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A portrait of Peter Pitegoff, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a tan suit and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred image of a library or study with wooden bookshelves filled with books.

**New Dean
Peter Pitegoff**

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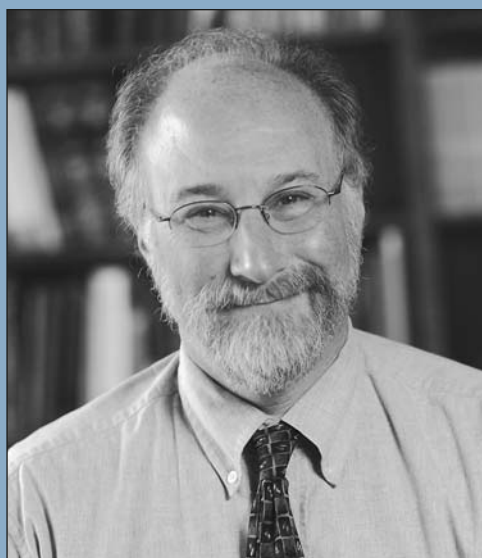
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Still in my first months as dean, I am discovering what you already know—that the University of Maine School of Law is a unique and excellent law school. Of course, I was aware of Maine Law in the past and learned much more during the dean search process. But that was from away. Now that I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with numerous alumni/ae and civic leaders, to work with faculty and staff, and to greet our students, the rich character of this law school community is ever more apparent. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received and am encouraged by a

shared will to make this remarkable law school even greater.

As Maine Law sustains momentum in its teaching, research, and public service, a consistent theme going forward is *engagement*. A great law school has a faculty and student body engaged collaboratively in an innovative and challenging process of learning the law. A great law school is engaged in creative scholarship in concert with other academic and intellectual centers here and throughout the world, advancing knowledge and grappling with societal problems. A great law school contributes to social justice through legal services and engagement in public policy development.

And, a great law school includes graduates engaged in a wide array of work and serving in leadership roles in law, business, government, and community. This issue of *Maine Law* magazine recounts the stories of alumni/ae who took risks and succeeded in charting satisfying career courses.

The wide-ranging careers of Maine Law graduates are an important element of our enterprise, giving further definition to the character of the Law School. More concretely, our graduates contribute generously to the Law School through mentoring and job placement for our students, through participation in curricular initiatives and other law school endeavors, and through crucial financial support. I am pleased to join a law school with such an energetic and involved alumni/ae community.

The University of Maine School of Law is a valuable asset for the state, and it is well positioned to achieve a higher profile nationally. Colleen Khoury has done a fantastic job as dean for the last seven years. I look forward to working with you to build on her good work, helping the Law School advance even further at this formative and dynamic moment in the history of Maine Law.

Peter Pitegoff

Maine Law

A Place of Great Opportunity



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Find a Niche

Be Open to Change

Take Risks

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Enjoy Your Work

Be Adventurous

Ask third year students at Maine Law where their legal education is likely to take them, and most will have a ready answer. But life is wonderfully unpredictable, and when those students graduate and begin charting their professional careers, many of them—even if they started out with a clear direction in mind—will at some point find themselves facing obstacles and opportunities they had not anticipated. How they navigate through these unexpected developments can make all the difference in the world. As the following article illustrates, those who are alert to possibilities and who are prepared to act boldly and to change course to take advantage of emerging opportunities, often find routes to great careers.

Fortune favors the bold — Virgil

Here at the Law School we encourage students and alumni/ae to explore a variety of career options and to remain as vocationally and geographically flexible as their personal circumstances will allow. Currently, the job market for lawyers is tight, especially in Maine and northern New England, and it is likely to remain so in the years ahead. Job seekers who are adaptable and willing to consider a range of alternatives improve their chances of finding suitable positions. Over the course of their post-law school careers, the alumni/ae featured have found themselves working and studying in locations as far afield from Portland as Texas, Washington, and Alaska. They have held jobs in settings as varied as prosecutors' offices, classrooms, art galleries, and even a windsurfing school. Some of the positions have been traditional legal jobs. Others have not, but have nevertheless drawn on knowledge and skills acquired at Maine Law.

One trait shared by these alumni/ae is their willingness to challenge themselves and to take some calculated risks to improve their situations—the risk of professional and financial failure, the risk of disappointing their own or others' expectations, the risk of change. New law school graduates will profit by adopting a similar approach as they pursue their own careers. Taking a chance on a new venture is often a precursor to personal and professional growth. Moreover, it can open the door to the kind of serendipitous opportunities that often contribute to a successful and happy life.

Knowing what risks and which directions are worth taking, however, requires first a keen understanding of one's own goals and values. Besides having a healthy supply of self-confidence, the alumni/ae here also either began with, or developed, a self-knowledge that helped guide their choices.

There is an old Hasidic saying that might have served as their motto: *Everyone should carefully observe which way his heart draws him, and then choose that way with all his strength.*

—Derek Van Volkenburgh, director, Career Services

Find a Niche



John L. Senning '69 (pictured with his sons) identified a lucrative niche, combining admiralty and marine law with trust and estate law.

While delivering frigid vans full of doughnuts in the wee morning hours of his Law School days, **John L. Senning '69** rarely had time to ponder how life might shake out. Had the young husband and father taken time to muse about the future, it's unlikely he could have predicted the twists and turns his career would take.

"I feel blessed to be where I am now," says Senning, who runs a successful law practice in Essex, Conn., that combines admiralty and marine law with trust and estate law. "I don't regret any choices I've made. Those choices, whether consciously made or not, were pretty good ones as it turns out."

With a family to support, Senning worked his way through Law School in an assortment of jobs—working in ski shops, an auto repair shop, and as an insurance adjuster; doing telephone marketing; and making the early-morning doughnut runs. Life was busy, but going well. He had found a house on the ocean in Cape Elizabeth for a reasonable rent and was fortunate to be one of the first Maine Law students in a new program that allowed him to handle cases for the District Attorney's Office and argue criminal appeals before the Maine Supreme Court without first passing the Bar.

When it came time to do his third-year thesis, Senning chose a hot topic for the times—inverse condemnation—which deals with the rights of and remedies for landowners affected by airport expansions.

Little did he know what a huge impact his choice of topic would have on his future. His thesis adviser, Professor David Halpern, knew this research would intrigue a colleague who was starting a new Institute of Aerospace and Aviation Law at Southern Methodist University (SMU) School of Law in Texas.

"Halpern conned me into going to the graduate Law School program there," says Senning. "I don't know what motivated me to go! I'm from Connecticut and had never been farther west than New York."

When his SMU studies ended, Senning and his family were ready to head back east, and SMU helped Senning get a job with a new satellite communications commission in Washington, D.C. Shortly before the move, though, he learned that his new job had become "unfunded." Had that bad news not come, there's a good chance Senning would be leading a different life today.

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SMU scrambled to help Senning find another job with a law firm handling aviation-related matters. He wound up in New York City with a firm that was counsel for a large satellite communications company.

"On my first day, I was called in by the senior partner who told me that they'd just lost someone in their admiralty department and asked if I would fill in," recalls Senning. "I knew it wasn't really a question that called for an answer!" Having studied some maritime issues at Maine Law and SMU, Senning figures he was "the closest thing to anyone with experience." The partners told him he could pursue his other interests if he kept up with the admiralty cases.

As he gained experience working with shipping and yachting clients and dealt with some trust and estate work, Senning

started connecting dots. He reasoned that, if he could combine those areas of law and handle estate planning needs and corresponding tax issues of people with yachts, he might be able to build an interesting practice at a time when recreational boating was starting to boom. "I thought it might be a good combination to take back to Connecticut," says Senning, who wanted to move closer to his parents after he and his wife divorced. He got a job in 1978 with a Hartford law firm, then moved to its regional office in Essex, where there were more yachts.

Senning's instincts were right, and the practice steadily grew. His job now is multifaceted. He represents lenders making yacht mortgages, expanding boatyards that need help with marine and environmental issues, and individuals who are buying large boats and need financing or help in making sure the vessel is in good condition. He deals with yacht collisions and product lia-

bility issues and gives advice on obtaining international registration and cruising permits. He helps yacht owners with estate planning and life-planning decisions.

"I love what I'm doing," says Senning, whose first job during high school was working on boats in Essex. "My commute now is less than a mile. I get to learn about the stories of boats that are over 100 years old, meet people from all over the world, and I've made a lot of rewarding friendships in this job."

The job also has allowed him to indulge in his love of boats. He and his wife, Susan, and their two sons, Skylar, 11, and Hunter, 8, have numerous boats, including four antique ice boats, a 70-year-old schooner, eight collector canoes, a 1955 Chris Craft mahogany speed boat, four Boston Whalers, and several sailing dinghies.

Be Open to Change



Annmarie Levins '83 thought she would stay in Maine and teach, but she ended up out-of-state, working for Microsoft Corp.

Luck, and one particularly great Law School connection, helped **Annmarie Levins '83** get to where she is now.

As associate general counsel for Microsoft Corp., she manages two legal teams—one handling transactional work for the company's U.S. and Canadian subsidiaries, the other dealing with enforcement issues like online fraud and piracy.

"It's not something I ever thought I'd be doing, but I absolutely love my job," says Levins, who went through Maine Law thinking she'd stay in Maine and use her degree to teach at a university.

But graduating *summa cum laude* and serving as editor of the *Maine Law Review* led to opportunities that were hard to pass up. After clerking for Judge James L. Oakes of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in Vermont, Levins had a chance at a clerkship with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

While in Washington, D.C., Levins reconnected with Penny Hazelton, who had been her legal research and writing teacher and law librarian in Law School

and then had gone on to work as the head law librarian at the U.S. Supreme Court.

After her clerkship, Levins moved to New York and was hired by Rudy Giuliani as an assistant U.S. attorney, specializing in organized crime and racketeering prosecutions. She eventually became chief of the narcotics investigation unit and deputy chief of appeals.

She loved the job, but when a call came in 1992 offering her a chance to do what she'd intended all along—teach—she jumped at the chance. Hazelton, now the University of Washington School of Law's librarian, asked Levins to run the school's Trial Practice Program.

"Teaching was something I always thought I wanted to do," says Levins, but she missed the fast pace of practicing law and in 1995 took a job as chief of the financial fraud unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Seattle.

Another out-of-the-blue, intriguing job offer came by phone in 1998. A Microsoft recruiter was looking to hire a criminal lawyer to head up the company's anti-counterfeiting program and help establish an international enforcement division.

"It was unusual then to go from criminal work to the world of big business," explains Levins. "Since then, many businesses have realized the usefulness of the skills lawyers develop as prosecutors."

Levins enjoyed making new use of her investigative techniques, and brought in other people with similar know-how—FBI agents, Drug Enforcement Agency experts, former assistant U.S. attorneys.

