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A portrait of Philip Carter Strother, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue suit, a light blue striped shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is standing in front of a large, rusted metal structure, possibly a bridge or industrial building, with green trees visible in the background.

**Philip Carter  
Strother  
Scores Victory in  
Virginia Supreme Court**



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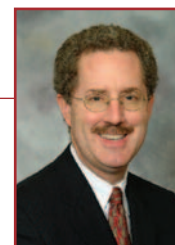
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# Letter from Cooley



You can find a member of Cooley's alumni body, now numbering 12,177, in every state. Were you to visit all Cooley graduates abroad, you could take a wonderful trip around the world, from Canada and Mexico down to Guatemala and Belize, then across to England, Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Italy, Saudi Arabia, and Tanzania. You would return home via Thailand, Japan, Taiwan, Australia, and New Zealand. On the way, you would stop in American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico for good measure.

Staying in touch with our alumni is a challenge. One solution is the new Thomas M. Cooley Alumni Association. Our alumni leaders worked for more than two years to identify association needs, establish goals, and plan how to meet those goals. What resulted was a complete overhaul of the association, culminating in a new charter, followed by, on the evening of October 15, 2005, the election of a new board of directors and slate of officers.

Gone are the days when relatively few alumni, all based in Lansing, did the work of the association. Now, the association is operated through one of six primary working committees: Special Events (plans member alumni events), Student Recruitment (helps Cooley attract students), Fundraising (helps obtain financial support for the association and Cooley), Membership and Outreach (develops membership and member benefits), Student Services (helps students and graduates find jobs and mentorships), and Constituent Alumni Club (connects the Association with state and regional clubs). Because the committee work is done via teleconference and e-mail, you can serve on a committee no matter where you may live. Thus, where only two years ago a mere ten alumni did everything for the association, we now have 100 committee members, some who live very far from Michigan, working actively for you.

The new Thomas M. Cooley Alumni Association is here to involve you in the continuing life of our great law school. It offers you networking and mentoring opportunities, business referrals, alumni database information, regional and local events, special discounts, and a continuing connection to Cooley.

But to be a member of the association, you must join. At last year's meeting, the alumni body authorized the association to become a dues-paying organization, and we have done that. You should receive our beautiful membership enrollment packet soon. It describes in detail the benefits of membership, benefits that will grow as we continue to build our new association. (You can also see detailed enrollment information on page 14 of this *Benchmark* issue.) We think, however, that the primary benefits of membership are the improved connection you will have with Cooley and your fellow alumni and the satisfaction of helping to support students and improve the law school.

So become part of the exciting new Cooley Alumni Association by returning the enrollment form with your check for \$35 payable to "Thomas M. Cooley Law School." For more information, e-mail us at [alumni@cooley.edu](mailto:alumni@cooley.edu) or call us at 1-800-243-ALUM. Join today.

James D. Robb

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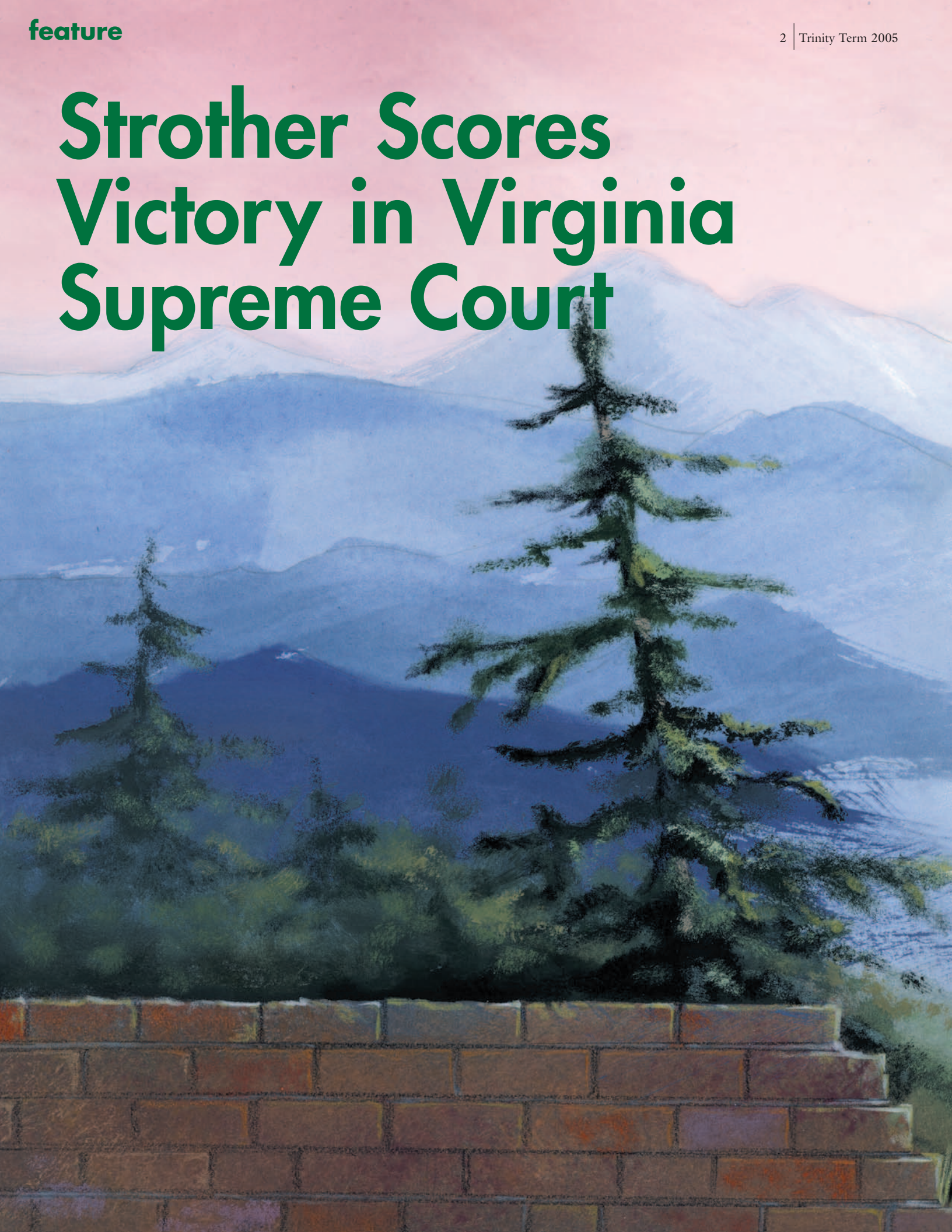


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# Strother Scores Victory in Virginia Supreme Court





For Philip Carter Strother (Fellows Class, 1997) in Richmond, Va., getting a law degree was a critical component in his plans for the future. “I wanted to have the tools, the education, and the training to make a difference,” he explained.

And what a difference he’s made already. Strother, 36, who grew up absorbing the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, recently scored a major land use victory before the Virginia Supreme Court. Representing a small group of homeowners — many of whose families had lived on the same property since at least the Civil War — Strother stopped the world’s largest brick-making company from moving in and making itself comfortable in the bucolic Piedmont crossroads of Barboursville, Va.

The trouble all started when the local governing body agreed to give the company a special use permit to move its mining operation into the area. The residents and local tourism-related businesses were appalled. It would mean the end of their community as they knew it.

For Strother, who grew up listening to his grandfather speak reverently about the land and the need for sound stewardship, the conflict resonated soundly. He took on the homeowners’ case — and the brick-making giant, General Shale.

It was a logical fight for Strother to get involved in. With a lifelong grounding in the need to preserve both the natural and the economic resources of the area — tourism is big in this area — Strother set about in the 1990s getting the substantive knowledge and practical skills he would need.

At Cooley, Strother honed his client skills at the Sixty Plus, Inc., Elderlaw Clinic. “It was hands-on training. You really work with people one-on-one. It quickens the speed where you have to develop your professional skills,” he recalled. “You step into the role of an attorney — that gets your adrenaline going! There is pressure to develop those skills.”

With those skills in hand, Strother headed immediately to George Washington Law School in Washington, D.C., where he earned an LL.M. in environmental law and land use.

He spent the next two years in the environmental and land use litigation department at a large law firm in Richmond, Va., laboring on behalf of corporate clients. Learning quickly, as he diplomatically put it, “that this was not where I ultimately wanted to be,” Strother struck out on his own and opened his own law firm in Richmond in September 2000.

“I wanted to promote the cause,” he explained, “wear the white hat.”

Strother had formed numerous good relationships with conservation groups even before law school. While at Cooley, in fact, he worked with the groups and was even able to incorporate a land use issue of the time into a policy impact article for a legal writing class.

Strother had the foresight to stay in touch with the conservation groups and it wasn’t long after he was in his own practice before they had some work for him.

“That was the start,” he recalled, in getting his law practice up and running. He also took on court-appointed work, domestic and juvenile issues, guardian ad litem work, and some special education matters. To this day, special education remains a small but important part of his firm’s work.

Strother was never concerned about going out on his own, although he admits it’s not for everyone.

“In order to make the leap, there has to be 100 percent commitment,” he said. “It’s not for the faint-hearted.”

Strother was never concerned. “I knew I had the education, and the training. And I knew the business was out there.” Besides, he said, “I’m a bit of a risk-taker.”

It was a big risk when Strother decided to get involved after receiving a call for help in February 2002 from the Piedmont Environmental Council. A field officer for the group called to tell Strother about a case in Barboursville, Va., where the town council had approved a special use permit for General Shale to relocate its strip-mining operation to the area. General Shale’s old mine was played out and they needed new territory — part of which fell into a residentially zoned section of Barboursville.

The homeowners — some of whose property would end up 50 feet from the mine — didn’t want it. The art galleries, wineries, and historic districts in the scenic area didn’t want it. But time and the government were marching on.

“It’s probably a loser case,” Strother remembers the agent telling him. “There’s probably no chance to win.”

Strother said that two other lawyers had already looked at it and passed on it. “They’d been told ‘you can’t fight city hall,’ ” he recalled. But the homeowners weren’t ready to give up. “They didn’t want to go down without a fight.”

They found the right man.

“It was the perfect case for me,” Strother noted. “I was 32 and hungry and full of energy.”

Strother met with a group of some 50 homeowners and was amazed both at the organized nature





and diversity of the group. The group included wealthy homeowners, business persons, working class families, and residents of 'Carey Town,' one of the last communities in the country founded by freed slaves.

The group had more reasons than it could even use for why the mining company shouldn't be in their midst. From desecration of a nationally recognized historic and scenic area, to the potential for uranium in the soil, to the harm that the operation would do to the local economy, residents had their arguments ready.

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But what Strother found most interesting was the technical, but important detail of zoning.

"Land use law regulates the use of land by zoning districts," he explained. "Certain uses are allowed, others are not."

The 139 acres that General Shale was after was split into two zones, 11 of which were residential. In those 11 acres, which General

Shale needed to haul the material back and forth, mining — or any activity in support thereof — was prohibited.

General Shale's argument was that the mining should be allowed because the activity on the 11 acres — the transportation of the material — was an "accessory use."

The Circuit Court agreed and the group was devastated. They weren't ready to give up, however. Despite the fact that it was just Strother and the homeowners vs. four law firms, six lawyers, and one of the biggest businesses anyone had ever encountered, they pressed on.

It was a year — a very long year, Strother noted — before the Virginia Supreme Court agreed to hear their case.

Strother is quick to note that neither he, nor the group, was anti-development or anti-General Shale. It's just that not all developments are right for all areas. This one, they argued, would have so scarred the landscape that there would have been nothing left for residents or the tourism-based economy.

"Our group actually identified an available alternative location," Strother recalled. "No one wanted to see the company suffer or jobs lost." The company rejected the offer.

While the Barboursville case wore on, Strother was busy with many other cases. Some were high-profile, like the battle to keep the giant discount retailer Wal-Mart from locating at the entrance to an historic and scenic area. Strother notes firmly that they weren't anti-business or Wal-Mart; it just wasn't the right location for the high-traffic retailer. In light of the delays that would be caused by the opposition and some time-consuming road improvement issues, Wal-Mart abandoned plans for the site.

In other cases, Strother might, at first glance, seem to be on the "opposite side of the fence," such as the case where he represented a business — one of the many wineries in the area that call him their lawyer — seeking a license renewal. In this case, Strother was on the side of the business, but it was consistent with his deeply held passion for preserving both the scenic and economic health of the region. "The support of a viable rural economy is a critical and fundamental part in any effort to preserve our landscapes for future generations."

"Passion mixed with common sense is the recipe for success," Strother explained.

For the Barboursville/General Shale case, when victory came on January 14, 2005, it did so quietly, without fanfare or grandiose pronouncements. Instead, Strother, some members of the group, and a contract attorney helping on the case, all of whom were haunting the Virginia Supreme Court Web site for its posted decisions, found their case — and their victory — the hour it was posted. General Shale would not be allowed to move its mining operation to Barboursville.

"The reaction?" Strother recalled. "I was really happy for the clients. You really have to stand in the room with these families; they're the face of America. This (the mining operation) would have completely changed their community."

"It was an amazing victory for an incredible group of people," Strother said. "I am honored to have been a part of it."

Strother's office is in the historic Hillyard-Maury House in Richmond. He and his wife, Danielle, have three sons, Landon, 5, and twins Pierce and Carter, age 2.



## Alumni Profile

Julia and Steve Callaghan

# Life-Changing Moment

Julia and Steve Callaghan (Williams Class, 1994) thought law school was the toughest thing they would ever have to go through — until they took their infant son Brooks to the doctor one day with a mild complaint about a slightly “wandering,” or “lazy” eye.

However, the doctor visit that the Callaghans expected would be a brief interruption away from their busy law practice in Summersville, W.V., quickly turned into a dramatic, life-changing moment: Their son had cancer.

More specifically, Brooks was diagnosed with bilateral retinoblastoma, a rare type of childhood eye cancer.

In the small town of Summersville (pop. 5,000) Julia and Steve are partners in the family law firm that Steve’s grandfather, Brooks B. Callaghan, started in 1933. Steve’s father, Dan O. Callaghan, is Of Counsel with the firm, practicing solely in the area of mediation. Steve and Julia share the caseload for the general practice, which offers services to individuals and businesses. The firm offers assistance in a wide variety of areas including auto accidents, contracts, death claims, deeds and wills, divorce, domestic law, estate planning, litigation, real estate services, and workers’ compensation.

Steve, coming from West Virginia University and a family tradition of lawyers, and Julia, coming from Tri-State University in Indiana, met at Cooley in a class called Lawyering Before Trial. They married in 1996 and, on Aug. 7, 2003, their son Brooks was born. Life was pretty close to perfect.

In movies, frightening life-changing events are often foretold with scary music. For Julia and Steve, there would be no such soundtrack: only a baby’s eye that often didn’t stay where one thought it should, and family snapshots that showed an odd shimmer on one eye that most would put down to camera glare.

Like most babies, Brooks had received the standard round of baby exams. But there is an easy exam he didn’t get that Julia Callaghan would like to see be a routine part of every baby and toddler exam.

“We have two main points,” Julia explained. “First, at every ‘well baby’ check-up, parents should insist that the pediatrician examine the child’s eyes under dimmed light with an ophthalmoscope. This takes only seconds and could catch the cancer very early.

“Second, be aware of abnormalities in children’s eyes in photos taken with a flash. A red-eye reflection is normal. A white, or off-color, reflection indicates an urgent need for an examination by an ophthalmologist.”

If they’d known about the white-eye reflection with flash pictures, Julia said, they could have caught Brooks’ cancer at least three months earlier. Photographs taken of Brooks





Brooks' eye shows the leukokoria (**far left**) while, at **far right**, he displays the lead eye patch. **Center**, a playful Brook takes a break.

when he was six months old show a marked white glare in the one eye.

