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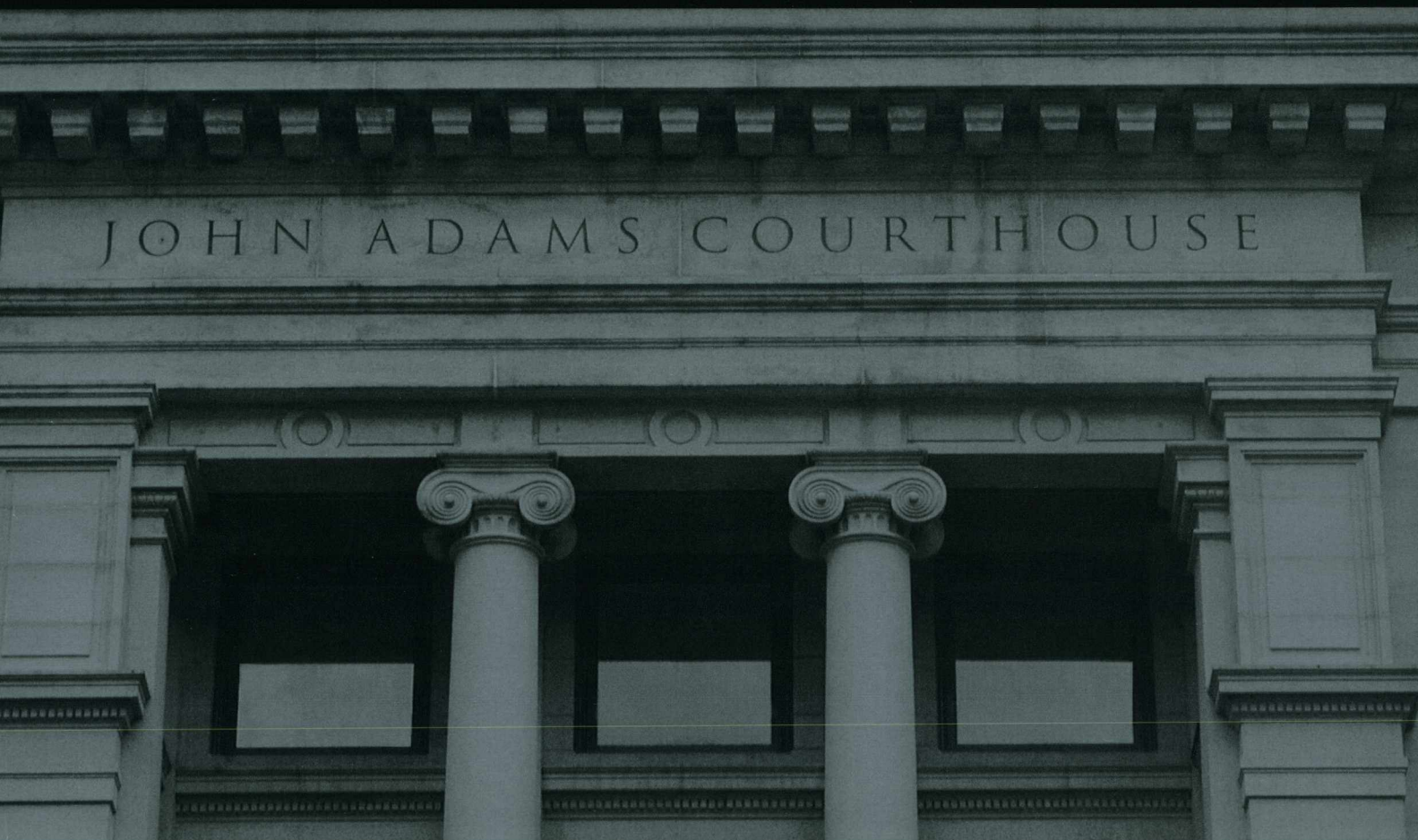
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Legal Uncertainty in the Age of *Goodridge*

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CALENDAR 2005-06

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES

All CLE 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 visit www.law.suffolk.edu/als.

NOVEMBER

Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, November 19
10am-12noon
Sargent Hall

DECEMBER

Recent Grad Holiday Party
Thursday, December 1
6-8pm
The Rack, Boston

Holiday Bus Trip to New York City
Saturday, December 3
Leave Boston 6am, or
Framingham 6:40am
Return to Boston 11pm

Alumni Night at the Nutcracker
Thursday, December 8
The Opera House, Boston

JANUARY

Alumni Reception in conjunction with the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting
Friday, January 6
6:30-8pm
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, DC

Ethical Risks from the Use of Technology
Thursday, January 26
5-7pm
City Bar Center for CLE
New York City, New York

New York Chapter Alumni Reception in conjunction with Ethical Risks CLE program
Thursday, January 26
7pm
City Bar Center for CLE
New York City, New York

Alumni Night at the Celtics Boston Celtics vs. Sacramento Kings
Friday, January 27
7:30pm
TD Banknorth Garden, Boston

ALUMNI EVENTS

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FEBRUARY

IDEA Update
Friday, February 10

Florida Chapter Museum Tour and Luncheon
Sunday, February 12
12noon-3pm
Norton Museum of Art
West Palm Beach, Florida

Brown Bag Roundtable Discussion: Problems in the Licensing of IP
Thursday, February 16

New Hampshire Chapter Annual Dinner
Thursday, February 23
Bedford Village Inn
Bedford, New Hampshire

MARCH

Special Education Series
Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Addressing Ethnic & Racial Disparities in Health Care
Friday, March 3

Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, March 4
10am-12noon
Sargent Hall

Elder Law Institute XII
Friday, March 10

Stem Cells: Are They the Answer or the Next dot.com?
Friday, March 24

Recent Grad "Get Smart" Financial Workshop: Identity Theft
Wednesday, March 29
5:30pm
Sargent Hall

Representing Musicians
Friday, March 31

APRIL

Brown Bag Roundtable Discussion: Starting a Solo/Small Practice
Wednesday, April 5

Hot Topics in Immigration Law
Friday, April 7

Emerging Employment Law Issues Misclassification & Wage Claims—The Mouse that Roared
Thursday, April 27

How the Experts Try Relocation Cases
Friday, April 28

Alumni Reception in conjunction with Supreme Court Swearing In Ceremony
Sunday, April 30
5-7pm
Location TBA, Washington, DC

MAY

Breakfast for Supreme Court participants and their guests
Monday, May 1
7:30am
Location TBA, Washington, DC

Alumni Supreme Court Swearing In
Monday, May 1
9am
US Supreme Court, Washington, DC

Alumni Luncheon for Supreme Court Participants and their guests
Monday, May 1
12noon
La Colline Restaurant, Washington, DC

Tort Settlement: What You See is Not What You Get
Tuesday, May 2

Jury Selection Process
Thursday, May 4

Boston Chapter Second Annual Chocolate Tasting
Thursday, May 11
6-8pm
Langham Hotel, Boston

Handling Business and Succession Issues in the Context of Estate Planning
Friday, May 12

Eighth Annual Juvenile Justice Conference
Friday, May 19

JUNE

Reunion for Classes ending in 1 or 6
Friday-Sunday, June 2-4

Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, June 3
9-10am
Sargent Hall

Oxford Summer School
Summer 2006

JULY

PLI Patent Bar Review Course
Wednesday-Sunday, July 12-16

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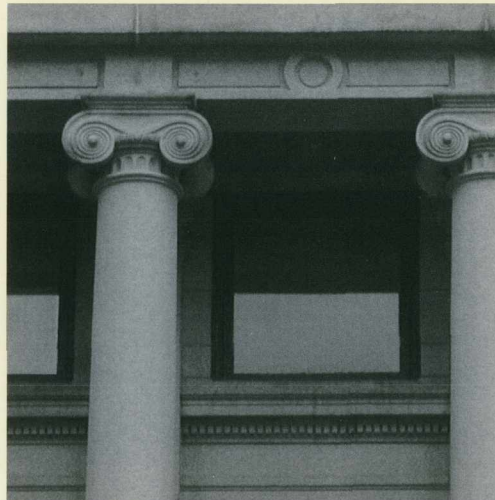
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FROM THE DEAN



As dean, I am continually struck by all that we have accomplished together as a Law School community and the exciting challenges ahead. In this issue of *Suffolk Law*, we share a snapshot of what's new at the Law School, and as always, invite your participation in our many programs and special events.

New Ventures

I am pleased to report that Suffolk Law School was selected by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to partner with the Court in a groundbreaking and technologically sophisticated new venture. Since May, the Law School has been providing live Internet broadcasts of the Court's monthly oral arguments from Suffolk's Web site at www.suffolk.edu/sjc.

The Webcasts allow people access to the live dialogue between the justices and lawyers and provide a unique and firsthand view of our appellate process in action. The program has drawn high praise from the SJC as well as those accessing the broadcasts.

Our Features

In one of the most highly publicized cases before the SJC, Massachusetts became the first state to fully recognize same-sex marriage, when the SJC issued its historic opinion in *Goodridge vs. Department of Public Health* in November 2003. In our cover story, "Legal Uncertainty in the Age of *Goodridge*: Massachusetts' New Revolution," writer Maura King Scully describes how the SJC's decision took the commonwealth into uncharted legal waters. More than 6,500 gay and lesbian couples have obtained marriage licenses

since *Goodridge*, and are now navigating the technical and often difficult legal complexities of everyday life as a same-sex couple. With the 1996 federal Defense of Marriage Act and 40 states enacting DOMA-like statutes, issues concerning property ownership, how assets are divided upon death or divorce, tax matters, employment benefits and parental rights are complicated and often unclear. Our feature explores how this struggle for equal rights began, and sets the stage for addressing the countless legal questions yet to be answered.

In this issue, we shine the spotlight on Suffolk Law School's Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). Established six years ago to serve Boston youth in delinquency matters and as a training ground for law students, the Center has become an influential player and powerful force for change in the city on a variety of juvenile justice issues. We all take pride in the JJC's partnership with the MBTA and the award-winning collaborative training program that has become a national model.

Our Faculty

We also celebrate the passion for advocacy that **Professor Michael Avery** brings to our Law School community. Mike joined the faculty seven years ago after 28 years as a nationally recognized civil rights litigator and criminal defense attorney. Currently president of the National Lawyers Guild, his commitment to social justice and our constitutional democracy are unwavering—as is his commitment to our students.

Our Alumni and Friends

In August, we were gratified to host a special tribute to honor **John Corcoran, DCS '82**, and **P. Leo Corcoran, DCS '05**, founders of the leading real estate property management and development firm, John M. Corcoran & Co., and long-time supporters of Suffolk University. To honor the Corcoran brothers, **Leo J. Corcoran, JD '84** and his wife **Sara Grady Corcoran**, made a gift to Suffolk to dedicate the Corcoran Room in Sargent Hall. With this lasting tribute, the Corcoran family legacy continues.

Suffolk Law also highlights **Elizabeth Starrs, JD '80**, a litigator with the Denver law firm of Starrs Mihm Caschette LLP, and president-elect of the Colorado Bar Association, and **Tom Griffin, JD '99**, an immigration attorney with the Philadelphia law firm of Morley, Surin & Griffin, P.C., whose work retreat with a Dorchester parish led to an extensive investigation into Haiti's growing human rights crisis.

Career Services

Please take a moment to see a new addition to our magazine—the New Developments in Career Services column on page 26. David James, director of career development, and Mary Karen Rodgers, associate director, are here to assist our alumni at all stages of their careers. Whether you are interested in moving from an associate position to in-house counsel, or to a non-traditional legal position, or are relocating to another region, our career services staff and resource library provide a wealth of information for your benefit. This new magazine feature is designed to keep you up-to-date with advice and information you can use throughout your career.

Centennial Celebration

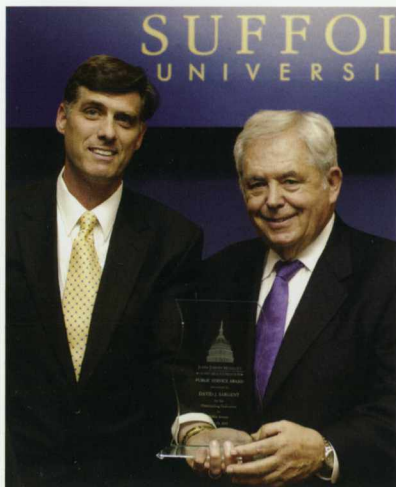
Plans for Suffolk University Law School's centennial anniversary are under way, and I look forward to seeing many of you during a variety of festive events to occur in 2006-2007. We celebrate the Law School's first 100 years beginning with a Centennial Convocation and Birthday Celebration on September 21. Please visit the Suffolk Centennial Web site for additional information at www.suffolk.edu/centennial.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Suffolk Law*—and a very happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robert H. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" and "S".

Robert H. Smith
Dean and Professor of Law



President David J. Sargent, JD '54, LLD '78 with Frederick Clark.

Suffolk President David J. Sargent Awarded Moakley Public Service Honor

Suffolk University President David J. Sargent received the John Joseph Moakley Public Service Award in recognition of his lifelong dedication to educational accessibility and public service. Sargent received the award during the John Joseph Moakley Charitable Foundation's Fourth Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony held at the Law School in May.

"The Moakley Foundation is proud to recognize President David Sargent's impressive contributions to society, law, culture and higher education during a remarkable career highlighted by nearly 50 years of service," said Frederick Clark, president of the Moakley Foundation.

President Sargent, who has been associated with Suffolk University since his days as a student, and served as a professor of law, Law School dean, and now as University president, has directly encouraged students to enter public service and also piqued their interest by supporting an array of clinical programs that give students a taste for service while helping underprivileged clients.

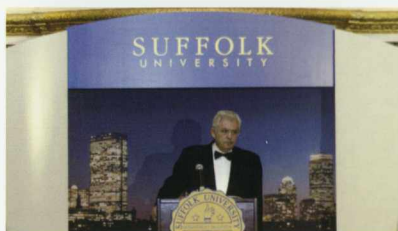
"There are so many people who, like Joe Moakley, were given the opportunity to

advance because of their education at Suffolk University Law School," said Clark.

This year, the Moakley Foundation awarded 29 scholarships, totaling \$100,000, to high school students with a history of public service. Robert F. Moakley and Thomas J. Moakley, brothers of the late congressman, were among the presenters of the student scholarships.

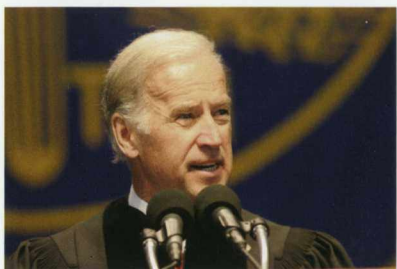
The John Joseph Moakley Charitable Foundation, Inc., was formed in 2001 to continue Moakley's extraordinary public service legacy. The mission of the foundation is to assist worthy individuals and charitable organizations to pursue educational opportunities in all sectors of the economy. The foundation provides scholarships and grants on an annual basis.