"I'm very proud of the way my team has built relationships with law enforcement agencies to help make the Internet safer for everybody and to catch criminals," says Levin.

After so many years of deep involvement in investigations, it's sometimes hard for Levins to resist the urge to jump back into cases directly. "But fortunately I have a lot of smart people who practice law and

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handle it well. The nice thing about Microsoft is that its legal department is closely integrated with the business. We're using legal skills to help the business leaders make good business decisions."

After three years, Levins was asked to take on the additional responsibility of supervising the legal work for the sales organizations in the United States and Canada. So now, on any given day, she might help a vice president in charge of North American sales be sure he's completing a deal without committing antitrust violations or offer her enforcement team guidance on developing an international case involving spam. She calls her job "incredibly rewarding."

"I work with smart, dedicated, and creative people. I grew up in a small town in Massachusetts, and sometimes I have to pinch myself that I regularly do business with—and have friendships with—people all over the world. It's a very challenging job, but I'm encouraged to come up with creative solutions and drive them forward."

After 13 years in Seattle and seven working for Microsoft at its headquarters in Redmond, Wash., Levins asked to move closer to her family in Massachusetts last fall and work from a Microsoft sales office. She says the arrangement, with her heading to Washington about once a month for meetings, is working well.

Levins and her partner, Linda, also an attorney, have two children, Gregory, 6, and Kaitlyn, 3. When not attending soccer practices and swimming lessons, Levins enjoys running, basketball, rowing, and exploring New England again.

Take Risks



The career of Gregory Smith '73 (pictured with his sons at Fenway Park) has taken a number of unexpected turns. Today, he is a highly regarded expert on environmental law.

Just when Gregory H. Smith '73 thought he knew exactly what lay ahead for him, life presented starkly different options. It's been the pattern of his life.

At each juncture, he consciously chose the new opportunity over what he had anticipated. That approach led him to become New Hampshire's attorney general and now a highly regarded expert on environmental law.

One of his first sudden shifts of fate was a last-minute chance to further his education. Having grown up on a family dairy farm in rural New Hampshire at a time when many such enterprises were going under, Smith faced the reality that college was out of the question. A family friend, however, arranged for financial support for him to attend the University of New Hampshire. He interviewed in August and returned 30 days later as a student.

He majored in chemistry and figured he'd become a research scientist. "You adapt to other people's view of you, and for me, that view was that I was good at science and math," Smith says. "But the truth was that it wasn't something that excited me at all. When I read, I loved biographies and books about history and government leaders. I guess it took me a while to finally catch up with myself."

After college in 1969, he was two weeks from entering military officer school in Texas when his mother learned that Cheverus High School in Portland needed a physics, science, and math teacher. Smith had no plans to make a career of teaching, but was impressed at his interview, got a

military deferment, and took the job.

This unexpected turn led to another that fall when visiting college buddies suggested on a lark that they all take the LSAT. Smith did well. "I had thought teaching was a step to graduate school in chemistry, and I had never even thought of going to law school."

Nevertheless, next thing he knew, he was enrolled at Maine Law. Throughout law school—where he was editor of the *Maine Law Review* and worked at the then-new Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic—Smith intended to spend his legal career advocating for the impoverished and disadvantaged. So when he graduated, he applied only to legal aid organizations, the courts, and the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, seeking to handle public interest cases there.

And who should offer him an unusual opportunity but New Hampshire's Deputy Attorney General David H. Souter—now a U.S. Supreme Court justice—and Attorney General Warren B. Rudman, later a U.S. senator. "David Souter asked me if I'd ever

himself. Justice Souter apparently thought otherwise. Within seven years, Smith was the State Attorney General, having quickly risen through the ranks as openings occurred.

He served until 1984, when he left to join McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, first in Manchester, then opening the State Capitol office in Concord. In this case, he thought he was "taking a path that would, for the first time since the age of 15, allow more time for life outside work," contends Smith.

In actuality, though, he didn't plot a simpler course at all. Smith could have eased into an area he knew well but asked instead to build an environmental law practice. He liked the idea of working in a rapidly emerging area of regulatory law and had handled some cases involving the Clean Air and Clean Water acts and Superfund sites.

But he was by no means an expert. He hit the books and started learning, gaining knowledge with each case. Twenty-one years later, he chairs the firm's environmental department and government rela-

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thought of being a homicide prosecutor, and I said no. He said that if I'd consider it, within a year or so I'd learn how to try a murder case."

Smith wrestled with the decision. The job was so outside the realm of what he had set his sights on for three years. He realized it offered him exceptional training, but for Smith, who had always been uncomfortable in the spotlight, the idea of standing up in court and trying a murder case was utterly out of his comfort zone.

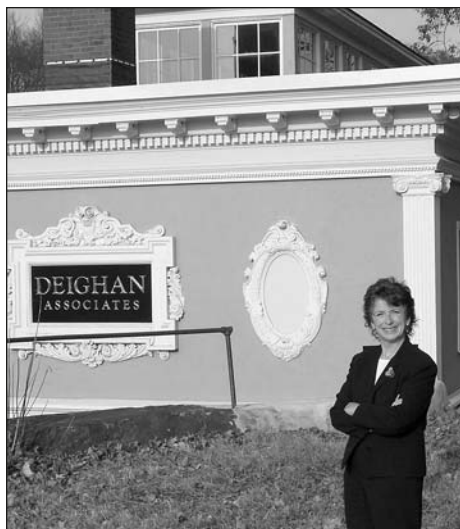
However, as unsure as he was, that's the path he chose. Asked in his interview where he'd like to be in ten years, Smith told Souter that he'd like to be near the center of public policy decision-making but that he didn't feel well-suited to high public office

tions practice and is one of his state's most respected environmental and administrative law practitioners.

About eight years ago, he got his firm involved with a world network of law firms, and that has allowed him to realize a dream of traveling he'd had since boyhood. Last year, Smith took a sabbatical to spend time in Europe with his sons, Geoffrey, 27, and Stuart, 24.

When asked why he repeatedly chose the tougher road in his career: "It might have been for lack of good, thorough analysis," Smith jokes. "But each time I went in a different direction, I thought of it like a bitter pill—it wasn't going to taste good, but it would be good for me. I knew I needed to force myself to stand up and try it."

Forge Ahead



Jean Deighan '76 overcame discrimination and now owns a successful investment advisory firm in Bangor.

Years after the fact, **Jean M. Deighan '76** ran into the senior partner who had fired her from his Bangor law firm. He finally offered an apology, saying he'd made a big mistake.

She cheerfully accepted the apology and told him that he'd actually done her a favor, explaining that had she not gone through that painful episode, she wouldn't have experienced the wonderful things that followed.

And everything that followed enabled her to act on a strong conviction in 1994 and form her own successful investment advisory firm in Bangor.

Deighan didn't envision doing anything besides practicing law when she decided to go to Maine Law in 1973. She was prompted to enroll after realizing how much getting "some stars on my shoulders" would help in the workplace. Deighan came to this conclusion after interning in public social work while earning a degree in English and sociology from Tufts University/Jackson College. In the office where she worked, Deighan says the women were grossly undervalued and treated unfairly.

"The supervisors in private offices were all men. The women sat en masse out in the open at broken-down desks, running

the show. Most were practical and wise, and yet, they were accepting of their subservient role," says Deighan. "It really opened my eyes to how hard it is for some people to change their patterns."

It was her first real look at gender inequity, and she felt for the women in that office, in part because she had experienced a less obvious kind of discrimination herself. Hearing impaired since birth, she grew up in Hampden focusing on academics and striving to compensate for a slight speech impediment and difficulty picking up the subtleties of conversations. In college, she was discouraged from pursuing a theater major.

Undaunted and armed with a new hearing aid, Deighan entered Maine Law, where she learned how to "really think clearly."

"The Law School is a major reason why I am where I am now," she says. "I couldn't have done it without the analytic and problem-solving skills I learned there. The Law School produces good thinkers as well as good law practitioners."

After graduating, she joined a now-defunct Bangor law firm as a litigation associate, thinking she'd be "Maine's answer to F. Lee Bailey in skirts." The year was 1976,

Just after the couple married and Porter had passed the Bar, Deighan was let go. "They said they didn't have enough work for me. I was flabbergasted, since they had just hired another litigator," she says. She briefly considered the idea of suing over gender discrimination, but she sensed that it was for the best in the long run.

"Sometimes life is unfair, but that's when you start squeezing the lemons into lemonade. I believe living well is the best revenge. So I concentrated on that and thrived."

She took a better-paying job with Northeast Bank & Trust as a lawyer/trust officer, and a silver lining soon became clear. She was delighted to realize she loved trust and estate law—which hadn't excited her in law school—and portfolio management. After eight years with the bank and eight more at an investment management firm, she was ready for a new challenge.

In 1994, she took "a big leap that felt like jumping off a cliff" and formed her own investment firm, Deighan Associates, Inc. It took off quickly, Deighan says, largely because "I've never been afraid of hard work, and I surround myself with people who feel the same way." That hard work

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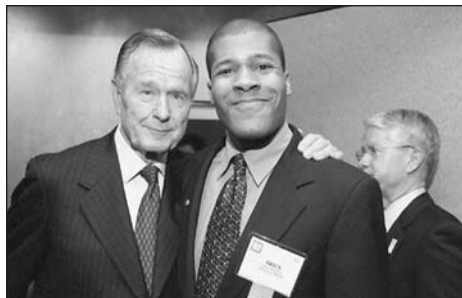
and in the relatively small city, it was still quite a novelty to hire a woman lawyer, and her hiring gave the firm "more than its share" with two, Deighan notes—but not for long.

After about a year, she announced her engagement to **Glen L. Porter '78**, then a third-year student at Maine Law who was also planning to practice in Bangor. The couple was thrilled; Deighan's employer was not. "The partners were beside themselves worrying about whether they'd have to step away from a profitable situation if both of our firms were involved in a case. They were worried that the appearance of a conflict of interest might cost them business."

paid off—ten years later the firm has more than \$90 million under management.

Creating her own business was an all-consuming endeavor but also gave her needed flexibility with her children, Katie, now 20 and a junior at Tufts, who is studying abroad in Spain this year, and Alex, 17, a senior and varsity ice hockey player at Bangor High. Outside of work, Deighan serves on boards for the Maine Law School Foundation, the University of Maine Board of Visitors, the Maine Community Foundation, and the Bangor Museum and Center for History. She's also involved with economic development efforts and loves sailing, creative writing, painting, and collecting art and promoting artists.

Be Flexible



Bryce Weatherly '97 (pictured with former President George H. W. Bush) tried his luck on the West Coast, eventually finding success at Washington Mutual, Inc.

A willingness to go outside his comfort zone has served **Bryce E. Weatherly '97** well. It's led him to a rewarding career as leader of a team of people responsible for making Seattle-based Washington Mutual, Inc., run as smoothly as possible.

