they made their final push to Election Day.

While the McLaughlin Moot Courtroom was filled to capacity with community and business leaders, hundreds of supporters of the candidates lined the streets in front of the Law School. ●



(Top and bottom) In the final debate before Election Day, Gubernatorial candidates Shannon O'Brien and now-Governor Mitt Romney square off with moderator Tim Russert at Sargent Hall

Distinguished Professors Visit Suffolk

Since it was established in 1999, the distinguished visiting professors program has attracted nationally and internationally acclaimed legal educators to Suffolk Law School. Distinguished Visiting Professor Stephan Landsman, the Robert A. Clifford Professor of Tort Law and Social Policy at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Illinois, visited Suffolk for the fall 2002 semester. In November, Landsman presented "Hard Cases: The Law Confronts Genocide," outlining the development of a new legal institution, the tribunal for adjudicating war crimes. One of the critical issues he discussed was how a tribunal earns its legitimacy amidst the politicized nature of the legal proceedings.



Distinguished Visiting Professor Michael Selmi, faculty member at The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC, visited Suffolk for the 2002-2003 academic year. He has published widely in the areas of employment discrimination, employment law and constitutional law, including a number of empirical projects evaluating the impact of litigation. In April, he presented "Workplace Justice: Protecting Employees in an Era Without Unions." •



Suffolk Hosts Bricks & Bytes

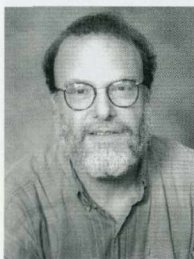
As one of the most technologically advanced law school facilities in the country, Sargent Hall was an obvious choice to host the 2003 ABA law school facilities planning conference in March.

The four-day event, "Bricks, Bytes and Continuous Renovation," attracted more than 225 attendees and noted speakers from throughout the United States and Canada. Keynote speaker Dean Judith Areen of Georgetown Law Center discussed "The Evolution from Law School Building to Law School Campus." Other presentations of note included a panel of nationally renowned architects comprised of Mario Boiardi of Richter Cornbrooks Gribble, Inc., Mark Maves of SmithGroup, and Ed Tsoi of Tsoi/Kobus Associates (the firm that designed Sargent Hall.)

"The conference brought national recognition to Suffolk Law School and was a resounding success," said Associate Dean John C. Deliso, who chaired the committee organizing the event. "I was particularly impressed by how willing law faculty members, deans and administrators were to share their experiences with each other," added Marc Eichen, the Law School's director of academic technology. "I also thought it showed the wonderful capabilities of Sargent Hall."

Conference attendees enjoyed tours of Sargent Hall and sessions presented by several Suffolk Law faculty members and administrators. •

Donahue Lecture Series Brings Timely Programs to Suffolk Law



(L-R) Prof. David Kairys, Prof. David Koplow and the Honorable Laura Taylor Swain

This year's Donahue Lecture Series speakers included Professor David Kairys, Professor David Koplow and the Honorable Laura Taylor Swain.

Kairys is the James E. Beasley Professor of Law at Temple University

James E. Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Kairys presented "Searching for the Rule of Law" in November.

In February, Koplow, professor of law and director of the Center for Applied Legal Studies at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC, led a timely discussion on "Deliberate Extinction: Should Humans Destroy the Last Smallpox Virus?"

The series ended in April with a lecture by Swain of the US District Court, Southern District of New York, who spoke on "Liberty in the Balance: The Role of the Third Branch at a Time of Insecurity."

The annual Donahue Lecture Series was established by the *Suffolk University Law Review* as a lasting tribute to the Honorable Frank J. Donahue, JD '21. As in previous years, these lectures will become the basis for a lead article to be published in upcoming issues of the *Suffolk University Law Review*. •

International Law Concentration Expands Global Curriculum

Virtually all areas of the law are influenced by a growing globalization. It is no wonder that the newest academic concentration added to the curriculum is in International Law. Under the guidance of Professor Valerie Epps, who will serve as faculty director, the International Law concentration will be a strong complement to existing international offerings.

The Law School curriculum already has a wide array of courses and programs in international law, including the summer institute in international law held at the University of Lund, Sweden, the *Transnational Law Review*, Jessup International Moot Court competition, the London Pupillage Program and the LLM in global technology.

"The International Law concentration will encourage the study of international law at an advanced level," says Epps, adding it also "allows students to acquire sophisticated knowledge of the international system of law while developing an in-depth knowledge of American law as it works in the global environment."

Epps is a leading expert on many aspects of international law, including the laws of war and immigration. She currently serves as the chairperson of The International Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and is vice president of the International Law Association (American Branch). Her book, *International Law* (2d edition 2001) has been adopted by over 60 universities and colleges in the US and Europe.

She and Professor Sara Dillon, an authority on European Union law, international trade law and international business transactions, were a moving force in creating the international law concentration at Suffolk Law. ●

Suffolk Law Hosts New England Legal Writing Consortium

In December, Suffolk Law School hosted the New England Legal Writing Consortium. The consortium, which was co-founded three years ago by the directors of the legal writing programs at Suffolk Law School, Boston College Law School and New England School of Law, provides individuals in the legal writing field with an opportunity to gather and discuss legal writing in a small forum.

Dean Robert H. Smith opened the day-long conference with welcoming remarks to approximately 50 legal writing teachers from New England and participating law schools throughout the country. This year's forum focused on critical analysis, persuasive writing and advocacy, and was designed to provide legal writing professionals with concrete and practical ideas and materials to incorporate into their curricula. ●

Rappaport Program Examines Massachusetts Election

The Rappaport Honors Program in Law and Public Policy hosted its first program, "Debriefing the Massachusetts Election," on November 7 at the Law School. Four distinguished panelists discussed the political and policy implications of the election for the Bay State. The guest panelists were Dr. Agnes Bain, chair of the Department of Government at Suffolk University; Dr. Elizabeth Sherman, research fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; Joan Vennochi, JD '84, columnist with the *Boston Globe*; and Dennis Wright, Esq., director of the Urban Law and Public Policy Institute at Northeastern University School of Law.

Rappaport Forum programs are free and open to the public. Future forum events are announced on the program's Web site: www.law.suffolk.edu/career/fellowships/rapp. ●

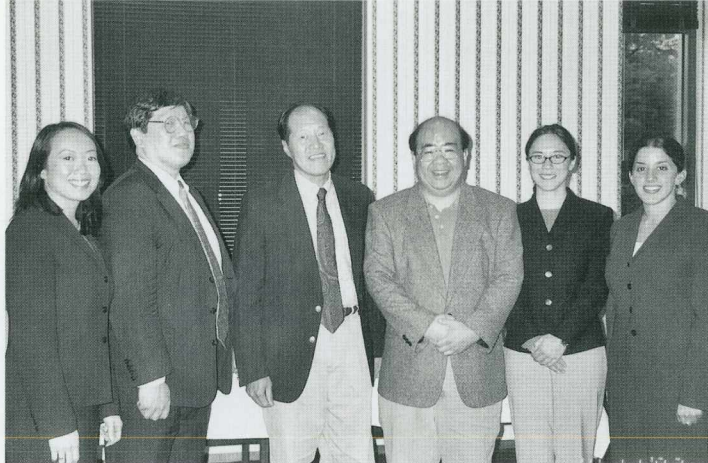


(L-R) Elizabeth Sherman, Dean Robert H. Smith, Joan Vennochi, Amy Goldstein (assistant director, Rappaport Honors Program), Prof. David Yamada (director, Rappaport Honors Program and forum moderator), Agnes Bain and Dennis Wright

APALSA Honors Harry H. Dow

In October, the Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) held its annual fall reception. Keynote speaker Fred Dow, president of the Harry H. Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund, spoke about the program named for his father, Harry H. Dow, JD '29, the first Asian-American lawyer admitted to the Massachusetts bar. The fund provides legal advice and assistance to Asian-American communities in the greater Boston area.

A member of the adjunct faculty, Stephen Chow of the Asian-American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts (AALAM) and a partner at Perkins, Smith & Cohen, also was a featured guest. Chow described AALAM's mentor program, in which first-year students are matched with experienced practitioners based on common interests and professional goals. •



(L-R) Tina Nguyen, JD '03, Stephen Chow, Fred Dow, Prof. David Yamada, Lori Jones, JD '03, and Jessica Massey, JD '03



(L-R) Justice Patricio M. Serna, former chief justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court, Patricia A. Morisette, JD '03, Duard Bradshaw, president, Hispanic National Bar Association, and Joel A. Munoz, JD '04, with the championship trophy.

Moot Court Teams Excel in National Competitions

Suffolk Law School's advocacy teams continue to excel in a variety of moot court competitions. Team members Joel Munoz, '04, and Patricia Morisette, '03, competed with 26 other teams to win the Eighth Annual Hispanic Bar Association Moot Court Competition held in Dallas, Texas, in March. Morisette also placed third in the category of best oralist.

"While I was pleased about our team's victory, I was not surprised. Joel and Patricia are hard working, driven individuals who did everything necessary to succeed," said Professor Herbert N. Ramy, who coached the winning team.

In the National Trial Competition, Suffolk's team of Eugenia Rutherford, '03 and Christopher Perillo, '04, coached by Professor Timothy Wilton, won the Northeast regionals and were strong competitors at the Nationals in Houston, Texas, in March.