Past winners of the John Joseph Moakley Public Service Award include: Jack Connors, Jr., the founding partner and chairman of Hill Holliday; Leonard Florence, chairman and CEO, Leonard Florence Group, and a Suffolk University trustee; and the late Anthony Athanas, founder and owner of Anthony's Pier 4 restaurant in Boston.



Celebrating Summa

The University's annual Commencement Eve Dinner was held in May at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. This special event celebrates Suffolk's graduating students, honorary degree recipients and the University's Summa and Frost Society members. President Sargent thanked those in attendance for their friendship and tremendous support as he reflected on Suffolk's unique place in the history of higher education. He also announced a gift of \$2 million from Nathan R. Miller, DCS '03. The gift—the largest non-testamentary gift ever received by the University—was made in honor of Miller's long-standing friendship and affiliation with Suffolk and Beacon Hill.

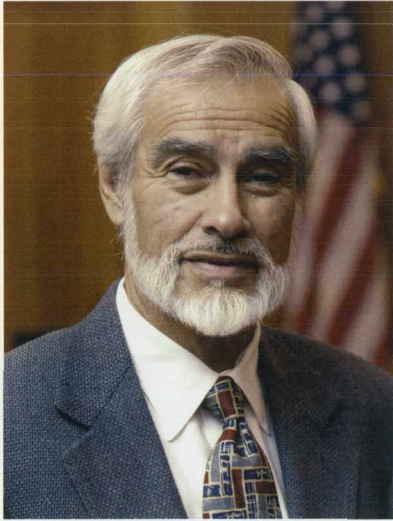


US Senator Joseph Biden Addresses 2005 Law Graduates

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden addressed the Law School's graduating class at commencement exercises on May 22 at the Bank of America Pavilion on Boston's waterfront. Receiving Suffolk Law School degrees were 451 JD candidates and nine LLM candidates.

Joining Biden in receiving honorary doctor of law degrees from the Law School were Michael S. Greco, a partner with Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham, LLP, and president of the American Bar Association; Stewart Kwoh, president and executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California; and the Honorable Regina L. Quinlan, JD '73, associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court.

Senator Biden told the law graduates that although the United States has become an "increasingly divided nation," he believes "that America is neither red nor blue, but that America has a purple heart—and is a nation hopeful about the future."



Leo Romero

Romero Named Distinguished Visiting Professor

Leo Romero, former dean and current Keleher & McLeod Professor of Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law joined Suffolk Law as a distinguished visiting professor for the fall semester.

Romero has served the University of New Mexico Law School as associate dean for academic affairs and as dean. During his six years as dean, Romero focused his efforts on expanding the Indian Law Program and the school's International Law course offerings. His efforts led to the establishment of an Indian Law Certificate program and the Southwest Indian Law Clinic. His focus on international law led to the creation of the *US-Mexico Law Journal*, an exchange program with the University of Granada in Spain, and an exchange program under NAFTA with law schools in Mexico and Canada.

Active in legal education at the national level, Romero has served on the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools and on the board of trustees of the Law School Admission Council, including a two-year term as chair. He currently serves on the board of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the National Council of Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.

At Suffolk, Romero is teaching Criminal Law and International Criminal Law. His scholarship is primarily in the area of criminal law, but recent publications have dealt with judicial selection issues, a subject with which he became familiar when serving as chair of the judicial nominating commissions for all courts in New Mexico.



Japanese Exchange Program

Professor and Director of Graduate Law Programs Stephen Hicks and Associate Dean Marc Perlin visited Kwansei Gakuin University School of Law in Japan in March. Their meetings resulted in the establishment of a student and faculty exchange program between Suffolk Law and Kwansei Gakuin.

Front Row (L to R): Professor Stephen Hicks; Associate Dean Marc Perlin; and Dean Toru Kato, Kwansei Gakuin University School of Law.

Back Row (L to R): Associate Dean Takashi Maruta, Kwansei Gakuin University School of Law; and three law students from Kwansei Gakuin.

Law and Legal Methods Program in Sweden

In June, Suffolk Law School offered the Law and Legal Methods program in a new weeklong format at the University of Lund in Sweden. The extended format provided an overview of US Constitutional law, emphasized ethical responsibilities, and familiarized students with analyzing and citing case decisions in a common law legal tradition.

The five-day program designed for international doctoral candidates, attorneys, recent law graduates, and current students seeking a better understanding of American law and American common law, included lectures and classroom discussions led by members of the Suffolk Law faculty.

"We had a range of participants in the program—from students still completing their studies to mid-career lawyers—and we made an effort to reach across their different levels of experience," said Professor Stephen Hicks, who co-directs the program with Professor Bernard Ortwein. "From an academic perspective, the program was a tremendous success," said Ortwein. "And I think it projected a solid image of Suffolk Law as a leader internationally." Ortwein is optimistic that the five-day program will be offered again next year in Budapest.

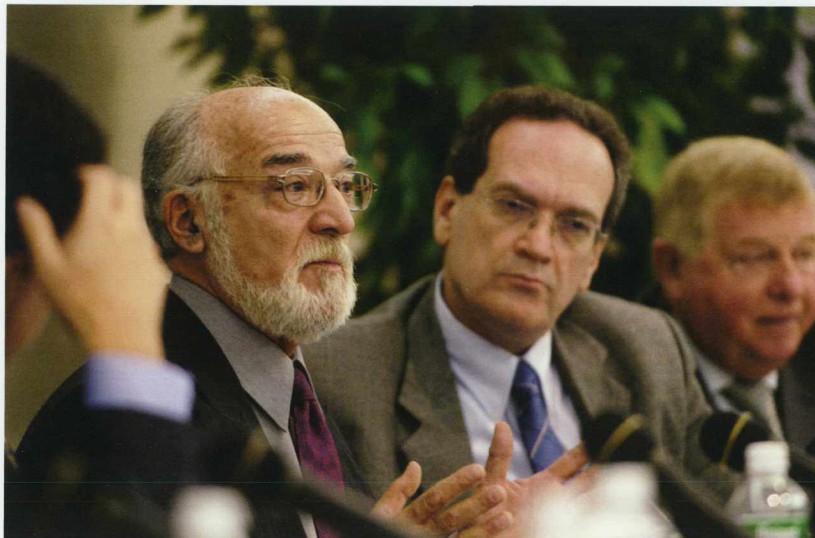
Upon finishing US Law and Legal Methods, students received a certificate of completion from Suffolk University Law School.

Suffolk Law and SJC Join Together to Webcast Oral Arguments

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC), in partnership with Suffolk Law School, began live Internet broadcasts of oral arguments before the SJC in May. Following the Court's request for proposals, Suffolk Law School was selected to broadcast the live, monthly arguments from its Web site at www.suffolk.edu/sjc. This is the first time that the SJC has collaborated with a law school on such a technologically advanced venture.

Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall has high praise for the project. "I am delighted that students, attorneys, and citizens everywhere will now have live access to our appellate proceedings," Marshall says. "People yearn to understand how the judicial system works, and Web broadcasts will enable them to witness the live dialogue between justices and lawyers on legal matters affecting everyone's lives. I applaud Suffolk University Law School for its willingness to partner with the Court in this new venture."

"Suffolk Law School is honored to collaborate with the SJC in this unique program," says Dean Robert H. Smith. "What intrigues me the most is that people of all ages and from all walks of life will now have an opportunity to hear attorneys' presentations and justices' questions without setting foot in the courtroom. This allows everyone to experience an important part of the appellate process firsthand in a timely manner."



(L to R) Saul Froomkin, Mello Jones & Martin, Bermuda; Eduardo Grebler, Grebler, Pinheiro, Mourao & Raso, Brazil; and David Speker, Kingsley Napley, England.

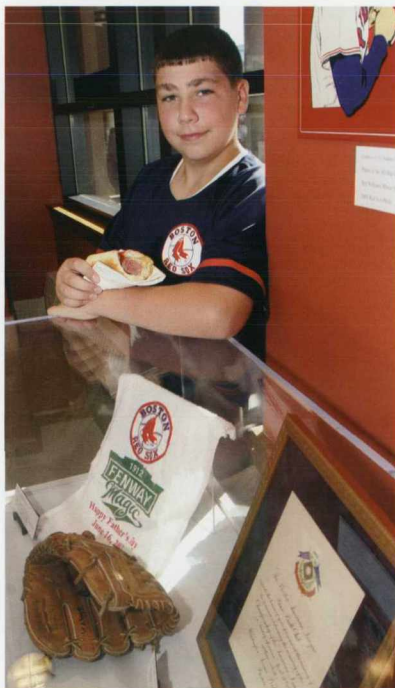
International Panel Focuses on Protecting Confidentiality

An international panel of attorneys discussed "Money Laundering and the Legal Duty of Confidentiality" in February. Sponsored by Suffolk Law School and the Center for International Legal Studies, the program was moderated by Associate Professor Christopher Gibson. Seven attorneys from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Italy and other countries focused on the practice and the duty of lawyers to report suspicious activities or transactions.

The attorney-client privilege and independence of the bar from the government are central to the American legal system and are also recognized in many legal systems worldwide. According to the panel, however, in a revitalized effort to stamp out money laundering, the values of confidentiality, trust and independence of the bar are not receiving adequate consideration and protection. Panel members discussed the need for government

not only to take active steps to prevent money laundering, but also to ensure that reporting obligations were not so broad as to pose an unwarranted interference in the confidential relationship.

The Center for International Legal Studies is a nonprofit legal research and training institute in Salzburg, Austria. In a partnership established in 2004, Suffolk Law students and students from law schools across the nation are able to arrange legal internships worldwide. In turn, international students are able to come to the United States to intern with law firms, corporations and government agencies through coordination with Suffolk Law School.



Touching All the Bases: A Red Sox History

The Red Sox at Adams Gallery

The Law School's Adams Gallery presented *Touching All the Bases: A Red Sox History* from May through October, taking a historical journey with Boston's hometown heroes.

The exhibit relived the joys and heartbreaks of more than a century through photographs, cartoons and artifacts. *Touching All the Bases* featured Red Sox legends Cy Young, Babe Ruth, Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski. Artifacts included a chunk of the left-field wall and Johnny Damon's batting gloves.

Support for Public Service Continues to Grow

Suffolk's public interest community had much to celebrate this past spring. Another successful Suffolk Public Interest Law Group (SPILG) auction helped to fund 50 summer interns at government and nonprofit agencies; the revamped Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) made awards to 12 additional alumni; and another Suffolk Law student received a prestigious post-graduate fellowship.

In March, SPILG held its 10th annual live auction, raising nearly \$25,000 to support students working in legal services programs, public defender, prosecutor and government offices in New England and beyond. Shannon O'Connor, JD '07, ventured the farthest to work at the City Attorney's Office in San Jose, California. "I have had the most amazing internship experience and was able to really dig in and be a full-time member of the office thanks to the SPILG fellowship," O'Connor says. "I now know for certain that government service is where I want to be."

The participants in Suffolk's LRAP range from a public defender in rural New Mexico to an advocate for low income children in Boston to several assistant district attorneys in Suffolk, Middlesex and Worcester counties. Together with the annual Fenton awards, Suffolk is currently assisting 28 alumni with loan repayment. Many of these LRAP participants began their careers in public service as law students receiving SPILG fellowships.

Natacha Thomas, JD '05, is the second student since 2003 to receive a two-year Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work at Greater Boston Legal Services. Thomas' fellowship project involves outreach to the Haitian community on workers' rights issues. Suffolk is one of only 38 law schools represented by this year's fellowship winners, and Thomas is the only fellow selected to work on a project in the Boston area.

Advanced Evidence Program Promotes Unique Collaboration

Suffolk Law School co-sponsored the Advanced Evidence Skills training for the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) and the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (MDAA) on June 2-3. In a unique collaboration, the two-day program provided trial advocacy training for both the CPCS and MDAA. "It was unprecedented to have both groups together for the program—typically, they each conduct their own training," says Advanced Legal Studies Director Carole Wagan, who helped plan the program.

With the financial support of the Macaronis Institute for Trial and Appellate Advocacy, the Law School was able to offer this pilot program at no charge to a select group of 24 CPCS and 24 MDAA attorneys. Many participants indicated that training both prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys together brought an added dimension to the program.

"We received rave reviews from both the attorneys who participated in the program and from the attorneys and judges who critiqued it," Wagan says. MDAA Executive Director Geline Williams, JD '77, had high praise for the program as well. Prosecutors and public defenders rarely have the opportunity to receive immediate feedback concerning their courtroom skills," Williams says. "Our attendees commented that the training was beneficial not only from a practical perspective, but also because it advanced collegiality among the bar." Plans to repeat the program next June are under way.



(L to R) Stanley W. Sokoloff, JD '65; Rory P. Pheiffer, JD '05; and Dean Robert H. Smith.

First Sokoloff IP Award Presented

The Stanley W. Sokoloff Intellectual Property Award was given for the first time at the Law School's Intellectual Property Law Concentration's annual luncheon in April. Rory P. Pheiffer, JD '05 received the award in recognition of his academic achievements at the Law School. Pheiffer is currently working in the licensing office of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), which handles the legal and business issues related to transferring MIT-developed technology to industry. The award is an endowed fund, created by Stanley W. Sokoloff, JD '65, and will be presented annually to a graduating law student in the Intellectual Property Law Concentration who has reached high standards of academic achievement, displays ethical sensitivity and is highly regarded by faculty and peers.

Centennial Plans Under Way

When Gleason Archer founded Suffolk Law School in 1906, he focused on providing educational opportunities to working people as a public service. As Suffolk University prepares to celebrate its centennial anniversary in 2006, Suffolk's alumni and current students will provide the focus for the yearlong celebration.

"Our most important audience for the Centennial is the alumni, who, with the current students, are the very reason for Suffolk's existence," says Public Affairs Director Rosemarie Sansone, chair of the Centennial Celebration. "We invite our alumni to come forward with their ideas about what the Centennial should accomplish and how the celebration should unfold."

The celebration will begin with a Centennial Convocation and Birthday Celebration on September 21, 2006, during which international dignitaries, political and business leaders, University leadership, and officials from New England colleges and universities, will form a procession from Suffolk to the Boston Common, where several distinguished guests will receive honorary degrees. An array of celebratory activities will follow in and around the Beacon Hill Campus.

A variety of both formal events and festivities are being planned throughout the year—all focused on three programmatic themes: Suffolk University's recognition and expansion of global learning, continued commitment to public service, and partnerships with government, the business community and other institutions.

Suffolk has begun running a 15-second sponsorship spot in the closing credits for *The NewsHour* with Jim Lehrer on Channel 2 and after the 11:30pm broadcast on Channel 44. "PBS is renowned for its programming in the public interest, and the partnership between Suffolk and WGBH fits well with the University's three Centennial Celebration programmatic themes," says University Provost and Academic Vice President Patricia Maguire Meservey.

For more information about the University's Centennial celebration, please see www.suffolk.edu/centennial.