Getting to this point in his career required Weatherly to take a few big chances, starting with his decision to earn his degree from the University of Maine School of Law.

Maine wasn't on his radar when he started applying to law schools while an undergrad at Temple University. But when a professor of his served as a moot court competition judge at Maine Law and came back with glowing reviews, Weatherly took note and decided to give Maine a go.

He has never regretted that choice. "As I've made changes, good things have happened," he says. "Had I stayed in Philly, which would have been really easy to do, I couldn't say that things would have turned out as well for me as they have. My education at Maine Law really helped open doors that previously were unimaginable to me."

As he finished up law school in December 1996, Weatherly stretched himself again. With no job, family, or friends there, he took a leap of faith and moved to Seattle.

"It was a gamble," Weatherly says. "And it definitely was 'welcome to the real world' when I got off the bus from the airport in downtown Seattle on Jan. 1, 1997, and started looking for an apartment."

He immediately discovered how reluctant landlords were to rent to someone

who didn't have a job. So he checked into a "really bad motel that charged by the week," consulted a list of local Maine Law alumni/ae, and set up informational interviews.

"I went through some bumps, definitely," Weatherly recalls. His first break came when fellow Maine Law grad, **Robert V. O'Brien Jr. '79** hired Weatherly as a communications analyst with a health care consulting firm. Weatherly reviewed health care contracts and advised client companies, including Boeing, on how to effectively communicate about human resources matters with their employees.

While the job wasn't a perfect fit with Weatherly's skills, it was a foundation to build on. After two years, he left to study for the Bar exam and make some new contacts in hopes of finding a job doing legislative advocacy work.

After passing the Bar, things started falling into place. "Through the sheer power of networking, I had met the head of government affairs for Gap Inc.," says Weatherly. "A few months later, she called to see if I'd be interested in going there."

He moved to San Francisco and became government affairs manager for the clothing retailer, advocating for the company's public policy positions at the federal, state, and local levels of government. He enjoyed interacting with politicians and regulators and using advocacy skills learned in law school. "I credit (Professor) Jim Friedman there. You didn't go into his constitutional law class unprepared. He made you see all sides of an issue."

Realizing he wanted to take the work a step further—in Washington, D.C.—he called a contact at Washington Mutual, Inc., for advice on how to proceed. His contact's response? "How about coming back here and working as our CEO's aide?"

"When he first mentioned it, I wasn't interested. But he said if I'd at least come talk with him, he'd promise to help me in my search for a job in D.C., so I agreed."

Weatherly didn't think he had the experience for the job, but went to the interview due to his contact's encouragement. Weatherly hit it off with the CEO

It was a gamble and it definitely was, 'welcome to the real world.'

and accepted the position.

The diverse job, which included serving as the CEO's "lead communicator and advance guy," proved extremely beneficial. "There's no better way to learn the ins and outs of business than at the executive level. In three years I got to see how all aspects of the company worked. It was a high-stress, high-stakes job, but it really matured me."

And it positioned him well for the next step, as first vice president in Washington Mutual's operational excellence department. The OpEx team looks at efficiency and effectiveness throughout the large financial services company, guided by what the firm calls the "voice of the customer." For example, if call-center customers report long holding times, the team would use a set of tools and techniques for eliminating the problem.

Weatherly has embraced his role as leader but he still strives to learn more. A career coach recently helped him identify his long-term aspirations and the skills he still wants to gain. Toward that end, Weatherly says he loves reading business books and attending leadership seminars.

"This job has been a great opportunity because I can take on new areas of responsibility and the company gives me room to learn and take some chances," he says. "I appreciate that because, as I've gotten older, I've seen how people who rise to the top do it, and the smart ones take a few risks"—something Weatherly knows a thing or two about.

(Weatherly was recently promoted to special assistant to the chairman and chief executive officer at Washington Mutual, a role combining aspects of his two previous positions and allowing him to now serve the chairman in both a communication and operational capacity.)

Enjoy Your Work



Laurie Balmuth '80 goes where the wind takes her, enjoying every chapter of her never-dull life.

Laurie Balmuth '80 spent last winter windsurfing and socializing on the island of St. Lucia near Barbados. It wasn't all play—she also worked as business manager of a windsurfing school there.

Looking at her lifestyle, most people wouldn't think Balmuth is putting her Maine Law degree to use. But she'd emphatically disagree.

Balmuth says earning a law degree empowered her to respond positively to life's challenges and opportunities. "One learns the rules of God, nature, and humanity by reading beautifully written, true stories of how folks in every walk of life and every pursuit and profession got into a dispute, and how the Court resolved that dispute. Law School teaches you how to think clearly and how to get the facts and how to let go and move on once the job is done."

Balmuth considers her ability to get such an education nothing short of miraculous.

A few years before enrolling at Maine Law, she was a "back-to-the-land hippie," living on a farm in North Whitefield, Maine, a divorced young mother of two, on welfare, feeling trapped. "I came from a background (in Milford, Conn.) where women did not have career opportunities. This was before *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965), when early marriage and compulsory childbearing was the rule."

It was a big step when Balmuth enrolled at the University of Maine in Augusta, first as an art major. When offered a chance to have her education costs covered if she

transferred into a public administration program she "lunged" at the opportunity and also began working as a consumer advocate in the attorney general's office in Augusta. The job gave her much-needed work-study money and credit toward her degree, which she ultimately earned from the Portland-Gorham campus.

"At first I did not believe that I could master subjects like statistics, economics, and computer programming. I worked savagely and pulled A's. I was shocked."

That success gave her confidence, at 29, to take a logical next step and enroll at Maine Law. "The idea of obtaining justice for myself and for those like myself was very attractive to me because I had not had those things. And I also wanted them for my children. I applied to Maine Law the year after the 'feminist' lawsuits opened careers to women that had been closed to us in the past." Enrollment at the Law School reflected that—Balmuth's class was 40 percent women.

Balmuth financed law school with loans and a variety of jobs, including working in the state's handicapped rights office and in the farm workers' unit of a legal aid agency in Lewiston. After graduating, she returned to Connecticut to study for the Bar exam. She worked for Connecticut's handicapped rights office, clerked in Hartford Superior Court, then joined a small law firm, dealing mostly with real estate and finance matters.

When both of her parents died within six months of each other, Balmuth sold the property they left her and decided to make a fresh start. She and children—Amber, 17, and Benjamin, 21, at the time—moved to Portland, Ore. She used her real estate law knowledge to invest in and renovate a "beautiful, 1911 Chicago-style apartment building" and that sparked a new career—buying and fixing up buildings, then selling them for a profit, and managing the rental properties.

During this period, she was inspired to try her hand at something she hadn't been able to pursue for many years. She enrolled in a bachelor of fine arts program at Pacific Northwest College of Art (she more recently served on its board of directors)

and earned her degree in 1994 in print-making and painting, all the while continuing to manage buildings, remodel historic homes, and build townhouses.

Balmuth eventually hired a company to manage her properties so that she could spend time in New York, exhibiting and selling her mixed-media artwork in galleries. Her pieces are included in museum, library, and private collections in the United States, Europe, and South America.

After 11 years, she started feeling isolated spending most of her time in an art studio. So in 1999, she went to visit an artist friend and fell passionately in love—with the Columbia River Gorge in Hood River,

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Ore. She bought and remodeled a large house there and started dating a man who works for a manufacturer of windsurf boards. One lesson was enough to get her hooked on the sport.

"Windsurfing is a wonderful addiction to have," says Balmuth, who finished her remodeling project in 2002, sold the house, and indulged in windsurfing trips to Venezuela, California, and the Dominican Republic.

Nowadays, besides happily running Brian's Windsurfing School in "the Gorge" with partner Brian Shurton, she's renovating another home and makes time to see her children and three grandchildren in Connecticut and Portland, Ore.

Balmuth says her education was key in creating her "interesting, rarely dull" life. She feels so strongly about what she gained from Maine Law that last year she gave the school \$25,000 to start a scholarship fund for nontraditional students like herself.

"I was very fortunate to be able to attend law school," she says. "I credit Maine Law with giving me a chance to make a positive difference for myself and others."

Be Adventurous



Hon. Fred Torrisi '74 (pictured trying to start his boat engine in the middle of Lake Kulik) became captivated by Alaska while on a visit in 1973.

The Hon. Fred Torrisi '74 had a simple plan all through law school. He'd graduate, pass the Bar, and become a small-town lawyer, handling "a little bit of everything."

What he didn't plan on was this all coming to pass in the remote Bristol Bay area of Alaska.

He didn't, for example, see disputes over reindeer herding in his future. Or consider that he'd be riding across the tundra to work on a snow machine. Or that someday, as a judge, he'd be hearing a homicide case in a makeshift courtroom on an island in the Bering Sea.

And yet, he says, "It's been exactly what I always wanted."

Alaska got its grip on Judge Torrisi when he visited the state between his second and third years of Maine Law. A woman ahead of him at Maine Law had gone to Alaska and sang its praises. He visited Alaska and also returned captivated by its openness, beauty, and outdoor recreational opportunities.

After graduation, he and his future wife, Linda moved to Dillingham, where he worked for Alaska Legal Services as a VISTA volunteer. He spent much of his first year helping people get pending applications for land processed and settled. Under the 1906 Alaska Native Allotment Act, Alaska Natives could obtain title to the land they had used and occupied. As the act was about to be repealed in 1971, there was a rush of last-minute applications for allotments of land and a subsequent "administrative mess."

After becoming a staff attorney for Alaska Legal Services, Judge Torrisi and his

wife lived in Fairbanks. While there, he did family law, more allotments work, and other civil matters, then decided to return to his friendly village clients in more rural Dillingham.

The small city is home to the world's largest red salmon fishery, and the fishing industry was undergoing a major transition at that time, becoming regulated. Many legal problems ensued. "People who never before had to get a fishing permit would miss deadlines for permits and face the possibility of their whole livelihoods being ruined," explains Judge Torrisi. "Many hundreds of applicants had problems."

He branched out on his own in 1978, continuing on a contract basis for a while with Alaska Legal Services and enjoying his small-town practice as he'd always intended.

"When I first came to Alaska 30 years ago, there were many villages that had no televisions and maybe one phone. Now, of course, most everyone has the Internet. I've

He also handles administrative appeals from Anchorage, typically by phone. (Judge Torrisi notes that he occasionally gets a nice reminder of Maine Law via **Wendy Lyford '87**, the area court administrator in Anchorage).

Most of his cases are criminal, and many revolve around problems with alcohol or children in need of aid. "I love the job. I still have an extremely interesting and varied caseload," says Judge Torrisi, who also still clearly loves where he lives. Remote Dillingham, at the confluence of the Nushagak and Wood rivers, is considered a government center and has a small hospital and roads running through it, but none of the surrounding roads interconnect. So people generally get around by snow machine or small airplane.