Also, Stephen Silveri, '03, was recognized as the best oralist in the national Tax Moot Court finals held in St. Petersburg, Florida in January.

"As a graduate of Suffolk Law School myself, I am proud of our teams – they are representative of the quality legal professionals that the Law School continues to produce," said Ramy. •

Third-Year Student Wins First Prize in Prominent Legal Writing Competition

Stephen Wilson, a full-time student scheduled to graduate this spring, received first prize in the Boston Patent Law Association's annual legal writing competition. His winning article, "Rewarding Creativity – Transformative Use in the Jazz Idiom," is a 70-page article focusing on copyright protection. The piece also took second place in the Nathan Burke competition sponsored by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), and was one of four finalists in the Robert C. Watson competition sponsored by the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA).

For Wilson, law and music are a perfect combination. He began playing the piano at 16 and owned a successful recording studio for ten years before deciding to enter college. Wilson, who is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of High Technology Law* and eventually wants to practice intellectual property law, has secured a one-year position as a law clerk to the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court, after graduation. •

Suffolk Law School Administrative Appointments

Schoenfeld Named Director of Alumni Relations



Diane Frankel Schoenfeld was named Suffolk Law School's director of alumni relations. Before joining the

Law School as interim director last summer, Schoenfeld managed the alumni relations and stewardship programs at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and served as director of special events and assistant director of development at Hebrew College. She earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland.

"I look forward to continuing to improve and expand the Law School's communication with alumni and to strengthening Suffolk Law alumni chapters throughout the country," said Schoenfeld. You may contact Schoenfeld at dschoenf@suffolk.edu, 617.305.1999.

Roberti Appointed Administrator of Academic Concentrations

Betsy Gould Roberti has become administrator of the Law School's academic concentrations. Roberti, a 1984 graduate of Suffolk Law School, was a legal practice skills instructor at Suffolk during the mid-1990s. Previously, Roberti practiced law in Boston with Day, Berry & Howard and worked as training manager with Goodwin Procter, LLP.

Dunn Becomes Suffolk Law Director of Financial Aid



Kristi Dunn is the new director of financial aid at Suffolk Law School. Dunn has been the associate director of financial

aid at Suffolk University for almost three years. Prior to coming to Suffolk, she was the associate director of financial aid at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and at Elmira College.

Dunn earned both a bachelor of science degree in business administration/management and a master's degree in adult education with an emphasis on communications and training from Elmira College. •



Practice MAKES PERFECT

LPS Program Marks 30 Years

by Maura King Scully

Good, clear writing and sound legal analysis are the foundations of law and priorities of Suffolk Law School. Without these skills, lawyers simply can't succeed. Survey after survey confirms this. An American Bar Foundation study in the early 1990s, for example, identified oral and written communication as the two most critical skills out of a possible 17 listed. A recent Michigan State study asked partners at law firms nationwide what the most important skills were in new associates. The answer was emphatic: research, writing and oral advocacy.

You don't need to tell this to Professor Steve Eisenstat. As a young attorney, he witnessed a scene that seared this point into his consciousness. Eisenstat was waiting to appear before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and sat in the packed courtroom watching other attorneys argue their cases. "Before I argued, there was this companion case," he recalls. "When one of the attorneys got up to speak, the judge looked down from the bench and said to the lawyer, 'This is the worst brief I have ever read. You're lucky you're companioned with these other cases, because I wouldn't have considered this otherwise.'"

A former instructor and director of the Legal Practice Skills (LPS) program, Eisenstat used to share this story with his students and fellow instructors to reinforce the importance of their task. "Writing matters because it's the first impression that's ever made of you," he adds. "That's the impression you never overcome."

Recognizing this reality, Suffolk Law School requires all first-year students to take Legal Practice Skills. LPS, as it's known, is one of the Law School's most practical courses, with demanding weekly deadlines and assignments that put students through the paces of how to conduct research and how to draft memoranda, client letters and briefs.

It's an experience most students feel they "survive." But talk to recent graduates, and you'll hear newfound respect and admiration for LPS. As Suffolk marks the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of LPS, Suffolk Law takes a look back at the roots of the program and at some of the people who helped LPS grow, prosper and gain national prominence.

"I think LPS helped me more than any other law school class," notes Carol Coakley-Maller, JD '03. "My advice to students is to take as many writing courses as you can. There are lots of smart people who understand the law, but they don't do well because they can't write."

George Hess, JD '70

LPS instructor 1973-1974

Private practice in Fort Lauderdale, Florida,
concentrating in trusts and estates

"I was in the first group of instructors and taught LPS while earning my LLM at Boston University in taxation. I had worked two years at a Philadelphia law firm and thought it was good that the course was taught by practicing attorneys."

The Honorable Robert C. Rufo, JD '75

LPS instructor 1976-1979

Associate Justice of the Massachusetts
District Court since 1996

"I have fond memories of sharing office space with Marc Perlin, now an associate dean of the law school, and William Corbett, now a tenured professor and former dean of the law school. We all taught LPS without the benefit of computer-assisted research and would delight in discussing various 'finding exercises' that first-year students were required to manually perform by actually spending time in the library!"

SAME STORY, DIFFERENT DAY

Suffolk Law began Legal Practice Skills in the early 1970s at a time when law schools across the country were launching similar programs. And though poor legal writing was just becoming a hot topic, it was by no means a new complaint.

Author and legal writing expert George Gopen traces the problem back at least as far as sixteenth century England. "In 1566 the judge in *Milward v. Welden* was incensed at a lawyer's having expanded what should have been a short pleading to 120 pages. He ordered a hole cut in the middle of the document, through which the offender's head was thrust; this interlocking pair was then to be led around Westminster Hall during court sessions as an example to future padders and expanders." *The State of Legal Writing: Res Ipsa Loquitur*, 86 Mich. L. Rev. 333 (1987).

And because the English and then American common law systems were built on precedents, the state of legal writing didn't improve much over the intervening five centuries. "It's a vicious cycle," says current LPS Director Kathleen Elliott Vinson, JD '95, trying to explain the crux of the legal writing conundrum. "Students try to emulate the language they see in sample cases – and those are verbose and fraught with legalese."

Enter the 1960s and the US consumer movement. As Ralph Nader and *Unsafe at Any Speed* began to gain steam, consumer activists launched a political campaign against cumbersome and complicated contracts. The Plain English movement, which advocated for certain contracts to be written in language the average consumer could understand, was successful in enacting Plain English statutes in many states by the late 1970s.

Concerned that legislatures would try to dictate policy to a self-policing profession, law schools began to establish or revamp the first-year courses that taught students the fundamentals of legal research and writing. *The Lack of Basic Writing Skills and Its Impact on the Legal Profession*, 24 Cap. U.L. Rev. 277 (1995).

IN THE BEGINNING

Suffolk Law began formulating its first sections of Legal Practice Skills in the 1973-1974 school year. Before that, "The system to teach legal writing was minimal," recalls Associate Dean John Deliso, JD '72. Deliso remembers that for one hour a week, the law librarian would talk to the section as a whole and explain the fundamentals of research. This was accompanied by a combination legal research and moot court course that was taught by full-time faculty in addition to their full-time teaching loads.

"The faculty was spread much too thin," says Professor Joseph P. McEttrick, LPS' inaugural director. "The Law School realized it needed to expand LPS into a formal program and that separate people had to be hired to do this."

McEttrick was flagged for the job because he had served as a third-year teaching assistant for such a course at his alma mater, Boston College Law School. Unlike other programs where upper-level students were teaching, Suffolk Law chose to hire lawyers who would be specialized LPS instructors, teaching from one to two years.

"The idea was to get recent law school graduates, who were more in the students' age cohort and could give a different dimension, and bring a certain freshness to the classroom," notes McEttrick. "It worked well. We developed a tradition of good people coming in to do this for a relatively short

Robert Ward, JD '75

LPS instructor 1978–1980

Dean, Southern New England School of Law,
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts;

In 2002, featured as one of the state's leading lawyers
by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*

"I enjoyed my two years as an LPS instructor. The experience served as a springboard for my 20-plus years as a legal educator. To this day I remain in close personal and professional contact with many of my former students."

Kathy O'Donnell, JD '80

LPS instructor 1980–1981

Trial attorney in private practice; former president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, where she was the first woman to hold the position; current vice president of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

"I enjoyed watching the students argue motions and really develop over the course of the year. LPS is one of the most practical courses you take in law school. It's the nuts and bolts of what you do when you get out."

period of time." Many of those instructors went on to accomplished legal careers and have vivid memories of their LPS teaching stints.

"There was a phenomenon that students developed a rapport with their LPS instructors because they were closer to them in age and experience," reflects Associate Dean Marc Perlin, an LPS instructor from 1975 to 1977.

Eisenstat, an instructor from 1982 to 1984, agrees. "The strongest student relationships I've had in 23 years on the faculty were when I was an LPS instructor. I still remember the students I taught in LPS," he notes. He points to small sections of 17 to 20 students and the give-and-take nature of the class as instrumental in building those bonds.

And though close student-faculty relationships were the foundation of the program, by the mid-1980s, the LPS administrative structure began to formalize. In 1992 Suffolk hired Martha Siegel as the first full-time director, "recognizing how important skills training is to the practice of law," says Siegel. And though she was not the first to balance a full-time teaching load with leading the program, she recalls the job as a challenge. "Suffolk is an exciting place with very smart students," says Siegel, who today serves as an associate dean at Concord Law School. "LPS requires a lot of the faculty: they need to deliver true one-on-one, individual attention to sharpen students' writing and research skills so they can go out and practice law."