Rappaport Fellows Named

Tasha Buzzell, JD '06 and Elizabeth Kent, JD '07 were named 2005 fellows in Suffolk Law School's Rappaport Honors Program in Law and Public Policy. Buzzell, a 2002 graduate of the College of the Holy Cross who majored in sociology, interned with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and worked on domestic violence and disability issues. Kent, who received her BFA cum laude from Boston University in independent theatre studies in 1998 and her MEd with a concentration in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University in 2002, worked with the Boston Public Schools and the Boston Educational Development Foundation on policies and training for teachers.

"Tasha and Elizabeth were chosen from nearly 100 applicants, and both have impressive academic records, as well as an interest in public service. The Rappaport summer internships provide them with practical policymaking experience while making their talents available to key public agencies serving the Greater Boston community," says Suffolk Law Professor Joseph McEttrick, who serves as the program's faculty director.

Each year, the Rappaport Honors Program brings together a group of highly qualified law students from Boston-area law schools who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, a deep interest in law and public policy, and a desire to learn more about issues affecting the Greater Boston region. The fellows participate in a unique program that includes paid summer internships, a summer seminar series and mentoring opportunities designed to enhance their professional development and understanding of law and public policy issues in our community.

The Rappaport Honors Program in Law and Public Policy was established in 2001 at Suffolk University Law School with a grant from the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Charitable Foundation. The foundation serves as the primary philanthropic vehicle for the family of Jerome Rappaport, a prominent Boston lawyer, real estate developer and civic leader.

A Passion for Advocacy

First an activist, now a teacher, Michael Avery prepares his students for the battles ahead.

IN SEPTEMBER OF 1962, Michael Avery entered Yale University as a bright, wide-eyed and curious first-year student, having ranked number one in his class at Southwest High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

One month later, the Cuban Missile Crisis sent a jolt throughout the world. Avery's confidence and focus were quickly replaced with fear and uncertainty. "I was frightened," says Avery, now a Suffolk Law School professor and director of the Macaronis Civil Litigation Concentration. "Everyone had nuclear weapons, and you didn't know what was going to happen next."

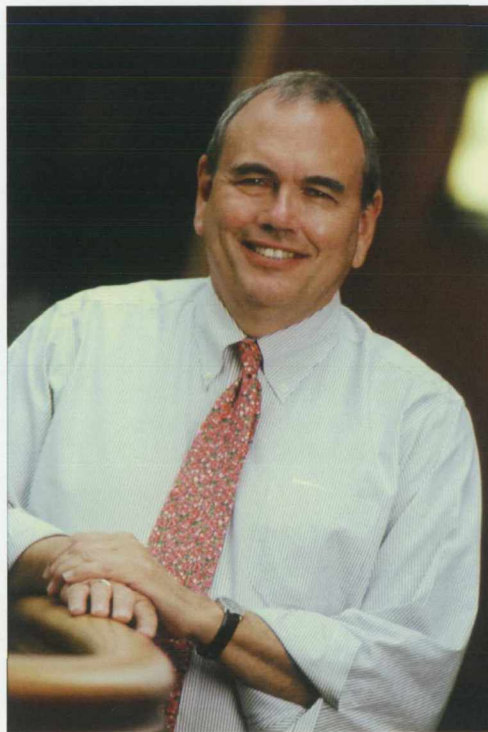
During his years at Yale and Yale Law School, Avery's fear turned to activism. A voice of reason in the civil rights and antiwar movements, Avery went on to become one of the top lawyers in the nation, litigating civil rights issues and criminal cases for 28 years. In the course of his private practice as a sole practitioner and with Perkins, Smith & Cohen, Avery also developed a reputation as someone who was thoroughly prepared and in complete control. "I tell my students that you win cases in the office, not in the courtroom," he says. "No matter what case you're working on, you have to do your homework."

Avery made the transition from the courtroom to the classroom when he joined the Suffolk Law faculty seven years ago. "It feels good not being on the litigation treadmill 24 hours a day anymore," said Avery. "I really enjoy what I'm doing, and I have the same passion for teaching law that I did for practicing law."

Together with Suffolk Law Professor Karen Blum and David Rudovsky, Avery is one of the original authors of the leading treatise on police misconduct litigation, *Police Misconduct: Law and Litigation*, 3d (Thomson West, 1980), which continues to be relied upon by lawyers throughout the country.

"When Mike speaks at a faculty meeting, people listen," says Blum. "He is well respected by everyone, and as a national leader, he brings some of the real world to the academic setting."

In October 2003, Avery began a three-year term as president of the National Lawyers Guild, an organization he feels privileged to lead—especially at this time. "The Guild has a 70-year history as the bar association that has stood most passionately for the rights of people struggling for social justice—beginning with the battles of labor unions in the 1930s and 1940s, and continuing during the era of McCarthyism in the 1950s, the civil rights movement in the 1960s and 1970s, the peace movement, the women's movement, and today's movement for gay rights. It is an honor to serve as president when we are fighting to



maintain constitutional democracy in the United States and to reject unprecedented efforts to create a national security state."

In June, Avery spoke at the International Conference on Terrorism in Havana, Cuba, about the hypocrisy of the US policy on terrorism, addressing an audience that included Fidel Castro, other prominent figures from the Latin American community, and several hundred delegates from more than 30 countries. His remarks were carried live on Cuban national television, broadcast throughout the Caribbean, and also were reported widely in Spanish on the Internet, and carried in the newspaper, *Juventud Rebelde*. He was interviewed on various Cuban television stations, including CNN's Latin American program.

When he's not teaching, writing or delivering a speech, Avery enjoys spending time with his three children, Katie, a preschool teacher in Washington, DC; David, a philosophy major at Suffolk; and Samantha, a freshman at Newton North High School. He also can be found cheering on the Red Sox, golfing and cooking.

Avery is still passionate about civil rights and helping to advance social change in this country, and he also is deeply committed to improving the lives of his students. "I've had a lot of experiences in my life, and I'm happy to share my knowledge with my students, getting them ready to go out and do battle for themselves," he says. •

by Tony Ferullo

Poised for Success

Michelle-Kim Lee, JD '06

Balancing academic, professional and personal commitments with finesse, this exemplary third-year student is well on her way to achieving her goals.

MICHELLE-KIM LEE AIMS for a career in family law—and has a strategic plan to launch it. She's a spirited advocate within the classrooms of Sargent Hall and already has carefully cultivated a network of professional contacts. Those who know Lee believe this exemplary third-year student—who balances her academic, professional and personal commitments with finesse—is well on her way to achieving her goals.

In an early nod to her research, writing and oral advocacy skills, Lee was named Best Oral Advocate in her first-year Legal Practice Skills class. "It was my first exposure to the courtroom and provided a good confidence boost," she says. "But I'm not going to lie," she adds with a laugh. "The videotape of my oral argument was helpful to review once. But I won't look at that again!"



The experience inspired her to join the Moot Court Board and to write for its *Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*. Lee enjoys the research and writing, "finding an argument and making it my own," she says. Her most recent article examining gestational carrier agreements was of particular interest.

"One of the things I love about family law, especially in Massachusetts," she says, "is that there's so much happening related to reproductive technology and the recognition of same-sex marriages. It's interesting to challenge old laws. And I'm lucky enough to go to school down the street from the SJC and the State House, where it's all happening."

Lee appreciates the Law School's stellar faculty, as well as its strategic location. "Suffolk Law is the place to be for great professors," she says, citing Professors Rosanna Cavallaro and Charles Kindregan for their expertise and accessibility. "At other law schools, my friends read *The Glannon Guide of Civil Procedure*—here at Suffolk, Joseph Glannon taught me civil procedure."

"Michelle is a caring and talented student who shows great promise to contribute positively to making our world better," says Kindregan. "I know that she will be a great credit to Suffolk and to the legal profession."

Last summer, Lee worked at the Boston civil litigation firm of Wayne, Richard & Hurwitz LLP. She is the public relations director of the National Women Law Students' Association and also serves on the gala committee of the Women's Bar Association. "In addition to working on issues of particular interest to me, it's been a great way to find mentors, people who can really guide me as a woman new to the profession. I know I would like that network as a first-year attorney—why not enter that network now while I'm still a law student?"

As she juggles her studies with volunteer endeavors, Lee remains philosophical. "I have been blessed with great support from my family and friends," she says. "When I'm a first-year associate, I'll probably be working twice as hard as I do now. Later on in life I'll have more demands. I'd better start learning how to manage my time now!" •

by Jennifer Becker

Legal Uncertainty



in the Age of *Goodridge*

by Maura King Scully

Massachusetts' New Revolution

In April 1775, "the shot heard 'round the world" was fired from the Lexington Green in Massachusetts, launching the American Revolution and signaling the new nation's quest for freedom. The abolitionist movement began in Massachusetts in the late 1820s, spurred on by William Lloyd Garrison's weekly newspaper, *The Boston Liberator*. In the 1970s, the debate over school desegregation via court-ordered busing played itself out on Boston's streets. It is perhaps fitting then that in 2005, the Bay State finds itself at the epicenter of yet another revolution: the recognition of same-sex marriage.

Another First

Massachusetts became the first state to fully recognize same-sex marriage, when the state's highest court issued its decision in *Goodridge vs. Department of Public Health* in November 2003. Since the Supreme Judicial Court's May 12, 2004 effective date, more than 6,500 gay and lesbian couples have obtained marriage licenses, giving them the full protection of marriage under state law.

While there's no doubt that *Goodridge* was an historic decision, it's also indisputable that *Goodridge* has taken the commonwealth into uncharted legal waters. Same-sex marriage is not recognized by the federal government, which passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in 1996, which precludes the recognition of same-sex unions or the treating of such unions as marriages. Forty states have enacted statutes similar to DOMA. And even in Massachusetts, there's movement afoot that could put a DOMA-like amendment before voters in 2008.

With all of this discord, it's fair to ask: Is same-sex marriage here to stay? And even if it prevails in Massachusetts, can it survive when only one state out of 50 recognizes it? What are the legal issues at stake, and how can they be resolved?

A Walk Through History

The day after the SJC revised the legal definition of marriage to include same-sex unions, Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney was quoted in *The Boston Globe*, complaining that the court overturned “3,000 years of recorded history.” Suffolk Law Professor Charles P. Kindregan, Jr., an expert on the law of marriage and author of several articles on same-sex marriage and civil unions, takes issue with the governor’s assertion. “It makes a nice sound bite, but it’s just not true,” he says. “Marriage is not a static institution. The reality is that marriage has changed over the centuries and certainly within the last 150 years.”

In his article, “Same-Sex Marriage: The Cultural Wars and the Lessons of Legal History” (38 *Family Law Quarterly*, 427 [2004]), Kindregan points to the country’s struggle against polygamy with the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, known as the Mormon Church. “The movement to overturn the traditional Christian monogamous marriage was spurred in the last half of the 19th century by Mormon founder Joseph Smith. The effort only ended after polygamous Mormon leaders were imprisoned and the federal government dissolved the Church’s charter on the grounds that it was a criminal enterprise promoting polygamy,” he explains.

Miscegenation, or interracial marriage, also was outlawed for decades, based upon the flawed public policy concept that the state needed to preserve the purity of the races. Finally, in 1967, the Supreme Court ruled such laws unconstitutional in the landmark case of *Loving v. Virginia*. “Freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness,” wrote Chief Justice Earl Warren in the majority opinion.

According to Kindregan, the last 50 years also have seen great liberalization in divorce laws, making marriages easier to dissolve with the advent of no-fault divorce in most states as well as the increased acceptance of prenuptial contracts, more equitable asset and property division, and more uniform state and federal laws governing child custody and support.

In Massachusetts in particular, marriage has long been considered a civil institution rather than a religious concern. The religious dissenters who founded the colony in the 1600s established this precedent early on, rejecting the contemporary English requirement that marriage be solemnized in a religious ceremony. Massachusetts codified this idea into law in 1814, with marriage expressly declared as a civil rather than a religious institution. Through its constitution, Massachusetts also has provided for divorce since 1780.

Fast-forward to the 21st century, and the current decision and subsequent controversy over same-sex marriage. Activists frame the issue as part of the historic, unfolding struggle for civil rights. “This has been going on since the 1950s,” says Maureen McBrien, JD ’03, a family law practitioner at Todd & Weld in Boston. “Gay marriage is really just the next chapter.” Cheryl Jacques, JD ’87, gay civil rights activist and commentator and a former Massachusetts state senator, concurs with the civil rights analogy. “Like the civil rights movements in the past, this one needs to expand beyond those directly affected. We need more people outside the gay community to step up and say, ‘Equality is my battle too,’” she says.

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Family Matters

In Jacques' call to arms, she cites fundamental concerns like discrimination, the failure of separate but equal systems, and the internationally recognized right to marry. Then, there are the equally complex and more technical legal considerations, encompassing everything from who constitutes a family and how it's formed, to property ownership, how assets are divided upon death or divorce, as well as numerous tax matters.

Because of the federal DOMA, same-sex couples cannot file joint federal tax returns, nor can most assets subject to federal law, such as certain pensions or life insurance policies, be automatically paid out to a same-sex spouse upon death or be divided in divorce. Same-sex spouses and their children also do not qualify for Social Security survivor benefits when one spouse dies.

And same-sex couples who choose to have children can enter a labyrinth of legal issues, depending on whether they form a family through adoption or one partner bears a biological child. According to Suffolk Law Professor Barry Brown, co-director of the Health and Biomedical Law concentration, parental rights in gay marriage "are not conclusive and presumptive. Oftentimes, the arrangements are casual—where a male friend donates sperm to a lesbian couple, for example. But problems can arise if the intent isn't clear-cut. Will the sperm donor be considered the father? Does he have any parental rights or responsibilities? And even if a contract is drawn up, it's unclear that it will be upheld in court." To illustrate, he describes a recent case in Massachusetts in which a sperm donor protested the destruction of frozen embryos. The court upheld his position, saying that the contract between the birth mother and the sperm donor did not specify such action could be taken. "With the new concept of family the simple issue of parentage isn't quite that simple," Brown notes.

When Jacques and her partner Jennifer Chrisler welcomed twin sons into their family three years ago, they took extra steps to make any issues of parentage clear. "Jenn was the biological parent of our boys and I legally adopted them in the state of Massachusetts," says Jacques. "Most states would recognize my status as the adoptive parent regardless of the fact that we are a same-sex couple." Interestingly however, there is a move underfoot to invalidate lawful adoptions when it is a same-sex couple in states like Oklahoma, Florida, Texas, and beyond. "Many couples who can't

legally do a same-sex second parent adoption—in a state like Virginia, for example, where it's prohibited—travel with health care proxies and legal paperwork making it clear that the second parent can make medical decisions," Jacques says. "This is good but not always perfect if you get a stubborn doctor who decides not to recognize the paperwork and you don't have time to get a court order."

"Some couples are just hoping for the best and have no real or legal protection," she continues. "In other words they have children together, but don't have the time, money or legal ability to go through a second parent adoption or get good legal paperwork to protect themselves and their children in the event of an emergency. This sadly is very common, and you hear heartbreaking stories about individuals being denied access to their partner or children during a health care emergency."