"In our opinion, this is the easiest way retinoblastoma (RB) can be detected early," Julia said, adding that a white glare is not always indicative of cancer but could instead be a condition easier to solve, such as a cataract. But it always, she emphasized, means an immediate trip to the ophthalmologist. Delays can be costly, even deadly. This quick-moving cancer does not stay long in just the eye, but moves on to the brain and bone marrow. Left untreated, this cancer is always fatal. At the other end of the scale, advances in the treatment of RB have led to one of the highest cure rates among childhood cancers. Steve added, "It would be very satisfying if this information could reach someone and an RB case could be detected early."

Within minutes of the diagnosis on May 12, 2004, the Callaghan family began an odyssey that continues to this day. With lightning speed the Callaghans moved from their pediatrician, where the white-eye reflection (leukokoria) was detected, to an urgent visit to an ophthalmologist in a nearby town where the RB was diagnosed, to the airport, and then to a hospital bed in Philadelphia, Penn. Chemotherapy to treat the dual tumors in each eye began the next morning.

Less than 24 hours after they'd gone to the doctor for a "routine concern," Julia and Steve found themselves ring-side at a hospital bed. It was the beginning of a whole new routine in their lives.

At Wills Hospital in Philadelphia, Brooks' diagnosis was confirmed and the first of many EUAs (Examination Under Anesthesia) was done. With Brooks in arms and recovering from the anesthetic, the Callaghans took a taxi to

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where the medical team was waiting with the baby's first round of chemotherapy.

The three goals were to save Brooks' life, save his eyes, and save what they could of his vision. Subsequently, Brooks lost most of the sight in his left eye, but doctors saved the right eye. Brooks is fortunate, the Callaghans said, because in many cases the eye has to be removed.

For the next five months the Callaghans created a routine for their monthly visits: Drive the hour and a half to the airport in Charleston, W.V., catch the mid-morning flight to Cincinnati, eat lunch, catch the 1 p.m. flight to Philadelphia, check in to the Radisson Warwick Hotel, eat dinner and rest up for the next day.

The medical day included the EUA, taxi ride, and chemotherapy — a very big day for such a little boy. By evening, the anesthetic from the EUA would wear off and the Callaghans would get dinner and play in Rittenhouse Square Park. The following day, they'd put the travel plan in reverse and head back to Summersville.

All this activity took place during the work week, and it has been vital to Julia and Steve that they weather this storm together.

The legal community in Summersville and the surrounding areas has responded in force to Steve and Julia's dilemma, offering to cover legal proceedings for them when necessary, and calling them out of the blue to see if there was anything they could do for them. The support has been amazing.

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In August 2004, doctors found a recurrence of the cancer in the left eye. A third chemotherapy drug was added to try and combat the cancer. In September, the right eye was clear, but the left eye tumor was still present, so Brooks underwent chemotherapy again.

Steve and Julia said their son's health crisis was very difficult to talk about at first. When not in the hospital, they focused on their law practice and on making Brooks' life as normal as possible. The Callaghans worked, Brooks thrived at home and in day care, and the family made a point of focusing on "regular" life.

An interesting thing happened along the way, however, and soon Steve and Julia weren't trying to keep their law practice in one compartment and their son's health issues in another. Instead, realizing that all these elements were a part of their very fabric, they incorporated the RB saga into their work life. The Callaghans created brochures on the disease and keep them at the office, they counsel anyone who will take a moment to listen on the easy detection methods, and anyone logging on to their Web site at [www.callaghanlawyers.com](http://www.callaghanlawyers.com) will quickly see they've added a "Brooks" page.

Steve noted that it's easiest to talk about Brooks' challenges when he is in remission, and most difficult when they're nearing one of their frequent visits to Philadelphia. They no longer have to make the trip on a monthly basis, but it's still scary when they do. Recent experience has taught them that they can't count on what they will hear each time Brooks is examined.

In October 2004, doctors discovered that the recurrence in Brooks' left eye not only was not shrinking, it was growing. Chemotherapy was stopped immediately; it was time for "Plan B."

On the case was Dr. Anna Meadows who, with Dr. Carol Shields, the Callaghans credit with saving their son's life. With the tumor resistant to chemo and inaccessible to cryo-therapy because of scar tissue, the medical team went with something called a "radiation plaque implant." In this procedure, a "map" of the tumor and the eye are sent to a nuclear physicist who makes the device. The plaque has a 14 carat gold backing to keep radiation from going any place other than the eye. It's a very concentrated dose of radiation and Brooks had to wear a lead patch to protect the people around him while it was implanted. Doctors stitched the plaque onto the back of the eye where the tumor was located. It covered the entire area of the tumor.

For the four days he had the plaque, Brooks could not leave his hospital room because he was radioactive!

At check ups (EUAs) in December 2004 and February 2005, there was no cancer and the Callaghans were elated. But the roller-coaster of emotions they were on was not done. In May 2005 a recurrence surfaced in Brooks' "good" eye and the Callaghans were devastated. "This was a major setback," they reported. Cryo-surgery was done on the eye, and a month later, in June 2005, there was no recurrence or cancer. An Aug. 17, 2005 exam revealed the same happy news.

Like most attorneys when faced with a mystery, the Callaghans headed for the research field when Brooks' cancer surfaced. No where, however, could they determine how their son was affected. There is only a 1 in 20,000 chance of an infant getting this cancer, less for the Callaghans because neither Steve nor Julia carries the genetic markers for RB. About 45 percent of the RB cases are inherited, with 55 percent simply occurring spontaneously. The chances of a recurrence remain active until the child is about four years old.

At this point, other than an abject rejection of doctors' offices, Brooks shows no outward signs of the trauma he's been through. He's a happy, sociable little boy who says "Hi!" to everyone he meets. That's pretty much what his parents want out of life at this point, that — and to alert every other parent out there to be checking photographs and insisting on a proper eye exam.







Seventy-eight golfers played in the 2005 Alumni Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing on Saturday, July 16. This was the sixth outing held at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course, near Williamston, Michigan. The annual gathering raises funds for the scholarship granted to current Cooley students each Hilary Term.

The Alumni Memorial Scholarship is awarded based upon financial need, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and other considerations. This year, \$10,345.49 will be added to the scholarship fund. The generosity of the golfers and hole sponsors is greatly appreciated by the Alumni Association and Cooley's students.

The golfers enjoyed an overcast day, as the cloud-cover kept the temperature comfortable. A downpour at the end chased a few golfers into the clubhouse for the awards ceremony and lunch. The winning foursome was comprised of current students Kevin Habberfield and Bret Hurst, and Keith Habberfield and Joe Kozlowski.

Michael O'Malley (Wilson Class, 2001), Michael Murphy, Larry Kish (Marston Class, 1978), and Bill Bailey came in second.

Professors Ernie Phillips and Pete Jason, Fred Blackmond (Butzel Class, 1979) and Todd Robinson (Bacon Class, 1990) were the third place finishers.

The team with the lowest score in which all four golfers were Cooley alums consisted of Thomas A. Halm (Carr Class, 1984), Vincent Welicka (Pratt Class, 1988), David E. Prine (Sherwood Class, 1986), and Charles Justian (Chandler Class, 1983).

The group with the highest score was Rebecca Walsh (Lawrence Class, 1991), Ronn Walsh, Arnold Eaton, and Leonard Eaton. The team with the highest number of cumulative years since graduation was comprised of Larry Nolan, Gary Tyler, Richard O'Neill, and Jerry Sutton, all grads of the January 1976 Cooley Class (the first class of the law school). Their foursome is the perennial winner of this contest.

In the category of individual awards, Bradley Butcher (Iredell Class, 2001) sank the longest putt. J. V. Anderton's shot made him the person who was closest to the pin. Joe Kozlowski made the longest drive on the fairway. The shortest drive was made by Tom Garikes. Unfortunately,

## Alumni Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing

no one won the hole-in-one contest prize, a two-year lease of a 2006 Cadillac CTS, although J. V. Anderton came the closest.

This year's outing also determined the winners of the Sixth Annual Cooley Cup. This is a traveling trophy that recognizes the team with the lowest score that has at least three members from the same law firm or legal employment association (such as a prosecuting attorney's office). In 2000, Robin Omer (Ransom Class, 1978), Diane Bernick (Kelly Class, 1978), Dustin Foster (Fellows Class, 1997), and Dennis Bernick won the first Cooley Cup for the firm of Bernick, Omer & Radner, P.C. In 2001, the Hubbard Fox law firm won the prize, thanks to the golfing skills of Jim Mauro (Champlin Class, 1987), Johanna Carey (Kuhn Class, 1995), Brian Surgener (McGrath Class, 1992), and John Caudell.

The cup returned to the firm of Bernick, Omer & Radner in 2002, and in 2003 and 2004 the cup stayed there. In what seems to be an unbreakable pattern, 2005 continued the winning streak of the stalwarts at Bernick, Omer, Radner & Ouellette, due to the prowess of Pat Ouellette (Steere Class, 1995), Diane L. Bernick (Kelly Class, 1978), Robin Omer (Ransom Class, 1978), and Dustin Foster (Fellows Class, 1997).

Beyond celebrating the athletic abilities of the golfers, the contributions of hole sponsors and other donors to the event must be recognized. The hole sponsors for the 2005 Alumni Memorial Golf Outing were as follows: Alumni Association Executive Committee members Charles R. Toy, Diane Britt, Hank Legere, Jr., Julie Clement, Maria Templo-Capule, Larry Betz, Diane M. Smith, M. Carol Bambery, Jeff Haarer, Mike Pelot, and Virginia P. Allen, AFLAC, Virginia P. Allen, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Bernick, Omer, Radner, Ouellette, P.C., Canteen Services, Mike





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In addition to the aforementioned hole sponsors, the following individuals and firms gave contributions of goods and services which made the outing a success, Kleinbrook Financial, Inc./Chip Kleinbrook, First National Bank of America, and the Lansing Lugnuts.

Following the completion of 18 holes of golf, the participants gathered at the Wheatfield Valley clubhouse for a steak lunch and the awards ceremony. Cooley Law School's Alumni Association thanks all of the golfers and donors who made the event so successful and invites everyone to attend the July 2006 Alumni Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing.

Please help us to increase the number of scholarships granted next year. There are few need-based scholarships available at Cooley, and our Alumni Memorial Scholarship is the most important one. To build the fund, play golf at the 2006 outing, sponsor a hole, or make a direct contribution to the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund. Contact Alumni Relations Director Darryl Parsell at (800) 243-ALUM, in Lansing call 371-5140, ext. 2038, or e-mail <parsell@cooley.edu> for more information. He will return a donation receipt for tax purposes to you along with the appreciation of the Alumni Association.



# Race For Education



## Cooley 5K Race For Education Raises Over \$9,000 For Area Educational Institutions

Lansing, Michigan — Over \$9,000 was donated to area educational institutions in summer 2005 following the sixth annual Cooley 5K Race for Education. The sunny weather brought out a record number of people with hundreds of runners, walkers, family, friends, and race volunteers enjoying the festivities, which included the music of the Uptown Band, face painting, kids activities and children's races.

The Cooley 5K race, which is part of the Playmakers Series, each year attracts more walkers and runners to Lansing, for a scenic race through the downtown area. This year there were 469 registered entrants. Each registered participant designates an area educational institution to receive a share of the race proceeds in the event that his or her name is drawn.

The top 2005 dollar winner was Lansing Catholic Central, which was nominated by Peggy Rademacher of Lansing. Lansing Catholic will receive a check for \$4,545.16. This amount beats 2004's 50 percent winner by nearly \$1,400.00, a 44 percent increase over last year. Lansing Catholic Central's Development Director Mary Frank was thrilled and very thankful.

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"I just want to thank everyone from the race who nominated Lansing Catholic Central," said Frank. "We are so excited and thankful. We certainly can use it for tuition assistance because there is always a need there, but we are also starting a major renovation project redoing the classrooms and we can put the money to good use for this as well."

The 25 percent proceeds winner for the race was Cooley Law School nominated by Kammy Curtiss of DeWitt, Mich., and Cooley will receive a check for \$2,272.58. Cooley was also the 5 percent proceeds winner nominated by Corinne Michaud, and will receive another check for \$454.51. President and Dean Don LeDuc heard the news first-hand at the Cooley 5K Race award ceremony.

"This is great," said LeDuc. "I'd like this money to go to children's education in the area, and Cooley sponsors a Cooley for Kids Day every summer at the Luginuts stadium. We'll earmark the money from our Cooley proceeds winnings to go to this yearly event."

The 10 percent winners were Grand Ledge High School, nominated by James Carlton of White Lake, Mich., and Marble Elementary, nominated by Anette Puleo of East Lansing. Each institution will receive a check for \$909.03. Grand Ledge High School's principal Rich Pochert was



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thrilled about winning and happy that the school was nominated.

"Thanks so much - that's great news," expressed Pochert. "We're constantly trying to upgrade our computer technology in our curriculum, and would be proud to be using the proceeds winnings to accomplish this. We're looking to purchase a data projector, laptops for a wireless environment, and other items to help improve our curriculum delivery message."

Marble Elementary principal Joanne Preston's first response was "Holy Smokes."

"We are so pleased and excited," exclaimed Preston. "Anette is a para-professional here and she is so team-oriented, and we're thankful she entered the race on our school's behalf. It's wonderful, and we will certainly brainstorm with her on where she might like to see the money go. I'm sure, with all the budget cuts, it will be used to help with students' education and put back into the class."

This year's Cooley winner was St. Johns Public Schools nominated by Mindy Keck from Bannister, Mich. St. Johns Public Schools will receive \$1,000. Roy Piggott, Business Manager for St. Johns, was delighted and very appreciative.

"Thank you very much. With having to cut 3 million from the budget in the last three years, every little bit helps out.

I'm sure we will be using it for supplies in the classrooms. We really have a desperate need and we're trying to make ends meet," said Piggott.

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For the race itself, the overall male winner was Eric Stuber of Lansing, with a time of 16:43, and the overall female winner was Anna Vanderstelt of Charlotte, Mich., with a time of 19:13. The Cooley race had its first wheelchair participant and winner of that division was Bill Hattan of Portland, Mich., with a time of 31:12.

The overall male master's winner was Daniel Dixon of Jackson, Mich., with a time of 16:55, and Christine Vincent, also of Jackson, Mich., was the winner of the overall female master's division with a time of 19:58.

The overall winners and master's winners each won a Romantic Adventure package from the Radisson Hotel, which included a one-night stay in a whirlpool suite, complimentary champagne and truffles, a rose upon arrival, breakfast for two, and full use of the indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, and exercise room.



# Scribes Comes to Cooley

Two veteran professors at Cooley Law School have been named to lead Scribes, the prestigious organization devoted to promoting excellence in legal writing. Headquarters for the organization will now be at Cooley.

In August 2005, Emeritus Professor Otto Stockmeyer was named president and Professor Joseph Kimble was named executive director. In these posts, the two will lead Scribes, a national organization of published lawyers, judges, law professors, and legal editors. Kimble also serves as editor in chief of *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*, the main publication of the organization. Another Cooley faculty member, Assistant Professor Jane Siegel, edits *The Scrivener*, which is Scribes' quarterly newsletter.

Membership in *Scribes* is open to any member of the legal profession who has:

- a) **published a book on a legal subject;**
- b) **published two or more articles on legal subjects;**
- c) **edited a legal publication; or**
- d) **published two or more decisions as a judge or administrative-hearing officer**

Stockmeyer, a member since 1981, will serve a two-year term as president of Scribes. He is the 41st person and only the second Michigander to serve as president since the organization was founded in 1953. The first and only other Michigan president was Judge Charles W. Joiner (1963-64), then a University of Michigan law professor.

Stockmeyer is proud of the healthy growth in Scribes membership in Michigan. In fact, Michigan is now the top contributor in membership (224), ahead of second-place Texas (216) and third-place California (192).

Kimble is enthusiastic about Scribes' preeminent place in the legal field and its potential. "Scribes is the oldest, most prestigious organization devoted to honoring legal writers," Kimble said. "We plan to put some energy into this and move Scribes forward."