COMING OF AGE

Just as the law and the Law School have changed with the times, the Legal Practice Skills program has evolved to meet the needs of twenty-first century lawyers. Today's students sit in Sargent Hall's completely wired classrooms, where they can plug in their laptops and perform research on the Internet from their seats.

"The access to technology is great. In class, I have the opportunity to show a digital image on a PowerPoint slide or project a book up on the screen to illustrate a particular point," says Vinson. "In November and February, we train students on Westlaw and Lexis right in the computer lab at the library. We also communicate with our students outside of the classroom by creating email lists where we can email every student in the class all at once."

Today's LPS also incorporates the considerable knowledge about learning styles that's developed over the past two decades. The world is no longer divided into those who can write and those who cannot: The new theory posits that all students can learn to write well, they just learn differently. Hence, learner-centered education is the best way to prepare all students.

"Good legal writing is good thinking," notes Vinson. "If you can tap into the way students think, you can help them make that connection. That's why we try to incorporate elements that will appeal to all of the different kinds of learners with lecture, hands-on research, discussion and small group sessions."

Also key in this movement is the recognition that teaching legal research and writing is a craft in and of itself. Professional organizations such as the Legal Writing Institute and the Association of Legal Writing Directors have expanded scholarship in the area considerably and spawned a new breed of professional: the expert in legal writing. Vinson, an LPS instructor since 1996 and director since 1999, is one such expert. She has 14 scholarly articles to her credit, is co-author of *Legal Analysis: The Fundamental Skill* and has a score of writing conference presentations under her belt.

David Romantz JD '95

LPS instructor 1996–1998

Director of legal methods and assistant professor of law, University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, Memphis, Tennessee

"I particularly remember teaching my evening students on Friday nights because generally they all had a great attitude. They wanted to be in law school and were eager to learn. I respected their commitment to law school and the nearly impossible feat of juggling work, family and school."

Terry Seligmann

LPS instructor 1993–1997

Associate professor and director of legal writing at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas

"Unlike many LPS instructors, I had 15 years' experience as a civil litigator before I came to Suffolk. My four years of teaching LPS convinced me that I wanted to continue as a law teacher and confirmed for me the importance of good legal research-and-writing training for lawyers. I particularly enjoyed teaching in the evening division, where students brought a diversity of career experiences and perspectives into the classroom."



Current LPS instructors



Past and present LPS directors

She points out that Suffolk's LPS program has become a voice in the national legal writing community. Whenever there's a national legal writing conference, at least one of the ten LPS instructors is asked to present a session. "We're doing great things here," she notes. "We serve on national committees and publish papers."

Three years ago, Suffolk was instrumental in co-founding the New England Legal Writing Consortium and regularly hosts workshops for the group. Such a seminar in December, "Persuasive Writing, Analysis and Advocacy," drew participants from as far away as Florida.

Suffolk officially recognized the professionalization of legal writing and analysis several years ago when it made LPS faculty members full time. Previously, instructors were hired with two-year contracts with the expectation that they would move on. It's a change that current and former LPS instructors greet wholeheartedly.

"It's much more efficient," explains Eisenstat. "It used to be that you'd lose four, five or six instructors every year. So you'd have to spend a year bringing the new people up to speed. And it takes a year for those new instructors to hit their stride."

"Full-time LPS faculty members with a long-term relationship and continuity are a huge benefit," says Vinson. "For them, it's not a second job – it's what they do." She points out that the change also makes it easier for LPS instructors to operate as a team. "All of our offices are in the same suite, so everyone is right there to share ideas and brainstorm. It's a community."

"We're here every day and accessible to students," adds Ann McGonigle Santos, an instructor since 1998. "They get to know us well because of small class sizes and the fact that we meet with them one on one. We do a lot more counseling than other faculty members around issues like class choices, jobs and internships. They feel very comfortable coming to us, and that's great."

"LPS faculty members have all kinds of practical experience – instructors come from prosecutors' offices, clerkships, law firms, and other government agencies," continues Santos, a former assistant

Thomas H. Seymour

LPS instructor 1992–1996

Clinical assistant professor, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan

"I have nothing but the fondest memories of my LPS colleagues and students. The former were incredibly dedicated, the latter incredibly diligent."

Jim Janda

LPS instructor 1979–1980; 1987–1989

Assistant district attorney, appellate division, Essex County, Massachusetts; adjunct faculty at Suffolk Law School where he teaches advanced legal writing

"I enjoyed being an LPS instructor tremendously. I have a passion for teaching, and LPS stoked that passion. Suffolk students are bright and hard working, and a very eclectic mix of individuals. They have a certain drive that I find appealing."



Past LPS instructors currently at Suffolk

district attorney for Middlesex County. In addition to being able to tell students how things work in the real world, she points out that it makes for more exciting assignments. "We give students problems throughout the year, and mine are always criminal in nature. They know some of the concepts from watching 'NYPD Blue' and they get excited about that. Students tell me that when they go into the library and research these problems, it's the first time they feel like lawyers."

MASTERING THE WRITE STUFF

Some of the technical aspects of Legal Practice Skills have evolved over 30 years, but the fundamentals of research and writing with close student-to-teacher contact hasn't changed a bit.

Sarah Dohoney, JD '03, notes she enjoyed LPS "because it allowed me to understand the practicality of what was given in my substantive law classes. If I didn't have LPS, I'd never know how to put it to use," she says. "LPS enabled me to develop very clear legal memoranda and perform efficient and effective research."

Barbara Morton, JD '02, who's clerking at a trial court in Providence, calls legal writing "a very special craft. You need to be trained," she says. "I feel very confident in what LPS gave me." In her clerkship, Morton reviews briefs that parties submit and notes that "some briefs are a lot crisper than others. You can tell a weaker argument by attorneys who add very flowery language," she explains.

"The process of the instructor reviewing your papers and giving you comments is invaluable," echoes Andrew Abramson, JD '03, of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP. "It's not personal. It's about getting the best product you can. When I talk to students, I tell them that the reality is, when you start working, you can look up the law if you're not familiar with certain aspects. But how well you do boils down to how well you write and communicate. Writing isn't something you can easily master. You have to keep doing it to get better. What I'm writing about today is different, but LPS definitely prepared me for what I'm doing now. I use what I learned in LPS every day." •

Ron Bell, JD '73

LPS instructor 1974–1977

Partner at Bernstein & Bell in Chelmsford, where he does civil trial work, personal injury, medical malpractice and corporate law

"It was a great experience and really kept me on my toes. I taught both a day class and an evening class and was always impressed by the devotion of the evening students. They approached legal studies with a commitment and maturity that was admirable."

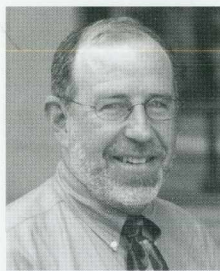
LPS Instructors pictured above

Left photo: (L-R): Philip Kaplan, Samantha Moppett, Geraldine Griffin, Jennifer Davis, Carol Didget, Kathleen Vinson, Julie Baker, Lisa Healy, Melissa Johnsen (Missing: Colleen Brown, Ann Santos)

Middle photo: (L-R): Kathleen Vinson (current director), Bernard Ortwein, Joseph Glannon, Bernadette Feeley, Joseph McEttrick, Stephen Eisenstat (Missing: William Corbett, Kate Day, Russell Murphy, Martha Siegel)

Right photo: (Back row, L-R): Allan Tow, Bernard Keenan, Bernard Ortwein, Steven Eisenstat, Thomas Finn; (Middle row): Kathleen Vinson, Marc Perlin, Bernadette Feeley, Stephen Callahan, Herbert Ramy, Joseph McEttrick (Front row): Patricia Davidson, Betsy Roberti, Elizabeth Stillman, Joseph Glannon (Missing: Karen Blum, William Corbett, Kate Day, Russell Murphy)

Michael Avery has published two articles, "You Have a Right to Remain Silent," *Fordham Urban Law Journal* (December 2002); and "Unreasonable Seizures of Unreasonable People: Defining the Totality of Circumstances Relevant to Assessing the Police Use of Force Against Emotionally Disturbed People," *Columbia Human Rights Review* (Spring 2003). In October 2002, he also was elected president-elect of the National Lawyers Guild. His two-year term as president will begin in October 2003.

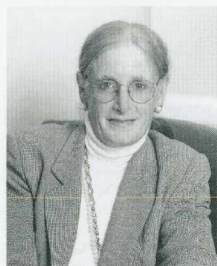


▲ **Andrew Beckerman-Rodau** was named co-director, along with **Michael Rustad**, of the intellectual property concentration. Professor Beckerman-Rodau is an engineer and registered patent attorney admitted to practice in Ohio and Massachusetts. Before joining the Suffolk faculty in 2000, he was a tenured professor at Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law.

R. Lisle Baker is a volunteer conciliator and mediator for cases in the Boston Municipal Court under the auspices of the Boston Bar Association. He also serves as a member of the Zoning Reform Working Group Drafting Committee.