These issues become even more complicated with the lack of comity—the fact that most other states refuse to recognize same-sex marriages. Jacques and her partner, who were married in Massachusetts and then moved to Washington, DC, have experienced some of these problems firsthand. "We live in a place that doesn't recognize our marriage," Jacques explains, making a number of matters considerably more cumbersome and complicated, like filing taxes.

And though it may be difficult to live in a state that doesn't recognize gay marriage, McBrien points out that obtaining a divorce or being afforded the benefits and protections of marriage in states other than Massachusetts may be problematic for same-sex married couples. "How can you divorce if the state in which you live doesn't even recognize your marriage?" she asks. Already, this issue has played itself out in different states in the context of civil unions. Launched by the state of Vermont in 1999, a civil union is a term for a domestic relationship similar to marriage, created largely so that same-sex couples could enjoy many of the same benefits as marriage. Connecticut followed suit in 2005 to create civil unions, while a number of other states including California adopted "domestic partnerships" that grant similar rights to same-sex couples as well as opposite-sex nonmarried couples.

And while civil rights activists like Jacques applaud advances like domestic partnerships and civil unions, "they're not marriages," she asserts. Creating different civil status for same-sex couples "amounts to separate but equal. And history shows that separate but equal is never truly equal. There are more than 1,100 federal laws that contain protections for married couples, none of which pertain to civilly unionized couples," she points out. In creating institutions distinct from marriage, "it creates a second class of citizens."

It also creates a good deal of confusion and legal controversy for the courts and for couples. A Virginia court, for example, refused to uphold parental visitation rights when a couple dissolved their Vermont civil union and the custodial partner moved to Virginia with their children. Similarly, a state court in Connecticut ruled that a couple who traveled to Vermont to enter into a civil union could not then dissolve the civil union in Connecticut. "Likewise, same-sex couples who marry in Massachusetts, move to another state and then want to divorce, might not be able to get divorced without one of the parties to the marriage returning to live in Massachusetts. And in that case, that party would have to satisfy the residency requirement, meaning that he or she may have to live here for one year before being able to file for divorce," notes McBrien. "That would be a substantial and undue hardship for most people."

According to McBrien, many family lawyers are recommending that same-sex couples execute prenuptial agreements before marrying in an effort to head off any potential issues. "There is strong precedent in Massachusetts for upholding prenuptial agreements, making them very difficult to overturn," she says.

On the Job

Beyond the very real issues affecting gay spouses and their families, *Goodridge* also has placed many Massachusetts employers in a quandary over benefits—creating confusion over what they can offer, to whom, and who qualifies as a dependent.

According to Thomas M. Greene, JD '95, a partner in the Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Group at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P. C. in Boston, many benefits, some types of insurance, retirement accounts, and pensions, are governed by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974. As federal law, ERISA is subject to DOMA, meaning that with respect to same-sex couples, most benefits governed by ERISA are not considered in the same way as they would be considered in a heterosexual marriage. But Greene points out that "*Goodridge* requires that employers in Massachusetts who offer benefits to heterosexual married couples do the same for same-sex married couples. This puts state and federal law in conflict, which means the federal law prevails."

The one exception is that ERISA specifically exempts banking, insurance and securities, ceding those categories to state law. "This means that any health, disability or life insurance benefits that are regulated by Massachusetts state insurance laws are affected by *Goodridge*," says Greene.

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To further complicate matters, in the past many employers in Massachusetts and elsewhere have chosen to award dependent benefits to employees in same-sex nonmarital unions, based on the fact that same-sex couples could not marry. "The legal term is 'similarly situated,' and when same-sex couples couldn't marry, they weren't similarly situated as heterosexual domestic partners. But because Massachusetts same-sex couples now have the option to marry, employers cannot differentiate between how unmarried gay and straight couples are treated," explains Greene.

This issue came to a head during the summer of 2004 when a number of high-profile employers announced they would discontinue domestic partner benefits, since gay and lesbian couples could now marry. Others have chosen to retain domestic partner benefits, even with same-sex marriage, in an effort to attract and retain employees in a competitive job market. Greene, who has written advisories on *Goodridge* and employment law, notes that employers "can always do more than what the law requires, they just cannot do less."

Correctly tabulating deductions from employee paychecks can also be tricky, since federal and state law treat same-sex spouses differently. "Under state law, if you are married, you can claim your spouse as a dependent, whether you're gay or straight," notes Greene. At the federal level, same-sex unions aren't recognized, although there is an economic test as to who can qualify as a dependent—and some same-sex spouses may meet the requirement depending on their situation. "Employers need to make sure withholdings for tax purposes are being recorded appropriately for both the state and the federal government," he says.

The Big Question

Same-sex marriage is a historic decision, but it has raised a plethora of legal questions that eventually will need to be resolved by the US Supreme Court. When will that happen? "It's the great unanswered question," muses Kindregan, noting that the Court only hears 75 to 80 cases each year. "I don't see them as anxious to get into it because it's so divisive. My guess is they'll let it play out for years."

"Until then, we have a mess," adds Jacques. "Over the next five years, we'll have a patchwork of state and federal decisions start to unfold." Jacques is realistic: she points out that interracial marriage took 18 years to work its way to the Supreme Court in the *Loving* decision; she says that same-sex marriage also could take that long.

McBrien predicts that "the ultimate litigation will be over DOMA and the conflict between the states. I think DOMA will be overturned. There are so many unresolved issues," she continues. "And like with any civil rights movement, people are so emotionally invested—on both sides. Recognition of gay marriages is becoming a global revolution," she asserts, noting that Spain recently legalized same-sex marriage. "It's truly a monumental and historic equality issue." •

Michael Avery was promoted to the rank of professor. He is the faculty director of the Macaronis Civil Litigation concentration and president of the National Lawyers Guild. Prior to joining Suffolk Law School, he was a partner at Perkins, Smith & Cohen and had previously been in solo practice for many years. A frequent lecturer on Constitutional law and police misconduct, he is a magna cum laude graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School. (see *Faculty Spotlight* on page 8)

Edward Bander, law librarian emeritus, was an editor of *Searching the Law*, 3d edition, published by Transnational Publications in August.

Andrew Beckerman-Rodau authored "Ethical Risks from the Use of Technology," which was published in 31 *Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal* 3 (2004).

William Berman, was awarded the "Human Hero Award" by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA). His award was shared with former student Jared Olanoff, JD '04 for his pro bono work with the MSPCA's advocacy staff to help Chelsea public housing residents fight unreasonable pet policies. Also, he presented his paper, "When Will They Ever Learn? Learning and Teaching from Mistakes in the Clinical Context," at the Sixth International Conference on Clinical Legal Education and Scholarship at the UCLA Conference Center at Lake Arrowhead, California on October 29.

Carter Bishop wrote "The New Limited Partner Liability Shield: Has the Vanquished Control Rule Unwittingly Resurrected Lingering Limited Partner Estoppel Liability as Well as Full General Partner Liability?" which was published in 37 *Suffolk University Law Review* 667 (2004).

Eric Blumenson co-wrote with Professor Eva Nilson of Boston University School of Law, an op-ed article regarding the need for reform of the Massachusetts law that provides for seized drug money and other drug-related assets to be forfeited and given to law enforcement. The article appeared in the *Boston Herald* on May 12.

Kate Nace Day wrote "The Last Hiding Place in Snow" which appeared in 29 *Legal Studies Forum* (2005).

Sara Dillon was granted tenure. She has a particular interest in the area of child labor and presented an overview of human trafficking laws, concepts, and trends as a panelist for the Boston Bar Association lecture, "Human Trafficking: What It Is and What Can Be Done About It" in June. Professor Dillon graduated summa cum laude from St. Michael's College, and went on to complete an MA at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She later earned an MA and PhD at Stanford University in Japanese studies. She was an assistant professor of Japanese at the University of Pennsylvania before attending Columbia University Law School and graduating with honors in 1993.

Valerie Epps is a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to teach International Law in Shanghai, China, in spring 2006, as part of a program sponsored by the US Department of State. The program awards just three distinguished lectureships each year.

Steven Ferrey authored two articles, "Soft Paths, Hard Choices: Environmental Lessons in the Aftermath of California's Electric Deregulation Debacle" in 23 *Virginia Environmental Law Journal* 251 (2004) and "Net Zero: Distributed Generation and FERC's MidAmerican Decision" in 17 *Electricity Journal* 33 (2004). In addition, his book *The Law of Independent Power* was published this year by Thomson West.

Lorie Graham was granted tenure. She has written on Indian child welfare and tribal economic development, as well as about indigenous self-determination. Well-versed in the cross-disciplinary field of Indian law and indigenous peoples' rights, she received a BS and JD, summa cum laude, from Syracuse University and an LLM from Harvard University.

Jennifer Gundlach presented her paper, "'This is a Courtroom, Not a Classroom,' So What is the Role of the Clinical Supervisor?" at the Sixth International Conference on Clinical Legal Education and Scholarship at the UCLA Conference Center at Lake Arrowhead, California, held October 27-30.

Charles P. Kindregan, Jr. was presented the 2005 Cornelius J. Moynihan Award for Teaching Excellence.

Joseph P. McEttrick was appointed director of the Rappaport Honors Program in Law and Public Policy in January. A Suffolk Law professor since 1971 who has long been active in state and local government, McEttrick earned his MPA in public administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1987 while on sabbatical leave. The Rappaport Honors Program was established in 2001 when the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Charitable Foundation made a five-year grant to Suffolk Law School, and the Kennedy School to establish the public policy institute.

Elizabeth McKenzie, director of the Moakley Law Library, received a grant from the American Association of Law Libraries to begin a research project on the effects of electronic research on legal analysis.

Russell G. Murphy authored "*People v. Cabill: Domestic Violence and the Death Penalty Debate in New York*," which was published in 68 *Albany Law Review* 1029 (2005). Murphy also presented testimony concerning the

Cabill case and the death penalty before three New York Assembly Standing Committees.

Andrew M. Perlman's article "A Bar Against Competition: The Unconstitutionality of Admission Rules for Out-of-State Lawyers," was published in 18 *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics* 135 (2004).

Anthony P. Polito co-wrote with Meade Emroy and Hank Lische "The Structure of the Federal Tax System of the United States," which was published in *BNA Tax Management Portfolio* No. 949 (2004).

Herbert Ramy, authored "Student Depression Becomes an Issue of Faculty Concern," published in 33:8 *Student Lawyer Magazine* (April 2005).

Marc C. Rodwin wrote "Financial Incentives for Doctors," published in 328 *British Medical Journal* 1328 (2004).

Charles E. Rounds, Jr.'s updated version of *Loring: A Trustee's Handbook* (2005) was published by Aspen Publishers. In addition, he wrote *The Fiction of Social Security Bonds* for the Ludwig Von Mises Institute (2005).

Michael L. Rustad's article "Harmonizing Cybertort Law for Europe and America" was published in 5 *Journal of High Technology Law* 13 (2005).

Miguel Schor was promoted to the rank of associate professor. After graduating from law school, he clerked for a federal district court judge in Louisiana and for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He then spent a year as a Bigelow Fellow at the University of Chicago before practicing law with Barkley & Thompson in New Orleans, Louisiana. His research focuses on how law can be used to facilitate development and consolidate democracy in the Third World. He holds a BA, MA, and JD from Tulane University.

Ilene Seidman was promoted to the rank of clinical professor in the family advocacy clinic. Her extensive experience in clinical and family law

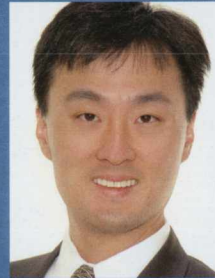
includes 15 years as a clinical instructor at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, 10 years at Greater Boston Legal Services and associations with local law firms and the Victim Rights Law Center. She holds a BA from City College of New York and a JD from New England School of Law.

Jessica M. Silbey authored "Judges as Film Critics: New Approaches to Filmic Evidence," published in 37 *Michigan Journal of Law Reform* 493 (2004).

Linda Simard's article "Meeting Expectations: Two Profiles for Specific Jurisdiction," was published in 38 *Indiana Law Review* 1 (2005).

David Yamada joined the boards of The Irish Immigration Center, which provides assistance on a non-sectarian basis to Boston's immigrant population, and The Union of Minority Neighborhoods, which engages in organizing campaigns and advocacy around issues of special pertinence to the city's communities of color. He continues to be widely quoted and to write as an expert in the area of workplace bullying. He recently was featured in *The Boston Globe*, and *American Medical News* and *New York Amsterdam News*. He also served as issue editor for a Symposium on Workplace Bullying, which was published in 8 *Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal* 2 (2004), which included his article, "Crafting a Legislative Response to Workplace Bullying."

Newly Hired at Suffolk Law School



Patrick Shin, assistant professor of law, teaches Jurisprudence and Torts. He is a summa cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College and a

cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School where he served as an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. Following law school graduation, Shin clerked for Judge Douglas Woodlock of the US District Court, District of Massachusetts; and later, for Judge Sandra Lynch and Judge Norman Stahl of the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He was a litigation associate with Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr. Currently Shin is a doctoral candidate in the philosophy department of Harvard University.



Melissa Johnsen returns to the Law School as a Legal Practice Skills Instructor. She was previously a staff attorney for the US Court of

Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and also an assistant district attorney in Norfolk and Middlesex counties. She is a cum laude graduate of Middlebury College and a magna cum laude graduate of Boston College Law School. With Johnsen's appointment, Suffolk's LPS program has 11 full-time instructors in addition to a full-time director.

A Force for Change

Suffolk Law's Juvenile Justice Center

by Tracey Palmer

Suffolk Law School's Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) was established to serve Boston youth charged in delinquency matters, and as a training ground for law students. But in its first six years the JJC has evolved into much more than an effective and popular clinical program—the Center is now a powerful force for change in the city on a range of juvenile justice issues.

“Our role here is to look at opportunities for systemic change,” says Lisa Thureau-Gray, managing director of the JJC. “In Boston, there are plenty of organizations providing direct services to teens, but there's not a lot of advocacy around the system itself.”

About the Center

The Juvenile Justice Center is one of nine clinical programs at Suffolk Law School, which serve more than 200 students each year. According to Associate Professor Jeffrey J. Pokorak, director of clinical programs, “The JJC provides a unique opportunity for students to represent clients in court, in the legislature, and to assist them in their schools and in their homes.”

The JJC was created in 1999 with a five-year earmark grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs. Tony DeMarco, founder of the Children's Law Center of Massachusetts served as the JJC's first director.

Since its inception, the JJC has represented more than 2,600 indigent youth charged in delinquencies; provided legal representation for more than 300 suspended, expelled, and special needs kids; and offered casework support to nearly 1,000 young people.