One of Kimble's plans for advancement includes expanding

institutional membership. "We've added the category of institutional membership for appellate courts. Four have joined already. The Michigan Court of Appeals was the first institutional member," he noted. "It's an exciting development." The four appellate courts join the 23 law schools that are also institutional members.

Cooley has long been a supporter of Scribes. When the organization first offered institutional memberships in 1990, Cooley's response was swift: Scribes had Cooley's membership check in hand by return mail!

In fact, Stockmeyer said, the honor of bringing Scribes to Cooley would not have been possible without the support of the law school and its president, Don LeDuc.

"Doubtless one of the reasons for Scribes' locating here is a climate that fosters respect for legal writing, which the law school has maintained for many years," Stockmeyer said.

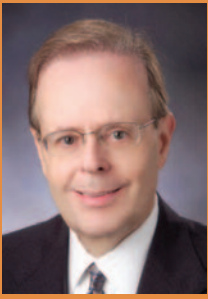
Under LeDuc's leadership, Cooley was a leader among law schools in granting tenure status to legal-writing instructors. LeDuc's support was recognized when he was presented with the prestigious Golden Pen Award from the Legal Writing Institute, the group of law-school legal-writing teachers.

All Cooley professors involved in Scribes teach or have taught Research & Writing at Cooley. Their work with the organization and its *Journal* can be time-intensive, but they are given the room to do it.

"I think one reason we've risen to leadership roles in Scribes," Stockmeyer said, "is Don's encouragement and support along the way."

The goal is to increase the organization's visibility and get its publications in the hands of as many readers as possible. The message: Good legal writing is important.

Most legal literature is written by volunteers, legal profes-



## Joseph Kimble

Professor Kimble joined the full-time Cooley faculty in 1984. He is the executive director of *Scribes* (the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects), editor in chief of *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*, and editor of the "Plain Language" column in the *Michigan Bar Journal*. He has published many articles on legal writing and research, has written a manual called *Drafting Documents in Plain*

Language, and has lectured on writing to legal organizations in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

He served as a drafting consultant to the Sixth Circuit Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions and the Michigan Committee on Standard Criminal Jury Instructions. He now serves as the drafting consultant to the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and he recently completed the work of redrafting the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In addition, he has a book coming out this fall entitled *Lifting the Fog of Legalese*, a collection of his essays from the past 15 years.



## Otto Stockmeyer

Professor Stockmeyer joined the faculty in 1977 following 12 years as a commissioner and director of research for the Michigan Court of Appeals. He has also taught as a visiting professor at California Western School of Law and Mercer University Law School.

Professor Stockmeyer is a three-time recipient of the Stanley E. Beattie Teaching Award, was named national Outstanding Professor in 1985 by Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, recipient of the Socrates Award from the Hellenic Bar Association, and winner of the Student Bar Association's first Barrister Award.

Professor Stockmeyer edited and co-authored the book *Michigan Law of Damages* (1989) and has authored articles in a wide variety of professional journals and newsletters. He has served on the board of *Scribes*, the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects, since 1994 and is currently its president.

A past president of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, Professor Stockmeyer has also served on the State Bar Board of Commissioners and in the ABA House of Delegates.

sionals whose focus is the law, not the written word. "There are not many full-time, professional legal writers," Stockmeyer said. "Without law professors, judges, and lawyers who write as a sideline, where would our legal literature come from?"

Wordsmiths like Kimble, Stockmeyer, Siegel, and others involved with the publications worry about the details of writing so that others don't have to. The finer points of writing may seem like nitpicking to some, but often it is the details that lead to clearer prose.

"We worry about things like em dashes, en dashes, where the hyphens fall, and whether a comma should be roman or italic," Kimble said. He noted that his long-suffering assistant, Cindy Hurst, does all the formatting of the *Journal*. "She loves it," Kimble said, "when I break out the ruler to check indents or vertical spacing."

Of course, formatting is just one part of the editing process, in addition to the myriad edits for style and clarity. "It will sound extravagant," said Kimble, "but I think you would have to look hard to find a law journal that's better edited."

Kimble works with three other editors (all of whom are in Texas). When they get the *Journal* "perfect," they send it to their copy editor in Oregon — and prepare themselves for even more corrections.

*Scribes* puts on three awards ceremonies each year:

1. the *Scribes Book Award*, for the best work of legal scholarship;
2. the *Scribes Law-Review Award*, for the best student writing in a law review; and
3. the *Scribes Brief-Writing Award*, for the best student brief entered in a national moot-court competition.

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The Book Award and the Brief-Writing Award are presented at the American Bar Association's annual meeting, while the Law Review award is presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Law Reviews.

*Scribes* is at a key point in its growth, and Cooley, Stockmeyer, and Kimble are all ready, willing, and able to take on the task of nurturing it. Cooley has agreed to house its operations and underwrite publishing the *Journal*.

Stockmeyer has a long history of organizational management, from service as chapter president of his law fraternity, to chairing the State Bar of Michigan's Young Lawyers Section, to serving as president of the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

Kimble, assuming the twin tasks of executive director and editor in chief, is well aware of the tremendous time commitment. The transition work will be front-loaded as he and assistant Becky McAlpine set

up the operations at Cooley. As for the *Journal*, it is currently published every two years, but Kimble would like to see it come out annually.

Kimble also has to balance his work with *Scribes* and the *Journal* with other writing-related work. He recently completed work on redrafting the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure with an eye toward improving their clarity. And speaking of "clarity," Kimble is president of an international organization by the same name — Clarity — devoted to promoting plain language in legal writing. This organization also has extra Cooley connections: its journal is edited by Cooley Assistant Professor Julie Clement, and Cindy Hurst maintains the membership list of almost 1,000 international members.

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# Damages Book Goes Online

Michigan's Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) has announced plans to launch online versions of its popular practice-oriented books. One of the first to go online is Cooley Law School Professor Otto Stockmeyer's *Michigan Law of Damages and Other Remedies*.

The recovery (or avoidance) of damages is an important aspect of almost every civil lawsuit. Savvy lawyers know that while damages come at the end of a trial, they should be a consideration from the moment a client walks in the door. Yet the most recent national treatise on the subject is *McCormick on Damages*, published in 1935. That may explain why ICLE's *Michigan Law of Damages* has been popular with the state's lawyers and judges since its beginning.

The first edition, which came out in 1979, "was essentially a collection of speakers' notes and outlines from an ICLE program," according to Professor Stockmeyer. He became involved with the project 20 years ago when, while on a sabbatical leave in 1985, he was asked to prepare a supplement to update the book. "I had volunteered to write a chapter on restitution," he said, "but ICLE wasn't interested in that at the time." He wrote the supplement instead, and that later resulted in an invitation to be the editor of a second edition.

With the help of four Cooley Law School student research assistants, Professor Stockmeyer was able to expand the book to two volumes. He fleshed-out and updated existing chapters and added many new ones, including chapters on what he calls "damages maximizers," statutory multipliers, pre- and post-complaint interest, and actual attorney fees. Cooley professor Nelson Miller, then in private practice, was one of 29 contributors.

Reviews of the second edition, which came out in 1989, were uniformly laudatory, and the book became an ICLE bestseller.

For the third edition, which came out in 2002, Professor Stockmeyer and three co-editors added the much-needed new chapter on restitution, authored by Professor Nora Pasmann-Green, and increased coverage of the remedies of injunctions and reformation. Among the 31 contributing authors of the expanded and re-titled *Michigan Law of Damages and Other Remedies* is Cooley Law School alumnus M. Jean Ligon. She was one of Professor Stockmeyer's student research assistants on the earlier edition. So strong is the Cooley influence that the new edition's cover is "Cooley blue and white."

A major advantage of the new online version is direct links to all cited primary authority. Users can click on a citation and pull up the full text of the case, statute, or court rule. The online book is also key-word searchable and continually updated. The new Michigan Civil Jury Instructions on contract damages, for example, published in the May

2004 *Michigan Bar Journal*, were incorporated in the online version by mid-June.

Access to the online version is by annual subscription at a cost of \$145 for small law firms (1-4 lawyers) and \$215 for large firms (5 or more lawyers). The print edition remains available for \$185. For additional information, visit [www.icle.org](http://www.icle.org).

According to Rita Marsala, public service librarian at Cooley's Brennan Law Library, Professor Stockmeyer's ICLE damages book "is one of the more popular and well-used sets in the library." Online availability anywhere and any time that an attorney has Internet access will further enhance the usefulness of this important resource.



## BOOK WIDELY PRAISED

Excerpts of published book reviews praising *Michigan Law of Damages, Second Edition*:

- "I recommend this book as the first place a lawyer should turn to on damages issues." — Irwin Alterman; writing in the *Michigan Bar Journal*
- "A valuable reference for any attorney who brings or defends claims for money damages in Michigan. It is a necessary addition to every law library." — George Googasian, writing in *Laches*
- "This two-volume set is an excellent treatise on the law of damages in Michigan." — Eric Guerin, writing in the *Detroit College of Law Review*
- "Law librarians across the country should consider ordering this set for use as a general damages treatise. Several of the existing damages treatises are badly out of date and these volumes can fill that void, despite their Michigan focus. For a Michigan practitioner, the volumes must be indispensable." — Michael Rustad, writing in *Bimonthly Review of Law Books*
- "A handy, detailed, and sophisticated work for the busy trial lawyer." — *Michigan Trial Lawyers Association Newsletter*
- "The most comprehensive and best known Michigan resource." — *Michigan Defense Quarterly*

# Making a Difference

Once in a while a person comes along who touches our lives in a very special way. Unfortunately, it is not until she is gone that we realize the impact that she had. Such a person was Melissa Mitchell. It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Melissa Mitchell on May 21, 2005. Melissa was a member of the 2003 Swainson Class.

Melissa had an effusive smile and demeanor. She walked through life with an air of confidence, but a humbleness that reached out to everyone she met. Her competitive spirit guided her to law, and her love of learning guided her through her academic achievements. She embraced life and all those around her as her equals and gave of herself effortlessly and graciously.

Adored by faculty, admired and loved by friends, Mitchell was the epitome of dedication, hard work, and fun. Professor Evelyn Tombers said, "Melissa loved learning and she loved the law." Professor Ron Bretz stated, "Despite the fact that she was only in active practice for one year, she had already won some big cases and other attorneys were describing her as brilliant." Professor William Wagner said, "I was especially inspired by Melissa's enthusiastic servant heart. She regularly reached out and provided wise counsel to younger students." Professor James Hicks said, "Melissa was truly a special person. She had a heart for people and gave so much of herself in everything she did."



Melissa Mitchell

1974-2005

To recognize the outstanding individual that Melissa Mitchell was, the Thomas M. Cooley Law School's students, faculty, and staff, in cooperation with the Mitchell family, want to establish a Memorial Scholarship in her memory. Her scholarship will be a testimonial for what she stood for: criminal defense, moot court, trial practice, and teaching. It is the goal of this memorial fund to be financially endowed in the amount of \$25,000. The Development Office is in the process of mailing a special appeal to all those people who came in contact with Melissa including the Chase, Paterson, Smith, Swainson, and Toy classes.

As Cooley's motto states, "*In corde hominum est anima legis*," in the heart of man is the spirit of law. Melissa Mitchell was that spirit, and it will live on.

**To those readers who wish to make a donation to the Melissa Mitchell Memorial Scholarship, please contact the Development Office at (517) 371-5140, ext. 2830 or e-mail Tom Garikes at [garikest@cooley.edu](mailto:garikest@cooley.edu). Your gift is important because it will make a difference in the lives of Cooley students who dream of making a difference. Melissa Mitchell made a difference.**

*"She had a heart for people and gave so much of herself in everything she did."*



# D.S.A.

## Distinguished Student Award

### Alumni President Toy Grants the Distinguished Student Award for the Starr Class

The faculty, staff, and student body of Thomas M. Cooley Law School gathered in the auditorium on July 22 for the Honors Convocation of Trinity Term 2005. Alumni Association President Charles R. Toy (Kavanagh Class, 1981) was on hand to grant the Distinguished Student Award to Ryan F. Friebele of the graduating Raymond W. Starr Class.

The eight students nominated for this term's Distinguished Student Award furnished a variety of information, including résumés and letters of reference that were reviewed by the Executive Committee. Nominees were also personally interviewed as part of the selection process. Members of each graduating class are evaluated on the criteria of character, academic accomplishment, leadership, and extracurricular activities in the decision to grant the Distinguished Student Award.

Starr Class Distinguished Student Ryan Friebele will sit for the February 2006 New York Bar Examination. Friebele is seeking a position as a prosecuting attorney in Queen's County, N.Y. Later in his career, Friebele would like to work in the area of public policy with a non-profit organization. Eventually, he plans to seek elective office.

The Alumni Association is proud and pleased to give recognition to this outstanding member of the Starr Class and extends its best wishes for his continuing success.



**Ryan Friebele**

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Yolanda Michelle Bennett  
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Reed Gilmor Bowman  
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Rodney Mark Cox  
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 Melba Lisa Garcia  
 Robert Edward Gebhard  
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 Leah Catherine Good,  
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 Kim Marie Gourrier  
 Denise J. Grass  
 Camille Anthea Gray,  
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 Bryant David Greene  
 Jonathan Martin Gregory,  
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 Garrett Grieser,  
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 Glenda Michele Griffin  
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 Rico D. Neal  
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 Grace Ann Onderlinde,  
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 Mary Ellen O'Sullivan  
 Larissa Ann Overley  
 Orin Paliwoda  
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 Kevin Scott Peterson,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 Bethany Anne Pierpont  
 Christine Pierre-Louis  
 Tina Marie Pinkston  
 Jeffrey David Pintar, *SUMMA  
 CUM LAUDE; PRESIDENT'S  
 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD*  
 Michael John Plowman  
 Michael Clark Quimby  
 Brian D. Rabal  
 Mysti Nicolle Ramsey,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 Marietta Espiritu Raqueno,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 Karyn Marie Reid, *CUM LAUDE*  
 Satara Charlene Rembert  
 Chris Renna  
 Cassandra Elizabeth Rhodes  
 T'sah Kamila Rodriguez

Aithyni Keir-Heleyne Rucker,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 Karen Schantz  
 Jason Schick, *CUM LAUDE*  
 James Derek Schlesinger  
 Corrie Sue Schmidt,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 Marius Segal-Gebski  
 Abbi Jo Sexton  
 Sauda Shakoor-Ahmad  
 Steven Edward Shelton,  
*MAGNA CUM LAUDE*  
 Matthew Benjamin Shepherd  
 Adil Siddiki  
 Shawndrica Nicole Simmons  
 Mwanaisha Atieno Sims  
 Tracey Marie Sims,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 Christopher Pascal Sirounian  
 Jennifer Lynn Slatten  
 Neal Kennedy Smith  
 Anthony Michael Snyder  
 En-Tie Soon  
 Camilo Antonio Soto,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 Imad Soubra  
 Channa Jackson Stacey,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 James Rocco Stellabotte  
 Natalie Shawn Stevens  
 Marcella Jo Stewart,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 Matthew James Stropes  
 Thomas Matthew Tarsia  
 Deidra Denise Thompson  
 Damian Tofte  
 Timothy Nicholas Tomasic  
 George Sam Tornik  
 A. Beatrice Travis  
 Ryan Matthew Tutura  
 Frank Russell Van Cleef,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 John Paul Vella  
 Michael D. Wagstaff  
 Chih-Chin Wang  
 Melissa Anne Warrington  
 Jennifer Orena Watts  
 Jason M. Weinandy  
 Mark L. Wilkins  
 Nathan Thomas Williams,  
*CUM LAUDE*  
 Rebekah Lynn Williams  
 Jessica Elizabeth Williams-  
 Bronner  
 James Randall Witham  
 Elizabeth Janni Wu  
 Dionnie Suzzette Wynter,  
*LEADERSHIP  
 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD*  
 Lee Cassie Yates  
 Alfred (Wai-Lung) Yeung



# Graduation

## HIGHLIGHTS



## Emerson R. Boyles Class

Commencement ceremonies for the Boyles Class were held May 21, 2005.