Judge Torrisi reconnects with "the Lower 48" about every two years. It's a six-hour flight to Seattle, and then it's usually on to Vermont where he and his wife were raised and still have family. He says he's

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dealt with a lot of natural resource issues, illegal caribou cases, worker's comp. It's the setting that has made the cases interesting a lot of the time."

In 1996 he was tapped by then-Gov. Tony Knowles for a newly created position on the Dillingham Superior Court, Third Judicial District.

Judge Torrisi is based in Dillingham, which has its own small courthouse and law library. But because Superior Court judges are required to cover for each other and disqualifications are common, he flies about ten times a year to hear cases throughout a territory roughly the size of Ohio. He has tried cases in Kodiak, Palmer, Valdez, and elsewhere, but his usual destinations are Naknek, about 80 miles away, and Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Islands, about 700 miles southwest of Anchorage.

always delighted to visit but knows he's living where he belongs.

"Alaska has an infinite number of possible outdoor trips and adventures. (My wife and 16-year-old son, John Mihai) love hiking, biking, skiing. We can get in a boat and go hundreds of miles without seeing someone. It's just an incredibly beautiful spot, and there are fewer of those as the world gets more sophisticated."

In the summer months, Judge Torrisi also enjoys camping and playing on the Snag City Rollers, a softball team he's been part of since 1979. (Another alumnus **Joe Baiungo '92**, who practices in Belfast, Maine, played on the team when he clerked a summer for Judge Torrisi during law school, and has returned twice to Alaska for fishing trips.)

New Dean, New Era

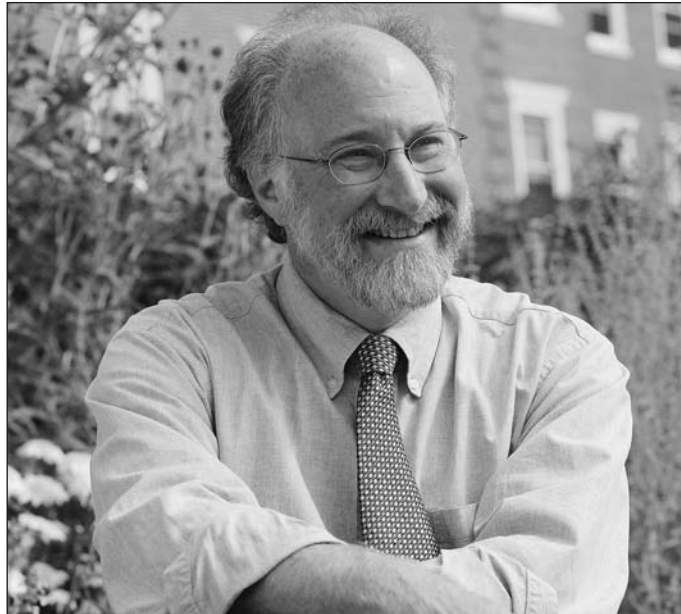
Dean Peter Pitegoff takes the helm of the Law School at a time of great challenge and promise. Armed with a plan that includes innovation and engagement, Pitegoff intends to reinforce and build on the school's strengths in order for Maine Law to gain the regional and national recognition it has long deserved.

"I'm looking forward to joining the Law School at a formative moment," says Pitegoff who arrived at the school in July. "There's a lot of enthusiasm for new curricular innovations, for further engagement with the community, for public policy initiatives, and for scholarly exchange on a wider stage."

Pitegoff comes to the Law School with a wealth of diverse experience. Most recently, he served seven years as vice dean for academic affairs at the University at Buffalo Law School, State University of New York (SUNY), where he had been a law professor since 1988. In his role as vice dean, his responsibilities ranged from curriculum and faculty development to public relations and management. The position also demanded Pitegoff's participation and leadership in all aspects of the school's operation, such as managing the administrative structure and assuring its integration with the faculty and school mission.

"I was dealing with many of the issues that a dean faces," he says. "The difference here at Maine Law is that I am the point person and often the voice and face of the Law School in the public realm."

Prior to his academic career, Pitegoff worked as an advocate and a practicing lawyer. After graduating from Brown University in 1975, he was a community organizer for the National Association for the Southern Poor in eastern North Carolina, a grassroots program for economic and civil rights in rural communities, and later, for the Citizens Action League in Oakland, California, an inner city neighborhood organization seeking better municipal services and tax reform. In



Dean Peter Pitegoff

1978, he enrolled at New York University School of Law as a Root-Tilden Scholar, an honor conferred on the basis of demonstrated commitment to and capacity for public service. After graduation, he served as legal counsel for the Boston-based ICA Group, a consulting firm that assists community economic development initiatives nationwide. While in practice, he taught on an adjunct basis at Harvard Law School and at New York University School of Law.

"I really enjoyed teaching law," Pitegoff says. "I also enjoyed writing and didn't have enough time for either while in practice. That's when I decided to throw my hat into the ring for a full-time professor position."

Once at the University at Buffalo (UB) Law School, Pitegoff pursued his research agenda and published extensively in the subjects of urban revitalization, corporate organization, and community development. He taught corporation law and legal ethics and was able to translate his practice into a clinical education program in community economic development law. He built a clinical program that was transaction-based, representing nonprofit organizations, small businesses, public agencies, and community coalitions in enterprise development and affordable housing development.

"The idea of a community economic development clinic wasn't on anybody's radar screen, but that clinic became a model for similar transactional and development clinics at other law schools across the country," says Pitegoff. "It also was the key ingredient in the evolution of a curricular concentration at UB, where we crafted a multifaceted program around affordable housing and community development law."

Pitegoff's experience in building a clinical program will serve him well as he considers the possibility of growing the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic (CLAC). He believes the Center for Law and Innovation and the Maine Patent Program present tremendous opportunity for synergy with the CLAC and for public service by the Law School.

"Maine Law can be a resource for policy makers in the public sector, in the private sector, and the nonprofit world in a wide range of areas from economic development to law reform," Pitegoff explains.

Another priority for Pitegoff will be re-examining the Law School's curriculum. While Pitegoff believes Maine Law has an excellent core educational curriculum, he believes "it's limited in scope because of a small faculty and limited space." He says that he looks forward to expanding the curriculum to provide a broader range of courses over time.

How is it possible to do this with faculty and space limitations? Pitegoff thinks one answer is the introduction of "bridge courses." These courses, taught by members of the judiciary and practicing bar, would bridge theory and practice in a short, one-credit course format. Each course would target a specific area of cutting-edge law that is not being covered in the current curriculum. Pitegoff brings the idea for these courses from his vice deanship at UB.

"Students loved bridge courses because they got a window into different areas of practice. The faculty valued the program

because it filled a curricular gap that was not covered in full semester courses. And, the bar and judiciary enjoyed the engagement with the law school, so it was a win, win, win situation,” he says.

Pitegoff is discussing academic calendar reform that might allow for a substantial bridge term at Maine Law; meantime, he plans to “sprinkle” some these courses into each semester, starting as soon as spring '06.

Additionally, Pitegoff has appointed two faculty members as associate deans—one for academic affairs, Jeffrey Maine, and one for faculty development, Lois Lupica. Maine’s role as associate dean for academic affairs includes coordinating course planning and adjunct teaching, monitoring and expanding interdisciplinary or dual degree opportunities, building related extracurricular programs, and exploring curricular innovations. As associate dean for faculty development, Lupica is coordinating extensive faculty initiatives to advance the Law School as an institution, encouraging scholarly workshops inside the Law School, promoting publication placement and faculty presentations beyond the Law School, and identifying and marshaling additional resources and incentives for scholarship and policy development.

“Together, the efforts of the two associate deans will serve to heighten the public profile of the Law School while building upon internal strengths,” says Pitegoff, who also is exploring the possibility of modestly expanding the size of the student body.

“Due to limited state funding, the law school is quite dependent on tuition and philanthropic support,” Pitegoff says.

He explains that, in order to have an adequate financial foundation, there needs to be

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growth in the overall student population. However, he is quick to add that he wants to keep what is special about the University of Maine School of Law, namely its intimate academic atmosphere and its relatively small size.

Talk of expansion ultimately leads to a long-asked question—is there a new building in the Law School’s future?

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“Once we have a plan and a target date, we can begin that kind of expansion and programmatic change with temporary space, with borrowed space, perhaps with overcrowding, as long as we know there’s some light at the end of the tunnel.”

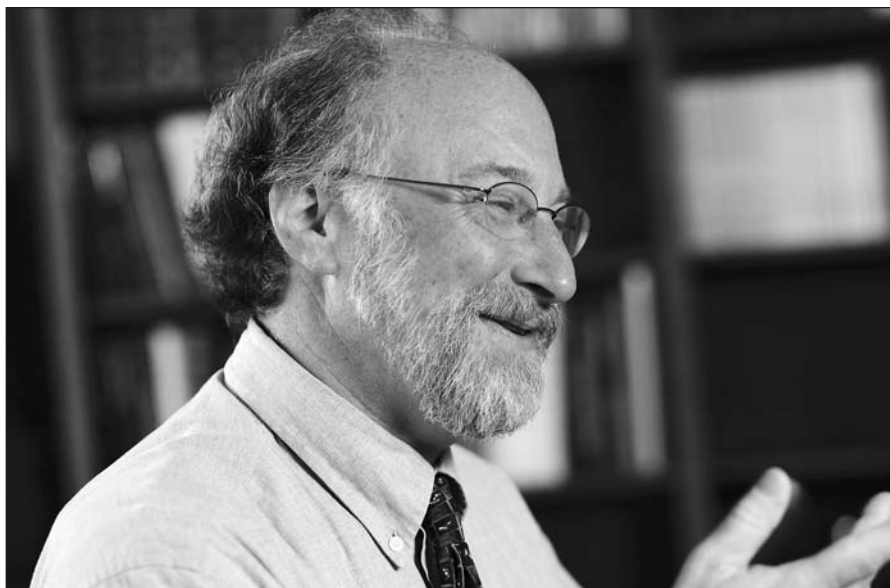
Along with the challenges that Pitegoff will be facing on the job, he also will be contending with an extended transition. His wife, Ann Casady, an accomplished graphic designer and design professor, and their two sons Max, a high school senior, and Eli, an 8th grader, will remain in Buffalo for the duration of the academic year.

“It is a difficult time for our family, commuting back and forth, but this plan enables Max to finish his senior year with less disruption and gives us time for a more patient housing search. We look forward to July of 2006 when the family will be settled together in Maine,” Pitegoff says.

Between work and family, Pitegoff tries to fit in some of his hobbies. An avid tennis player, he already has found his way into the southern Maine tennis scene. And, while in Buffalo, he was the alto saxophone player in a jazz band called “Class

Action,” whose core members were law professors. The group played in many of Buffalo’s downtown clubs, mostly fundraisers for summer public interest law fellowships.