The JJC also has trained 135 law students. For 40 weeks each year, the JJC's attorneys are the “duty day attorneys” in the Boston Juvenile Court, handling all incoming cases on those days. It's a “win-win-win” situation. Suffolk students in the program get an invaluable practical education; the adolescents get excellent representation; and the over-burdened courts get the help they so desperately need.

According to Judge Stephen Limon, the JJC has been invaluable to the Boston Juvenile Court. “We have a huge caseload, and it would be difficult to manage without them.” Limon says JJC attorneys are “really competent, very good, zealous advocates. And it's helpful—especially for newer members of the bar—to see how it's done right. All of the judges here are pleased that the program practices out of our court.”

A Holistic Approach

The JJC's approach to juvenile justice is unique. “We look at the whole kid and help the goodness that's been blocked or gone awry find a second chance to show itself,” says Thureau-Gray. Kids facing multiple charges in Massachusetts are at risk of temporary suspension or permanent exclusion from public school. The JJC believes that education is central to the meaning of a real “second chance” for court-involved kids. What makes the difference is a holistic approach and the provision of an educational advocate.

Ken King and Pierre Monette, Jr., practitioners-in-residence, are the two attorneys who focus solely on delinquency representation. The JJC staff also includes Isabel Raskin, an attorney who focuses on education advocacy and representation in suspension/expulsion cases; and Linda Plonowski, a caseworker responsible for preparing dispositional plans, referrals for family-based services and psychological evaluations, as well as intensive contact with at-risk kids on probation.

“We are all focused on ensuring that kids who are in trouble are treated fairly,” says King. He and Monette supervise and train 16 law students each year. The hardest thing to learn, King says, “is how to advocate zealously on behalf of your client without losing your professional objectivity.”

Part of being a zealous advocate, is keeping the big picture in view. This is the domain of Thureau-Gray, who makes it her job to pay close attention to trends affecting court-involved kids. “We're looking at what pushes kids into the system and what happens after they leave,” she says. The JJC does more than represent kids when they're in trouble; it monitors and actively advocates on state laws and policies that affect how kids are sent to court and the consequences of their court involvement.

MBTA and Kids

A classic example of the JJC in action is its partnership with the MBTA. After handling 63 cases involving kids and the T, the JJC came to the conclusion that the MBTA's "zero tolerance" policy resulted in the arrest of large numbers of kids who had committed no offense. In April 2003, with the assistance of the law firm of Peabody & Arnold, the JJC settled a case against the MBTA Transit Police Department on behalf of 11 plaintiffs who claimed their civil rights had been violated. Since then, the MBTA has hired a new police chief and invited the JJC to train its officers on how to better deal with kids. As a result, the T has significantly changed the way it polices. With funding from The Mabel Louise Riley Foundation and the Boston Foundation, the JJC established "New Approaches to Police and Youth Interactions," a training project that focuses on educating police officers about adolescent youth development issues.

Today the JJC training program is recognized as a national model. The collaboration with the MBTA earned two national awards this year: the Webber Seavey Award for Quality in Law Enforcement, and the Award for Innovation from the American Public Transportation Association. And according to MBTA reports, prior to the March 2003 settlement, juvenile arrests numbered more than 1,000—by 2004, there were fewer than 100 arrests. The numbers of youth referred for school discipline increased in lieu of arrests.

"The Juvenile Justice Center has made a great contribution to our department and to the Greater Boston community by helping us build bridges of trust and community goodwill," said Shenendoah Titus, deputy director of community partnership programs for the Transit Police Department. "The JJC is one of our most valued partners."

New Initiatives

Philadelphia is interested in replicating the MBTA's new policing techniques and the JJC training. And the T has fielded calls from all over the country about the training program. "We're hoping to take our training to other police departments in Massachusetts and to other cities," says Thureau-Gray, who is excited about several new initiatives that have grown out of the MBTA case.

Since 2002, the JJC has been working to get two pieces of legislation passed that would permit judges to purge certain juvenile records at their discretion. The JJC supports the efforts of State Senator Dianne Wilkerson and Representative Gloria Fox to amend the current statutory scheme, which only permits sealing court records. "We're working to ensure that these kids won't be marked for life," says Thureau-Gray.

Another initiative in the works is "Looking Out: A Mentoring Program for Court-Involved Adolescents." The brainchild of clinical student Esi Lewis, JD '05, this program will pair law students and the JJC's adolescent clients—older court-involved kids ages 14 to 17. After completing intensive training on adolescent behavior, the law students will help teens set personal goals and paths toward achieving them. "I believe that having a strong role model is imperative to the success of any youth, and the fact that many of the children represented in the courts don't have this important person in their life is a travesty," says Lewis, former president of the Black Law Students' Association. The Law School recently received a grant from the Carlisle Foundation to support this effort.

With funding from the Gardiner Howland Shaw Foundation and the John T. Alden Trust, the JJC has launched a second community-based program, "Measuring Up," which aims to stem the flow of kids suspended and expelled from school, thus becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. One central program strategy seeks to involve and educate parents on how to advocate for their children. The JJC hopes to provide a series of parent workshops at three of the most densely populated Boston housing projects (Bromley Heath, Harbor Point and Villa Victoria).

The staff of the JJC is eager to continue these new programs, but without additional support, the task will be difficult. The JJC's \$1.3 million Department of Justice grant expired in 2004. Recently, another \$98,000 was awarded, but the JJC's needs far exceed that amount. In the meantime, the JJC will continue to keep its watchful eye on the kids of Boston. Thureau-Gray describes their philosophy with an old parable: "You can fish each child out of the river or you can go upriver and keep them from falling in."

The JJC is headed upriver. •

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*Lisa Thureau-Gray,
JJC Managing Director*

Suffolk Law Reunion June 3-5, 2005

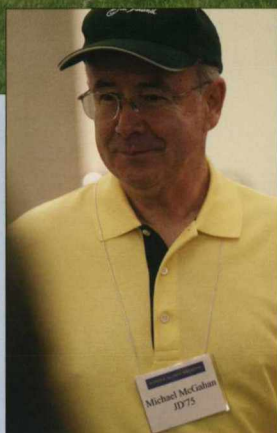
June 2005 marked a special time for those who graduated in years that ended in 0 or 5, as classmates returned to Suffolk to renew old friendships, reminisce with classmates and explore the changing faces of Suffolk and Boston. Alumni, faculty and friends participated in spirited festivities, including a welcoming reception, Boston Pops concert, walking tours of Boston's historic Beacon Hill, a cruise of Boston Harbor, and a spin around the city on Boston's Duck Tour. Alumni continued the celebration with cocktails and dinner at the John Joseph Moakley Federal Courthouse. The weekend closed with Sunday breakfast at the Nathan R. Miller Residence Hall, the University's newest residence hall with unparalleled views of downtown Boston. For more reunion photos, visit: www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/alumni/news/photos/reunion/2005.cfm



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Delaware Valley Chapter Reception, Philadelphia, PA



(l to r) Doris Desautel, JD '99; Marie Lasota, JD '89; Dean Robert Smith; Lucy Halatyn, JD '99; and Nicole McGroarty, JD '99.



(l to r) Hon. Joshua Friedman, JD '72; Joel Moyer, JD '74; Naomi Moyer; Alan Ettenson, JD '72; and Allen Zeller, JD '69.

Worcester Chapter Annual Reception



(l to r) Stephen Bik, JD '71; Christie Bik, JD '01; Robert Longden, JD '75, clerk, Worcester Chapter; and Marc Terry, JD '96, president, Worcester Chapter.

Boston Chapter Wine Tasting Nashoba Valley Winery in Bolton



Ken Block, JD '82



Mark Sullivan, JD '81; and Minde Kornfeld, JD '88.

Alumni Luncheon Nation Building After 9/11



Joseph M. Jones, JD '74, chief, International Development & Training Programs, US Department of Justice; and Dean Robert Smith.

Alumni Afternoon at Tanglewood in Lenox



(l to r) Eric Knight; Eugenia Gaustaferrri, JD '80; Brian Judge; and Judith Kaplan, JD '82.



(l to r) Marilyn Rosenthal; Sidney Rosenthal, JD '56; Kathryn Battillo, vice president for advancement; Martha Glantz; and Andrea Eisenberg, JD '79.

Martha's Vineyard Alumni gather for lunch



(l to r) Francis Ford, JD '78; Julie Sullivan, JD '91; Martin Tomassian, JD '73; Associate Dean John Deliso, JD '72; Sherry Mattison; Peter Vincent, JD '76; and Arthur Smith, JD '82.

Boston Chapter Cocktail Cruise in Essex



Sixty alumni and friends shared a cocktail cruise on the Essex River on June 22.

Sunset Cruise in Salem



Nearly 40 alumni and friends enjoyed a sunset schooner cruise on July 30.

Leadership Day, Sargent Hall



More than 70 alumni volunteers from across the country joined Leadership Day on September 17, as they had the opportunity to meet and network with each other, our alumni boards and many Boston-based volunteers.



Alumni Concentration Awards Luncheons

The Law School's Academic Concentrations Program recognized its 10th anniversary with a series of alumni luncheon programs. A Financial Services Concentration lunch was held on September 20; an Intellectual Property Concentration lunch was held on October 19.



Distinguished graduates in financial services, including William F. Galvin, JD '75, secretary of the Commonwealth; Mario Diorio-Dwyer, JD '83, executive vice president and chief regulatory officer, MFS Investment Management; and Joseph R. Fleming, JD '83, partner and co-chair, Financial Services Group, Dechert LLP, were honored with achievement awards.



Jason Honeyman, '85, managing partner of Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C., was recognized for his continuing contributions in the field of intellectual property law.

Save the Date

Reunion 2006

If your class ends in 1 or 6, get ready to celebrate your reunion from June 2-4, 2006.

Reunion committees are forming, and plans are under way for a fun weekend with classmates and family—The Boston Pops, a Harbor Cruise, Duck Tours, walking tours and more...

www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/alumni/reunion

We Need Your Help

Join your class reunion committee. No prior experience needed. Help plan a pre-reunion get-together, or design a class reunion Web page. Contact Diane Frankel Schoenfeld, director of alumni relations at diane.schoenfeld@suffolk.edu, at 617.305.1904 or fax 617.573.8151.

New Developments in *Career Services*

Changes in the legal profession, both locally and nationally, have expanded the job descriptions for law school career development professionals across the country, according to the Law School's Career Development Director, David James, who joined Suffolk Law in April. With frequent mergers and acquisitions among law firms, the closure of long established firms, and the geographical and organizational changes affecting long-standing institutional clients, most lawyers will work in a series of legal positions with different employers throughout their careers. Suffolk Law School's Career Development Office (CDO) is responding to these changes with enhanced alumni services and programs—in fact, each issue of the magazine will now feature career development news or advice specifically for alumni.

In her June 2005 *ABA Journal* article, "Back to the Old School: Job Changers Should Stop by Their Alma Mater's Placement Office Again," Martha Neil explained this national trend of career development offices to focus their efforts on the needs of alumni. Traditionally the alumni who needed career development assistance were either new graduates or graduates with two to six years of experience. But in recent years, that picture has changed. Alumni 10 years and more into their careers sometimes find they need career services. Perhaps a lateral move did not turn out well. Sometimes veteran lawyers want to explore more satisfying practice environments or alternative careers. Law school career services professionals agree there is an unprecedented demand among alumni for services.

Whether you are a senior associate interested in moving to a position in-house, interested in relocating to another region, unsure about how to ask for a salary increase, or looking for a candid review of your resume, Suffolk's CDO staff is prepared with a variety of resources to assist you.

Check out the CDO Web site, www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/career for easy access to a wealth of information. Among our online resource materials is a description of the services provided by the CDO. Our career resource library contains numerous career-related publications, including directories and information about fields of law and trends in the legal marketplace. The CDO offers job listings, workshops, and programming, some of which is specifically designed for alumni. A major resource for students and graduates is our Alumni Career Network, a listing of successful Suffolk Law graduates by practice area. Access is password protected, so please contact us for the password.

Even if you don't need the services of the CDO now—it needs you! Volunteer to serve as an alumni resource person on one of Suffolk's Career Enhancement Boards to speak with law students and graduates about your own career and practice areas. If you are in a position to hire Law School students or graduates, please post your job openings on our Web site. And whether or not you are in the position to hire, consider participating in one of our programs. The annual Alumni Fall Career Forum, for example, gives students an opportunity to talk informally with alumni in various practices.

Please contact David James or Associate Director Mary Karen Rogers at 617.573.8148 for further information about CDO programs and services.

US Supreme Court Bar Admission Program

Suffolk University Law School is pleased to announce the opportunity for its graduates to become members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States by written motion or at open court on May 1, 2006.

Qualifications

A graduate must have been a member of the bar in good standing before the highest court of a state for at least three years.

Admission in Open Court

Completed applications are processed by the alumni relations office. The applicant is presented in court on Monday, May 1, 2006, for the special admissions session. There is a limit of 50 who may participate in this session. Completed applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Admission by Written Motion

Graduates file a completed application directly with the US Supreme Court Clerk's Office. The certificate is mailed directly to the applicant. There is no quota on the number of graduates who may apply for admission by written motion.

Application Packets

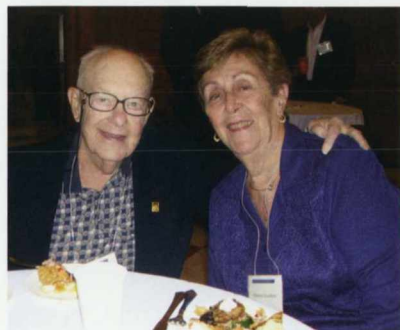
Application materials will be sent from the alumni relations office to interested alumni. Completed applications must be returned to the alumni relations office for processing no later than March 1, 2006.

Related Events

Plans are under way for a cocktail reception for open-session participants and their guests and Washington-area alumni on April 30, 2006—the Sunday evening preceding the session. There also will be a breakfast on Monday morning prior to the swearing-in session, and a luncheon for participants and their guests following the session.

For further information and applications for Supreme Court admission, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 617.305.1999 or by fax at 617.573.8151.

Boston Chapter Tour of the Newly Renovated John Adams Courthouse and Reception



Irving Goodman, 'JD 50 and his wife Florence Goodman enjoy the reception following the Boston Chapter's tour of the John Adams Courthouse. More than 60 alumni and friends toured the newly renovated courthouse on September 29. Chris Coios, the architect who managed the renovations, led the private "insider's" tour.



New York Chapter Museum Tour and Luncheon



Alumni and friends enjoyed a tour of the Museum of Modern Art and luncheon in New York City on October 22.

Suffolk Law Alumni Board of Directors

Suffolk Law School's Alumni Association is led by a dedicated volunteer group of 15 directors and one alumni trustee who are appointed for a three year term and participate in all aspects of alumni programming. Through their commitment and dedication to Suffolk Law School, the Alumni Association supports alumni across the country through its growing network of regional chapters, educational and social programs and class reunions.