The invocation was given by Associate Professor Lisa Halushka. Senior Stephen Knights was chosen by his fellow graduates to deliver the valedictory remarks.

Jeffrey David Pintar, *summa cum laude*, was the recipient of both the James E. Burns Memorial Award and the President's Achievement Award. The Burns Award is given to the student who graduates with the highest grade point average in the class, while the President's Achievement Award goes to the student who had the highest percentage increase between incoming index and graduating G.P.A.

Professor and Dean Emeritus Michael Cox earned the Beattie Award for Excellence in Teaching, an award voted on by members of the graduating class.



Jeffrey David Pintar, left, *summa cum laude*, was the winner of the James E. Burns Memorial Award and the President's Achievement Award.



A happy graduate lifts her diploma at the conclusion of ceremonies for the Emerson R. Boyles Class commencement.



Graduates (top) listen to speeches, valedictory speaker Stephen Knights (center) celebrates getting his diploma. Senior Professor and Dean Emeritus Michael Cox (above) was the recipient of the Stanley E. Beattie Teaching Award.



# Faculty Briefs



**David C. Berry, Associate Professor**  
**Published**, an article, "To What Extent Should Research That Is Performed To Identify New Drugs Be Exempt From Patent Infringement?," in the *ABA Supreme Court Preview*

(April 2005). The article describes the *Merck v. Integra Lifesciences* case.

**Published**, an article on Trade Secret Protection, in the *Grand Rapids Business Press*.



**Alan F. Blakley, Associate Professor**  
**Participated**, in a seminar on Electronic Records Management and Digital Discovery May 12-13, 2005.  
**Published**, an article, "Rules of Procedure: Always Worth Reviewing," in *The*

*Federal Lawyer*, May 2005, Vol. 52, No. 4, p. 16-17.

**Published**, an article, "Privacy in a Public Place," in *The Federal Lawyer*, June 2005, Vol. 52, No. 5, p. 14. The article focuses on access to information that is disclosed in litigation.

**Published**, an article, "Conference Creates Guidelines Balancing Privacy, Openness," in *Federal Discovery News*, June 2005, Vol. 11, No 7, p. 3.

**Published**, an article, "If I Could Choose," *The Federal Lawyer*, Vol. 52, No. 6, p. 4. The article discusses the attributes Professor Blakley thinks are most important in a judge.

**Accepted**, for publication, an article, "The Legal Status of Spyware," that he wrote with Daniel Garrie and Matthew Armstrong from Rutgers (Camden), in Vol. 55, Issue 2 (late winter 2005-06) *Catholic Univ. L. Rev.* The article analyzes, explains, and discusses computer spyware in both legal and technological narratives.

**Spoke**, on Aug. 11, 2005, at the 20th annual Federal Dispute Resolution (FDR) Conference at the Marriott Marquis in New York City, on "The Impact of Electronic Information and its Discovery on Dispute Resolution." He focused on the law surrounding electronic discovery and how the proliferation of electronic information has impacted settlements in litigation and in administrative proceedings.

**Published**, "Making the Most of Technology," in 52 *The Federal Lawyer*, Vol. 52, No. 7, beginning at page 14 (August 2005). The article discusses the effective use of technology.

**Co-authored**, with Daniel B. Garrie and Matthew J. Armstrong of Rutgers, "Voice Over Internet Protocol: Reality Versus Legal Fiction," published in *The Federal Lawyer* Vol. 52, No. 7, p. 34. The article discusses the difficulty of dealing with Internet-based telephone systems with respect to intercepting messages.

**Published**, an article, "Consistency & Protecting Sources," in Vol. 52, No. 8 (Sept. 2005), *The Federal Lawyer*, page 12. The article concerns the potentially inconsistent arguments of government and media with respect to private information.



**Lynn Branham, Professor**  
**Published**, a book, *The Law and Policy of Sentencing and Corrections* (7th ed. 2005; publisher Thompson/West).  
**Published**, a book, *The Law and Policy of*

*Sentencing and Corrections in a Nutshell* (7th ed. 2005; publisher Thompson/West).

**Spoke**, on the Prison Litigation Reform Act and § 1983 for a workshop on § 1983 for District and Magistrate Judges, July 29, 2005, in Boston, Mass.

**Appointed**, chairperson of the Prison Litigation Reform Act Task Force by the American Bar Association.



**John Brennan, Professor**  
**Directed**, Cooley's Foreign Studies Program in Toronto, Ontario in May and June 2005. He also taught a class for the program called Torts & Terrorism. The program is located on the campus of The University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto.



**Ronald Bretz, Professor**  
**Appointed**, by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. He was appointed to represent the criminal defense attorneys of Michigan.

**Spoke**, on June 16, 2005, to state trial and appellate judges at the Supreme Court's Annual Judicial Conference in Lansing. The topic was Criminal Law & Procedure Update.

**Spoke**, on Aug. 15, 2005, at the Michigan Judges Association annual meeting on Mackinac Island. The topic was "Scientific and Other Expert Testimony in Michigan."

**Spoke**, on Sept. 15, 2005, at Beaumont Hospital's Clinical Pathology Conference. The topic of the conference was DNA in the Clinical Laboratory. Professor Bretz' topic was "Forensic Evidence and the 'CSI Effect.'"

**Performed**, on Sept 17, 2005, with his band Third Degree on the main stage of the Old Town Blues Festival as a result of winning the Capital Area Blues Society's Annual Blues Brawl.

**Spoke**, on Sept. 23, at the Wayne County Criminal Advocacy Program in Detroit. Topic: "DNA Typing and other Forensic Evidence Issues."



**Julie Clement, Assistant Professor**  
**Named**, the new editor in chief of the journal *Clarity*, published by the International organization Clarity, which promotes plain legal and official language.

**Served**, on the State Bar's Board of Tellers recently, for the various Bar elections.

**Attended**, the Legal Writing Institute Conference in July 2004 in Seattle, Wash.

**Spoke**, on "Using the Flowers Paradigm in the Classroom," at the Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference in Phoenix, Ariz., in March 2005.



**Mark Cooney, Assistant Professor**  
**Published**, "Stay Active! (Part 1)," in Vol. 84, No. 5 Mich. B.J. 48 (May 2005).  
**Published**, "Stay Active! (Part 2)," in Vol. 84, No. 6 Mich. B.J. 38 (June 2005).  
**Published**, "The Dating

Game," Vol. 41, in No. 8 TRIAL 60 (August 2005).

**Published**, "A Verb's Lament," in *The Scrivener* (Winter 2005).

**Patrick Corbett, Associate Professor**  
**Spoke**, on Aug. 25, 2005, on "Legal Issues in Response to Electronic Crime," at the Center for Regional and National Security, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich.



**Spoke**, on Aug. 17, 2005, on "Cyberstalking: Do the Michigan Laws Provide Any Help?," at the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan, Regional Stalking Conference, Midland, Mich.

**Spoke**, on July 27, 2005, on "Computer Crimes Involving Children - The Law," at the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Victim Rights Unit, All About "Kidz" Conference, in Midland, Mich.

**Spoke**, on July 13, 2005, on "Cyberstalking: Do the Michigan Laws Provide Any Help?," at the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan, Regional Stalking Conference, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Spoke**, on June 22, 2005, on "Cyberstalking: Do the Michigan Laws Provide Any Help?," at the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan, Regional Stalking Conference, in Livonia, Mich.

**Spoke**, on June 1, 2005, on "State Cyber Crime Laws: 'Old Laws' and New Laws," at the University of Michigan Security Roundtable, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Spoke**, on June 1, 2005, on "The USA Patriot Act: Revised Electronic Evidence Gathering Techniques" and "The Federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act," at Washtenaw Community College, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Spoke**, on May 25, 2005, on "Cyberstalking: Do the Michigan Laws Provide Any Help?," at the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan, Regional Stalking Conference, in Gaylord, Mich.

**Spoke**, on May 18, 2005, on "State Cyber Crime Laws: 'Old Laws' and New Laws," Washtenaw Community College, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Spoke**, on May 11, 2005, on "Searching and Seizing Computers - the Fourth Amendment in Cyberspace," at Washtenaw Community College, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Attended**, a conference, on Aug. 24, 2005, "Privacy, Policy and Protection," at Walsh College in Troy, Mich.



**Mary D'Isa, Professor**  
**Published**, an article, "When is the Citizenship of Unnamed Affiliates Relevant to Diversity Jurisdiction Analysis?," in *Preview of U.S. Supreme Court Cases, 2005-2006 Term, Issue No. 1*.

**Published**, an article, "When Does a Case 'Arise Under' Federal Law for the Purposes of Establishing Original Jurisdiction?," in *Preview of U.S. Supreme Court Cases, 2005-2006 Term, Issue No. 7*, in April 2005.



**Judy Frank, Professor**  
**Appointed**, a member of the Cooley Alumni Association Fundraising Committee. She was nominated for a director position for the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Elected**, Vice President for the Board of Directors for The Greens at Walnut Hills Association.



**Elliot B. Glicksman, Professor**  
**Authored**, an article entitled, "The Restoration of the Confrontation Clause/*Crawford v. Washington*," published in the *Ingham County Bar Association Briefs*, September 2005.

**Spoke**, on Sept. 28, 2005, before the Wyoming Annual Public Defenders Seminar on the *Crawford* case and its ramifications.

**Lectured**, to the Michigan Circuit Court Judges at their annual seminar held on Mackinac Island, Aug. 15, 2005. The topic was the recent Supreme Court decision of *Crawford v. Washington*. This important opinion effectively restored the Confrontation Clause Rights to criminal defendants. In so doing, the *Crawford* court overruled *Ohio v. Roberts*, which forged a judicial marriage between the hearsay rule and the Confrontation Clause.



**Richard Henke, Professor**  
**Elected**, to the American Law Institute (ALI), a prestigious association of law practitioners, judges, and academics. Members are selected on the basis of professional achievement and demonstrated interest in the improvement of the law.



**Joseph Kimble, Professor**  
**Published**, a book called *Lifting the Fog of Legalese: Essays on Plain Language*. It collects many of the articles he has written over the years. The publisher is Carolina Academic Press.

(www.cup-press.com)

**Published**, two articles in the *Michigan Bar Journal* called "Guiding Principles for Restyling the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure." The articles reprint a memorandum he wrote to accompany the revised federal rules. Professor Kimble led the drafting work on that project.

**Delivered**, a keynote speech at the conference "Clarity and Obscurity in Legal Language," in Boulogne, France. The conference was sponsored by the international organization Clarity. Clarity's administrative office is at Thomas Cooley.

**Spoke**, at a seminar on legal writing at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association. The seminar was sponsored by Scribes (The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects) and the ABA's Section of Business Law.

**Accepted**, an invitation to speak at the conference "Plain Language — Adding Up the Benefits," in Washington, D.C. The conference is sponsored by the Plain Language Association International and the Center for Plain Language. Professor Kimble is a founding director of the center.

**Accepted**, the job of executive director of Scribes. Thomas Cooley is now the home school for Scribes. Professor Kimble is also the editor-in-chief of *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing*.



**Dorean Koenig, Professor**  
**Reappointed**, as co-chair of the Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section Committee on the Death Penalty for the 2005-2006 year.

**Coordinated**, and served

on a panel at the August 2005 ABA annual meeting in Chicago, "Community and Conscience: Executing Juveniles and the Mentally Impaired." The program was sponsored by the IRR Section, the Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law, and the Death Penalty Representation Project.

**Continues**, her work with the Task Force on Mental Disability and the Death Penalty which was established in 2003 by the Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities of the ABA. The Recommendations and Report of the Task Force, substantially completed in 2005, were presented and discussed at the annual meeting program and will be presented to the ABA for adoption.

**Continues**, on the 2005-2006 Executive Board of the American National Section of the International Association of Penal Law. She is the secretary of the organization.



**Nelson Miller, Assistant Dean/Associate Professor**  
**Published**, an article, "The Attributes of Care and Carelessness: A Proposed Negligence Jury Instruction," in *The New England Law Review* (39 N.Eng.L.Rev. 79

-2005). The article argues that tort law doctrines reflect the attributes of care and that negligence jury instructions should be clarified to encourage juries to consider those attributes.



**Michael Molitor, Assistant Professor**  
**Accepted**, for publication, "Will More Sunlight Fade the Pink Sheets? Increasing Public Information About Non-Reporting Issuers With Quoted Securities," Vol. 39, issue 2, *Indiana Law Review*.

**Spoke**, at a public meeting of the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Smaller Public Companies, Aug. 9, 2005, at The John Marshall Law School, in Chicago, Ill. He was invited to speak at the session by the SEC about the law review article, "Will More Sunlight Fade the Pink Sheets? Increasing Public Information About Non-Reporting Issuers With Quoted Securities."

**Interviewed**, by both the *Corporate Legal Times* and the *Auditing News* regarding the SEC Advisory Committee on Smaller Public Companies. Both reporters asked for Professor Molitor's thoughts on whether the SEC would act on some of the committee's recommendations relating to relief from the provisions of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for small public companies.



**Marjorie Russell, Professor**

**Served**, and taught as a Team Leader in the Widener University School of Law's Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, May 18-25, 2005.

**Presented**, a lecture and demonstration on Opening Statements, and served as a small group instructor, at the second annual Criminal Defense Trial College Aug. 11-17. The college is co-sponsored by the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan and Cooley Law School, and held in Cooley's high-tech courtroom facilities.

**Taught**, advanced trial skills and the use of action methods in trial at the Graduate Course of the Trial Lawyers College in DuBois, Wyo., Aug. 22-29, 2005.

**Continues**, to serve as a volunteer judge, once or twice a month, for the Lansing Teen Court diversion program for first-time juvenile offenders in Ingham County. Cooley provides a home for Teen Court offices and hearings.



**Chris Shafer, Professor**  
**Published**, an article, "The Michigan Supreme Court Declares that the Public Has a Right to Walk Along Great Lakes Beaches," in *Planning & Zoning News*, Vol. 23, No. 11 (September 2005).

**Attended**, the Environmental Law Section Water Law Symposium, at the Michigan State Bar Association's annual meeting, Sept. 22, 2005, in East Lansing, Mich.

**Delivered**, a paper on "Legal Framework Pertaining to Lakebed Alterations," at the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission Renewable Energy Workshop, Sept. 20, 2005, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Spoke**, on "Water Law in a Nutshell: Riparian Rights & Navigation," for the MSU Extension Water Leadership Institute July 21, 2005, at the MSU Kellogg Biological Station, in Hickory Corners, Mich.



**Otto Stockmeyer, Emeritus Professor**  
**Elected**, President of Scribes, the American Society of Writers On Legal Subjects, at the society's annual meeting in Chicago, Ill., in August 2005. Scribes is a national association of lawyers, judges, law professors, and legal editors interested in promoting good legal writing.



**The Hon. Richard F. Suhrheinrich, Distinguished Visiting Jurist**  
**Reappointed**, to serve a second term on the State of Michigan Attorney Discipline Board.



**Kathy Swedlow, Assistant Professor**  
**Spoke**, at the Harvard School of Government, as part of a private workshop organized by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics. Professor Swedlow's talk was entitled, "Post-conviction DNA Laws: Federal and State Experiences," and focused on the difficulties associated with litigating claims of DNA-based factual innocence.  
**Published**, "Pleading Guilty v. Being Guilty: A Case For Broader Access To Post-Conviction DNA Testing," as the lead article in the *Criminal Law Bulletin*, Vol. 41, No. 6.  
**Spoke**, at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, Ill. The program, entitled "On the Docket 2005: The Death Penalty in the Supreme Court," featured discussion from several attorneys with extensive experience in capital litigation, including Professor Swedlow, and was moderated by Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist Linda Greenhouse.



**Amy Timmer, Professor and Associate Dean**  
**Appointed**, as a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation by the Michigan State Bar Foundation.