Carter Bishop was named a national co-reporter for a National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) drafting project to revise the current Uniform Limited Liability Company Act (ULLCA). Professor Bishop was the national reporter on two other separate NCCUSL drafting projects: he was the original national reporter that drafted ULLCA

in 1992–1994 as well as the national reporter for the Limited Liability Partnership Amendments (1996) to amend the Revised Uniform Partnership Act (1994). He is also the Massachusetts State Bar Association representative and adviser to the current NCCUSL drafting project entitled "Uniform Entity Merger & Conversion Act."



▲ **Karen Blum** wrote Chap. 4 of Vol. 18 of the *Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook* (2002), titled "Developments in the Law of Qualified Immunity." She also wrote Chap. 3 of Vol. 1 of *18th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation* (Practising Law Institute, 2002), titled "Local Government Liability Under Section 1983." Her article, "All Too Clearly Cruel," appeared in *The National Law Journal* (Feb. 25, 2002).

Eric Blumenson co-authored with Eva Nilson "How to Create an Underclass, or How the War on Drugs Became a War on Education," 6 *Univ. of Iowa Journal of Gender, Race and Justice* 61 (2002).



▲ **Rosanna Cavallaro's** recent article "Better Off Dead: Abatement, Innocence, and the Evolving Right of Appeal," appeared in 73 *Colorado Law Review* 943 (Summer 2002).

Tony DeMarco, director of the Juvenile Justice Center, led a workshop on law school clinics and juvenile defense at the American Bar Association's National Juvenile Defender Summit in November 2002. **Ken King**, deputy director of the Center, presented two workshops: "Challenging Search and Seizures in School Settings" and "Aggressive Pre-Trial Investigation and Preparation." **Lisa Thureau-Gray**, special projects director of the Center, also presented two workshops: "Using Electronic Medium to Support Juvenile Defense" and "Operation Clean Slate – The Expungement of Juvenile Records." The invitation-only conference was attended by 375 juvenile defenders representing all 50 states.

Sara Dillon organized a panel on international trade law and development for the meeting of the American branch of the International Law Association in New York City in October 2002. At the same conference she was a panel presenter on "Child Labor and the World Trade Organization."

Lorie Graham and **Kristen Carpenter** were co-presenters at the Kahn Liberal Arts Institute at Smith College in September. They presented "Native Americans and Reparations" to the fellows of the Kahn Institute project, "The Question of Reparations: The US Context." They also presented their paper, "In the Absence of Title: Protecting American Indian Religious Freedoms on Federal Public Lands" at a New England Law Review Symposium in October 2002.

Steven Ferrey authored two articles, "Exit Strategy: State Legal Discretion to Environmentally Sculpt the Deregulating Electric Environment," 26 *Harvard Environmental Law Review* 109 (2002), and "The Eagles of Deregulation: The Role of the Courts in a Restructured Environment," 32 *Environmental Law* 297 (Northwestern School of Law, 2002).

Keith R. Fisher presented "Professional Regulation Post-Enron" at the Securities Regulation/Mergers and Acquisitions Conference sponsored by the Centre for International Legal Studies in Salzburg, Austria, in October 2002.



▲ **Joseph A. Franco**, associate professor and director of the financial services concentration was granted tenure in 2002. Professor Franco teaches securities regulation and corporate finance. He recently authored "Why Antifraud Prohibitions Are Not Enough: The Significance of Opportunism, Candor and Signaling in the Economic Case for Mandatory Securities Disclosure," which appeared in the *Columbia Business Law Review* 223 (2002). Prior to joining the faculty, he worked as an assistant general counsel for the US Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

Joseph W. Glannon's book, *Civil Procedure: Examples and Explanations*, 4th ed. (2001), will be published in China.

Dwight Golann and Dr. Helaine Scarlett Golann coauthored, "Why is it Hard for Lawyers to Deal with Emotional Issues? A Dialogue Between a Law Professor and a Therapist," in the fall 2002 issue of *Dispute Resolution Magazine*.

Charles Kindregan was elected to the board of directors of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Inn of Court and reappointed as an academic representative to the American Bar Association

Family Law Section's publications board. He coauthored "A Quarter Century of Allocating Spousal Property Interests," 33 *Suffolk Univ. Law Rev.* 11 and "Unexercised Stock Options and Marital Dissolution," 34 *Suffolk Univ. Law Rev.* 227.

Elizabeth McKenzie, associate professor and director of the Moakley Law Library, was granted tenure in 2002. She teaches advanced legal research. Among numerous articles, her coauthored publication, "A Law Librarian at Cooperstown," appeared in the *Law Library Journal* (2001). McKenzie is chair of the law libraries section of the Association of American Law Schools and is the current president of the New England Law Library Consortium. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky Law School and Library School. ▼



Bernard M. Ortwein's recent article "The Swedish Legal System: An Introduction," published in 13 *Indiana International & Comparative Law Review* (Fall 2002).

Zorica Popovic joins Suffolk Law School as a Fulbright Scholar and Visiting International Scholar for the 2002-2003 academic year. She is a professor of criminal law at the University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and heads the Department of Prevention of Criminality, where she has been a member of the law faculty since 1981. A distinguished international scholar in the fields of criminal law and law and medical technology, she has served as a Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy,

and is a member of the Yugoslavian Association for Medical Law. While at Suffolk, she will conduct research in the area of law and the medical use of modern biotechnology from a US and European perspective.

Elbert Robertson was one of three main presenters at the Scholars' Showcase of the ABA Antitrust Section's spring meeting, one of the largest annual gatherings of antitrust scholars, enforcement officials and practitioners in the world. He was also recently nominated by the Commissioners of the US Civil Rights Commission to serve on the Massachusetts Advisory Committee for 2003-2004.

Robert H. Smith spoke on a panel of deans at the annual AALS program for the Section on Law Libraries. His presentation, "Avoiding the Risk of Irrelevance," addressed the potential for a law librarian to play a crucial role in the leadership team of a law school. It will be published later this year in the *Law Library Journal*.

Timothy Wilton was a speaker at the Federalist Society's annual fall debate at Franklin Pierce Law Center. The program reviewed the recent 9th Circuit decision in which the 1954 addition of "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance was found to be unconstitutional.

David Yamada authored "The Employment Law Rights of Student Interns," 35 *Connecticut Law Review* 215 (2002) and a chapter titled "Workplace Bullying and the Law: Towards a Transnational Consensus?" in *Bullying and Emotional Abuse in the Workplace: International Perspectives on Theory and Practice*, edited by Einarsen and others (London: Taylor & Francis, 2003). He was appointed to the editorial board of the *Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal*, co-published by the Institute for Law and the Workplace at Chicago-Kent College of Law and Workplace Fairness. ●

Professor Sara Dillon: Demystifying International Trade in *the Book on the GATT and WTO*



Sara Dillon says that teaching European Union law at Suffolk Law School is one of her greatest pleasures in life.

That's saying a lot, given her previous accomplishments. In the 1980s, after completing a master's in English, Dillon became fascinated with Japanese culture and literature. She earned her PhD in Japanese studies at Stanford University in 1988 and became an assistant professor of Oriental studies at the University of Pennsylvania. She even wrote two romantic novellas in Japanese that were published in 1990. But Dillon had visions of

becoming a public interest attorney, so she enrolled at Columbia University Law School, graduating in 1993. After that she worked in a New York City legal aid office, handled death penalty cases in Montgomery, Alabama, and interned with Skadden, Arps.

An Academic at Heart

But she wasn't fully satisfied. She kept thinking that she should be in the classroom – doing research, theorizing and empowering students to learn and explore.

"Uh-oh," Dillon remembers thinking at the time. "I really am an academic!"

Her international expertise and longstanding love of Ireland – she lived there for a year as a teenager and is passionate about preserving Ireland's natural resources – led Dillon to earn tenure as a professor of international trade law at University College in Dublin, Ireland, in 1997. She was a visiting professor at Brooklyn Law School in 2001, and, fortunately for Suffolk Law School and its students, Dillon's distinguished career path led her here.

Dillon brings a humanistic view of the law to each of her courses and a passion for teaching that her students say is fresh and engaging. "I'm influenced by my literary background and my desire to have students enjoy the process of learning as much as I do," Dillon says. "Law school is not just about practical training. If it were, we could do it the old-fashioned way with legal apprenticeships. Law school should instill academic curiosity and encourage theoretical and analytical observation."

Reflecting on *The Paper Chase* environment of her own first year of law school has made Dillon a better law professor, she says. Today, in her own European Union, International Trade Law and International Business Transactions classes, Dillon says she's rigorous and

demands participation, but fosters an atmosphere more typical of graduate school. "It's important that I feel a sense of trust with my students – and that we also have fun," she says.

Dillon serves as an ad hoc career counselor for her students, too, believing that there's no limit to what they may accomplish. "I think that the faculty has an important role to play in helping students to blaze their own trails," she says. "Most of the time it means that I just listen and encourage students to build their resumes and to go out on that limb."

An Author and Scholar

She also wrote *the book on the GATT* (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and WTO (World Trade Organization). After 1995, according to Dillon, important trade disputes were being decided and the old GATT was largely a diplomatic vehicle. While teaching in Dublin, Dillon would read about the disputes and create lectures based on the WTO agreements. She compiled a massive dossier on the WTO and European external trade organizations, and then used those lectures as the basis of a book designed to demystify the topic and make some very complex and technical information more easily accessible. *International Trade and Economic Law and the EU* was published by Hart Publishing in May 2002.