But, even though Pitegoff has left much behind, he now is focusing on what is ahead. “Maine is a wonderful state. It’s beautiful. It’s also a state where public policy and dialogue are grounded in common sense and a progressive point of view,” he says. “Ever since we moved to Buffalo, we’ve been looking forward to our return to New England.”



14th Annual Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service



New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and Judge Frank M. Coffin pictured during Spitzer's visit to Portland to deliver the University of Maine School of Law's 14th Annual Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service on October 18.

New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer seriously questioned whether institutions in a free market society are capable of self-regulation, as he delivered the University of Maine School of Law's 14th Annual Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service in Portland on October 18.

Spitzer told an audience of more than 500 students, alumni/ae, and friends of the University of Maine School of Law that "there must be measured government intervention to ensure markets work" and that there are "certain core values that do not come from free markets."

Spitzer also spoke about the evolving balance of power between state and federal government when it comes to the enforcing accountability.

The public lecture, which drew a record crowd, was held at the University of Southern Maine's Abromson Community Education Center in Portland.

Earlier that day, Spitzer took part in Professor Jenny Wriggins' Insurance Law class. "Eliot Spitzer, a law school classmate of mine, spoke about the work his office has recently been doing investigating and prosecuting illegal practices by gigantic insurance brokers," said Wriggins. "In addition to being very engaging, he demonstrated to students the great importance both of insurance as a major part of our economy and of the perhaps somewhat dry

topic of insurance regulation. Insurance law students, who had been reading about his investigations, asked very good questions."

As a Frank M. Coffin lecturer, Spitzer—who is a 2006 democratic candidate for Governor of New York—joins a distinguished group of lecturers, including former Massachusetts Attorney General and past president of Common Cause, Scott Harshbarger; U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; and former U.S. Senator Warren Rudman (R-NH).

The Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service was established in 1992 and honors a distinguished member of the United States judiciary and a longtime friend of the University of Maine School of Law. Judge Coffin was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit by President Lyndon B. Johnson and has sat on that court since 1965. He served as Chief Judge from 1972 to 1983 and is currently Senior Judge.

The University of Maine School of Law has a long history of public service by its graduates. "Maine's law school is an asset for the state and the region," noted Dean Peter Pitegoff, "and a magnet for policy leaders from near and from afar." Of last year's graduating class of 95 students, 25% went on to judicial clerkships and nearly 20% took positions with public service organizations.



Lyræ Williams

New Director of Administration Named

Lyræ Williams took over as the Law School's Director of Administration in September. She brought with her years of experience in academic environments, most recently serving as fiscal manager for the University of Arizona College of Fine Arts. Williams previously worked as a fiscal analyst in the University of Arizona budget office and as financial planner in the office of academic affairs at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, advising the provost and other senior personnel. Her prior experience was as an accountant and financial analyst in the nonprofit health care sector.

"It is an honor to come to the Law School of Maine, and be a part of such an exceptional administrative team. I look forward to navigating the future with Dean Pitegoff and doing all that I can to ensure the continued success of the school," said Williams.

Williams has an undergraduate degree in finance and accounting, and a master's degree in higher education finance and economics, both from the University of Arizona. She may be reached at lyrae@usm.maine.edu.



New Assistant to Dean Named

In June, the Law School welcomed Jessica Brown as the new assistant to the dean and coordinator of special events.

Prior to joining the law school, Brown worked at the Muskie School of Public Service on a cross-disciplinary training project for childcare providers and social service workers.

"Coming from a non-academic project within the University, it is a very exciting prospect for me to be surrounded by people who are so enthusiastic about learning. I look forward to working with the dean, faculty, students, and friends of the Law School on a daily basis," she said.

Brown received her B.S. in Communications from Emerson College, where she was the editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, *The Berkeley Beacon*. She lives in Saco with her husband, Geoff, and her 6-year-old son, Connor. She may be reached at jessicab@usm.maine.edu.



Jessica Brown

Fall 2005 Godfrey Scholar-in-Residence Lecture

Margaret Jane Radin (left), the William Benjamin Scott and Luna M. Scott Professor of Law at Stanford University, delivered the Godfrey Scholar-in-Residence Lecture in the Moot Court Room on September 26. Professor Radin is a renowned expert in intellectual property and technology, electronic commerce and jurisprudence of cyberspace. Before delivering her evening lecture, Radin taught Professor Tom Ward's Intellectual Property class (pictured) and had lunch with the Law School faculty.



Wathen Writing Prize Awarded

Last fall, Burnett and Curtis were awarded Wathen Writing Prizes for their outstanding legal briefs in *Hübel v. Sixth Judicial District Court of Nevada*. Both students were also selected to be Legal Writing Instructors for the 2005-06 academic year.

Elizabeth Burnett '06, (left) the Hon. Daniel Wathen '65, and Alicia Curtis '06

Reception for Incoming Students

On August 24, the eve of 1L orientation, the Alumni Association sponsored a reception for the incoming class at Ri Ra in Portland. The annual event, which was started last year, gives students a chance to meet and mingle with alumni/ae and each other before the start of their first academic year at Maine Law.

Heather Seasonwein Walker '01 (right), co-chair of the Alumni Association's Alumni-Student Relations Committee, speaks with new students Katherine Griffin '08 and Tom Trenholm '08.





Guest Auctioneer Darcie McElwee '98 (left) solicits bids on a sweater custom-knit by Barbara Gauditz '87. Professor Orlando Delogu (center) drew cheers and whistles from the audience as he modeled a sample sweater.

2005 MAPIL Auction

The 17th Annual Maine Association for Public Interest Law (MAPIL) Auction, held on April 8, raised more than \$17,600 for the MAPIL Summer Fellowship Program. The fellowships make it financially feasible for Maine Law students to work for non-profit legal services organizations that otherwise could not afford to take on another summer employee. Most students work for organizations serving low-income Mainers, but the fellowships have also sent Maine Law students to locales from Appalachia to Cape Town, South Africa.

2004-05 Osher Scholars

This year's Osher Scholarship Reception was held at the Portland Museum of Art in May. Created in 1999, the University of Maine School of Law's Osher Fund was established through a gift from the Bernard Osher Foundation in San Francisco, California. An additional gift endowment of \$250,000 was made by the Foundation in March. Osher scholars must be Maine residents, have strong academic qualifications, show promise for excellence in their pursuit of legal education, and demonstrate financial need.

(l to r) Jordan McColman '08, Benjamin Jenkins '07, Joanna Wyman '05, and Andrew Ellis '05



Program Coordinator for Admissions and Career Services Joins Staff

Kerry Wyler joined the Law School staff in July as the program coordinator for admissions and career services, a newly created position.

"I am looking forward to working in a new, challenging role and, as part of the team, to ensure our students get the best out of law school," said Wyler.

Wyler brings with her a variety of administrative experience, most recently serving as an administrative manager for MoneyGram International Ltd. in London. Previously, Wyler worked as the operational manager for the American Bear Association in Minnesota, and as an office manager for Sun Microsystems in London.

"Since moving to Maine from my home in London, England, I have been involved in a process of discovery and learning. The prospects of exploring the state's beautiful natural landscape, and of becoming more familiar with Maine's history and culture, is very exciting."

Wyler may be reached at kwylr@usm.maine.edu.



Kerry Wyler



Commencement 2005

The Class of 2005 on the steps of Portland City Hall.

The Maine Law Alumni Association gained 96 members on Saturday, May 28, when the Class of 2005 celebrated their graduation from the University of Maine School of Law during their Commencement ceremony at Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

Annmarie Levins '83, associate general counsel for Microsoft Corporation, was invited by the graduating class to give the keynote address. She focused her remarks on four lessons that she said have been of great importance to her throughout her legal career. They were:

- "You don't have to know all the answers, but you do have to ask the right questions."

- "Keep an open mind, recognizing the real possibility that you may be wrong."
- "Something is only impossible until someone does it."
- "Know who you are and what you believe."

Levins advised graduates "you will need to have a strong moral compass and be willing to follow it, even when it would be easier not to." She told the class that, in order to be successful, they would need to have more than just good legal skills. Levins urged the graduates to take time to understand people and how to work effectively with them. She concluded her address with, "I hope that you will find that you love being a lawyer as much as I do."



Annmarie Levins '83 gives the keynote address.



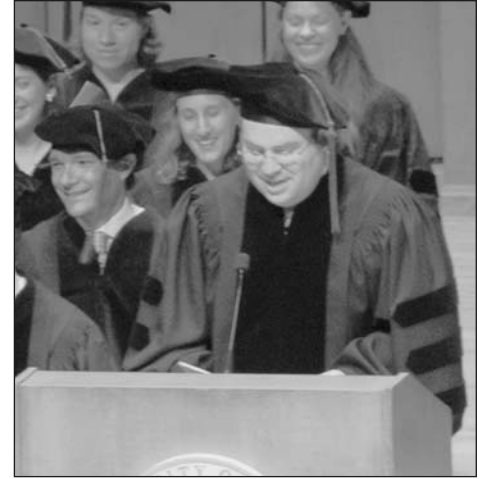
Dean Colleen Khoury presents John Veroneau '89 with the L. Kinvin Wroth Distinguished Alumni/ae Award.



2004-05 Alumni Association President M. Thomasine Burke '90 with Uma Outka '05, who received a Law Alumni Association Award



Lorelle K. Londis '05 (pictured with Jessica A. Coro '05) also received a Law Alumni Association Award, which recognizes outstanding members of the 3L class.



Student Commencement speaker Andrew D. Ellis '05

During the ceremony, Dean Colleen Khoury presented **John Veroneau '89**, a partner with DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary LLP in Washington D.C., with the L. Kinvin Wroth Distinguished Alumnus Award. Veroneau, former assistant secretary of defense for legislative affairs, served as legislative director for Senator William S. Cohen and for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist; he also served as chief of staff for Senator Susan Collins. And, in 2001, he joined the Bush administration as assistant U.S. trade representative for congressional affairs and was later appointed general counsel for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

Maine Law Alumni Association 2004-05 President

M. Thomasine Burke '90 presented the Alumni Association Award to **Uma Outka '05** and **Lori Londis '05**. The award recognizes the person(s), who, in the opinion of the faculty, were the outstanding members of the graduating class. Outka, who graduated *summa cum laude*, accepted a position as an associate with Verrill Dana, LLP, in Portland. Londis, who graduated *magna cum laude*, is working as an associate in the litigation department at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson in Portland. Both Outka and Londis were given Law School chairs by the Alumni Association to congratulate them on their award.

Members of the Class of 2005 selected **Andrew D. Ellis '05**,

Prizes Awarded at Graduation: Class of 2005

Faculty Scholastic Achievement Award

This award is given to that member of the senior class who achieves, over three years of law study, the highest academic average.

Angela C. Arey

Uma Outka

Faculty Significant Achievement Awards

These awards are presented to members of the senior class whose academic performance and/or overall contribution to the school have been significant.