**Evelyn Tombers, Associate Professor**  
**Attended**, a conference sponsored by the National Association of Counsel for Children, Aug. 24-28, 2005, in Los Angeles, Calif.  
**Attended**, the Council of Appellate Lawyers and Judges Summit Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2005, in San Francisco, Calif.

**Appointed**, by the National Association of Counsel for Children, to the Advisory Committee that is implementing certification for Child Welfare Specialist Attorneys in Michigan. Michigan is one of three pilot states for the certification as a specialist in representing children, the state, child welfare agencies, and parents in child abuse and neglect cases.  
**Named**, to the editorial board of the *Michigan Child Welfare Law Journal*.



**Gina Torielli, Associate Professor and Director, Graduate Tax Program**  
**Published**, an article, "Don't Relegate the New IRS Standards Amendments to the Circular [230] File," in *Michigan Tax Lawyer*.

**Spoke**, on Partnership Compensation Agreements: Dividing Profits With Your Partner, at an ICLE presentation Oct. 21, 2005, at the Small and Solo Law Firm Institute in Dearborn, Mich.

**Spoke**, on Shareholder Buy/Sell Agreements: Tax Aspects," for the ICLE Business Bootcamps Sept. 14 in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Sept. 26 in Birmingham, Mich.



**William Wagner, Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Ethics and Responsibility**  
**Served**, as master of ceremonies at the Cooley Law School national symposium on the Ten Commandments, faith-based initiatives, and the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 13, 2005.

**Served**, as a member of the Student Statesmanship Institute's Statewide Board of Advisers, and developed the appellate advocacy portion of the institute's character-based civic education program for high school students in July 2005.

**Sponsored**, a mini-symposium on Integrity, Ethics, and Leadership, featuring Michigan's "First Gentleman" Dan Granholm Mulhern in May 2005.

**Sponsored**, a public service project culminating in the presentation of law books to the former president of the Liberian National Bar Association and dean of Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law at the University of Liberia in July 2005.

**Served**, as a member of the Lansing Area Hospice Executive Board of Directors in 2005.

**Chaired**, the Lansing Area Hospice Ethics Committee in 2005.

**Served**, as a member of the Ingham Region Medical Center Ethics Committee in 2005.

**Served**, as a member of the Christian Home Educators Support System Leadership Board in 2005.



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## Keep Your Alumni Database Listing Current For More Referrals

It is always worthwhile to review your information listing on the searchable alumni database. Make sure it is up to date and that all of your practice specialty areas are listed. Please list your office information to maximize your referrals from other Cooley graduates.

Peter Huber (Williams Class, 1994) reviews the database when he has business outside of the St. Louis, Mo., area where he practices. Sometimes he is able to find current information and make a case referral to a fellow graduate. Recently he wanted to make a very lucrative referral for a matter in Oklahoma. Unfortunately, Peter was unable to find current information on a graduate in the right area with the practice specialty he needed, so the referral went to someone else.

The Web site of Thomas M. Cooley Law School can be found at [www.cooley.edu](http://www.cooley.edu). Once you find the school's Web site, click on the word "alumni" at the top of the home page. When you reach the specific alumni section, you will see a listing of options on the top of the page. Click on directory and services. The next page will describe the services available. At the bottom of that page, click on "Alumni Directory Terms of Use."

Agree to the terms and a pop-up security box will then ask for your username and password. The username will always remain the word alumni. The password changes each term and is disclosed on the inside front cover of the printed Benchmark. Then, click "search" at the top of the next page. Select your factor(s) and click on the "start search" bar at the left side of the page. Please e-mail [swopea@cooley.edu](mailto:swopea@cooley.edu), call the Alumni Relations Office at (800) 243-ALUM, or in the Lansing area call 371-5140, ext. 2038, if you have any problems or wish to update your file.

## Cooley's Toronto Summer Program Hosts Sixth Canadian Krinock Lecture

Cooley Law School hosted a Krinock lecture and reception at the University Club in Toronto, on June 17. The event was hosted by Professor John Brennan and James Morton, Cooley Law School's Toronto Program co-directors. The lecture was delivered by Ian Kirby, president of the Ontario Bar Association.

Professor Bill Weiner, graduates Jon Epstein (Ostrander Class, 1994) and Frances Jagtoo (Fead Class, 1999) joined numerous current Cooley students and friends of the law school. In all, 35 people attended the program.

## Buffalo Area Alums and Students Join Dean Jim Robb for April Reception

Cooley's western New York alumni gathered in downtown Buffalo on April 22 for a reception at the Buffalo Chop House with Associate Dean of Development and General Counsel James D. Robb. Twenty-eight alumni, current students, prospective students and friends joined hosts A. Joseph Catalano (Snow Class, 1998) and Melissa LoTempio (Voelker Class, 1997) at the reception.

Dean Robb brought the group the latest news from Cooley. Then, the group enjoyed the chance to network and to become better acquainted. The prospective students particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to ask questions about the graduates' law school experiences.

In addition to Catalano and LoTempio, the guests included Mark Carney (Champlin Class, 1987), Joseph Collins (Felch Class, 1977), James DeMarco (Douglass Class, 1989), James Dimmer (Durand Class, 1992), John Deutzia (Steere Class, 1995), Timothy Frank (Carr Class, 1984), Tim Gallagher (Paterson Class, 2002), Daniel Glaser (Carr Class, 1984), Tom Kubiniec (Fellows Class, 1997), James Mashlonik (Swift Class, 2004), Michael Metzger (Lawrence Class, 1991), Jim Musacchio (Kuhn Class, 1995), Dawn Myszka (Steere Class, 1995), Angela Stamm Phillips (Sharpe Class, 1998), and Louis Violanti (Weadock Class, 1999). Also attending were prospective students Sanaz Esfahani, Ryan McCann, Anthony Pantano, Megan Peterson, and Jacob Pierkowski.



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## Cooley Law School Hosts May Alumni Reception at Oakland University

Cooley Law School hosted an alumni reception at OU's Oakland Center on May 12. Twenty-eight guests, including graduates from the southeastern Michigan area alumni club joined national Alumni President Charles R. Toy (Kavanagh Class, 1981), Associate Dean of Cooley at Oakland University John Nussbaumer, and Alumni Relations Director Darryl Parsell (Wiest Class, 1979) at the event in Rochester. SE Michigan alumni leaders Michelle Esperance (Weadock Class, 1999) and Bob Alpiner, (Mundy Class, 1986) represented the officers of the local alumni club.

The Cooley contingent included Assistant Director of the Intellectual Property LL.M. Program David Berry; Professor Karen Chadwick, Faculty Assistant Valerie Debler, Oakland Campus Director Audra Foster (Fellows Class, 1997), Professor Lisa Halushka, Library Head of Public Services Helen Levenson, Professor Dan Matthews, Professor Lauren Rosseau, Director of the Tax LL.M. Program Gina Torielli, and Assistant Cooley/OU Dean and Professor Joan Vestrand.

The alumni guests included James Carolan (Miles Class, 1986), James Duquet (Needham Class, 2004), Sandra Hanshaw (Boyles Class, 2005), Jason Henry (Boyles Class, 2005), Carol Hogan (Manning Class, 1984), Andrew Janetzke (Boyles Class, 2005), and Charles (Chip) Kleinbrook (Grant Class, 1987). Current Cooley students also attended the event, including David Campbell, Keela Johnson, Daniel Sheill, and Marcia Spivey.

## Central Florida Alumni and Students Join New Development Director Tom Garikes for August Reception

Many of Cooley's central Florida alumni congregated at the Seminole Towne Center in Sanford, Fla., on the evening of Aug. 12 with Tom Garikes, Cooley's Development Director.

Eighteen alumni and friends attended. Special thanks go to Marcia Cyrus-Langlois (Black Class, 1996) who volunteered to share the hosting duties with Tom. Marcia also came up with the plan for the reception and found the location.

The guests shared stories of their days at Cooley and enjoyed having a chance to get to know the other Cooley graduates in the area. They included Christine Aung (Iredell Class, 2001), Michael Childers (Boyles Class, 2005), Christopher Conomos (Kuhn Class, 1995), Christine Harter (Lawrence Class, 1991), Russell Hershkowitz (Johnson Class, 1989), Duana Lara (Cross Class, 2004), Tom Nolan (Wilson Class, 1990), Dino Papadopoulos (Toy Class, 2003), Scott Sawtelle (Iredell Class, 2001), Lisa Sigman (Durand Class, 1992), Reinhard Stephan (Witherell Class, 1990), Mitchell Thaler (Iredell Class, 2001), and Frank Utset (Witherell Class, 1990).

## Admission Ceremony for February 2005 Bar Admittees Hosted by Cooley

Successful examinees from the February 2005 Michigan Bar Examination were admitted as new attorneys at a ceremony held on Friday, May 20 in the new fifth floor courtroom in the Cooley Center. Faculty, family, and friends were able to share the moment when these candidates became members of the State Bar of Michigan, and socialized at a reception held by the school after the ceremony.

The program was provided with the assistance of the Ingham County Clerk's Office and the Ingham County Bar Association. Cooley President and Dean Don LeDuc welcomed the admittees and their guests on behalf of the school. Ingham County Bar Past President and Cooley Board Member Lawrence Nolan (Cooley Class, 1976) was responsible for the convening of the court, and the Hon. William E. Collette, Chief Judge of the 30th Circuit Court, granted the motions to admit the new attorneys.

Many of the admittees and sponsors were graduates of Cooley Law School. Seventeen new attorneys entered the legal profession at the ceremony, with 15 of them being Cooley alumni. The Cooley individually sponsored graduates in the group were Minah Cho (Swift Class, 2004), sponsored by Professor Terry Cavanaugh; Jessica Frazier (McAllister Class, 2005), sponsored by Professor Peggy Rostorfer (Hooker Class, 1993); John Hyatt (McAllister Class, 2005), sponsored by Brian Saur; Jason Jones (McAllister Class, 2005), sponsored by Professor Terry Cavanaugh; Douglas Meeks (McAllister Class, 2005), sponsored by Stefani Godsey; Laurie Schmidt (McAllister Class, 2005), sponsored by Professor Kathy Swedlow; and Bonnie Taylor (Swift Class, 2004) sponsored by Professor Evelyn Tombers (Lawrence Class, 1991).

The alumni in the group sponsored by Lawrence Nolan were Matthew Brinkoetter (McAllister Class, 2005), Gerald Cichocki (Bacon Class, 1990), Matthew Frey (McAllister Class, 2005), Natalie Frieden (Swift Class, 2004), Darling Garcia (Swainson Class, 2003), Christina Harris (Witherell Class, 1990), Andres Ocasio (Swift Class, 2004), and Ammie Rouse (McAllister Class, 2005).

It was a great honor for the faculty and staff of Cooley Law School to share this joyous event with these new attorneys and their guests. Our congratulations and best wishes go to them!

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## Cooley Law School Hosts August Alumni Reception in Chicago at Annual ABA Meeting

Cooley Law School hosted an afternoon alumni reception in conjunction with the ABA EXPO in Chicago on Aug. 4. Forty-three guests attended the event. They were greeted by Alumni Relations Director Darryl Parsell (Wiest Class, 1979) at The Berghoff Restaurant in downtown Chicago.

The Cooley contingent was led by President and Dean Don LeDuc and included Professor Josh Ard (Kuhn Class, 1995), Professor Mary D'Isa, Professor Joe Kimble, Professor Dorean Koenig, Associate Dean of Innovation & Technology Charles Mickens, Associate Dean of Community Relations Helen Mickens (Bushnell Class, 1980), Associate Dean of the Oakland University Campus John Nussbaumer, Cooley Counsel Wallace Riley, Associate Dean for Development Jim Robb, Coordinator of Clinical Programs Alecia Ruswinckel (Swainson Class, 2003), Distinguished Visiting Jurist Richard Suhrheinrich, and Associate Dean of Enrollment & Student Services Paul Zelenski. They were in the city to attend the annual meeting of the American Bar Association, in addition to joining alumni at the reception.

In addition to those graduates already mentioned, the alumni guests included Garvin Ambrose (Boyles Class, 2005), Kathryn Bielefeldt (Steere Class, 1995), Robert Birch (McAllister Class, 2005), Miranda Byrd (Swainson Class, 2003), Brian Casterline (Wilson Class, 2001), Chris Christenson (Weadock Class, 1999), John Ekonomou (Williams Class, 1994), William Fisher (Wilson Class, 1990), Steven Heisler (Iredell Class, 2001), Meredith Houston (Wilson Class, 2001), Emily Koch (Swift Class, 2004), George Lenard (McAlvay Class, 1984), Jennifer MacDougall (Needham Class, 2004), Majdel Musa (Toy Class, 2003), Jeffrey Sakol (Wilson Class, 1990), Carl Lloyd Santos (Paterson Class, 2002), Richard Springer (Needham Class, 2004), Timothy Stratton (Fead Class, 1999), Wendy Taube (McAllister Class, 2005), and Claudia Zacks (Whipple Class, 1985).

## Cooley Law School and the Indiana Alumni Club Host April Indianapolis Alumni Lunch

Cooley Law School and the Indiana Alumni Club hosted an alumni lunch in Indianapolis on April 13. Guests were greeted by Indiana Alumni Club leaders Patrick Baker (Rutledge Class, 2000) and Claudia Zacks (Whipple Class, 1985), and national Alumni Association President Charles R. Toy (Kavanagh Class, 1981), at the historic Indianapolis Propylaeum. Alumni guests included Fazia Deen-Bacchus (Swainson Class, 2003), William Fisher (Wilson Class, 1990), and Thelma Ogbon Kalu (Iredell Class, 2001).

Ms. Deen-Bacchus drove to the meeting from Fort Wayne, in northern Indiana. She was interested in networking with the Indianapolis area grads in the center of the state. All of the guests stressed the importance of meeting regularly and working together.

Everyone had a great time renewing old friendships and making new ones. All alumni interested in joining the Indiana alumni group are encouraged to contact Darryl Parsell at [parsell@cooley.edu](mailto:parsell@cooley.edu).

## Two new directors join Cooley's office of Development and Alumni Relations

Cooley's Office of Development and Alumni Relations expanded this summer with the arrival of two new directors of development, Pamela Heos and Thomas Garikes.

Pamela arrives at Cooley after several years as a major gifts officer for Olivet College. She earned a B.A. in art and architectural history from Olivet College and has done post-graduate work in art history and interior design at Olivet and Butler University.

Pamela's brother, James Heos, is a graduate of the Thomas M. Cooley Class of 1976. Pam is organizing Cooley's donor recognition program, the Thomas M. Cooley Society; coordinating the Dean's Annual Fund solicitation; and actively raising funds for several scholarship and lectureship campaigns.



Tom comes to Cooley after many years as executive director of the Memorial Healthcare Center Foundation in Owosso, where he raised money from individuals, corporations, and foundations. He holds a B.A. in history and political science from Aquinas College and an M.A. in Latin American affairs from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Tom is the liaison to the Cooley Alumni Association's Fundraising Committee, is managing the 21st Century Campaign solicitation, and likewise is raising funds for several important scholarship programs.

Pam and Tom join Darryl Parsell, Cooley's longtime director of alumni relations, whose role with the Alumni Association has expanded with the recent introduction of the association's new leadership structure and committee system. Darryl, a graduate of the Howard Wiest Class of 1979, has run the alumni program at Cooley since 1993.

"We are delighted that two such experienced fundraisers have joined our already outstanding advancement team," said Jim Robb, Cooley's associate dean for development and alumni relations. "We look forward to improving both our alumni outreach efforts and our fundraising capabilities."

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## Cooley Law School and the Pennsylvania Alumni Club Host Spring Lunch in Philadelphia

Cooley Law School Associate Dean of Development and General Counsel James D. Robb hosted an alumni lunch in Philadelphia on April 21. Eighteen Pennsylvania alumni and friends joined Pennsylvania Alumni Club leader George Gallenthin (Douglass Class, 1989) at Panorama Ristorante in the Penn's View Hotel in downtown Philadelphia.