Dillon also has an extensive list of international and environmental law journal articles to her credit and is a frequent lecturer on international trade law. In the summer of 1998, she received a Japan Foundation Fellowship to conduct research on the "Fuji-Kodak" international trade dispute.

Born in Boston, Dillon says coming back to her first hometown is "like a dream come true. Suffolk Law School has a great facility and location, a lot of talented students and a very good faculty," Dillon says. "I feel privileged to be here doing what I love."

Dillon appreciates fine art as well as literature, and is proud to say that most of the artwork in her office was created by her five-year-old daughter, Kasia. Dillon traveled to Kazakhstan to adopt Kasia in 1999.

The future? In addition to being excited about working with Professor Valerie Epps to develop the Law School's new International Law concentration (see related article on p. 5), she's currently writing an article on intercountry adoption and the Hague Convention from a children's rights point of view. She hopes to teach a new course on international children's rights soon. She also thinks about writing another novel – this time in English. ●

by Sara Romer

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW

Hiromitsu Kato, JD '03



ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, HIROMITSU KATO'S HEART pounded as he learned of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. His immediate concern was for the safety of the people closest to him. "I knew my father was supposed to be on a flight from Japan to New York, and I have a lot of friends who work in Manhattan," said Kato. "A lot of things were going through my mind all at once."

But after learning that his family and friends survived, Kato quickly took action. With support from the deans, Kato and fellow students began a fundraising campaign to assist others. Over a few weeks' time, they raised more than \$3,000 selling patriotic ribbon lapel pins in the Law School lobby. They then donated the money to four separate charitable organizations helping the families of victims of the attacks.

"I VIEW KATO'S EFFORTS AS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE of the spirit, generosity and kindness that we hope our students strive for as they embark on their legal careers," says Dean of Students Beverly Coles-Roby, JD '85. Suffolk Law Professor Richard Perlmutter, for whom Kato worked as a research assistant, adds, "He is an intelligent, ambitious and creative

young man. He has a tremendous curiosity about things and a good understanding of people. He has all the qualities it takes to become a successful lawyer."

Born in Tokyo, Kato moved to the United States with his family when he was an infant, settling in New Jersey, where his parents still reside. Kato graduated from Boston College, with a double major in elementary education and human development in 2000.

KATO WAS IMMEDIATELY IMPRESSED WITH SUFFOLK Law School. "There was something about the building and the atmosphere that I loved right away," says Kato, who was a member of the *Journal of High Technology Law* honor board during his second and third years. "Although it's very demanding, Suffolk Law School teaches you how to think."

Kato, 24, will return to Tokyo to begin his career, working for Anderson Mori, a prominent international corporate law firm. He looks forward to the challenge of practicing law because, "it's an ever-evolving field in which you can help others and give back to your community." ●

by Tony Ferullo



(L-R) Ellen Lewin, Leonard Lewin, JD '72 and Dean Robert H. Smith



(L-R) Laila Maalouf, JD '89, vice president, alumni association board of directors; Stephen Bik, JD '71, president, alumni association board of directors; Dean Robert H. Smith and his wife Elizabeth Smith

Young Alumni Holiday Party

December 5, 2002



Dean Robert H. Smith, Tim Fraser JD '02 and guest



Kristin Tyler, JD '02 and Kathryn McIntyre, JD '02

REUNION 2002

Braving a day of torrential rain and wind, alumni from classes ending in 2 and 7 gathered in Boston to celebrate their reunions in October.

One group joined in a panel discussion moderated by Professor Andrew Beckerman-Rodau, "The Growing Importance of Intellectual Property in Business and Law."

The panel was led by Melinda Brown, JD '85, former vice president and general counsel for Sonus Networks, Inc. and Lotus Development Corp. and Thomas Turano, JD '88, partner in the patent and intellectual property practice group of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP.

Professor Emeritus Edward Bander led a historical survey of Boston's legal history with panoramic views from the top floor of the Law School while others enjoyed a Duck Tour. The reunion culminated with dinner at the Sheraton Hotel. •



James Eccleston, JD '87, his family and friends from Barrington, IL

Spanning the Generations



(L-R) Eugene Tougas, JD '52, James Sullivan, JD '52, David Saliba, JD '52, Frank Fortunato, JD '36, Carl Felton, JD '52, Lewin Nelson, JD '52 and Sydney Milgram, JD '52



Class of 1997 - their first reunion

RECEPTIONS

Alumni Reception at the Palm Beach home of Cynthia and Richard Callahan, JD '71

March 4, 2003



(L-R) Associate Dean John Deliso, JD '72, Cynthia Callahan, Dean Robert H. Smith and Richard Callahan, JD '71

Miami Alumni Reception

March 3, 2003



Peter Wechsler, JD '69 and Associate Dean John Deliso, JD '72



(L-R) Kathryn Bender, JD '84, president emeritus, Washington, DC, alumni chapter; Robert Serino, JD '69, treasurer, Washington, DC, alumni chapter; Marilyn Serino; Nancy Murphy, JD '91, secretary, Washington, DC, alumni chapter



(L-R) David D'Alessandro, JD '76, president, Washington, DC, alumni chapter; The Honorable John E. Fenton, Jr.; The Honorable Richard J. Leon, JD '74; David J. Sargent, JD '54, LL.D. '78 (Hon.), president, Suffolk University; Kathleen McDermott, JD '86, Board of Directors, Washington, DC, alumni chapter; Dean Robert H. Smith

Honoring Judge Richard J. Leon

Suffolk Law School alumni and friends gathered at the University Club of Washington, DC, in November for a dinner honoring Richard J. Leon, JD '74, who was recently appointed to the US District Court for the District of Columbia.

Leon is the founder and past president of the Suffolk Law School alumni chapter of Metropolitan New York and a past president of the Suffolk Law School alumni chapter of Washington, DC. He also served as president of the Law School's national alumni association and as a trustee on the University's Board of Trustees.

Among those attending the event were Suffolk University President David J. Sargent, JD '54, LL.D. '78 (Hon.) and The Honorable John E. Fenton, Jr., as well as the officers and board of the alumni chapter of Metropolitan Washington, DC. •



(L-R) Barbara Beccles, JD '76, Honorable Jose Lopez, JD '77 and Sheron Lopez



(L-R) Nancy Murphy, JD '91, secretary, Washington, DC, alumni chapter; Gerard Sexton JD '89, president emeritus, Washington, DC, alumni chapter; Garnet Goins JD '98; Allen Durling; Ann Hagan, JD '76 president emeritus, Washington, DC, alumni chapter

RECEPTIONS

New Hampshire Alumni Reception

January 24, 2003



(L-R) Dean Robert H. Smith; Roger Phillips JD '69, vice president, NH alumni chapter; Jennifer Parent, JD '95, president, NH alumni chapter; Judge Martin Loughlin, JD '51; Dorothy Graham, JD '95; Laurel O'Connor, JD '94; Judge John Maher, JD '68

San Francisco Alumni Reception

February 9, 2003



(L-R) Standing: Dean Robert H. Smith; Buddy Ikeda, JD '94; Dennis Fernandez, JD '89; Martin Sooper, JD '68, Alice Hayes; Seated: Luenna Kim, JD '94; Diane Frankel Schoenfeld, director of alumni relations; Ann Peterson, senior director of development; Chet Hayes, JD '73

Los Angeles Alumni Reception

February 11, 2003



(Standing L-R) Dean Robert H. Smith, Matthew Valentinas, JD '00; Leonard Nomura, JD '01; Debra Carr, JD '81, president, Los Angeles alumni chapter; Edward Kelleher, JD '97; Brendan Monaghan, JD '93, vice president, Los Angeles alumni chapter; Max Gorby, JD '98; John Pappas, JD '00; Bill Holbrow, JD '93; Charles Goldenberg, JD '74

(Seated L-R) Brian Weiner, JD '00; Bob Wolf, JD '68; Susan Wolf, JD '96, secretary, Los Angeles alumni chapter; Stan Sokoloff, JD '66; Susan Sokoloff; Michael Wallach, JD '74

IN LOUISIANA, ONE LITIGATOR'S BALANCING ACT

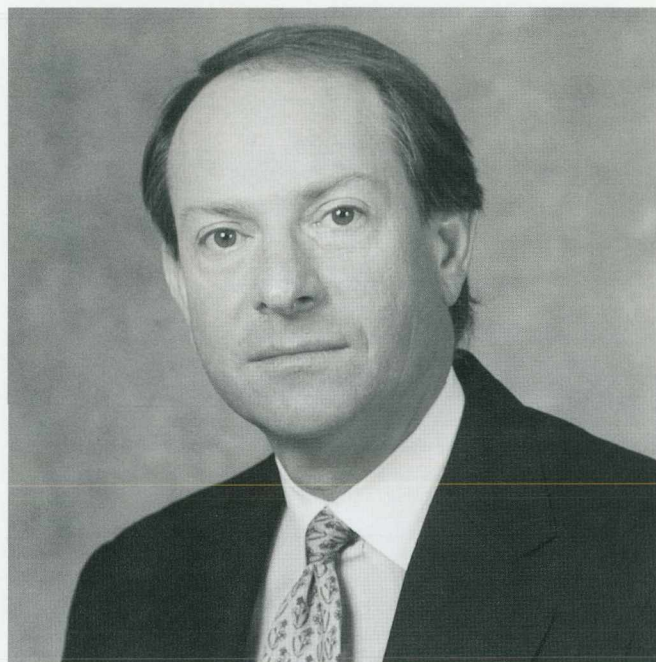
Carl Rosenblum, JD '83

LAWYERS ARE KNOWN FOR STRIVING TO ACHIEVE the perfect balance in their work, and in their personal and professional lives as a whole. Litigators, in particular, frequently find this balancing act a challenge. For Carl Rosenblum, a commercial litigator and partner with Jones Walker (New Orleans' largest law firm), the pieces of his busy practice and life seem to strike that delicate balance.