Danny R. Coyne

Lorelle K. Londis

Katherine M. McCarthy

Joanna C. Wyman

Gignoux Award for Appellate Advocacy

This award is for the graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in advocacy skills through moot court programs.

Sonia J. Buck

Holly E. Russell

Faculty Award for Trial Advocacy

Awarded for outstanding performance in advocacy courses.

Delia van Loenen

The Edward S. Godfrey Leadership Award

This award goes to the student who has made the most significant contribution to a student-edited law journal during his or her years at the law school.

Angela C. Arey

Katherine M. McCarthy

Wernick Prize for Legal Writing

This award was established by friends and former colleagues to honor the memory of Justice Sidney Wernick. It is given to the student who has submitted the best piece of legal scholarship during the year.

Lorelle K. Londis, "The Corporate Face of the Alien Tort Claims Act: How an Old Statute Mandates a New Understanding of Global Interdependence"

Uma Outka, "Environmental Injustice and the Problem of the Law"

Independent Writing Award

Awarded to the best Independent Writing Project.

Jennifer L. Kruszewski, "Predatory Lending: Preemption of State Predatory Lending Laws Calls for an Effective National Predatory Lending Standard"

ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law

Christine S. Roberts

Katherine M. McCarthy

ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

Shane T. Wright

ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Health Law

Nicholas W. Allen

American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies

Tunisia L. Staten



The ceremony underway at Merrill Auditorium in Portland

a graduate with a diverse background, to deliver the student address. Ellis grew up in Norway, Maine, and spent his senior year in high school studying abroad in Germany. He graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in Art in 1995. Following graduation, he traveled back to Germany as a Robert Bosch Foundation Fellow, where he taught English and American culture. In 1996, Ellis returned to Maine where he focused on painting and worked several different jobs, including one as a college writing teacher. In 2002, he enrolled at Maine Law. In his spare time, Ellis is a singer-songwriter and guitarist for a roots and folk-influenced band, and he channeled some of that creative energy into his

Commencement remarks, ending his address with the following poem:

*"Professor Zarr, we've come so far
From the wreck of Ralph Raymond's car
To this auspicious journey's end
With fond farewells to all our friends.*

*Remember us, and we will you
And all the rest at Maine Law, too
For giving us the smarts we need
To pass the Bar, and to succeed."*

Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Awards

Presented by the faculty for outstanding performance in selected areas of the curriculum:

Taxation—

Emily G. Ellison

Business and Commercial Law—

Josh T. Silver

Environmental & Marine Law—

Angela C. Arey

Criminal Law & Procedure—

Luke S. Rioux

National Association of Women Lawyers Recognition Award

Acknowledges a graduate who has contributed to the advancement of women in society and promoted issues and concerns of women in the legal profession.

Emily G. Ellison

Maine State Bar Association Pro Bono Student Award

Recognizes a student whose law-related services to the community, without compensation or education credit, exemplifies the legal profession's tradition of *pro bono* service.

Katrina Leifeld

The Clinical Legal Education Association Award

The recipient of this award was nominated by the clinical faculty for excellence in clinical fieldwork based on ethical and high-quality representation provided to clients and the community, and for exemplary thoughtfulness in exploring lawyering issues and skills in an accompanying seminar.

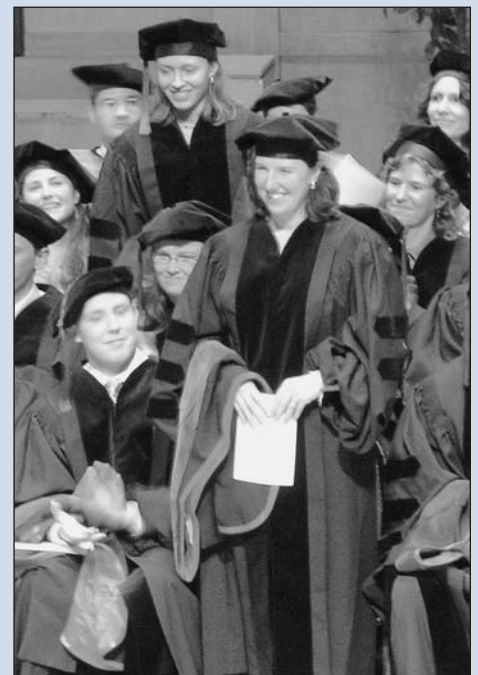
Toby D. Jandreau

Law Alumni Association Award

The recipient of this award is that person who, in the determination of the faculty, is an outstanding member of the senior class.

Uma Outka

Lorelle K. Londis

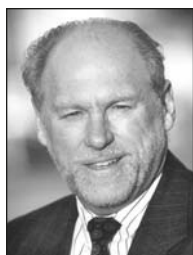


(Standing at back) Uma Outka '05 and Angela Crossman Arey '05 (standing at front) both received the Faculty Scholastic Achievement Award for achieving, over three years of law study, the highest academic averages in their class.

Maine Law: Class of 2005

Name	Hometown	Undergrad Degree/College
Nicholas W. Allen	Waltham, MA	B.A. 1999 Bowdoin College
Angela Crossman Arey	Rockland, ME	B.A. 1995 American University
Matthew A. Baum		A.B. 1995 St. John's College at Annapolis
Thomas Wayne Bell	Lower Burrell, PA	B.A. 2001 University of Pittsburgh
Joseph M. Bethony	Hampden, ME	B.A. 2002 University of Maine
Pamela J. Boivin	Augusta, ME	B.S. 2002 University of Maine at Augusta
Matthew Dillon Bowe	Milton, MA	A.B. 1999 Bowdoin College M.A. 2004 Boston College
Vera Delacy Bradsher	Durham, NC	B.A. 1992 University of North Carolina—Asheville M.P.A. 1995 NCCU
Sonia J. Buck	Portland, ME	B.A. 2002 University of Southern Maine
Jamie Irene Bullingham	Brunswick, ME	B.A. 2001 University of California, Los Angeles
Martha Bohannon Bullock	Charlotte, NC	B.A. 1999 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Kelly A. Busby	Biddeford, ME	B.S. 2002 University of Southern Maine
Jason S. Campbell	Los Angeles, CA	B.A. 2002 University of California, Los Angeles
Nicolle Alicia Carbone	Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, Canada	B.A./B.Ed. 1992/1995 University of Prince Edward Island M.F.T. 2001 Southern Connecticut State University
David Russell Carpenter	Brunswick, ME	B.A. 1986 Middlebury College
Colleen Beth Cashman	Reading, MA	B.A. 2000 University of New Hampshire
Kristin McHenry Collins	Phippsburg, ME	B.A. 2000 Colgate University
Jessica Adler Coro	Saco, ME	B.A. 2001 University of Maine at Augusta
Danny Romano Coyne	Scarborough, ME	A.B. 1998 Bowdoin College
Christopher Michael Dargie	Southbridge, MA	B.A. 2002 University of New Hampshire
Maureen Dupree Davis	Mercer, ME	B.A. 1976 University of Maine M.A. 1995 University of Maine
Rebecca Vaughan Dean	Edgecomb, ME	B.A. 1985 University of Maine
Mark Normand Dion	Portland, ME	B.A. 1983 University of Southern Maine M.H.S.A. 1994 Antioch College
André G. Duchette	Brunswick, ME	B.A. 2001 Middlebury College
Scott Mercier Edmunds	Hollis, NH	B.A. 2000 Colby College
Heather G. Egan	Holyoke, MA	B.A. 2002 Smith College
Andrew David Ellis	Norway, ME	B.A. 1995 Yale College
Emily Green Ellison	San Francisco, CA	B.A. 1998 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Heidi Jone Ellrich	Rangeley, ME	B.A. 1998 Smith College
Robin Collett Emmans	Selah, WA	B.A. 2001 Whitworth College
Jessica Michele Emmons	Waterboro, ME	B.A. 2001 University of Pennsylvania
Jennifer Linn Galvagni	Pittsfield, MA	B.S. 2002 University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Maria Pauline Gavin	Mason, NH	B.A. 1996 College of the Holy Cross M.B.A. 2000 University of Massachusetts, Boston
Seth Andrew Goodall	Richmond, ME	B.S. 2000 University of Connecticut M.S. 2005 University of Connecticut
LeAnn L. Greenleaf	Auburn, ME	B.A. 1990 University of Southern Maine
Devens MacMillan Hamlen	Wayland, MA	B.A. 1996 Bates College
Jonathan Steven Handelman	Schenectady, NY	B.A. 1989 Washington University in St. Louis M.A. 1991 Union College Ph.D. 2003 Texas A&M University
Merritt Turner Heminway	Portland, ME	B.A. 1994 Vassar College M.P.P. 2002 Muskie School of Public Service
Maureen Ann Hopkins	Windham, ME	B.A. 2000 Mount Holyoke College M.F.S. 2002 George Washington University
Alicia Lee Howe	Milton, NH	B.A. 1998 University of New Hampshire M.A.T. 1999 University of New Hampshire
David Iglesias	Miami, FL	B.A. 2002 Florida International University
Toby D. Jandreau	St. Francis, ME	B.A. 1999 University of Maine
Stephanie Elizabeth Felter Jazlowiecki	Bath, ME	B.S. 2001 Tufts University
Jonathan Walter Johnson	Pawtucket, RI	A.B. 2001 Saint Anselm College
Colin Timothy Keohan	Plymouth, MA	B.A. 1994 Fordham University
Alison Marie King	Farmington, ME	A.B. 1997 Colgate University
David Edward John Kruse	Weston, CT	B.A. 2000 University of Vermont