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Hal Leibowitz, JD '85
Boston, MA



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Quincy, MA



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Boston, MA



Cara Morris, JD '91
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Greg Noone, JD '90
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Carlotta Patten, JD '98
Beverly, MA



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Washington, DC



Stephanie Taverna
Siden, JD '99
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Nathanael Wright,
JD '98, Savannah, GA

Born to Win

Elizabeth A. Starrs, JD '80

Partner, Starrs Mihm & Caschette LLP



EARLY ON, Suffolk Law School classmates identified Elizabeth Starrs as “The Baby-Faced Assassin”—for her ability to ask all the right questions, stay cool under pressure, and defeat her opponents. Starrs’ colleagues, who recently nominated her president-elect of the Colorado Bar Association, could likely say the same.

For more than two decades, Starrs has tried more than 45 complex civil cases with uncanny success. “I handle myself with quiet confidence,” says Starrs, who has been a partner with Starrs Mihm & Caschette LLP in Denver, Colorado, since 2003. “It was one of my father’s attributes that must have carried over to me.” Before co-founding her current firm, Starrs was an attorney/shareholder with Kennedy & Christopher, P.C., also in Denver, for 20 years.

Starrs speaks fondly of her dad, the late John R. Starrs, who concentrated his practice in probate and tax law for more than 40 years in Detroit, Michigan. One of eight children, Starrs was the only member of her family to follow in her father’s footsteps. “My father influenced me in many ways,” says Starrs. “He was a brilliant man and a real intellectual who had a very strong sense of obligation to his family and his community.”

After receiving her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1975, Starrs relocated to Boston. In order to gain some real-world experience, she held a variety of jobs—she was a substitute teacher, a life insurance salesperson, and even managed a McDonald’s restaurant—before pursuing her dream of becoming a lawyer.

During law school, Starrs enjoyed serving as a legislative intern at the State House, and working as a research assistant for Professor Bernard Ortwein. “I loved attending Suffolk Law,” she says. “I met some of the most wonderful people there and still remain close to several of those in my first-year study group.” Starrs names Louise Sawyer, who works for a nonprofit organization in the Boston area; Marcia Robinson, who has been at Bingham McCutchen, LLP for more than 20 years; Jim Volker, Robinson’s husband, who has been a partner of fellow classmate Bernie Sexton at Volker & Sexton in Beverly since 1980; and Harry Vlachos, who practices in Waltham.

As a law student, Starrs also recalls making numerous phone calls seeking her father’s advice. “He was always encouraging, and told me that the student with the highest grades in law school doesn’t necessarily make the best lawyer,” she says.

Today, Starrs maintains a fast-paced schedule in and out of the courtroom. When she is not trying complex business cases, she is actively involved in a multitude of professional endeavors. She is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is the first woman from Colorado to have been invited to join the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. She is on the executive council and is an advocate member of the Colorado Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. She also is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Denver College of Law.

On July 1, Starrs was named president-elect of the Colorado Bar Association. She will serve a one-year term as president beginning in July 2006. In this role, Starrs says she intends to focus on increasing lawyers’ participation in programs in which bar members are able to give back to their local communities and to create a rapid-response network through which lawyers are available to comment on current issues of concern through the local and national media.

“Success is not a zero-sum game,” she says. “It’s about being happy and always challenged.” •

by Tony Ferullo

Speaking Out for the Voiceless Poor

Tom Griffin, JD '99

Partner, Morley, Surin & Griffin, P.C.

TOM GRIFFIN wanted to use his legal training to make a difference in the world. An opportunity presented itself in the summer of 2000, when members of the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation visited Griffin's Dorchester parish looking for volunteers to travel to Haiti on a work retreat. He eagerly stepped forward.

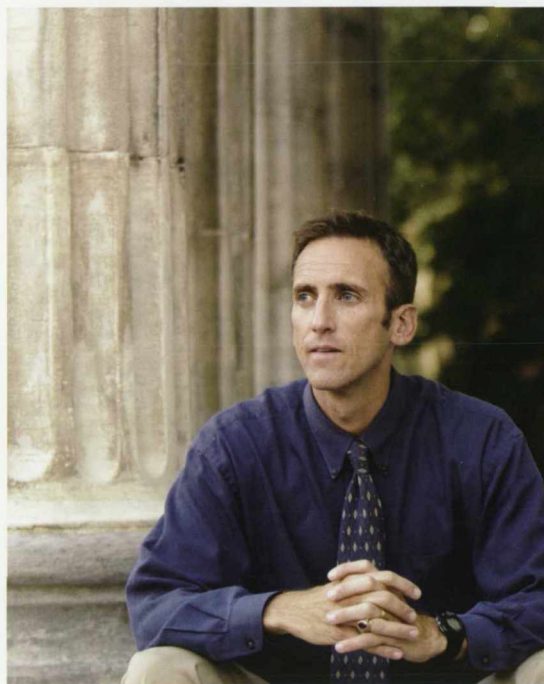
One particular experience during the retreat profoundly affected him. At a rural hospital, Griffin encountered a 10-year-old boy dying of malnutrition. Thinking of his own son as he held the boy's emaciated hand, Griffin's determination that such a thing should never happen again was born. "As a lawyer, I saw this tragedy as a fundamental justice issue, not just one of hunger or health care," he says.

Griffin taught himself Haitian Creole and gradually started to use his investigative and legal skills to uncover and expose human rights abuses in Haiti. Following the February 2004 coup against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, he led an investigative team for the National Lawyers Guild to Haiti that promptly issued, as he describes it, a "scathing report on the situation." Frustrated by lack of response to this report, Griffin returned in November 2004, this time armed with a camera and tape recorder. Meeting with gang leaders, Haitian political leaders, and United Nations peacekeepers, he documented a nation in turmoil.

A 51-page report describing the human rights crisis observed during Griffin's November investigation was published by the Center for the Study of Human Rights at the University of Miami School of Law on its Web site (www.law.miami.edu/cshr). Within a few weeks, the report reached Congress, the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security. By February 2005, Griffin had prepared briefings for the House of Representatives and presented his evidence to the Congressional Black Caucus. He also traveled to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, to speak to a delegation of the Canadian Parliament. Griffin and a team of lawyers also presented a case against the interim government of Haiti before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

This fall, the International Tribunal on Haiti appointed Griffin to its Commission of Inquiry, led by former US Attorney General Ramsey Clarke. Suffolk University Law School hosted the second session of the tribunal on November 19.

Helping those in need is nothing new for the Philadelphia-based immigration attorney. After graduating from Georgetown University in 1985, Griffin served as a federal probation officer



in Brooklyn and in Boston, for 10 years. After law school, as a litigation associate at Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP, Griffin directed the firm's pro bono political asylum program. Griffin spent a year in a boutique immigration law firm in Philadelphia before co-founding Morley, Surin & Griffin, P.C., a full-service law firm.

Griffin's experience at Suffolk Law provided him the confidence to fight for those he calls the "voiceless poor." "Suffolk taught me that hard work pays off, and my professors convinced me that the law can be used to improve the lives of others," he says.

"Tom was a very bright, driven student," says Suffolk Law Professor Charles Rounds, Jr. "Among the many students I've taught, Tom stands out for his intense desire to use his advocacy skills to make a real difference in people's lives."

"Tom has great compassion for the poor and the underdogs among us," adds Nannette Canniff, president and founder of the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation.

"Fighting for justice for Haiti's poor in addition to my full-time job is tough—but I'll never stop," Griffin says. "It's why I wanted to become an attorney." •

by Michael Rea

NEWSMAKER



Lawrence S. DiCara, JD '76, a real estate partner with Nixon Peabody LLP, was awarded the Judge Learned Hand Award by the local chapter of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) on September 22. The AJC honored DiCara as an "outstanding leader in the legal profession who exemplifies the high principles for which Judge Hand was renowned."

Richard A. Clarke, chairman of Good Harbor Consulting, LLC and DiCara's Boston Latin School debate partner, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony honoring DiCara. Event Chair Robert L. Beal, partner of the Beal Companies, noted that DiCara's "leadership in so many of our civic, business, educational, and cultural organizations has made Boston a better city."

DiCara is well known for his significant contributions within the legal profession, to city and state government, and numerous charitable organizations. He currently serves as director of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, a trustee of the Children's Museum, and chairman of the Audit Committee of the City of Boston.

Eugene Gillin completed the annual supplementation of *Remick's Pennsylvania Orphan's Court Practice*, a seven-volume set of reference materials used by trusts and estates attorneys in Pennsylvania.

James L. Henry received a career achievement award from the alumni association of the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.

1974

Bob Parrillo's annual road trip often includes Paul Reiber, JD '74. This year, however, Parrillo and his golden retriever, Jack, traveled 2,500 miles through New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

Edward Saunders was appointed executive director of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference.

Michael J. Wallach authored *How to Get Arrested:™ A Motivational Story for Actors*, a book about breaking into Hollywood and the business of acting.

1954

John Petze, LLM '59, retired from the practice of law, is enjoying a new hobby—karaoke.

1968

Mark I. Berson, president of Levy, Winer & Berson, received the Adams Pro Bono Publico Award from the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Stephen Grundstein was honored by the Mount Sinai Medical Center Foundation for his support of the Miami-based medical center. He is a retired criminal defense attorney and is the president of the board of directors of the Miami Beach Botanical Garden.

1969

James Sokolove was a volunteer builder at one of Habitat for Humanities' developments on Blue Hill Avenue in Dorchester. Sokolove volunteered as part of the 20-person Sokolove Build Team sponsored by his firm.

1970

James E. Sciler was named senior vice president of asset management at Sterling American Property Inc.

1971



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Burton Kreindel, formerly the director of the Justice Systems Group of The MITRE Corporation in Bedford, maintains a limited law practice in Newton, concentrating in

residential real property law and estate planning. A member of the Real Estate and Estate Planning Sections of the Boston Bar Association, he currently chairs the Newsletter Committee of the Real Estate Section.

1972

Christine Garvey has joined the board of directors of the Hilton Hotels Corporation.

Bonnie H. MacLeod, associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Regis College.

1973

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Nicholas W. O'Keefe, of counsel to Quarles & Brady Streich Lang LLP in the firm's Tucson, AZ office, was selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. O'Keefe's practice focuses on the representation of financial institutions.

Gerald Shea, a senior prosecutor with the Essex County District Attorney's Office, has been named Prosecutor of the Year by the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association.

Donna Tropsa, assistant professor in the School of Education at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY, presented a paper entitled "The Effects of Early Exposure to Violence, Criminal Activity and the Justice System on Students' Academic Achievement and Attitudes towards Education in Middle Level Adolescents," at the Oxford Round Table symposium in Oxford, England, in July. This fall, Tropsa began a PhD program in urban education at The Graduate Center of

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the City University of New York. She will concentrate in the area of arts, humanities and social sciences.

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Stephen Abany was appointed an associate justice of Wrentham District Court. He previously served as assistant clerk magistrate at Quincy District Court.



Joan N. Feeney, chief US bankruptcy judge for the District of Massachusetts, received the Haskell Cohn Distinguished Judicial Service Award from the Boston Bar Association.

1979

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Kevin F. Wall, a member of the College of Management faculty at the University of Massachusetts Lowell since 2004, has developed cases and teaching materials for courses in Taxation and Leadership and Corporate Accountability for the Finance Unit at Harvard Business School. He recently joined the Harvard faculty to teach Taxation.

1980

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Marian A. Kornilowicz, partner and chair of the business practice group at Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, was elected chairman of the board of the Preservation

Alliance for Greater Philadelphia. He was also named a 2005 Pennsylvania and New Jersey Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics*, featured in *Philadelphia Magazine* and *New Jersey Monthly*. He is director of the Jagiellonian Law Society in Philadelphia.

1981

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Leeann C. McGonagle has relocated from Texas to Washington, DC. She is working for Northrop Grumman Information Technology in McLean, VA.

1982

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Thomas Doyle, a partner with Pierce Atwood LLP, was ranked among the best attorneys in the nation by Chambers and Partners, an independent British legal research firm that publishes rankings of the leading global law firms.

Jean Hajjar, BS '79, has joined the Norwell office of Century 21 Abigail Adams Agency as a sales associate.

Marianne C. Hinkle was appointed a judge at Dedham District Court.

Shari Langenthal Meehan was named executive director of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee.

1983

Class Correspondent

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Laurie Butler Kirby served as executive director of the 8th Annual Newport International Film Festival in Newport, RI.

Brian Rosen is a partner in the Business Finance and Restructuring Department of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. He is been the co-lead bankruptcy lawyer for Enron Corp.

NEWSMAKER



Robert K. Sheridan, JD '77, was honored at the American Liver Foundation's 20th Anniversary Gala in June for his support of the organization's programming and services. Sheridan is the president and chief executive officer of the Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts (SBLI), which has sponsored the American Liver Foundation's Moakley's Run for Research and has raised money for the American Liver Foundation running team in the SBLI Falmouth Road Race.

"I have been extraordinarily blessed," Sheridan says. "I have a wonderful and healthy family and a job that has allowed me and our company to get involved in this vital struggle against a killer disease that plays no favorites."

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Janis Schiff was appointed firm-wide marketing partner at Holland & Knight LLP where she has been a partner in the firm's Washington, DC, office.

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Virginia A. McCarthy was elected a director of Electric Insurance Company, where she also serves as associate general counsel and corporate secretary.

1985

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Marty Alperen is completing his seventh year as an assistant attorney general in the Criminal Division of the Virgin Islands Department of Justice on St. Thomas. He is enrolled in the Master of Arts in Homeland Security program, a rigorous 18-month program offered by the US Department of Homeland Security Office for Domestic Preparedness and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, CA. He expects to graduate in March 2006.

Richard J. Bowen received the Lawrence Bar Association Leadership Award for his 20 years of service as a bar advocate in the Lawrence district and juvenile courts.

Maura A. Greene joined Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, in Framingham as a partner. She was previously a partner at Donovan Hatem LLP.

Mark Hagopian was admitted to the bar of the US Supreme Court.

1986

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Brian M. Dingman, a partner with Mirick O'Connell in Westborough, was elected an executive board member of the Knox Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Maria Galvagna Mesinger was elected a trustee at the Stevens Memorial Library in North Andover.

Bruce Revzin has been named chief financial officer at IDG Ventures Boston, a leading venture capital firm focused on investing in early-stage information and health care technology companies.

Marian Walsh, Massachusetts state senator, received the Community Service and Training Award from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology.

Elizabeth Gillis Warden and her husband William announce the birth of their son, William Walker Gillis Warden. He was born on July 11 and weighed 9 lbs, 7 oz.

1987

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Lloyd P. LaFountain III recently completed his fourth term in the Maine State Senate. In April, he was appointed by Governor John Baldacci to a five-year term as superintendent of the Maine Bureau of Financial Institutions.

Daniel Pagliarini has married Miho Nakao. They live in Hawaii.

R. James Steiner, a partner at D'Amante Couser Steiner Pellerin, P.A., in Concord, NH, recently won summary judgment in a \$3 million real estate case. Also, he was appointed by Governor John Lynch to the State Hazardous Materials Advisory Board. He currently serves as chair of the Law-Related Education Board of the New Hampshire Bar.