Heading the energy practice group at Jones Walker since 1999, Rosenblum has developed a reputation not only as a skilled trial lawyer, but as an expert in litigating oil and gas issues. "I knew I wanted to litigate," he says, "but I also knew that I didn't want to be in court every day. I wanted to see clients, and I wanted to learn their business. My clients tend to be very savvy about the issues they choose to litigate, and with three or four complex trials each year, my practice really enables me to do it all."

AFTER EARNING HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL relations and labor relations from Cornell University in 1977, Rosenblum worked with Phillip Morris' employee relations group in New York City. Three years later, he considered a number of law schools and decided to attend Suffolk. "Suffolk Law School had a reputation for being a great place to get a very hands-on practical education. The school impressed me then and turned out to be a wonderful place to be," Rosenblum says. "I got an incredible foundation in the law and, through the moot court program, received a good amount of litigation skills training." Rosenblum credits his tenure as comment editor for the *Transnational Law Review* with vastly improving his writing and editing skills, too. "I do a lot of editing now – taking a brief that's 90 percent there, and adding the final 10 percent. My ability to do that today is in large part due to my editorial experience at Suffolk," he says.

A native New Yorker, Rosenblum had not contemplated leaving the Northeast. But a faltering Northeast economy in the mid-1980s, and an interest in becoming immersed in a diverse, busy litigation practice, drew Rosenblum to clerk for Jones Walker.



Rosenblum liked the firm, with more than 120 lawyers and a very sophisticated practice in an interesting and thriving city. Within 30 days of being admitted to the Louisiana bar, Rosenblum was in court arguing his first motion. Since then, he's handled more than 50 trials in state and federal courts, primarily in Louisiana and Texas, and has argued before the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Louisiana Supreme Court. He currently has a matter pending before the Texas Supreme Court.

ROSENBLUM'S CASES ARE VARIED, THOUGH MOST involve oil and gas contract disputes. Often his work takes him to the cutting edge of new law. For example, he recently represented a company defending a class action against a group of mineral estate owners alleging seismic (sound wave) trespass. When the company's seismic exploration work developed three-dimensional images of underground geological conditions, the mineral owners claimed that the company's actions constituted a trespass that might reduce the value of their underground estates. The company obtained a dismissal, though this issue of first impression is now on appeal. For another client, Rosenblum is working to resolve an offshore lease dispute with the operator of oil and gas wells on the outercontinental shelf in the Gulf of Mexico.

Rosenblum is enjoying life in America's so-called "smallest large city," living within the city limits in a house he and his wife built nine years ago in English Turn, a Jack Nicklaus development. He makes sure to take time for his daughters' soccer and softball games and an occasional round of golf. Doing the work he loves, Rosenblum appreciates litigating and living in The Big Easy. ●

by Sara Romer

Helped in his past, he's now

MAKING A DIFFERENCE *for others*

Ernst Guerrier, BS '91, JD '94

ERNST GUERRIER WAS LISTED AMONG THE PREMIER real estate attorneys in Boston by *Boston Magazine*. "My first phone call was to Suffolk University President David J. Sargent," he says. "I had to tell him that he wasn't wrong when he recommended me to Suffolk Law School years ago."

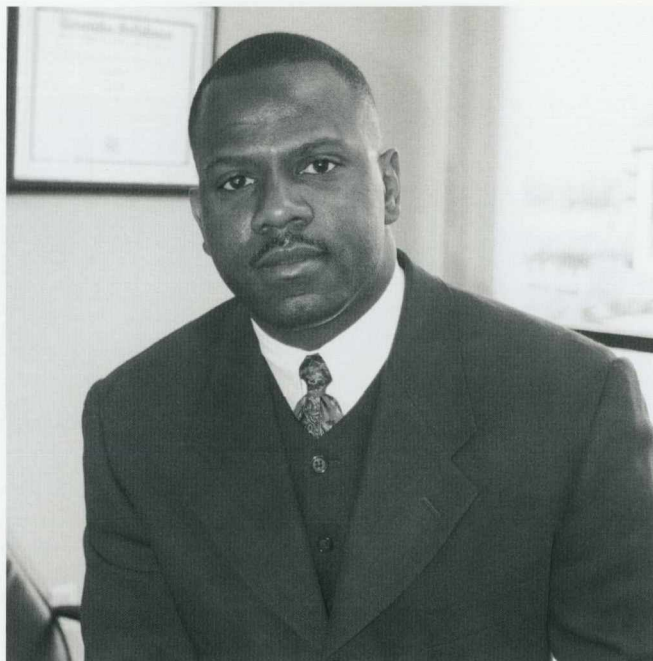
In 1997, Guerrier left a major Boston law firm to establish his own practice. He is the principal of Guerrier and Associates, PC in Dorchester, a firm specializing in estate planning, residential conveyancing and complex domestic relations matters. He also gives frequent public lectures to first-time homebuyers and teaches the art of client relations to other attorneys.

BORN IN PORT-AU PRINCE, HAITI, GUERRIER MOVED to Mattapan with his family when he was seven years old. His father is a Boston cab driver, and his mother is a housekeeper at the Fernald School in Waltham. Guerrier, who received his undergraduate degree in political science from Suffolk in 1991, looked for ways to save money. "Utilizing the library's reference copies of the books I needed instilled discipline and provided the opportunity to develop my mind as best as I could," he says.

After graduation, Guerrier decided to attend Suffolk Law School. "What impressed me the most about Ernst was his passion for becoming a lawyer," recalls President Sargent. "I sincerely believed that he had the drive and diligence to succeed in his chosen profession." Before entering Suffolk Law, Guerrier was introduced to Richard Trifiro, a fellow Boston English High School graduate who would forever change Guerrier's life.

Trifiro, a self-made millionaire who passed away four years ago, graduated from Suffolk Law School in 1957 (Hon. '87). He was a prominent businessman and entrepreneur. In 1983, he established an alumni scholarship award and contributed to the college education of more than 250 high school students, mostly minorities.

Trifiro rewarded Guerrier's determination and old-fashioned values by paying for his entire law school education. "Mr. Trifiro opened my eyes to a new way of life. He was someone too good to be true," Guerrier says. In return for his kindness and goodwill, Trifiro encouraged Guerrier and other students to assist those in need.



Guerrier followed his mentor's advice. A short time ago, when two Suffolk students couldn't afford to make an educational visit to Suffolk's undergraduate campus in Dakar, Senegal, in West Africa, Guerrier paid for their trip.

TODAY, GUERRIER SAYS HE HELPS PEOPLE TO protect their homes. He is in the process of writing a first-time homebuyers book, too. Guerrier treats his clients as if they were members of his own family, and they know that Guerrier will accept their phone calls day and night.

"Ernst has the willingness and ability to empower people and develop their skills," says Robert Bellinger, an assistant professor of history at Suffolk University, who taught Guerrier as an undergraduate. "He has great leadership qualities and the ability to focus on the issues at hand."

Guerrier serves on the board of directors of the Haitian Public Health Initiative in Mattapan, an agency assisting people suffering with HIV/AIDS. He believes in giving back to the community where he grew up.

WHEN IT COMES TO SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY, Guerrier bleeds blue and gold. In fact, he is having a full-length basketball court built in his backyard, complete with a caricature of the Suffolk Ram, the school's mascot, displayed at halfcourt. Of the nine people who work for Guerrier, all three lawyers are Suffolk Law graduates, and each summer his firm hires two Suffolk Law students as interns.

Although he may presently have the spotlight shining on him, Guerrier refuses to bask in the glory. "I remember where I came from and what it's like for people to help me," he says. "Now, it's my turn to help others become successful." ●

by Tony Ferullo

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1968

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Robert A. Mulligan, associate justice of the Superior Court of Massachusetts, was awarded The Haskell Cohn Distinguished Judicial Service Award from the Boston Bar Association.

1969

Peter L. Farkas announces the formation of Farkas and Morse, LLP, located in Washington, DC. For more information, see the firm's Web site at www.farkasmorse.com.

1970

William B. McDonough, Holyoke District Court judge, received the judicial excellence award from the Massachusetts Judges Conference.

Robert H. Rowe is vice chair of the judiciary committee of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. He is a four-term legislator in the house, a former New Hampshire judge and retired attorney.

1972

John F. Nicholls, president of Abare, Nicholls & Associates, was appointed chairman of the board of trustees of Northfield Savings Bank in Northfield, VT.

1973

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David Gottesman of Gottesman & Hollis, PA, Nashua, New Hampshire, was recognized as a "Best Lawyer" in the 2003–2004 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Harry R. Hoglander began his three year term as a member of the National Mediation Board in Washington, DC in August, after being nominated by President Bush to serve on the three member board. Prior to joining the Board, Hoglander was a legislative specialist in the office of Congressman John Tierney (D-MA).