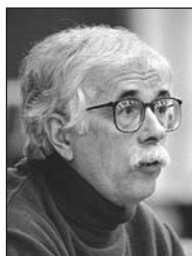
Name	Hometown	Undergrad Degree/College
Jennifer L. Kruszewski	West Rutland, VT	B.S. 1997 University of Vermont
Virginia York Lee	Kittery Point, ME	B.A. 1985 University of Maine M.B.A. 1993 Whittemore School of Business at the University of New Hampshire
Katrina Leifeld	Whitinsville, MA	B.A. 2000 Clark University
Brian Joseph Libby	Portland, ME	B.S. 1992 Rochester Institute of Technology Ph.D. 1998 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Lorelle K. Londis	Portland, ME	A.B. 1989 Duke University M.A. 1992 The University of Alabama
Jisel E. Lopez	Haverstraw, NY	B.A. 2001 Colby College
Cara Anne Lovejoy	South Portland, ME	B.A. 2001 Simmons College
Ryan Allen Lovell	Bath, ME	B.A. 1997 University of New Hampshire M.Ed. 1999 Saint Michael's College
Amanda Beth Lynch	Portland, ME	B.A. 1997 Providence College M.Ed. 1999 Boston University
Vincent J. Marconi, Jr.	Portsmouth, NH	B.A. 2002 Franklin and Marshall College
Michelle Lynn Maynard	Topsham, ME	B.A. 2002 University of Virginia
Katharine Margaret McCarthy	Auburn, ME	B.A. 2000 Dartmouth College Ed.M. 2001 Harvard University
Meredith Wynn Mendelson	Pittsburgh, PA	B.A. 2001 Bates College
Elizabeth Harrill Mitchell	Vassalboro, ME	B.A. 1962 Furman University M.A.T. 1967 University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
Katherine Moore	Bangor, ME	B.A. 2000 University of Maine
Victoria Morales	South Portland, ME	B.A. 1997 Boston College
Uma Outka	Charlottesville, VA	B.A. 1995 University of Virginia M.P.P. 2005 Muskie School of Public Service
Rachael Kathryn Pierce	Brownfield, ME	B.A. 1999 University of Southern Maine
Kim Elizabeth Pittman	Portland, ME	B.A. 1984 University of New Hampshire
Margaret Anne Priest	Machias, ME	B.A. 1986 Boston University M.Ed. 1990 University of Southern Maine
Susan Manchester Quigley	Portland, ME	B.A. 1999 Boston College
Stephen Douglas Rees, Jr.	Sarasota, FL	B.A. 2001 Bates College
Mika Koda Reynolds	Portland, ME	B.A. 2000 Colby College
Luke Stephen Rioux	Falmouth, ME	B.A. 2002 McGill University
Christine Susan Roberts	Cape Elizabeth, ME	B.A. 2000 Colby College
Holly Elizabeth Russell	Topsham, ME	B.A. 2001 University of Pennsylvania
Carolyn Crockett Russo	Portland & Camden, ME	B.A. 1983 University of Maine at Farmington M.S. 1993 University of Maine
Hanna Sanders	Portland, ME	B.A. 1994 University of Maine
Erik David Scheinfeldt	Paxton, MA	B.A. 1999 American University
Kevin Joshua Scott	Rye, NH	B.A. 1999 University of New Hampshire
Mary Leeann Shaffer	West Lafayette, IN	B.A. 2002 Indiana University
Joshua Theodore Silver	Freeport, ME	B.A. 1999 Middlebury College
Gwendolyn J. Simons	Louisville, KY	B.H.S. 1986 University of Kentucky
Tunisia LaShaun Staten	Jonesboro, GA	B.A. 2001 University of Georgia
Emily Radley Stein	Rockport, ME	B.A. 2002 Colgate University
Tori L. Stenbak	Etna, ME	B.A. 1999 Keene State College
Jennifer Louise Tarr	Augusta, ME	B.A. 2000 George Washington University
Michael Loren Toomer	Saco, ME	B.A. 1997 University of Southern Maine
Brendan Francis Trainor	Veazie, ME	B.A. 1998 University of Maine
Alexander Zissimos Typaldos	Bangor, ME	B.B.A. 2002 Southwestern Adventist University
Delia Birgitta van Loenen	Falmouth, ME	B.A. 2002 Bowdoin College
Amy J. Visentin	Cumberland Foreside, ME	B.S. 1979 Lehigh University M.S. 1985 The Pennsylvania State University
Cora Betty Volchok	Seattle, WA	B.A. 1997 College of the Holy Cross M.Ed. 2001 Worcester State College
Jonathan P. Whitney	Kennett Square, PA	B.S. 2000 University of Southern Maine
Lisa W. D. Whittier	Liberty, ME	B.A. 2002 University of Maine at Augusta
Stephanie Ann Williams	Ogden, UT	B.A. 2002 University of Utah
Shane Trent Wright	Pittsfield, ME	B.A. 1994 Colby College
Joanna Clymer Wyman	South Portland, ME	B.A. 1992 Haverford College
John Thomas Wyrocki III	Danvers, MA	B.A. 1997 Bradford College



■ In June, **Professor David Cluchey** served as the site director for the St. Petersburg Summer Law Program in St. Petersburg, Russia, and taught a two-

week course on international trade law. Professor Cluchey has been associated with the St. Petersburg Summer Law Program, an ABA-accredited summer program, since 1995.

■ **Professor Orlando Delogu's** article, "Kelo et al v. City of New London—Wrongly Decided and a Missed Opportunity for Principled Line-Drawing with Respect to the Fifth Amendment's Taking Clause" is forthcoming in the *Maine Law Review*.



■ **Associate Professor Christine Galbraith** recently participated in a scholarly works in progress conference at Cardozo Law School in New York City. She is currently the Academic Representative to the Maine State Bar's Continuing Legal Education Committee and has been active with the Maine Breast Cancer Coalition.



■ **Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor Jill Green** arrived at the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic in August. Green spent the last two years as a sole practitioner and formerly worked at the Office of the Attorney General and at Pine Tree Legal Assistance.

She received her undergraduate degree in political science and history from the University of Maryland at College Park and her law



degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

■ **Angela Caputo Griswold**, a legal writing fellow published the article "Teaching IRAAC: The Power of Self Discovery" in Volume 19, No. 2 of *The Second Draft*, the biannual newsletter of the Legal Writing Institute.



■ **Rita Heimes**, Director of the Center for Law and Innovation, was invited to serve on the Maine Science and Technology Advisory Board which will advise Maine's new Office of Innovation.



■ **Professor Lois Lupica** was selected to serve as reporter to Maine's Task Force on the ABA's Ethics 2000 project. The Task Force, chaired by **Paul Chaiken '74**, was charged with reformulating Maine Bar Rule 3 to conform to the structure of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Responsibility and to recommend substantive changes in the Maine rules as appropriate.

Professor Lupica received an honorable mention for the 2005 National Award for Innovation and Excellence in Teaching Professionalism. Her article, "Professional Responsibility Redesigned: Sparking a Dialog between Students and the Bar" is published in Vol. 29 of the *Journal of the Legal Profession*, an academic journal of the University of Alabama School of Law.

Professor Lupica's article, "The Impact of Revised Article 9," published in the *Kentucky Law Journal's* business bankruptcy symposium, describes the need for an empirical study of Revised Article 9. In May, Professor Lupica attended the Washington University's Empirical Scholarship Workshop, and has embarked upon the study described in her article. Also that month, Professor Lupica spoke at the 12th Biennial Judge



Joe Lee Bankruptcy Institute in Lexington, Ken., on the Impact of Revised Article 9 in Bankruptcy.

Additionally, Professor Lupica has been appointed by

Dean Peter Pitegoff to serve as Associate Dean for Faculty Development. In this role, Professor Lupica will coordinate extensive faculty initiatives to advance the Law School as an institution; encourage scholarly workshops inside the Law School and promote publication placement and faculty presentations beyond the Law School, and identify and marshal additional resources and incentives for scholarship and policy development.

■ **Professor Jeffrey Maine** was invited to present at an ALI-ABA course entitled Internet Law for the Practical Lawyer, which was held on April 21-22 in Washington, D.C. He focused on tax considerations in Internet transactions.

Professor Maine's article "Taxing the New Intellectual Property Right" has been published as the lead article in Volume 56 of the *Hastings Law Journal*. It was recently cited by the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. His recent article "Giving Intellectual



Property" also has been accepted for publication in *U.C. Davis Law Review* (Spring 2006).

Dean Peter Pitegoff has appointed Professor Maine as the Law School's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. In this role, Professor Maine will coordinate course planning and adjunct teaching, monitor and expand interdisciplinary or dual degree opportunities, build related extracurricular programs, and explore curricular innovations.

■ In June, **Professor Alison Rieser** was named a member of the newly established Marine Aquaculture Task Force, a foundation-supported initiative to develop ecological standards for the farming of

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fish and shellfish in U.S. waters. She was invited to make a presentation to the Ocean Studies Board of the National Academy of Sciences in March on institu-

tional reforms needed to restore fisheries-altered marine ecosystems. While on sabbatical in April and May, she visited three centers for research on marine policy in the Pacific Rim, presenting her study of the history of sea turtle conservation at the University of Wollongong and James Cook University in Australia and the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. Her chapter on the role of legal regimes was published in a new textbook on marine conservation biology in May. *The Ocean & Coastal Law Journal* has accepted for publication her article with Dan Bodansky (University of Georgia Law) on legal authorities to prevent ship strikes of critically endangered North Atlantic right whales. Earlier in the spring, she contributed a case study on the listing of Maine's Atlantic salmon populations as endangered to a workshop on federalism and the Endangered Species Act at Stanford Law School.

■ In June, **Professor Martin Rogoff** visited France as a member of a University of Maine System delegation whose purpose was to broaden and deepen cooperative relationships with



French universities. The delegation visited universities in Paris, Lille, Nantes, Angers, and Le Mans. The Law School presently has exchange relationships with law faculties at universities in Le Mans and the Paris suburb of Cergy-Pontoise.

■ **Associate Professor Deirdre Smith '94** was on the faculty of the training for the *Pro Bono* Domestic Violence Project, sponsored by several organizations including the Women's Law Section of the Maine State Bar Association. The Domestic Violence

Project provides attorneys in private practice the opportunity to provide limited representation to plaintiffs seeking protection from abuse orders. The project is being introduced as a pilot in the Portland and West Bath District Courts from June through December 2005, but its expansion to other Maine communities is expected. Professor Smith discussed considerations involved when representing clients who are deaf or hard of hearing.



■ **Associate Professor Deborah Tuerkheimer's** most recent article "Conceptualizing Violence Against Pregnant Women" has been accepted for publication in Volume 81 of the *Indiana Law Journal*. Publication is expected in early 2006.



Professor Tuerkheimer also was invited to make a presentation in April at Brooklyn Law School on "Beyond Fetal Victimhood: Pregnancy Battering and the Pregnant Woman."

In June, Professor Tuerkheimer presented a paper entitled "Pregnancy Battering and the Construction of Victimhood" at the Law and Society Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition, she was asked to serve on the Maine Federal Public Defender Selection Committee.

■ Director of Legal Research and Writing **Nancy Wanderer '90** was honored by the Law School faculty to receive the Faculty Senate Award for Service for 2005.

The faculty recognized her decade of service to the Law School and the enhancements she has made to the Law School's legal writing program. They also



noted her work in Maine with the Office of the Attorney General, the Maine Judiciary, the Maine State Bar and numerous businesses and legal firms.

■ **Professor Thomas Ward** moderated the Annual Seminar of the Annual Seminar of the Financial Lawyers Conference on "Intellectual Property Assets in Commercial Law and Bankruptcy" held in Indian Springs, California in April. He also co-moderated a program on "Financing the Music Industry" presented to the ABA's Subcommittee on Intellectual Property Financing of which he is Co-Chair.



This past summer, Professor Ward taught at Seattle University, and the 2005 edition of his treatise, *Intellectual Property in Commerce*, was published by Thomson-West.