The alumni guests included Bradley Allen (Dethmers Class, 1981), Evan Barenbaum (McDonald 1998), Dennis Benner (Potter 1980), Shellee Buchanan (Smith Class, 1985), Andrew Edelberg (Person Class, 1994), Dermot Kennedy (Wing Class, 1982), Joseph McIntosh (Adams Class, 1997), Konstantinos Mikropoulos (Turner Class, 1991), Erin Novak (McAllister Class, 2005), Anthony Pappagallo (Toy Class, 2003), Joseph Piperato (McAlvay Class, 1984), Russell Ressler (Stone Class, 1996), Ejaz Sabir (Swainson Class, 2003), Tyonia Solomon (Smith Class, 2003), Joseph Vaccaro (Flannigan Class, 1999), and Jill Vogenberg-Richter (Moore Class, 1993).

The group heard about the latest news from Cooley's three campuses in Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Rochester, Mich. The alumni also were advised of the many ways that they could stay connected to their law school, both in service and financial support. Then, the graduates enjoyed the opportunity to network and to become better acquainted.

## Tell us about Cooley Alumni in Elective Office

Over the years, many Cooley Law School graduates have distinguished themselves by their service in elective positions across the country. The law school maintains lists of elected officials located in Michigan, elected officials in other states, and alumni who formerly were elected officials.

Since we rely on alumni to let us know about their political success, we need your help to maintain up-to-date information. You can find the lists we currently have on the Cooley Web site at <http://www.cooley.edu/alumni/achievements.htm>.

Please take a look at our current listings and advise us of your elective office. We are particularly interested in hearing if you were elected to a judicial office, a prosecuting attorney or district attorney position, or to a state or federal, legislative, or executive office.

We need to know the graduate's name, the type and location of the elective position, and any contact information you may have. Cooley's graduates' success in the world of politics is a matter of great pride here at the law school and we want to hear of your accomplishments in this area. E-mail [parseld@cooley.edu](mailto:parseld@cooley.edu) with your information or if you have any questions. Thanks for your help.

## Grand Rapids Area Alums Get Together in June

Cooley's western Michigan alumni gathered on June 16 at GP Sports located in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan. Twenty alumni and friends of the law school joined hosts Aletha Honsowitz (Witherell Class, 1990) and Alumni Relations Director Darryl Parsell (Wiest Class, 1979) at the event.

Lisa Pohl (Kuhn Class, 1995) and Honsowitz organized the get-together as a result of their service on a new alumni committee created by the reorganization of the Alumni Association last October. The Special Events Committee, chaired by Julie Clement (McDonald Class, 1998) has the mission to plan, organize, and conduct alumni events. All alumni are invited to contact Julie at [clementj@cooley.edu](mailto:clementj@cooley.edu) or Darryl at [parseld@cooley.edu](mailto:parseld@cooley.edu) to begin the process of organizing their own local alumni gatherings.

President and Dean Don LeDuc, Alumni Association President and Cooley Board Member Charles Toy (Kavanagh Class, 1981), Associate Dean of the Grand Rapids Campus Marion Hilligan (Johnson Class, 1989), and Associate Dean of Development James Robb welcomed the guests to the gathering.

Additional Cooley staff on hand included Executive Assistant to the President and Assistant Legal Counsel Cherie Beck (Flannigan Class, 1999), GR Campus Career Services Coordinator Danielle Hall (Blair Class, 2001), GR Assistant Dean Nelson Miller, and GR Deputy Campus Director Joan Rosema-David (Jay Class, 2000).

In addition to the staff and distinguished guests already mentioned, alumni attending included Maureen Burns Van Hoven (Grant Class, 1987), Barbara Craft (Ransom Class, 1978), Marc Daneman (Bacon Class, 1990), Ronald Foster (Durand Class, 1992), Paul Fox (Sherwood Class, 1986), Gordon Haan (Swainson Class, 2003), Lynn Perry (Blair Class, 1983), James Richards (Brooke Class, 1982), Elizabeth Train Gauthier (Wilson Class, 2001), Stacy Van Dyken (Johnson Class, 2002), and Pamela Wynn-Quada (Stone Class, 1996).



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## Cooley's Grand Rapids Area Alumni and Friends Celebrate Law Day 2005

Cooley Law School's annual Law Day luncheon was held on April 30 this year, as the traditional Law Day date of May 1 fell on a Sunday. The celebration took place at the University Club located in the Fifth Third Building in downtown Grand Rapids, in partnership with the Grand Rapids Bar Association. Forty-three guests, including Cooley's graduates, faculty and staff, and other members of the Grand Rapids legal community attended the program.

Associate Dean Marion Hilligan (Johnson Class, 1989) welcomed the group and introduced the theme of this Law Day, helping people understand the jury system, and appreciating their role in making it effective. Cooley Board Member and Court of Appeals Judge Jane Markey (Dethmers Class, 1981) presented the Grand Rapids Bar Association's 2005 Liberty Bell Award. The Liberty Bell Award honors a non-lawyer or a non-profit organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the cause of justice or the advancing public understanding of the Constitution and our legal system. The Hon. David Morren, Chair of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, presented a proclamation to the group recognizing the service of American juries.

A lively discussion was held on "Why Juries Matter." Participants shared experiences with 2002 Liberty Bell Award winner Wayne Bentley of City High School, GRBA Jury Representation Committee chair Stephen R. Drew from the firm of Drew, Cooper & Anding; L. Roland Roegge of Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge; U.S. District Court-Western District Judge Joseph G. Scoville, Ann M. Cooper of Drew, Cooper & Anding; and T. J. Ackert of Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge.

Alumni guests included Maureen Burns VanHoven (Grant Class, 1987), Jayne Dykema (Mundy Class, 1986), Maureen Magras (Chase Class, 2002), Matthew Smith (Morell Class, 1985), AnnMarie Soules Smith (Cross Class, 2004), Pamela Wynn (Stone Class, 1996), and Lori Zellers (McDonald Class, 1998).

These alumni guests were joined by a large number of Cooley's administration, faculty, and staff. That group included Cooley faculty members Paul Carrier, Mike Molitor, and Curt Benson (Mundy Class, 1986), Cooley Assistant Dean Nelson Miller, Director of Cooley's Grand Rapids Campus CJ Kruska, Deputy Director of the Grand Rapids Campus Joan Rosema (Jay Class, 2000), Enrollment Coordinator Dave Dee, ARC Coordinator David Tarrien (Chase Class, 2002), Career Services Office Coordinator Danielle Hall (Blair, Jr. Class, 2001), Director of Graduate Programs Deb Hirsch (Sherwood Class, 1986), Alumni Relations Director Darryl Parsell (Wiest Class, 1979), and Alumni Relations Office Executive Assistant Amy Swope. Kim Coleman, the Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, co-hosted the event with Cooley.

## Alumni Association Director Nominations Are Solicited

In accordance with the new Alumni Association bylaws approved in October 2004, the Nominating Committee solicits your input regarding the Cooley Law School alumni suggested for membership on the association's governing body, the board of directors. The pertinent paragraph of the bylaws follows:

"Nominating Committee — The Nominating Committee has the responsibility to nominate members of the Board of Directors and to nominate the Officers of the Association. The Nominating Committee will be selected by the Board not later than April 1 of each year. It consists of (a) the President of the Association, (b) the Executive Secretary of the Association, (c) one member of the Law School Faculty who is also a Regular Member of the Association, (d) at least three members of the Board of Directors, and (e) at least one former President of the Association. The President of the Association will designate the Chairperson. The names of the Nominating Committee may be published by notice in the Law School's Web site and other suitable alumni publications with a request for the submission of names of suggested nominees to the Board."

**Please contact  
Darryl Parsell at  
[parsell@cooley.edu](mailto:parsell@cooley.edu)**

Please contact Darryl Parsell at [parsell@cooley.edu](mailto:parsell@cooley.edu) or call (800) 243-ALUM if you wish to identify Cooley graduates who will be good candidates for Alumni Director.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of the following alumni:

Charles R. Toy-Chair (Kavanagh Class, 1981), Virginia P. Allen (Wing Class, 1982), M. Carol Bamberg (Morell Class, 1985), Larry R. Betz (Clark Class, 1979), Diane Britt (Chandler Class, 1983), Julie Clement (McDonald Class, 1998), Judy Frank (Mundy Class, 1986), Jeff Haarer (Copeland Class, 1989), Henry Legere, Jr. (Carpenter Class, 1993), Darryl J. Parsell (Wiest Class, 1979), Michael J. Pelot (Martin Class, 1988), and Maria Templo (J. Wilson Class, 2001).

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## Cooley Alumni Association Teams Up With SBA To Help Lansing Area Kids

When Cooley's Student Bar Association asked for help with this year's Cooley for Kids Day, the Alumni Association heeded the call and pitched in. The program began in 2001 when the Student Bar Association began to raise money each year to provide a day for local children at Lansing's Oldsmobile Park. It's the home of the Class A Lansing Lugnuts, a member of the 14-team Midwest League and an affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Local kids attending the Lansing Parks and Recreation's summer program enjoyed a day of professional baseball, including food, drinks, and souvenirs. A great time was had by all.

The Cooley Alumni Association donated \$1,025 this year to help cover the expenses for 100 children. Additional children were sponsored by Cooley's faculty and staff with a \$1,872.25 donation and the Student Bar Association donated \$728.

President Don LeDuc also designated \$1,499.75 from Cooley's 5K race proceeds winnings to go to Cooley for Kids.

Thanks go to the Cooley alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends who bought holiday wreaths from the Alumni Association. Since all of the funds raised by the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing are earmarked for the Scholarship Fund, the only source of money for other worthy causes, including Cooley for Kids, is the holiday wreath sale.

Please order your wreaths now by going to the Cooley Web site at [www.cooley.edu](http://www.cooley.edu). You will enjoy having one at your home and giving additional wreaths to your friends and clients. These premium-quality wreaths, hand crafted in northern Michigan, are made of fresh and fragrant evergreens and the shipping costs are included in the very reasonable price. Your support of this program really made a difference for a lot of Lansing area children on Cooley for Kids Day.

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## LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# *Ever Onward*

By Charles R. Toy, Alumni Association President



Presidents are like flowers, here for a while, and then gone. Hopefully, my time as president was like a flower, pleasant to see, fragrant aroma, and soothing to the soul. I have been privileged to serve for the last two years as the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Alumni Association President. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with the many dedicated alumni and staff members of Cooley Law School. They all have one goal: that is, to make Cooley Law School the best law school, and to help its graduates in any way possible.

The principal accomplishment during my presidency was the restructuring of the alumni association to meet the needs of the alumni and to be self-sustaining. During my first year as president, a dedicated committee reviewed and rewrote numerous drafts of the Alumni Association Bylaws, adopted at the Oct. 23, 2004 annual meeting. This year, the alumni association has begun to implement the new bylaws. If you have not already experienced some effect from the new bylaws, you will. The newly adopted bylaws are intended to improve relations between the alumni and between alumni and the law school. Additionally, the new bylaws are set up to maximize your opportunity to be involved with either Cooley or the alumni association.

Cooley Law School is increasingly committed to alumni involvement. During the last two years, the law school has hired three staff members to work with Director of Alumni Relations Darryl Parsell. Last year, James D. Robb was hired as Associate Dean of Development. This year, Cooley hired Development Directors Pam Heos and Tom Garikes. The law school will continue to assist alumni through its own efforts and through the efforts of the alumni association.

Our country has witnessed massive disruptions by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Cooley Law School, the Student Bar Association, and the alumni association have all become involved in providing assistance to students and graduates in the affected areas. I am proud that the alumni association has the flexibility to shift priorities and funds to assist its own alumni.

Lastly, I urge you to become involved with your law school alma mater in any way possible. Modern communication media allows you to have important input at both the law school and the alumni association. If you do not see a volunteer opportunity, please contact Darryl J. Parsell at (800) 243-ALUM, in Lansing call 371-5140 x 2038, or e-mail [parsell@cooley.edu](mailto:parsell@cooley.edu).

Although woefully inadequate, it is said with heartfelt gratitude, loving respect, and demonstrated admiration: thank you for this opportunity to serve.

*Charles R. Toy*

Charles R. Toy

# classnotes

The Benchmark encourages all graduates to contribute information to the Class Notes. Please include graduating class name and year when submitting your information. We encourage information about your law practice and other accomplishments in the legal profession. The Benchmark has a policy of not printing bar passage information.

## 1976 Campbell Class

**De Vries, Kenneth J.**, has been selected as the new assistant vice president for UF/IFAS (Institute of Florida Agriculture Sciences) SHARE Development.



**Jordan, Stephen H.**, a partner at Rothman Gordon in Pittsburgh, Penn., was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in the area of Labor & Employment in 2005. *Law and Politics*



*Magazine* and *Philadelphia Magazine* mailed more than 36,000 ballots to attorneys across Pennsylvania, asking them to vote for the best lawyers that they had personally observed in action. The nominees were reviewed and scored, with only the top 5 percent of Pennsylvania lawyers receiving the distinction. Mr. Jordan was also listed on The Top 50 Pittsburgh Super Lawyers, which is a list of the lawyers within the Pittsburgh area who received the highest point totals in the balloting and review process.

**Randall, Anthony**, passed away May 2, 2005, after a battle with cancer. He was born Nov. 13, 1947. He served as legal counsel for the Michigan Senate, as well as Executive Director for the Association for Deaf, Hearing and Speech, and the Michigan Petroleum Association.

## 1978 Marston Class

**Brandwine, Jeffrey**, counsel for George Mason University, died May 29, 2005, from complications of pneumonia. He joined Mason in 1989.



Brandwine served as assistant vice president

for human resources at Mason from 1989-1995. He became assistant vice president for legal affairs, and in 1998, associate vice president for legal affairs. His primary legal responsibilities for the university were in employment matters, student issues, and domestic and international contracts. He was an adjunct associate professor and taught both undergraduate and graduate courses at Mason, as well as at Oxford University in England during the summer. Brandwine was also assistant attorney general/special counsel for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Before joining Mason, Brandwine was director of personnel/employee relations for the State University College at Buffalo, N.Y., and employee relations representative at Michigan State University.

## 1980 Bushnell Class

**Cagle, Mary**, of Miami, Fla., is the Chief Executive Officer of C.H.A.R.L.E.E., a non-profit corporation providing homes for children whose parents' rights have been judicially terminated. Phone: (305) 665-7365.

## 1981 Dethmers Class

**Sulau, William**, has joined the law firm of Drew & Ward in Cincinnati, Ohio as a partner. He practices in commercial and residential real estate, business planning, general corporate law, probate and estate planning. Phone: (513) 621-8210.

## Kavanaugh Class

**Faust, Owen J.**, formed a new firm specializing in transactional law and estate planning. The firm, Owen J. Faust, P.L.C., is located at 2163 Commons Parkway, Okemos, Mich. 48864. Phone: (517) 853-6368; e-mail: ojf Faust@ojfaustlaw.com.

## Long Class

**Claggett, Russ**, was elected president of the Michigan Public Employers Labor Relations Association for 2005. Phone: (269) 466-3394; e-mail: rwclaggett@ci.battle-creek.mi.us

**Jahn, Gregory P.**, has been elected president of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) for 2005-2006. He is a partner with Mastromarco & Jahn, P.C., in Saginaw, Mich. He practices throughout Michigan in the areas of insurance defense litigation, insurance coverage issues, professional negligence, commercial litigation, and family law.



## 1982 Goodwin Class

**Brennan Theresa M.**, was appointed to the district court bench in Brighton, Mich. She formerly served in the Brighton City Attorney's Office.