1974

Thomas J. Ryan is senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Quaker

NEWSMAKER



Francis S. Moran, Jr., '68 has retired again – this time after 13 years as executive director of the Boston Bar Association. When he came to the job in 1990, Moran had just retired as a colonel in the US Air Force, serving for 20 years as an attorney and then judge in the JAG Corps.

Moran has much to be proud of. The Boston Bar Foundation (the BBA's charitable arm established in 1994), now has a \$2 million endowment fund, making possible hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to legal services and public outreach programs each year. And the BBA membership has grown from 6,500 to 9,600, with section and committee involvement at an all-time high.

With his retirement, Moran says he's looking forward to spending more time with his wife and family. "I'm hoping to buy a book – with confidence that I'll have time to get past the third chapter – and to do more of the sailing, skiing and photography that I enjoy."

Foods and Beverages, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ryan is chairman of the board of the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

David Sacks is treasurer of the Massachusetts Judges Conference for 2002–2004. Sacks has been a probate and family court judge since 1986, and first justice of the Hampden division in Springfield since 1992. He is currently serving as a member of the Massachusetts Trial Court's Racial and Ethnic Access and Fairness Advisory Board. He is married to Deborah Leopold, a human services administrator.

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Alan King opened a law office, King, Stawicki and Conant Law Offices, in Revere.

Frederick S. Ury is the 2002–2003 vice president of the Connecticut Bar Association. He is a partner in the Westport, CT, law firm of Ury & Moskow.

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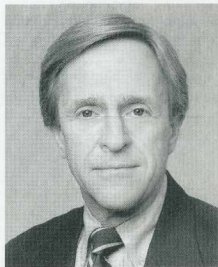
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Mary Clare Hummer-Decker, vice president and general counsel of the Providence Washington Insurance Companies, has been elected to the company's board of directors. Founded in 1799, Providence Washington is the second oldest property and casualty insurer in the United States. She and husband Michael live in Chestnut Hill with their three daughters.

William M. Levine was chosen as a "Best of Boston Lawyer" in the October 2002 issue of *Boston Magazine*. He is a partner of Lee, Levine & Bowser, LLP, Boston.

George E. Messinger was named vice president and trust officer for the private banking division, Maine district, for KeyBank N.A.

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William F. Kennedy was named to the board of trustees at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Kennedy is an attorney at Nutter, McClennen & Fish, Boston.

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David E. Cherny is featured in the tenth edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of family law. Cherny is a partner at Atwood & Cherny, Boston.

James B. Re was appointed by the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to the Board of Bar Overseers for a four-year term. The board investigates allegations of professional misconduct by attorneys. Re is a partner in the Boston law firm of Sally & Fitch.

1982

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Michael K. Gillis, a partner in Gillis & Bikofsky, PC, was named president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Marsha Kazarosian was appointed president of the Essex County Bar Association.

Martin Moran III, executive vice president/marketing director at Atlantic Coast Title in Taunton, married Susan G. Squadrito. They live in Barrington, RI.

1983

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Andrea J. Cabral, JD '86, became the state's first woman and first African American to serve as Suffolk County sheriff when she was sworn in last November. Cabral returned to Suffolk Law School in one of her first public appearances as sheriff, speaking at the opening reception for the Law School's exhibit, "Long Road to Justice: The African American Experience in the American Courts" in January.

Cabral's extensive legal and law enforcement career spans 16 years. Most recently, she was chief of district courts and community prosecutions for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. She previously served as chief of the Domestic Violence Unit and director of the Roxbury District Court Family Violence Project. She also served in the Attorney General's Office and Middlesex County District Attorney's Office. Her career began at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office where she worked as an attorney for The Bail Project.

Today, Cabral oversees more than 1,100 employees and an annual budget of \$100 million. She says she feels fortunate to work with so many talented professionals – "Together, we will make this sheriff's office a national model for county corrections."

Michael J. Murray has been elected a partner of Partridge Snow & Hahn, LLP. He is a member of the firm's litigation and employment and labor practice groups.

1988

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Gina M. (Birmingham) Cohen
(see Cohen, '91)

Diane Murphy Quinlan was named assistant to the Bishop's Delegate for Policy Administration for the Diocese of Manchester, NH.

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Adam Cohen and wife, Gina M.

(Birmingham) Cohen, '90, announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Lucia. Adam is a partner at Cetrulo & Capone, LLP, Boston. Gina is happy to be a stay-at-home mom.

Douglas C. Doskocil was elected a partner of Goodwin Procter, LLP. He is with the firm's litigation department in Boston.

Donald Mays is vice president for retail and consumer product services at Intertek Testing Services, Boxborough.

1992

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Jennifer Sobel was appointed special justice of the Lancaster, Littleton, and Haverhill District Courts in New Hampshire.

1993

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Nicholas J. DiMauro announces the opening of the Law Offices of Nicholas J. DiMauro, Burlington.

Matthew McCue is an associate at Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie and Lougee, Worcester. He and his wife Paula live in Natick with their three daughters, ages seven, five and two. McCue was recently named one of the top five "Up and Coming Lawyers" in Massachusetts

with under ten years of experience by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. McCue is president of the Matty Eappen Foundation, established to help raise funds for, and awareness of, shaken baby syndrome.

1994

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Paul Brodeur is serving on the Melrose Board of Aldermen and attending the Rappaport Institute Seminars on Municipal Governance and Policy. He and wife Liz are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Ethan Merrill Brodeur, born on August 22.

Robert M. Higgins, a partner with Lubin & Myer, PC in Boston, married Suzanne N. Cayer, JD'99. They live in Norwell.

Christopher McCarty is a partner in the law firm of Holland & Knight, LLP. McCarty concentrates his practice in the areas of creditors rights, bankruptcy law, workout law and commercial lending.

Richard F. Vitarelli was named a "New Leader of the Law" by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*. Vitarelli works at Robinson & Cole, LLP, Hartford, CT.

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Kristin Bullwinkel (see **Schneider**, '97)

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Heidi Getchell has opened a law office at 5 Market Square in Amesbury.

Matthew Guanci has joined the Hartford law firm of Robinson & Cole as an associate in the business practice group.

William Schneider is a partner at Morrison, Mahoney and Miller, LLP, Boston. On November 2, 2002, he married **Kristin Bullwinkel** '95. Kristin is a partner at Wilson and Orcutt, PC, in Acton, where she specializes in domestic relations and real estate.

Helena O'Brien Stacey is a trial attorney at Campbell Campbell Edwards and Conroy in Boston. She works with fellow Suffolk graduates **Steve Key** '97, **Kenny Robbins** '97, **Greg Brown** '99 and **Brian Chase** '96. Helena lives in Westwood with her husband Scott and new baby John.

1998

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Anne Barry was promoted to vice president, residential lending, at Medford Bank. She joined the bank in 1997 as assistant vice president and mortgage originator.

Michael P. Roche and wife Laurie announce the birth of their first child, Michael Patrick Roche Jr., born on April 10, 2002.

Stephen J. Roche was named assistant city solicitor for the city of Quincy.

Deborah Ryan announces the opening of Deborah A. Ryan and Associates, Architectural Accessibility Consulting. The firm will assist in compliance with the Massachusetts state handicapped accessibility code.

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Cathleen Cinella, an attorney at Anderson Kill & Olick, PC, in New York City, married Albert Tylis, an attorney with Bryan Cave, LLP, in New York City, where the couple reside.

Jeremy David married Nicole Bartlett. David is director of financial and estate planning for Sovereign Bank on the South Shore. The couple lives in Middleboro.

Sean O'Brien, an attorney with Dechert Price & Rhoads in Boston, married Lisa Sanchez. They live in South Boston.

Alice Reynolds, an assistant district attorney for Middlesex County, married John Casey. They live in West Medford.

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David M. Camassar is an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County and works in the Chelsea District Court.

Margaret R. Crabb, an associate in the litigation department of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, PA, Manchester, NH, was elected membership secretary of the board of directors of New Hampshire's first statewide Women's Bar Association.

Tanya Da Silva recently completed work as the Portuguese outreach coordinator for Congressman Patrick Kennedy's re-election campaign. She now works with UBS PaineWebber in Boston as a financial adviser.



Dianne L. Frade is an associate in the trusts and estates group at Burns & Levinson, LLP, Boston.

Kerry L. Gorgone is a litigation associate at McLane, Graf, Raulerson and Middleton, PA, Manchester, NH.

Nathalie Hibble is an associate in the health care department at Donoghue Barrett & Singal, PC, Boston.

Corey Lee Hutchinson married Tommy Joseph Lee on September 7, 2002, in Newport, RI. Following their honeymoon in Aruba, Lee became an associate with Bennett & Forts, PC, practicing in the areas of employment law and estate planning.

Kerry F. Marsicovetere and Christopher Rothenich are married and live in New York City.

Jeremy Waxler, an attorney with Lustig, Glaser and Wilson in Newton, has married Nicole Barnett. They live in Medway.

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Victoria Williams Landers has joined Thomas F. Williams & Associates, Quincy.

Nicole Newman is a managing partner of Penn Research & Solutions (www.pennresearch.com). The company specializes in industry intelligence and creative solutions for business leaders, enabling them to better compete in today's business environment.

2002

Caroline Antonacci is an associate at Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti, LLP, Morristown, NJ.