Andre Summers has married Sharon Lachapelle. They live in Plainville.

1988

Class Correspondent

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Timothy S. Ahearn has opened a law office in Walpole.

Ondine Darcyl married Don Kudler. The couple will reside in Las Vegas. Darcyl is recording her third CD with her own compositions and lyrics. She welcomes emails from classmates at ondine@ondinedarcyl.com.

Patricia O'Leary Engdahl was named director of the Molly Bish Center for the Protection of Children and Elderly at Anna Maria College.

Glenn M. Goffin, of counsel with the business litigation group of Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Ritchie & Day, LLP, in San Francisco, serves as counsel to the board of Wat Buddhanusorn, the Thai Buddhist Temple in Fremont, CA. Goffin also received his first dan in hapkido and taekwondo last fall and is developing conversational skills in Thai.

Robert E. Hardman was appointed a judge for the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court.

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Bryan Lantagne was named chief of the Securities Division of the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office.

Michael A. Scordino has been named vice president, administration and chief legal officer for Océ Business Services, Inc. He is based in New York City.

Regina Sullivan has been named compliance executive for Global Wealth & Investment Management at Bank of America.

1989

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Gerard T. Leone, Jr., has joined Vance International, a global investigation and security firm, as senior managing director and regional counsel of its Boston office.

Theos McKinney participated in the 33rd Annual American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon, riding from Philadelphia to the Jersey shore in July. As a co-captain of the 115-rider AstraZeneca team, he rode 100 miles and raised \$3,840 for cancer research.

Deborah McWade is president of the North Shore Women Lawyers Association.

Richard R. Staiti, of counsel to the firm of Ravech and Murphy in Norwood, was elected president of the Norfolk County Selectmen's Association. He is town moderator for Canton, where he has served on the board of selectmen for nine years.

1990

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Jim Hynes was appointed president of Corporate Legal Consulting LLC in Hopkinton.

RIISING STARS



Halim Moris, JD '97



Gary Zalkin, JD '99



Elissa Flynn-Poppey, JD '00

Three of the 15 lawyers recently named "Rising Stars" by *Massachusetts Lawyer's Weekly* are Suffolk Law School alumni. They were recognized in a ceremony on September 20 at the John Joseph Moakley Federal Courthouse for their contributions in both the public and private sectors.

Halim Moris, JD '97, was a staff attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) for the past eight years, where he was a tireless champion for the cause of immigrants in the United States. Fluent in Arabic, he continues to direct outreach

programs and immigration clinics and provides significant support for the immigrant community, particularly since September 11. He also is active with the National Lawyers Guild. In November, Moris received an International Law Concentration Alumni Award as part of the Law School's Alumni Luncheon series. He recently launched Moris & O'Shea, LLC, a private law firm with James O'Shea, JD '97.

Gary Zalkin, JD '99, is a licensed social worker who has built a niche practice in mental health law in Boston.

In a recent nationally publicized end-of-life case, Zalkin won an important battle for patients' rights when he negotiated an agreement with Massachusetts General Hospital to continue treatment for a terminally ill patient. Handling tough cases are what Zalkin does best. Answering what he feels is a "calling to work with individuals other attorneys shy away from," sets Zalkin's practice apart.

Elissa Flynn-Poppey, JD '00, a litigation associate at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., previously served as deputy legal counsel to Governor Mitt Romney and as executive director of the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC). At the JNC, Flynn-Poppey and her team developed a new executive order involving protocols and a code of conduct currently used by the JNC when filling judicial vacancies. "It was an exciting, yet daunting task. I contacted every state that had a judicial nominating commission, as well as states that employed an election process, to obtain the best practices in an effort to maximize the benefit to our judicial nominating process," she says.

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Adam G. Cohen and wife **Gina (Birmingham) Cohen**, JD '90, announce the birth of their daughter, Siena Rose, born on March 19, 2005. She joins big sister, Chloe Lucia, age 2.

Robbie Fisher was named Soil, Air and Water Conservationist of the Year by the Mississippi Wildlife Federation.



Ellen M. Joseph became a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She practices in the domestic relations group at Wiggin & Nourie, P.A. and was listed in the

2005-2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers of America* in the area of family law.

Joseph Pagliarulo, an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County, has married Ellen Adduci. They live in Roslindale.

1992

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Christine C. O'Day was named partner in the Boston office of Edwards & Angell. She has been an intellectual property attorney with the firm since 1998.

Andy Savvaides, a partner in the law firm of Casper & de Toledo LLC in Stamford, CT, became board certified in civil trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in 2004 and was elected to the Board of Governors of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers' Association, where he serves on the Continuing Legal Education and Membership Committees.

Lisa Sherman was named to the board of directors of Hospice and Palliative Care of Cape Cod for a three-year term. She is an attorney with LaTanzi, Spaulding and Landreth in Orleans.

1993

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Stuart A. Kaufman was appointed managing director of DiCicco, Gulman & Company, LLP, a public accounting firm.

Elizabeth Levy was promoted to senior counsel within the Diagnostics Division of Bayer HealthCare LLC in Norwood in January. She is involved with commercial, regulatory, intellectual property and human resources matters. She can be reached at elizabeth.levy.b@bayer.com.

Robert Stephen was named a special justice in the Derry (NH) District Court.

1994

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Edward V. Colbert has been named chair of the Litigation Section of the Boston Bar Association. He is a partner with Looney & Grossman LLP, specializing in litigation and government disputes.

Christopher E. Hultquist is a partner in the law firm of Tamulevitz, Hultquist & Bianchi, LLP in Providence, RI. He is living in Narragansett, RI, with his wife Christine, and their three children.

Cory B. Schauer was appointed vice president and senior portfolio manager for Mellon Financial Corporations Private Wealth Management Group in Boston.

Robert A. Young has been living in Mechanic Falls, ME since 2000. He heads a public-interest law firm specializing in the representation of indigent clients in the area of criminal and family law, primarily in Androscoggin and Oxford counties. He would like to reconnect with former classmates.

1995

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Andrew M. Abraham has co-founded Baker & Abraham, P.C., a Boston law firm concentrating in serious personal injury, including construction site accidents, products liability and medical malpractice.

Shannon Blair-Olsen, counsel and director of human resources for the Monticello, MN School District, negotiates employment contracts and is responsible for all hiring for the district and the day-to-day contract/employment matters for 12 unions.

Kenneth Gear, BSBA '89, is vice president, State Affairs, for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers in Washington, DC.

Thomas M. Greene was promoted to member status at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

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Laura (Flores) Bachman has opened a law office in Houston, TX, focusing on immigration and nationality law. She and her husband, Page Bachman, live in Texas with their three children.

Christopher J. Connolly has opened a law firm in Canton.

Jennifer Dopazo was named town counsel of Brookline.

Thomas Hughes, a member of the litigation, intellectual property, and antitrust practices of Hunton & Williams, was elected a partner in the Washington, DC, office.

Daniel Poortenga, MBA '96, is vice president with the Charter Group, Ltd., a mergers and acquisitions firm located in Grand Rapids, MI. He can be reached at dpoortenga@charter-group.com.

1997

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Joyce Anagnos says, "Yes, there is life outside of Boston! When I moved from Boston to Toledo in December 2003, I returned to

my hometown to practice law in a new jurisdiction. On the one hand, making the transition was smooth, since the clients I serviced were still closely held businesses and entrepreneurs. On the other hand, I felt that I was a first year again and had to learn the "Ohio way" of business and real estate transactions. The good news is that it's been a rewarding experience, and changing jurisdictions is not an impossible transition."

Steven Frias has married Cynthia Wilson. They live in Cranston, RI.

Angela Lackard of Melick, Porter & Shea, LLP, was recognized by *Boston Magazine* as one of Massachusetts' Rising Stars for 2005.

Christine McManus was named a partner in the Business Law Department of Goodwin Procter LLP.

Peter Miniati is vice president, Trust & Investments, with The Washington Trust Company, Providence, RI. He recently earned the Certified Financial Planner designation.

Richard M. Novitch joined the firm of Lander & Lander P.C. as an associate.

James Worrell, an independent investment adviser at Financial Architects Partners, has developed a seven-step process for helping CFOs screen, select, and monitor the investments in their retirement plans, as well as advise the employees in those plans.

1998

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Lynne Afrow has joined the office of the general counsel at Partners HealthCare System, Inc., in Boston.

Kristin Barkett, an attorney with Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce law firm in Providence, RI, has married Erik Pettey. They live in Lakeville.

Anthony Kearns has become a partner in the law firm of Rylak & Gianos in Clinton.

Jessica (Shiok) Maher and her husband welcomed their first child, Helen Catherine, born on June 15, 2005.

Lisa Pellegrino is working for State Representative Ron Mariano, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Financial Services. She is the policy analyst for health insurance issues.

Anita Thomas, BS '93, and husband Scott, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Timothy, born February 17.

David Warren was named relationship manager in the wealth management division of Fulton Financial Advisors.

Nathanael E. Wright is an assistant district attorney for the Chatham County District Attorney's Office in Savannah, GA.

1999

Class Correspondents

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NEWSMAKER



Robert Roughsedge, JD '97, an attorney with the Boston-based firm of Lawson & Weitzen, LLP, counterterrorism consultant with foreign nations, and adjunct faculty member of the Law School, made his third Departments of Defense and State joint trip to Ethiopia and Malaysia in 2004. He met with both countries' senior staff of military, intelligence, and police to address counterterror initiatives.

"The goal of my trip was to promote counterterror efforts that fall within the bounds of each nation's rule of law," says Roughsedge. He expects to take more State Department trips in the future, perhaps to Africa or the Middle East.

Roughsedge is a 1989 graduate of the US Military Counter-Terrorism School, and during the first Gulf War advised local coalition commanders on how to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.

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Henriette Campagne was named editor of *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*.

George T. Comeau, BS '88, MPA '93, was appointed to a three-year term on the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Brett Kaufman, an associate with Bacon and Wilson in Springfield, has married Stacey Shulman. They live in Longmeadow.

Russell Patten was named town clerk in Swampscott.

Ivana Magovcevis, senior vice-president of legal affairs and chief patent counsel of Dyax Corporation, a biotech company in Cambridge, has married Lars Liebisch. They live in Boston.

Lorraine Mojica, BA '95, was promoted from casualty supervisor to casualty unit manager for MetLife Auto & Home in Lowell in June.



Dawn Stolfi Stalenoef has been named Environmental Law Section liaison to the New Lawyers Section of the Boston Bar Association. She is an attorney in the Boston office of Bingham McCutchen LLP.

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photo courtesy of the Boston Bar Association

Manisha Bhatt, JD '99, a staff attorney with the Family Law Unit of Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) since 2001, is one of eight lawyers who have been selected by the Boston Bar Association (BBA) to spend a year in the BBA Public Interest Leadership Program. Bhatt provides services to people with limited income, primarily representing victims of domestic violence. She has also worked with a variety of civic and charitable organizations.

Nominated by their employers, individuals selected for the program spend a minimum of 25 hours each month on public service and leadership development activities. According to the BBA, these lawyers have

"demonstrated a powerful commitment to public service and a keen interest in using the organized bar as a launching pad for building a compelling pro bono culture among their peers."

"It is very inspiring to collaborate with a talented group of attorneys who, despite the numerous demands of our profession, strive to utilize their skills to accomplish something to benefit the community at large," Bhatt says.

Jowita Wysocka has joined the Tampa, FL office of Special Counsel as placement director. She also has formed Ketchcom Development, Inc., a consulting practice providing personal communication development services to legal, medical and business professionals, with partner Eric Paul Engel.

2000

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Mary Elizabeth (Hadad) Arata and her husband Christopher announce the birth of their first child, Michael Robert Arata, born on June 13. She is a real estate attorney with the law firm of Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, and Harney, L.L.P. in Natick. She and her family live in Harvard.

Zoi Chronas, an investment specialist at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. in Boston, has married Gaetano Pucci. They live in Medford.



Regina A. Ciolek has married Dr. Jonathan J. Passeri, a physician at Massachusetts General Hospital, in a ceremony at the Old South Meeting House. She is a patent attorney and the intellectual property counsel for Konarka Technologies, Inc.

Andrew Crawley has opened a general practice law firm in Hopkinton concentrating in construction litigation.

Wayne Culver, formerly a prosecutor in the State Attorney's Office in Brevard County, FL, opened his own law firm in December 2004. The firm handles a wide variety of topics including bankruptcy, criminal and civil litigation plus immigration, estate planning and real estate sales.

Stacey Friends, an associate at Ruberto, Israel & Weiner, P.C., was named a Massachusetts Rising Star by *Law and Politics* magazine.

Richard M. Dohoney has joined the law firm of Freedman, DeRosa & Rondeau LLP in Lee.

James Hunt, III was named cabinet chief of Environmental and Energy Services for the City of Boston.

Mark Maier, a major in the US Army Reserves, was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Iraq.

David E. Ross has joined the Trial and Appellate Group of Robinson & Cole's New York office.

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Ralph F. Boyd, Jr., LLD, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Freddie Mac Foundation.

Michael J. Duffy has joined Ruberto, Israel & Weiner, P.C., as an associate in the firm's Litigation Department. He previously practiced with Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP.

Christopher Glionna and his wife Kristen welcomed their first child, Nathaniel Christopher, on August 11. Glionna is tax counsel in the Litigation Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and also serves as the head ice hockey coach at Suffolk University.

Brian Lajeunesse, an attorney with Kushner and Marano in Newton, has married Alyson Antine. They live in Norwood.

Beth Pascucci has married Ben Nassar. They live in North Andover.

Charles Sillari, Jr., has married Laurie Funk. They live in Somerville.

Benjamin Tymann, an associate at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., was named a Massachusetts Rising Star for 2005 by *Boston Magazine*.

2002

Elizabeth Brandon was named an assistant district attorney in Bronx, NY.

Sandra Brockman-Lee has joined Proskauer Rose LLP in Boston as an associate in the patent law and intellectual property practice groups.

Andrea R. Freedman has joined the Law Office of David R. Rocheford, Jr., in Fitchburg.

Jill Goodman and her husband Larry announce the birth of their son, Max Benjamin Goodman, born on September 22, 2004.

Andrew Kenney, MBA '02, has married Shannon Reilly. They live in Cambridge.

Meredith Brandt Lutz, an attorney at Kliman Law Offices in Boston, has married Jesus Cabarrus.

Lori Nehls, an attorney at Rogers Law Firm, P.C., has married Robert Nickerson. They live in Brighton.

Michael O'Brien, an attorney with McDonald, Cohen and Rayhill in Manhattan, NY, has married Meaghan Murphy. They live in Manhattan.

Lisa M. (Cormier) Parent and her husband Sean announce the birth of their daughter, Casadie Corinne, born on June 8.