## 1983 Chandler Class

**McQuillan, Kevin J.**, is co-founder and general partner of Focus Ventures. Kevin focuses on investments in the software and communication markets, and has led the firm's investments in Agile Software, Altheon Websystems (Nortel), Commerce One, Com21, Copper Mountain, and Pixelworks, all of which became public companies. Prior to co-founding Focus Ventures, Kevin was a Managing Director at Comdisco Ventures, where he was responsible for investments in companies including ATML, Corsair Communications (Lightbridge), Diamond Lane (Nokia), Extreme Networks, GetThere.com (Sabre), Integrity Q/A (Pure Atria), Intraware, Netro, Power Integrations, and SalesLogix. Previously he was a General Partner at Dominion Ventures, a venture capital firm with over \$400 million under management. His successful information technology investments at Dominion were companies such as Capstone, Conductus, Efficient Networks, MMC Networks (AMCC), Red Brick Systems (Informix), Talarian, Tivoli Systems (IBM), Transwitch, and Xylan (Alcatel). Kevin became involved in the investment industry as a Director of Investments for Equitec Financial Group and





was responsible for several investments including Chips & Technologies and Cirrus Logic. Additional investments have included ONI Systems and RightPoint (E.piphany).

### 1984 McAlvay Class

**Dannison, Charles (Rusty)**, 58, passed away Sept. 6, 2005. He taught at Western Michigan University for 25 years. In the legal profession, he founded Cascade Family Law P.C., specializing in the practice of estate planning and elder law. He served in the military in Vietnam, attaining the rank of Major, and earning a Silver Star and two Bronze Stars.

**Jaworski, The Hon. Thomas M.**, was elected to a six-year term as county court judge for Alachua County, Fla. on Aug. 31, 2004. Phone: (352) 374-3650; e-mail: tmj@circuit8.org.

**Pecchio, Robert**, is founder and president of the Robert A. Pecchio, Co. L.P.A. (1994) with four law offices in northeastern Ohio including, Cleveland, Twinsburg, Conneaut and Youngstown. His firm focuses primarily on plaintiff's personal injury litigation including wrongful death, accident claims, including auto, truck, motorcycle, boating, and pedestrian, as well as uninsured motorist claims, medical malpractice, nursing home negligence, injuries to children, sexual assault and sexual abuse, Worker's Compensation, and Social Security disability claims. Phone: (330) 963-6600; e-mail: pecchiolaw@yahoo.com.

### 1985 T. Smith Class

**Crim, Douglas W.** served

as a panel member at the Occupational Safety and Health Law Committee Midwinter Meeting of the American Bar Association (ABA). He discussed "MIOSHA Criminal

Prosecutions: When Referred, When Not: Why or Why Not" at the annual event, which took place in Key West, Fla. He is a principal in the Lansing office of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. Crim is a frequent lecturer and author on workplace safety and has received OSHA Training Certification. His practice includes administrative, civil and criminal litigation relating to environmental, health and safety law and regulations, as well as proactive counseling of clients on environmental, health and safety compliance matters. He has also provided input on proposed new environmental, health and safety standards and regulations.

**Mittleman, David**, has been elected an officer of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association. He was also recently elected treasurer of the Michigan Democratic Party.



**Moss, Bruce**, was honored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association with the Vern Norris Award, a lifetime achievement honor given to one sports official each year. He officiates at high school football, girls and boys basketball, baseball, and softball games. He is a member of the Heart of Michigan Officials Association and is in charge of assigning officials for two conferences and an association. He also teaches at officials' clinics and speaks to parents. He is an attorney in Alma, Mich.

### Morell Class

**Dietz, Diane**, has been appointed Senior Director of Public Affairs and Vice President of The Comcast Foundation. She will direct the company's public affairs activities, including its national community investment and outreach initiatives. Diane also will oversee The Comcast Foundation, which provides financial support for organizations and programs that work to strengthen the communities Comcast serves. Diane joined Comcast in 1996. She has been responsible for Comcast's community investment and communications initiatives in the Midwest. Prior to joining Comcast, she served as Vice President of Corporate and Legal Affairs for Continental Cablevision's Midwest Region and as an attorney at several law firms in Michigan.



**O'Brien, the Rev. Timothy**, of New Hartford, Conn., has assumed duties as president of St. Paul Catholic High School. O'Brien has served at St. Francis Xavier Parish in New Milford, Sacred Heart Parish in Suffield and St. John Vianney Parish West Haven, Conn. His most recent assignment was at Immaculate Conception Parish in New Hartford, Conn., serving first as administrator, then as pastor for the past four years. He will continue to serve as pastor of Immaculate Conception in addition to his new duties at St. Paul. As president of St. Paul, he will act as external representative for the school, providing oversight to the Development Department and business office, as well as guiding the capital campaign.

**Swan, Dennis**, has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of Sparrow Health System in Lansing, Mich., June 11, 2005. He had been serving as interim president and CEO since November 2004.

### Whipple Class

**Grelick, Susan J.**, is the elected town supervisor of Amherst, N.Y. She was town clerk of Amherst 1992-1995, when she was elected supervisor. E-mail: sgrelick@amherst.ny.us.

**Hilbert, James Russel Jr.**, of Clearwater Beach, Fla., passed away suddenly at his home on June 1, 2005, at the age of 44. While in law school he clerked for the Michigan Attorney General. He graduated third in his class. From 1986-1991 he was on active duty with the Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. Electing to stay in the Army Reserve, he only recently retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. From 1991-1994, he was an AUSA Federal Prosecutor in the Tampa Civil Division, and in 1993 was co-recipient of the Employee of the Year Award. More recently, he headed the Hilbert Law Group in Clearwater, Fla., as a board-certified trial attorney AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell. Jim was also a past faculty member of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Trial Advocacy Institute and a frequent lecturer at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

### 1986 Mundy Class

**Donoghue, Robert L.**, was appointed by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the bench in 75th District Court, serving Midland County, Mich. He was previously in private practice in Midland, and owns Donoghue Law Office, P.L.L.C., in Midland.

### Miles Class

**Carolan, James A.**, has joined The Private Bank as a Vice President Trust Officer for the Wealth Management Group. Carolan is primarily responsible for providing advisory services in trust and estate planning and providing management for the trust operations. He has almost 20 years experience in trust and estate planning and he most recently held the position of Vice President Trust Advisor for Bank One/JPMorgan in Flint, Mich.



### Sherwood Class

**Brown, Barbara**, of St. Ignace, Mich., was appointed by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the Mackinac Bridge Authority. She is a former 92nd Circuit Court judge, serving Mackinac and Luce counties. Her term on the authority expires June 30, 2010.

### 1987 Champlin Class

**Randall, Ken**, started his second year as president of the Referees Association of Michigan. Phone: (989) 832-6801. E-mail: kdrandall@aol.com.

### Grant Class

**Firestone, Rev. Thomas**, has accepted the position of pastor at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church in Flint, Mich. He previously served as pastor of St. Mary Student Parish in Ann Arbor, Mich., associate pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Burton, Mich., and sacramental minister of Christ the King Church, in Flint, Mich.

## 1988 Green Class

**Lain, Landis**, was promoted to Director of Administrative Hearings for the Family Independence Agency in Michigan.

**Reitmyer, Jeffrey J.**, was named vice president and estate fiduciary officer for the Private Client Group in Birmingham, Mich. He manages the settlement of estate accounts in which the bank is named in a fiduciary capacity. Previously, he was trust and estate adviser with Comerica Bank in the Wealth Management Division.

## 1989 Douglass Class

**Brown-Bodner, Sandra**, was recently named Chief of the Tax Division for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California. She supervises all Assistant U.S. Attorneys and Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys who are assigned to handle federal tax litigation and investigations in the district, including criminal, civil, and bankruptcy tax cases. Phone: (213) 894-5810; e-mail: sandra.brown@usjog.gov.

**Cianfarano, Michael G.**, has been working as an assistant district attorney for Oswego County N.Y., since March 2004. Mike also maintains a general practice.

## Johnson Class

**Grosek, Debra Bolus**, of Wilkes-Barre, Penn., has been certified as a member of The Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Membership in the forum is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards, and settlements. There are about 3,000 members throughout the country. Ms. Grosek specializes in representing plaintiffs in personal injury, automobile accidents, slip and fall cases, medical malpractice, and tractor/truck cab crush product liability cases.



**Peek, Monique T.**, has joined the staff of Revelations Entertainment, a company owned by Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman. Ms. Peek serves as assistant to company CEO Lori McCreary. Previously, Ms. Peek worked for Creative Artist Agency, one of Hollywood's largest agencies. She has also worked as an actress, performed in plays, and developed scripts. She was also awarded a Bill Cosby Fellowship and studied screenwriting at the University of Southern California.

## 1990 Wilson Class

**Anderson, Lois**, of Cadillac, Mich., passed away Nov. 11, 2004.

**Schwarz, Paul, A.**, with the Princeton office of Duane Morris LLP, has been named a partner in the firm. He focuses his practice on patent prosecution and opinion work with an emphasis in semiconductor, liquid crystal display, digital video and television technologies, electronic business, opto-electronic, material science, and mechanical arts. He served as a patent examiner in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

## Witherell Class

**Savickas, Steve**, a criminal defense attorney and free speech advocate in Grand Rapids, Mich., had an article published in the June 2005 issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. He was also recently selected for membership in The First Amendment Lawyers (National) Association, and was a 2003 recipient of the Media Access Leadership Award granted by the Community Media Center in Grand Rapids.

## 1991 Turner Class

**Ryan, Raymond J.**, 65, died June 17, 2005, at Cartwright Hospice Residence. He was a *summa cum laude* graduate of Cooley, and was employed for 30 years by General Motors, retiring in 1993. Most recently, he was employed at Knight Facilities Management as Chief Financial Officer.

## Lawrence Class

**Abood, Jerome F.**, CCIM, is the Senior Vice President of Signature Associates-ONCOR International's Lansing operations. The Lansing office was formed in September 2003. Phone: (517) 827-3000; E-mail: jabood@signatureassociates.com.

**Koernig, Charles**, was recertified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a civil trial attorney. He was also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Phone: (856) 769-2470; e-mail: mcdonoughkoernig@aol.com.

## 1992 Durand Class

**Foster, Ronald L.**, was elected in April 2005 to the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly. He is also an adjunct business law instructor at Davenport University and at Cornerstone University. Phone: (616) 667-2728; e-mail: rfosteresq@aol.com.

**Wisner, Todd J.W.**, announces that his father, Donald J. Wisner, has joined Wisner & Wisner L.L.P. as a partner. Donald Wisner is a retired New York Supreme Court justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department. He also announces that Maria J. Reed has joined the firm as an associate. The law firm represents defendants accused of alcohol-influenced operating offenses, including DWI, vehicular crimes, and appellate advocacy.

## 1993 Moore Class

**Anderson, Eric D.**, joined the law firm of Stahl, Cowen & Crowley on May 2, 2005, as a partner. The firm is located at 55 W. Monroe Street, Suite 500, Chicago, Ill. 60603. Phone: (312) 377-4564; E-mail: eanderson@stahlcowen.com.

**Kingston, Carol Lawson**, and her husband, Paul W. Kingston, II, announce the arrival of their son, Ethan Paul Kingston, on June 1, 2005.

## Carpenter Class

**Escobar, Cristina**, now practices labor and employment law as staff counsel for the Police Benevolent Association in Miami, Fla. Previously, she served 10 years as a prosecutor for Miami Dade County in the State Attorney's Office. Phone: (305) 593-0044; e-mail: cristina0055@aol.com.

## 1994 Ostrander Class

**Nachbar, Stuart**, was named a partner of Middlebrooks, Shapiro, Nachbar & Pflumm, P.C. on Nov. 1, 2004.

**Smirnow, John**, is now an associate in King & Spalding's International Trade Group, in Washington, D.C. E-mail: jsmirnow@kslaw.com.

## Williams Class

**Botwinik, Philip**, a captain in JAG, is practicing law in Iraq. He is Chief of Legal Assistance for a brigade with over 4,000 soldiers and Chief of Administrative Law. Contact information: CPT Philip Botwinik; HHC, 48th BCT; APO, AE 09372, or e-mail: philbotwinik@yahoo.com.

**Kowal, Adrian**, and his wife, of Riverview, Mich., announce the birth of their second child, Nicholas, born on June 20, 2005. Nicholas was 8 lbs., 5 oz., at birth, and joins big brother, Jacob.

**Sanford, Brenda**, a Sanilac County, Mich., Chief Assistant Prosecutor, was named a community columnist for the *Sanilac County News*. Community columnists sign on for a year, agreeing to contribute four or five articles on topics of their choice.

## Person Class

**Tucciarone, Eric G.**, was promoted to a principal of the law firm of Tanoury, Corbet, Shaw, Nauts & Essad, P.L.L.C. His practice emphasizes medical malpractice, nursing home licensing, and liability and contractual matters. He also has experience in worker's compensation and general liability.

## 1995 Bird Class

**Marchant, James**, 39, of Traverse City, Mich., passed away July 15, 2005. He was a practicing attorney in the Traverse City area.



## Steere Class

**Guari, Jason J.**, and his wife, Nicole, announce the birth of their daughter Lily Frances Guari, born on Nov. 1, 2004. Jason is a partner with the law firm of Murray and Guari Trial Lawyers PL in West Palm Beach, Fla. The firm specializes in plaintiff personal injury, wrongful death, product liability, and insurance disputes. Phone: (561) 366-9099; e-mail: jguari@m-glaw.com.

**Walters, Mark**, has located his office, Walters Law Firm P.L.L.C., at 1505 Skyline Tower, 10900 NE 4th Street, Bellevue, WA 98004. Phone: (425) 688-7620.

## Kuhn Class

**Kapuz, John**, was elected to the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association Board of Governors representing the 4th Congressional District for the state of Washington. Phone: (509) 575-1588; e-mail: jkapuz@hotmail.com.

## 1996 Stone Class

**Beatty, Steven G.**, accepted a position as an Assistant Prosecutor with the Lapeer County (Michigan) Prosecutor's Office. Previously he had his own law firm in Flint, Mich., for nearly 10 years.

**Dunn, Charles, E.**, was named a shareholder in the Bloomfield Hills, Mich., office of Plunkett & Cooney. He is a member of the Environmental Law Practice Group. He focuses his practice in the areas of real estate, regulatory law, and condemnations, including eminent domain issues.

**Levitt, Lena**, has accepted a position with the U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer. Previously, she was Deputy General Counsel with the Child and Family Services Agency in Washington, D.C. She also formerly served as Section Chief in the Office of the Attorney General, D.C., in the General Crimes Section and in the Child Protection Section. E-mail: lenalevitt68@yahoo.com.

**Lucido, Sebastian**, was appointed by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm as judge, 41-B District Court, serving part of Macomb County, Mich. Lucido was most recently president of Sebastian Lucido & Associates, P.C. law firm. Previously, he served as assistant attorney for Harrison Township and as a clerk for the 16th Circuit Court in Macomb County. Lucido was the founder and president of the Thomas M. Cooley Computer Law Society. His term will expire Jan. 1, 2007.

## Moody Class

**Hogan, Elizabeth B.**, was appointed as an Associate Circuit Judge, 22nd Circuit Court, in St. Louis, Mo. She was previously a partner with the Hogan Law Firm.

## Black Class

**Hillary, Nancy (Scott)** of Ada, Mich. and her husband announce the birth of their third child, Clara Ann Hillary, born on May 20, 2005. Clara joins her big brothers, Mark, age 4, and Jack, age 3. Phone: (616) 464-4088; e-mail: hillary-law@sbcglobal.net.

**Nawash, Kamal**, president of the Free Muslims Coalition, an American Muslim organization, was named by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as part of a U.S. delegation to a conference on combating intolerance against religious groups, including Muslims, Jews and minority Christians among others. The conference was sponsored by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, June 8-9, 2005, in Cordoba, Spain.

**Semerly, Charles G.**, has rejoined the law firm of Church, Kritselis & Wyble, P.C., as an associate attorney. His focus at the firm is personal injury and premises liability. Charles was a law clerk at the firm from 1994 to 1996. Thereafter, he moved to Chicago where he practiced law in the areas of personal injury and real estate.



## 1997 Voelker Class

**Gambrell, Todd**, with the law firm of Cline Close Dyer & Gambrell, P.L.C. has successfully completed the Probate and Estate Planning certification program offered by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. To earn the certificate, he participated in 10 intermediate and advanced-level educational seminars on various estate planning, estate and trust administration, and estate tax topics.