▲ **Ronald P. Barriere** is an associate in the divorce and family law and probate litigation group at Burns & Levinson, LLP, Boston.

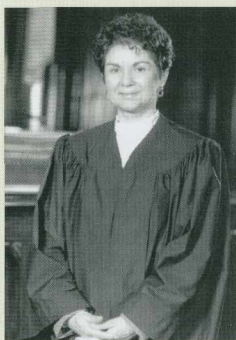


▲ **William C. Donovan** is an associate in the corporate, finance and real estate group at Burns & Levinson, LLP, Boston

Christopher Falzone, an attorney with Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster in Abington, married Lynn DeMond. They live in Abington.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF

VICTORIA LEDERBERG, JD '76, LLD '95 (Hon.)



Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Victoria Lederberg died suddenly following a heart attack at her home on December 29, 2002. She was 65.

From college professor to state senator to judge, Lederberg led a professional life marked by integrity and accomplishment. A Providence, Rhode Island, native, she earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral

degrees at Brown University. She served as a Rhode Island state senator from 1985 to 1991, ran for secretary of state and was a Providence mayoral candidate. Lederberg was a Providence Municipal Court judge before becoming an associate justice of the state Supreme Court in 1993.

As a jurist, she is remembered by colleagues as a person with a strong sense of right and wrong and a commitment to truth, fairness and honesty. "Judge Lederberg was a warm and gracious woman of exceptional ability who was deeply dedicated to the legal profession and Suffolk University. She will be greatly missed," said President David J. Sargent. Lederberg had served on Suffolk's Board of Trustees since 2001.

In fall 2002, *Suffolk Law* magazine featured Lederberg in an article profiling prominent women graduates serving on the bench. "Be sure you act honestly always, and fairly in your dealings with clients and other lawyers...it's critical that you be regarded as an honorable and honest practitioner," she said. At the time, Lederberg was one of only two women serving on Rhode Island's highest court, the other being Associate Justice Maureen McKenna Goldberg, JD '78, LLD '99 (Hon.) While she might not have perceived herself as a pioneer, Lederberg was a role model for many women in the law.

Lederberg came late to law school. When she enrolled, she had been a professor of psychology for 25 years at Rhode Island College and continued to teach while a student at Suffolk. Her long journey to the bench began with the study of biology, psychology and how the law shapes human behavior. "I began to look at human behavior in a more global way – as a function of the laws governing our society," she said. Lederberg often brought her extensive training in the field of psychology to her analysis of complex legal issues.

Those who knew Lederberg describe her as a model citizen, wife, mother and grandmother. She was married to Seymour Lederberg, a professor emeritus of Brown University. Married for 43 years, they had two children and six grandchildren. ●

CRAIG BROWN, JD '78

Craig Brown, Middlesex County assistant district attorney, died on December 21, 2002, from a brain aneurysm he'd suffered three days earlier in a courtroom in Middlesex Superior Court. He was 51.

Brown worked as a trial lawyer in private practice for more than 20 years. He was a founding member of the firm Melick & Porter, and was once a partner with Powers & Hall, PC and Sherin & Lodgen, LLP. In April 2000, Brown was asked by Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley to serve as an assistant district attorney in her office. Most recently, he had worked within the adult sexual assault division.

"He was the consummate trial lawyer, and he got great satisfaction in using his skills in public service," said Coakley, who began practicing law with Brown at Parker, Coulter, Daley and White. "He always seemed to be interested in making sure that he made a difference," Coakley said.

Born in Portland, Maine, Brown earned his bachelor's degree from Villanova University in 1973, where he was a member of the cross-country team.

Brown was a eucharistic minister at St. Paul's Church in Wellesley, where he had been a member for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Katalin B. (Bilics), JD '78; a son, Matthew of Wellesley; a daughter, Katherine of Wellesley; and a brother, Scott F. of Lee, New Hampshire.

AUSTIN W. KEANE, JD '54

Austin W. Keane died on December 22, 2002. He was 77. Born in Worcester, he was a longtime resident of Worcester and Harwich Port.

Keane was a senior partner in the law firm of Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, with which he was associated for 48 years. He specialized in real estate, title and zoning law, and chaired the firm's real estate practice group. "Austin Keane was a true leader, as one of the foremost attorneys representing major real estate developers in central Massachusetts for many years," said Associate Dean John C. Deliso.

Keane was a member of the Massachusetts Conveyancers Association and once served as chairman of the Practice Standards Committee. He received the Richard B. Johnson Memorial Award for lifetime achievement.

Keane also was active in many civic, religious, public service and business groups, for which he was recognized with numerous awards. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Keane leaves three daughters, Virginia Keane Bukovac of Kansas City, Missouri, Marian E. Keane of Denver, Colorado and Catherine Keane O'Leary of Harwich Port; a son, John A. Keane of Harwich Port; and seven grandchildren.

GREGG J. WILSON, JD '84

Gregg J. Wilson, died October 31, 2002. He was 48. Wilson was a native of Brookline and a longtime resident of Westwood, where he was chairman of the town's Zoning Board of Appeals. Active in politics for many years, Wilson practiced as of counsel to Kutchin and Rufo, PC, in Boston. He leaves his wife, Rebecca, and two daughters. His brother, Mark, is a 1993 Suffolk Law graduate.

IN MEMORIAM

Hugh F. Doherty, JD '32

Rubin Lipsky, JD '32

Henry H. Tufts, JD '42

Raymond J. Salmon, JD '51

William G. O'Hearn, JD '53

Frederic W. Kinsley, JD '61

Robert D. Hall, JD '63

George F. McDonald, JD '67

Dr. George K. Yates, JD '80

Dennis A. McFarlane, JD '98

Editor's Note: The Suffolk Law School community is saddened by the recent death of Dorothy McNamara, who served the Law School from 1927-1974 in many roles, including secretary to the school's founder, Gleason Archer, bursar and director of alumni affairs. A tribute to "Miss Mac" will appear in the next issue of *Suffolk Law*.



When Jerome Rappaport introduced his foundation's cutting-edge fellowship program at Suffolk Law School in fall 2002, he forged a critical link between some of the area's future leaders and the pressing public policy issues affecting metropolitan Boston.

The Rappaport Honors Program in Law and Public Policy at Suffolk University draws on Suffolk's longstanding commitment to public service and also breaks new ground. The grant made possible by the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Charitable Foundation enables students at Suffolk and other area law schools to participate in paid internships that benefit the public – opportunities that they and Boston would not otherwise have. The program is unique to American legal education in the way that it brings together law students from throughout the Greater Boston area.

Each spring, 12 students from the area's six law schools are selected to participate in internships, educational activities and mentoring opportunities designed to enhance their understanding of law, public policy and public service. Current and former Rappaport fellows are part of a growing, service-oriented community. They, like Jerome and Phyllis Rappaport, are devoted to improving the quality of civic life in Greater Boston.

"It is imperative that law school students get involved in the local scene and find it exciting and interesting," explained Jerome Rappaport. "This program is designed to help stimulate that involvement. Politics is local and that's where issues need to be solved."

Jerry Rappaport has been a leading force behind improvements in Boston for more than 50 years. In 1949, the Harvard Law School graduate played a key role in Boston's mayoral campaign when he organized a large bloc of young voters that helped shift the election in favor of John Hynes, JD '27, over incumbent James Michael Curley. One year later, Rappaport formed the New Boston Committee, an organization that became critical to the city's revitalization. He directed the large urban renewal project

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that became known as Charles River Park. In 1993, he and his sons founded the New Boston Fund, one of New England's leading real estate investment, development and management companies. Rappaport, along with his wife Phyllis and their children, created the foundation as a philanthropic vehicle for supporting educational and cultural initiatives in the Greater Boston area.

In addition to the collaboration among law schools that the Rappaport Honors Program facilitates, the program also benefits from its sister relationship with the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. During the summer, Rappaport Fellows meet in joint seminar sessions with their counterparts from the Institute's internship program for graduate students in public policy, creating an engaging cross-disciplinary mix of ideas and perspectives.

"These grants benefit both the students who take part in the internships and the city. The ideas, training and expertise to which the students are exposed and the practical setting they are a part of truly link them with the community," said Phyllis Rappaport.

In 2003, nearly 120 students applied for 12 fellowships. Past fellows attest to the benefits of the program. "I was able to combine my love of history, interest in the law and commitment to full social and economic inclusion of people with disabilities," said Eliza Vanderstar, a Suffolk Law evening student who interned at the Massachusetts Office on Disability last summer. Seth Stratton, a Suffolk Law student who recently worked at the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research in Boston, explained, "I learned that the making of public policy truly does go beyond the walls of City Hall and the State House." Stratton worked on issues related to the South Boston Convention Center, the Pacheco Bill, the Quinn Bill and the state budget process.

The Rappaports plan to fund the program for at least five years and are working closely with Suffolk to ensure its continued development. According to Professor David Yamada, director of the program, "We benefit from both the Rappaports' experience in the business and philanthropic communities and their genuine openness to our ideas and perspectives."

As a real estate developer, businessman, lawyer, political leader, government official and philanthropist, Jerry Rappaport has contributed greatly to improving life in Boston. "My motivation in doing this is not simply to focus on education. Hopefully, it will instill the sense that there is an excitement in participating in public service and that one can have an impact in a brief period of time," said Rappaport. "Our student leaders *are* helping to facilitate change in Boston." ●



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