2003

Class Correspondent

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Just days after graduating, **Sandra Paulsson, LLM '04**, trained at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium, and eventually published a 27-page report titled "Patenting Software vs. Free Software: What Should the European Union Do?" in February. The briefing paper written for the Policy Department for Economics and Science of the European Parliament highlights the differences between the United States' and the European Union's approach to software patents. In her report, Paulsson concluded that European guidelines to obtaining software patents should be molded in a way that encourage, rather than inhibit innovation. Software patenting, she says, is surrounded by a swirl of uncertainty, and it is "complicated and technical by nature."

"Working at the European Parliament was very interesting, and I gained insight into how the institution really works, which is something that can't be taught through books," Paulsson says. Her European Parliament experience behind her, Paulsson joined Gevers and Partners, a trademark firm in Brussels, and now works closely with American clients wanting to protect their business trademarks in Europe.

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Robert Brown, BA '00, an assistant district attorney for the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, married Erica Loperfido of Stoneham on October 3, 2004. The couple resides in Danvers.

Meredith Casey has married Brandon Patey. They live in Roslindale.

Katia Callahan has joined Ropes & Gray LLP as an associate in the Corporate Department. She previously clerked for US District Court Judge Reginald Lindsay and Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Justice Roderick Ireland.

Peter Farrell, an associate at Smith & Brink, P.C. in Quincy, has married Amy Whitcher. They live in Weymouth.

Maureen Clarke McBrien, an attorney with Todd & Weld, has married Todd L. Benjamin. They live in Norwood.

Robert S. Reder was named an associate at Warnicke & Littler, P.L.C. in Phoenix, AZ. He received his LLM in international law and intellectual property at the University College London in England in November 2004.

Amy Roma joined the Washington, DC, office of the Chicago-based law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP.

Jennifer Schick has joined the trusts and estates group of Hamblett & Kerrigan, P.A. in Nashua, NH.

Paul Tetrault was recently named state affairs manager for the Northeast region, for the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, located in Beverly.

2004

Class Correspondents

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Joshua D. Blumen has joined the law office of Ilya Fuchs, P.C., in Brookline.

Mark Bracken is a policy analyst for the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Insurance.

Cynthia M. Gilbert has joined Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP as an associate in the firm's Intellectual Property Department.

Jessica Jones, an attorney with Robinson & Cole LLP in Hartford, CT, has married Kevin Edwards. They live in Springfield.

Mary Lu Mendonça has been named the director of the Somerville Human Rights Commission. Mendonca was among the first three students to receive a Fenton fellowship award in 2004.

Robert D. Moriarty is an attorney in the law office of Charles Morano of Edgartown and Barnstable.

Bridgette Katherine Morrissey is the leasing and occupancy director for the Wellesley Housing Authority.



Elizabeth A. Perros has joined Metaxas, Norman & Pidgeon, LLP, in Beverly, in the firm's Business Transactions Department.

2005

Christopher Addesa has joined Burns & Levinson LLP, as an associate in the firm's Business Litigation Group.

Christopher R. Froeb has joined Burns & Levinson LLP, as an associate in the firm's Real Estate Group.

Jonathan Gabriel has joined Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP, as an associate in the firm's Business Department.

Gina Kulig has married Robert Bradley. They live in Watertown.

Rachel E. Schloth has joined Metaxas, Norman & Pidgeon, LLP, in Beverly, in the firm's Business Transactions Department.

Kathleen Teague has married Matthew Murphy. They live in Brighton.

In Memoriam

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Thomas F. Bowes Jr., LLB '51

Louis A. Grillon, LLB '52

John Quinlan, LLB '54

Frank W. Morris, LLB '57

S. Edward Manners, LLB '64

Michael R. Pizziferri, LLB '65

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Arthur S. Ryan, JD '70

William G. Billingham, JD '73

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Michael R. Ronayne, Dean Emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences 1937-2005

Suffolk University lost a dear friend in June when Dean Emeritus Michael R. Ronayne of Winchester passed away at age 68 following a long illness. Ronayne had been dean of Suffolk University's College of Arts and Sciences for over 30 years, enjoying a distinguished career that spanned four decades.

Ronayne's tenure at Suffolk began in 1966 when he was a professor of chemistry. Within five years he had so distinguished himself he was appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at age 34, making him the youngest dean in Suffolk's history.

"I am incredibly grateful for all that Michael Ronayne accomplished during his tenure and for his dedication to the students, the faculty and the institution," said Suffolk University President David J. Sargent. Under Ronayne's leadership, the College significantly increased the number and variety of its undergraduate and graduate programs and the number of accreditations. Most notably, the New England School of Art & Design was added to the College under Ronayne's tenure, and the University established campuses in Madrid, Spain, and Dakar, Senegal, along with satellite campuses in eastern Massachusetts.

"We remember and appreciate all that he accomplished," Sargent said. "Dean Ronayne took pride in the warm attention paid to Suffolk students and the bonds between students and faculty."

Ronayne was born in Somerville, received a BS in chemistry from Boston College and a PhD in physical chemistry from Notre Dame. After serving as an associate professor at Providence College, he worked on NASA projects as a staff scientist at Panametrics in Waltham. Because he missed academia, he accepted what was meant to be a one-semester position to teach at Suffolk—and then decided to remain at the University for more than 30 years.

Ronayne gave much to Suffolk, and the University played an important role in his life in many ways. He met his wife Joanne (Rooney) when she worked in the Chemistry Department. The couple has a daughter Michelle.

In 1983, Ronayne won a seat on the Winchester School Committee, where he served for nine years, with two terms as chair. He also was an elected Winchester Town Meeting member for 15 years.

Ronayne had served on the executive board of directors of the Massachusetts Bay Marine Sciences Consortium. He was a member of the Society of Sigma Xi, The American Chemical Society, the Faraday Society and the American Association of University Professors, and he was listed in *American Men and Women of Science*, *Outstanding Educators of America*, *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Education*.

The University has established a Centennial Scholarship in Ronayne's name. To make a contribution or to learn more about the Dean Ronayne Centennial Scholarship, please contact the Suffolk Office of Advancement at 617.573.8443.

Frank W. Morris, LLB '57

Frank W. Morris of Boston died on July 25. The first African American senior manager of a Massachusetts state agency, Morris was 87.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Morris came to Boston for graduate school after completing a diploma at the Philadelphia Museum School and receiving a bachelor's degree at Temple University. He attended the Harvard Graduate School of Design and in 1948, received his master's in fine arts from Boston University.

Morris began what would become a 38-year career with the commonwealth, when he became the first African American employee of the State Housing Board in 1948. Governor Foster Furcolo appointed him director of the State Housing Board in 1959. Morris was appointed chief counsel of the Department of Communities and Development in 1977 by Governor Michael Dukakis. He went on to serve as special counsel to the secretary of the Executive Office of Communities and Development in the 1980s. He retired in 1986, having received many professional recognitions and awards during his career.

Morris was a popular, award-winning Boston artist. *The Bay State Banner* reported that his paintings were frequently exhibited in Boston and on Martha's Vineyard. Morris was also a dedicated supporter of civic organizations that serve Boston's African American community.

Morris leaves Laura B. Morris; daughters Renee Morris of Hampton Bays, New York and Michelle Morris Weston of New Rochelle, New York; and grandchildren, Nicholas and Lauren Weston, of New Rochelle, New York.

IN MEMORIAM



Thomas J. Curley, Jr., JD '83

Thomas J. Curley Jr., a Massachusetts superior court judge, died on July 28 after a long battle with cancer. He was 48.

"Despite the fact he was only on the bench for about seven years, I think he's going to be remembered as one of the brightest and one of the most capable trial judges that we have had in Berkshire County," said his colleague, Judge John A. Agostini. "He had a really terrific wit. You combine that with his intellect, he is second to none."

The son of a laborer at the General Electric plant in Pittsfield, Curley was born and reared in the city and was a 1974 graduate of Pittsfield High School. He was a scholarship student at Harvard College and graduated cum laude in 1978.

Curley was an investigator and legal assistant for the Ward Commission, which examined corruption in the awarding of state construction contracts. The commission's efforts led to the creation of the Office of the Inspector General, which it recommended as an "apolitical, professional investigative body to support effective prosecution of fraud and corruption."

Curley interned with the US attorney's office while attending Suffolk Law School. Working in an alcove at a desk that faced the wall, he made himself indispensable. "He was always at the office. I don't know when he went to school," said US District Court Judge Mark Wolf, under whom Curley worked in the US attorney's office. Curley met his wife, Leslie Golembeske '83, while both were attending Suffolk Law School.

Following graduation, Curley became a federal prosecutor in the public corruption unit of the US attorney's office. "He understood that fighting corruption was a way of leveling the playing field and making the system fair for everyone," Wolf said. Curley joined Goodwin Procter LLP in 1987, where he practiced until 1989, when he began practicing in Pittsfield. He served on the board of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority from 1991 to 1998. Curley was appointed to the Superior Court by Governor Paul Cellucci in 1998.

Curley wrote book reviews for the *Berkshire Eagle*. "He enjoyed making people laugh and he enjoyed himself," his wife said. "He left me with memories that will still have me laughing when I'm 90 years old."

In addition to his wife, Curley leaves three children, Catherine, Ned, and Laura, all of Pittsfield; four brothers, and a sister.

Anna H. Doherty, JD '81

Anna H. Doherty of Duxbury and New Smyrna Beach, Florida died on February 24. The former associate justice of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court was 66.

Born in Lee, Doherty received her undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Following her graduation from the Law School cum laude, Doherty began what would be become a decade-long career with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, where she served as general counsel. Doherty also taught Mental Health Law at the New England School of Law and practiced with the firm of Kramer, Sheehan & Tansey. In 1992, Doherty was appointed to the Probate and Family Court in Plymouth County, where she served until 2002.

According to *The Boston Globe*, Doherty was an owner, rider, and driver of Friesian and Morgan horses at Hennigan Stables of Iron Gate Farm in Duxbury, and was a member of the board of trustees of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay.

Doherty leaves her husband William; her son Stephen B. of Duxbury; two daughters, Dr. Julia Frugoli of Clemson, South Carolina and Elizabeth Demaine of Epping, New Hampshire; and four grandchildren.

Carol G. Fubini, JD '76

Carol G. Fubini of Topsfield died on May 21 after an 11-year battle with breast cancer. The dedicated cancer patient advocate was 55.

Born in New York City, Fubini graduated from Smith College in 1971 with a degree in government. According to *The Boston Globe*, she worked for the presidential campaigns of Senators Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern. Following her graduation from Suffolk Law, she earned her LLM in taxation from Boston University Law School in 1978.

Fubini's legal career began in the late 1970s in the Public Charities Division of the office of Massachusetts Attorney General Francis Bellotti. She went on to private practice, concentrating in civil litigation and real estate law. *The Boston Globe* also noted that she was chief counsel for Rounder Records, an independent recording label in Cambridge, early in the 1980s.

Fubini's work as an advocate for cancer patients and patient awareness began with her own battle. She discovered her cancer during a self-exam and successfully sued her radiologist for failing to detect the cancer in previous mammograms.

Having once contemplated a career as a veterinarian, Fubini had a longstanding love for animals.

She leaves her husband Mason Daring, her son Matthew and daughter Katie, all of Topsfield; her brother David Fubini of Brookline; and four sisters, Laurie Jacobs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Sandra Willwerth of Paris, Kentucky, Susan Fubini of Ithaca, New York, and Sylvia Fubini of Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The Corcoran Connection

A Continuing Legacy

IN AUGUST, Sargent Hall was the scene of a special tribute to honor John Corcoran, DCS '82, and P. Leo Corcoran, DCS '05, and their extraordinary affinity for Suffolk University. To commemorate the brothers' strong affection for Suffolk and their long history with the University, Leo J. Corcoran, JD '84, and his wife Sara Grady Corcoran, dedicated the Corcoran Room, formerly known as the Suffolk Room, on behalf of the brothers and their unique family legacy. "Suffolk meant a lot to them and we wanted something tangible, something they would never have done themselves, to permanently commemorate their relationship," says Leo Corcoran of their gift of \$250,000 to name the Corcoran Room.

In many ways, John and P. Leo Corcoran represent the Suffolk story. The two brothers and their six siblings grew up in a working-class neighborhood in Dorchester. Their parents were Irish immigrants of humble means who instilled in their children the importance of family, charity, and a strong work ethic. For John (who passed away in 2003) and P. Leo, these shared lessons served as guideposts throughout long and successful careers. And their tremendous professional success fueled equally powerful community outreach efforts that have benefited countless individuals throughout New England.

John Corcoran began a career in real estate upon his graduation from Boston College. He eventually convinced his brother P. Leo—at the time a Boston firefighter with five children—to join him in the real estate business. They established John M. Corcoran & Co. as one of the leading property management and development firms in New England and became major proponents and builders of affordable housing in the United States. Their vision has benefited low-income residents throughout New England and the southeastern United States. In 1985, P. Leo Corcoran created Caritas Communities—a nonprofit venture to help the working poor through affordable housing. Today, Caritas Communities is the leading provider of lodging houses in New England.

The Corcoran family's history with Suffolk began in the 1970s, and in 1979, John was appointed to the Board of Trustees. His vision and leadership led to the successful development of Sargent Hall, as he initiated and supervised the Law School project as chair of the Building Committee. Both John and P. Leo Corcoran established endowed scholarships at Suffolk.

The fact that neither of the brothers attended Suffolk is not lost on Leo Corcoran. When asked about the strong connection to Suffolk shared by his dad and late uncle, Corcoran replies, "I think it's an admirable thing when someone supports his alma mater, but it's another thing



Leo J. Corcoran, JD '84 and his wife Sara Grady Corcoran at Sargent Hall during the Corcoran Room dedication ceremony in August.

when it's a school neither one attended. They've been great supporters of a number of institutions, but Suffolk was unique for that reason."

According to Leo Corcoran, "John infected P. Leo with his interest in Suffolk. I think they just saw themselves in the Suffolk student body. They were not the sons and daughters of the rich and famous. They were kids with equal brains and talent and a work ethic and they really related to what they saw in the student body and where Suffolk fit within the landscape of higher education."

Leo Corcoran formed his own opinions of Suffolk during his days here as a law student. "I think so much of Suffolk Law School—even though I no longer practice, I use the skills and training I received constantly," he readily admits. Corcoran practiced real estate law for a number of years following his graduation and today runs his own real estate development company in Boston—Autumn Development. He also serves as a manager and director at John M. Corcoran & Co.

For Leo and Sara Corcoran, the decision to name the Corcoran Room is an opportunity to permanently preserve the Corcoran brothers' special Suffolk connection. According to Leo Corcoran, "The whole idea was to honor and perhaps nurture and perpetuate the relationship that John and P. Leo had with Suffolk—the relationship was a flame that we just didn't want to see burn out." •

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS 1906-2006



Suffolk University's first Law Library

During the 1930s, Suffolk Law students and undergraduates shared one large room as the University library, originally located on the third floor of the Archer Building. Law School volumes were housed on the first floor; the undergraduate collection was upstairs. M. Esther Newsome was the University's first librarian.



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