**Mulder, Jill S.**, was married on Oct. 22, 2004, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Michael Buys. She also earned her LL.M. in health law from Concord University School of Law in July 2005. She is the Northern Regional Claims Team Leader for Accident Fund Insurance Company of America. E-mail: jillm@accidentfund.com

**Petroskey, Ann-Mary**, an attorney with the law firm Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge, has received a Certificate of Completion in the areas of probate and estate planning issued by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Ann-Mary practices in the areas of business, estate planning, and tax law. She has an LL.M. in Taxation. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Business Law, Taxation, and Probate and Estate Planning sections, the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, and is also admitted to practice in the U.S. Tax

Court.

## 1998 McDonald Class

**Barenbaum, Evan**, is now with White & Williams, L.L.P., in Philadelphia, Penn., in the firm's commercial litigation division. Phone: (215) 864-7086; e-mail: barenbaume@whiteandwilliams.com.



**Gaitens, Richard P.**, has joined Rothman Gordon, P.C., a downtown Pittsburgh law firm, as an associate in the Workers' Compensation Practice. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Gaitens was doing contract work in the Washington D.C. area.

**Fultz, Karen D.**, has been named as a member of the Cozen O'Connor law firm in Atlanta, Ga. Fultz concentrates her practice on subrogation and recovery matters. She is president of the Gate City Bar Association, as well as a member of the National Bar Association, the Georgia Associations of Black Women Attorneys and Women Lawyers, and the Local Bar Activities Committee of the State Bar of Georgia. Fultz is also a board member of the Atlanta Legal Diversity Consortium, the Atlanta Bar Association, and the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation. In addition, she has been selected for inclusion in the eighth edition of *Who's Who in Black Atlanta*.



**Portman, Jackie Marie**, was hired as general counsel for the Office of Professional Standards with the Chicago Police Department.

## Snow Class

**Sheppard, Elizabeth Ann "Lisa,"** of Homewood, Ala., passed away May 22, 2005. She was born Oct. 24, 1962.

**Yancey, Christine Everson**, was named president of the St. Joseph County (Michigan) Bar Association for 2005-2006. She is a sole practitioner in St. Joseph County. Phone: (269) 496-1200; e-mail: mendonattorney@aol.com.

## 1999 Flannigan Class

**Dolberry, Christopher**, has become a partner with the law firm of Nathanson, Cipriano, DeMartino & Dolberry, P.C., in Hamden, Conn. In addition, on May 8, 2004, he married Stacey Lesogor. Phone: (203) 288-1333, ext. 301, e-mail: chris@nc-lawyers.com.

## Fead Class

**Hanson, Jason M.**, has become a shareholder at RAV P.C., where he concentrates his practice in tax advisory and wealth planning for individuals and closely held businesses. Phone: (206)

357-3033; e-mail: jmhanson@ravpc.com.

### Weadock Class

**Courtright, Paul**, announces the opening of The Law Office of Paul Courtright, P.A. at 1199 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Fla 32804. The firm is dedicated to the practice of criminal defense, real estate law, corporation law, entertainment law, and mediation within the state of Florida. Phone: (407) 754-5858; e-mail: courtrightlaw@yahoo.com.

**Espérance, Michelle R.**, joined the Mt. Clemens, Mich., office of Plunkett & Cooney as a member of the firm's Title Insurance Practice Group. She focuses her practice in the areas of insurance and real estate law. Previously, she worked for six years as a supervising attorney for a Bingham Farms-based law firm.

**Smithbolden, Marlayne A.**, graduated with a Master of Public Administration from Western Michigan in December 2004. In August 2005, she was accepted into the Doctor of Business Administration program at the University of Phoenix. She also accepted a position as a policy analyst with the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services. Phone: (602) 312-1886; e-mail: msmithbo@aol.com.

### 2000 Jay Class

**Milliman, Michael**, has opened his own firm, MGM Law Group, PLC, 3135 S. State St., Suite 350T, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108. Phone: (734) 662-8000; e-mail: mike@mgmllawgroup.com.

**Wright, Jenna Paunovich**, was promoted from associate principal to principal at Kitch Drutchas in the law firm's Detroit office. She has a medical malpractice litigation practice, focusing on birth trauma cases.

### Cushing Class

**Finnessey, Samuel S.J., Jr.**, spoke June 7, 2005, at the 22nd annual New York Welfare Fraud Investigators Association Conference in Auburn, N.Y. His topic was Case Preparation and Presentation. Phone: (315) 253-1430; e-mail: sjfinnessey@yahoo.com.

**Haapala, Karen Marie**, married Jeffrey Robert Daley on April 23, 2005, in Flint, Mich. She is a litigation/appellate attorney with Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, P.L.C. in Livonia. The couple resides in Canton, Mich. E-mail: khaapala@cnda-law.com.

### 2001 Wilson Class

**Parker, Julie A.**, continues to practice in the law firm she formed in Sarasota, Fla., in 2001. The firm focuses on family law cases and personal injury matters. The firm has grown to include three attorneys, three paralegals, a front office

manager, a bookkeeper, and an office manager.

### Blair Class

**Romero, Douglas L.**, opened his own practice, Colorado Criminal Defense Counsel, in Denver, Colo. He specializes in criminal defense, civil litigation, and bankruptcy. In addition, he and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their first child, Mikaila. Phone: (303) 825-4700; e-mail: romerod@wayne.edu.

### Iredell Class

**Bailey, Gilda M.**, announces the formation of The Law Office of Gilda M. Bailey, P.C., 26 Court St., Suite 904, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11242. Phone: (718) 237-6501.

**Jenkins, Demetria Nicole**, of Charleston, S.C., was married to Ernest Wilson III on April 9, 2005. She is employed by Motley Rice, L.L.C.

**Lindsay-Ochoa, Elizabeth**, of Denver, Colo., was awarded a fellowship from the American Bar Association's Real Property, Probate, and Trust Section. Phone: (303) 539-2360; e-mail: liz\_ochoa02@yahoo.com.

**Wabeke, Cheryl**, recently opened her own law practice, in Grand Haven, Mich., specializing in Social Security and SSI disability appeals. Previously, she served three years as a staff attorney for Western Michigan Legal Services in Muskegon, working in the area of landlord and tenant law, and disability appeals. Before entering the legal field, she spent 30 years in public education in the Three Rivers, Mich., area. Phone: (616) 844-1327.

**Wilcox, Clinton H.**, of Tacoma, Wash., earned his LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Washington School of Law in June 2005. Phone: (253) 939-4556; e-mail: swigartlaw@hotmail.com.

**Wilson, Lawrence, F.**, has accepted a position as an assistant public defender in American Samoa. He began June 5, 2005. Formerly, he was a Deputy Public Defender in Mendocino County, Calif.

### 2002 Chase Class

**Korsal, Charles**, taught two sections of business law as adjunct instructor at Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Mich., during summer 2005. He also contributed in summer 2005 as an adjunct instructor for the University of Michigan English Language Institute in the "English for Legal Studies" program designed to prepare foreign lawyers and judges for LL.M. programs in the United States.

**Serrano, Cathy**, has accepted a position with the law firm of Skekloff, Adelsperger & Kleven, L.L.P., in Fort Wayne, Ind. She is also an adjunct professor for IVY Tech State College, teaching Business Law, which is open to several degree programs; as well as paralegal studies courses such as Family Law, Bankruptcy, and Legal

Research. Phone: (260) 407-7000; e-mail: cts@sak-law.com.

### 2003 Swainson Class

**Ingram, Lynne T.**, joined the firm of Ryley Carlock & Applewhite, of Phoenix, Ariz., as an associate. Ingram practices in the firm's bankruptcy and litigation group. She formerly was a deputy Maricopa County attorney.

**Mitchell, Melissa Sue**, 30, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., died May 21, 2005. She was an attorney practicing in the Orange County area. She received an LL.M. degree in trial advocacy from California Western School of Law in 2004. She also attended the University of Virginia and the University of Toronto. Melissa was named to *Who's Who in American Law Schools* in 2003 and 2004. Melissa was a member of the California Bar and practiced in the area of federal defense law. She was a graduate of Mary Baldwin College (1997) and George Washington High School (1993). At Cooley, she was a teaching assistant, a research assistant, a member of the Moot Court Board, managing editor of the *Cooley Law Journal*, and was a second place winner for her paper on the "Right to Bear Arms".

**Tracy, Aaron J.**, has joined the firm of Blalock, Walters, Held & Johnson, P.A. in Bradenton, Fla., as an associate. He advises clients on corporate tax, and partnership-related issues. Tracy, who has an LL.M. in taxation, formerly worked as an accountant in Tampa, Fla. Phone: (941) 748-0100; e-mail: atracy@blalockwalters.com.

### O. Smith Class

**Robledo, Amanda**, has joined the office of Garan Lucow Miller, as an associate in the law firm's Lansing, Mich., office. The firm has offices throughout Michigan. She will concentrate her practice on family, no-fault, and premises liability law. Previously, she was an attorney with the Aquilina Law Firm, P.L.C., in Lansing, Mich.

### Toy Class

**Durian, Susan L.**, has joined Harbaugh Law Offices, P.L.L.C., in Kalamazoo, Mich., as an associate. She practices family law. Phone: (269) 382-1871.

### 2004 Cross Class

**Gorman, S. Tutt** has been appointed to the position of Legal Counsel at the Office of General Counsel to the Supreme Court Chief Justice, Joseph E. Lambert (Kentucky Court of Justice) in Frankfort, Kentucky. As Kentucky utilizes a statewide, unified court system, his office oversees all state courts by advising judges, circuit clerks, and the Chief Justice on a variety of issues. Mr. Gorman concentrates primarily in labor and employment law and provides representation to





state court judges and officials in personnel and administrative hearings. Additionally, Mr. Gorman provides counsel to supervisors and managers of various departments, such as Court Facilities, Pretrial Services, Family Court & Mediation, and Juvenile Services. He provides contract review and negotiations, advises in all personnel matters, and summarizes and tracks all legislation while the General Assembly is in session. He also addresses all tort liability and claims confronting the Kentucky Court of Justice.

### Needham Class

**Perez, Danielle**, has joined the Bloomfield Hills, Mich., office of Plunkett & Cooney, P.C., as a member of the Insurance Law practice group. Previously, she worked for a Portage, Mich.-based law firm. She focuses her practice exclusively in the areas of insurance coverage and complex insurance disputes.

### Swift Class

**Cook, Tim**, was named administrator of the Clair County District Court. He previously oversaw personal protection orders for the circuit court. The administrator manages the daily operations of the court. He will also serve as magistrate.

**Kerrick, Daniel C.**, of Philadelphia, Penn., has joined the law firm of Ciconte, Roseman & Wasserman in Wilmington, Del. He focuses on civil litigation and corporate bankruptcy. E-mail: kerrickd@crwdelaw.com.

**Marschke, Lisa A.**, has joined Greenleaf Trust in Kalamazoo, Mich., as an administrative assistant to the president. She previously served as a summer associate for Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey, P.L.C.

**Rumball, Jayson W.**, joined the law firm of Hicks, Mullett & Gregg, P.L.L.C. in Lansing, Mich. He practices real estate, construction, and business law. Phone: (517) 321-9770; e-mail: jrumball@hmglegal.com.

**Ryan, Evan Hill**, has joined D & T Construction, in Shelby Twp, Mich., as Associate General Counsel. Previously, he was corporate counsel for Briday Inc., an Ontario corporation that focuses on land development and golf course design.

### 2005 McAllister Class

**Johnson, Nicholas**, has transferred to the Waukegon, Ill., office of Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. He is an associate, practicing primarily in the areas of litigation and construction lien law. He also presented at Construction Lien Law seminars on May 13, 2005, in Oak Brook, Ill., and on July

28, 2005, in Schaumburg, Ill. Phone: (847) 249-4440; e-mail: njohnson@querrey.com.

**Olson, Charity A.**, joined the firm of Plunkett & Cooney as an associate in the Commercial Litigation, and Labor and Employment Practice Groups. She previously worked as a summer associate in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office.

**Smith, Jennifer L.**, accepted a position as an associate attorney with the law firm of Militello, Zanck, & Coen, P.C., in Crystal Lake, Ill. Her practice areas are litigation, municipal prosecutions, and collections. Phone: (815) 459-8800; e-mail: jsmith@mzc.com.

**Thompson, Lars**, has accepted a position with Moser & Partners, an international law firm based in Germany, specializing in international civil, criminal, and family law. Lars was also accepted to an LL.M. and advanced Senior Juris Doctoral program for International and Comparative Law Studies at the University of Regensburg in Germany. Additionally, he was asked to teach, as a visiting scholar, several seminars on U.S. law topics, such as Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, Indian Law, and Death Penalty.

**Werder, Trisha M.**, has joined the firm of Cox, Hodgman & Giarmarco, P.C., in Troy, Mich., as an associate in the firm's business litigation group. She concentrates her practice in the areas of contract disputes, commercial transactions and employment law.



### Boyles Class

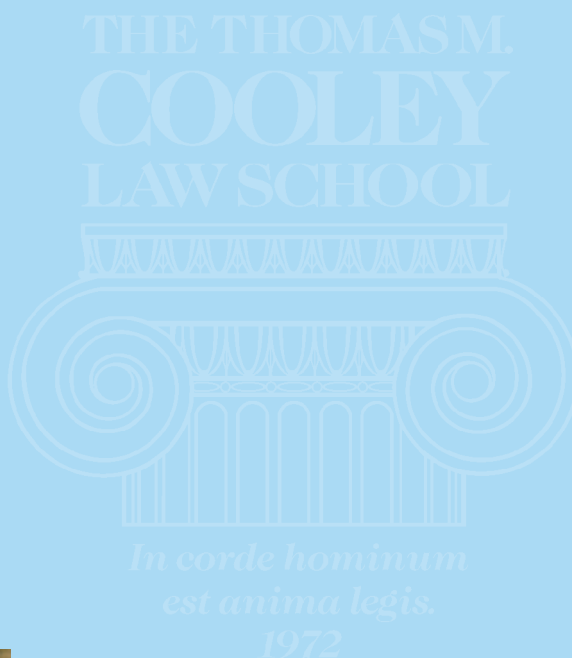
**Patel, Sima**, has accepted a clerkship with Justice Elizabeth Weaver of the Michigan Supreme Court.

## classnotes



Four 1983 Cooley graduates were appointed April 17, 2005, as Administrative Law Judges for the Social Security Administration (SSA), Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). The Cooley group represented the largest contingent from a single law school appointed by the SSA on that day. From left, **Jeffrey A. Hatfield**, assigned to the Cleveland, Ohio OHA office; **M. Kathleen Gavin**, assigned to the Evansville, Ind., OHA office; **Therese Anne Hardiman**, assigned to the Wilkes-Barre, Penn. OHA office; and **William G. Reamon**, assigned to the Paducah, Ky., OHA Office. Hatfield, Hardiman, and Gavin are members of the **O'Hara Class**, while Reamon is a member of the **Chandler Class**.

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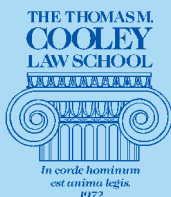


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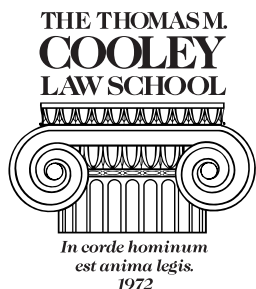
The holiday wreath is priced the same as last year, \$33, and that includes the wreath, tax, handling, shipping, and a contribution to alumni programs. This beautiful 22-inch wreath is made of freshly gathered, fragrant balsam boughs from the Straits of Mackinac region of northern Michigan, and is decorated with natural pine cones and a big velvet bow. Wreaths are individually boxed and shipped directly to the recipient.

An alumni association holiday wreath is a simple way to send a wonderful seasonal gift to friends and family across

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