■ **Professor Jennifer Wiggins'** article "Toward a Feminist Revision of Torts" has been published in Vol. 13, No. 1 of the *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law*.

Two of Professor Wiggins' earlier

articles, "Domestic Violence Torts" and "Interspousal Tort Immunity and Insurance 'Family Member Exclusions': Shared



Assumptions, Relational and Liberal Feminist Challenges" are included in excerpted form in the new 3rd edition of *Studies in American Tort Law* by Johnson and Gunn.

In March, Professor Wiggins served on a panel at Harvard Law School on "Women and Tort Law: Hidden Victims, Hidden Curriculum." In addition, Professor Wiggins' article "The Value of Injury: Race, Gender and Torts, 1900-1950" was accepted for publication in the *Howard Law Review*.

■ In July, **Professor Melvyn Zarr**

reviewed the past term of the United States Supreme Court for a CLE program put on by the Attorney General's Office in Augusta. It was attended by 125 lawyers.



■ **Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law Donald Zillman** made a presentation in early May to the International Bar Association Seminar in Toledo, Spain, on "The Changing Face of Regulation in the Energy and Natural Resources Sectors." While there, he also delivered a lecture to the Spanish Energy Club on "Global Trends Toward New and Old Ways of Energy Regulation."



Professor Zillman's article, "Military Veterans in Congress" is forthcoming in the *Maine Law Review*.

He recently wrote "International Practitioners

Associate Clinical Professor Jim Burke

In May, Jim Burke assumed the position of Associate Clinical Professor of Law after serving as a visiting clinical professor at Maine Law since 2002. A graduate of Bates College and Western New England College of Law, Professor Burke has practiced law in Lewiston, Maine, for more than 20 years. In addition to his legal practice, he has been intensively involved in numerous bar, public service, and charitable activities through the years.



Reactions to Changes in Energy Regulation" and "Contemporary United States Energy Regulation;" the latter

written with John Gulliver of Pierce Atwood. Both articles will be published by Oxford University Press in March.



Grant Funds Library and Play Area at the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic

A collaborative effort has led to the creation of a library and play area at the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic (CLAC).

As a 1L, **Nicole Carbone '05** submitted an application for a \$1,000 family violence prevention grant from The Target Corporation family of giving programs. Last year, the money came through, and CLAC administrative associate Diane Arbour went to work coordinating its use. Cumberland County Sheriff **Mark Dion '05** volunteered inmates from the Cumberland County Jail's Community Service program to paint a play area for clients' children; Carbone and CLAC administrative assistant Samantha Philbrick chose children's books from Borders; and CLAC staff purchased toys, coloring books, comics and other literature geared toward preventing child abuse and domestic violence. Arbour says there is a bit of money left to be spent on the project and says the next step will be ordering display stands for the prevention literature.

The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic represents low-income individuals in a broad range of cases in Cumberland, York, southern Androscoggin and western Sagadahoc counties. At this time, the clinical program offers a General Practice Clinic, which includes a domestic violence and a juvenile defender component, and the Prisoner Assistance Clinic.

A Passion for Poetry: Alice N. Persons '86 and Nancy A. Henry '86

Alice N. Persons '86 and Nancy A. Henry '86 have a flair for self-expression. During law school, they worked as singing waitresses at a restaurant in Falmouth and once hosted a literary holiday party for their classmates during which guests took turns reading passages from *A Christmas Carol*.

Nearly two decades later, Persons and Henry still have the same artistic panache; and these days, they are able to share it with the world—through poetry. In 2003, the two women founded Moon Pie Press, a small Maine press which publishes poetry chapbooks. As of November, the press had 16 titles.

Nancy Henry grew up in the South, penning poetry and dedicating herself to her studies. At the young age of 16, she enrolled at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina with hopes of becoming a minister. She later made the decision to take the LSAT and to apply to a number of law schools in the Northeast. She planned to visit each one before making a decision.

"I got to Portland and never looked anywhere else," she said.

Alice Persons, who also has Southern roots, attended the University of Oregon for both her undergraduate and graduate degrees, previously worked as a high school English teacher in Wisconsin and taught at Harvard, where she took courses in poetry.

"The professors taught us how to market and submit our work," she said. "I managed to have several of my poems published while I was taking the courses."

In 1983, she left Harvard to attend the University of Maine School of Law. Although Persons never intended to practice, she was interested in the knowledge that law school would provide. Looking back, it was not only the education, but the people who really mattered.

"We had such a wonderfully lively class," says Henry. "I met Alice the very first day of school at a reception in the



Nancy A. Henry '86 and Alice N. Persons '86 with the chapbooks published by their poetry press, Moon Pie Press

library." The two bonded over their Southern background and over their love of poetry. "It was so exciting," recalls Henry "Alice was the first published poet I had ever met."

Although the two had poetry in common, both women found little time to dedicate to their hobby during law school. It wasn't until 15 years later that Henry and Persons decided to take their hobby by the horns and give birth to Moon Pie Press.

"Several years ago, it really dawned on us how many talented poets there are in Maine," said Henry, who has received four Pushcart nominations, an *Atlanta Review* International Merit Award, and whose poems have appeared in more than 200 publications worldwide.

Before establishing a press of their own, Henry and Persons worked with **Lillian B. Kennedy '78** on an anthology of Maine poetry called *A Sense of Place: Collected Maine Poems*, which featured 26

While they take their work seriously, they feel it's important to retain a sense of humor, which is apparent from the press motto: Moon Pie Press—where the men are handsome, the women have curves, and ALL the poetry is above average.



Nancy A. Henry '86 (left), William Shea '86, and Alice N. Persons '86 during their time at Maine Law

Maine poets, including poems by all three Maine Law alumnae. The book was very successful.

"That was when a light went on," Persons said. "I thought...we can do this."

Persons and Henry had gotten to know many Maine poets by attending poetry readings together years earlier. From there, it took time and determination. As with most symbiotic business partnerships, both women give each other credit.

"Alice is a real go-getter," says Henry. "When an idea is put out there, she finds out a way to make it happen."

Today, there are 11 official "Moon Pie Poets." While they take their work seriously, they feel it's important to retain a sense of humor, which is apparent from the press motto: "Moon Pie Press—where the men are handsome, the women have curves, and ALL the poetry is above average."

You may be wondering: *What is a Moon Pie?* It's a packaged cookie made by the Chattanooga Bakery in Tennessee; both Persons and Henry grew up eating the sweet treats. They recall, "When we came to name our press, we liked the dreaminess and poetic associations of the moon and pie."

Over the past two years, the press has been steadily gaining recognition, especially in Maine. In May, Moon Pie Press received national attention when four of the press's poets, including Persons, had their work read on National Public Radio by Garrison Keillor, host of the *Writer's Almanac*.

"On a whim, last February, we sent Garrison Keillor 10 chapbooks, wrote a heartfelt letter about

our small Maine press, and tied it with a ribbon from my wedding bouquet," said Persons.

"We were so excited to hear him read the poems on-air, but we didn't realize what the national exposure would mean for us," said Henry. In the weeks that followed, Moon Pie Press received book orders from as far away as Hawaii and Alaska, along with piles of fan mail and poetry submissions.

One of the most exciting letters came from a professor at Baylor University in New Jersey. He asked whether Moon Pie Press would be interested in publishing a book of Thomas Edison's poems.

"We had no idea Edison was such a wonderful poet until we read his work," says Henry, also an accomplished collage artist who is designing the book's cover.

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network also took notice after the NPR exposure. The duo was interviewed on *Maine Things Considered*. More excitement followed; over the summer, the press released its first anthology.

While Persons and Henry have dedicated themselves fully to the press, serving as

co-editors and publishers, they also have full-time careers. Persons is an account manager for West Publishing, a part-time business law professor at the University of Southern Maine's School of Business, and a dedicated volunteer for the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. Henry is the patient rights liaison at Spring Harbor Hospital in Westbrook and an adjunct English professor at Southern Maine Community College.

"In the future, it would be great to do the press full-time," said Persons. "We're certainly not running out of great work. There are so many talented poets out there who have never had a book."

Persons herself has penned two chapbooks: *Be Careful What You Wish For* (Fall 2003) and *Never Say Never* (December 2004). Henry has five to her credit: *Brie Fly*, *Anything Can Happen*, *Hard*, *ErosIon*, and *Europe* on \$5 A Day.

More information on Moon Pie Press is available online at www.moonpiepress.com.



Nancy A. Henry and Alice N. Persons, Editors

CLASS NEWS

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1964

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1965

Class Agent: Richard W. Elliot

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Ward I. Graffam has been elected Chairman of the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees. Graffam operates law offices in Portland and Camden, specializing in corporate law and strategy.

1968

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1969

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David Hawkes received a Distinguished Service Award at the University of Southern Maine's 125th Commencement in May. Hawkes was recognized for his volunteer work with the USM Foundation and his "enormous goodwill for the university."

David Q. Whittier is of counsel to the South Paris law firm of Whittier Glynn Martin & Eichorn, P.A.

1970

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Hon. Joseph M. Jabar of Waterville has been appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to serve as a consultant of

the Criminal Law Advisory Commission until 2007. Justice Jabar was appointed to the Superior Court in 2001.

1972

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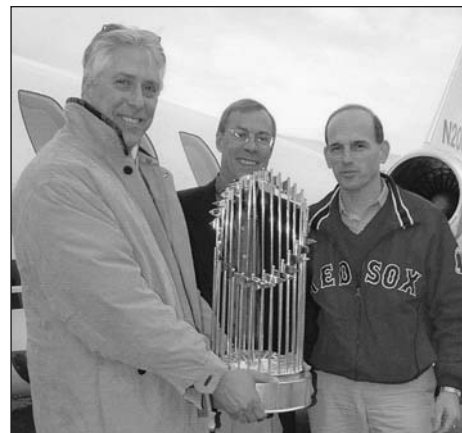
1973

Class Agent: Ellsworth T. Rundlett, III
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Gregory Farris is an owner of a Citation S2 business jet through Farris Management. On December 18, 2004, Farris's jet picked up the Red Sox World Series Championship trophy at the Portland International Jetport and flew it, along with team officials, to Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, and Lewiston. Farris had the opportunity to meet Les Otten, part owner of the Red Sox, and had the opportunity to share this very special occasion with Gov. John Baldacci.

In July, Gov. John Baldacci nominated **Keith Powers** for reappointment as District Court Judge. Powers lives in Cape Elizabeth.

In August, **S. Peter Mills III** announced his candidacy for governor of Maine. Currently, Mills is serving his sixth legislative term and also practices law in Skowhegan.



Les Otten (left), Gregory Farris '73, and Governor John Baldacci with the Red Sox World Championship trophy.

1974

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Ronald S. Battocchi received a 2004 Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executives. Battocchi has served as general counsel of the National Transportation Safety Board since 1999. He plans to retire at the end of the year.

In July, Gov. John Baldacci nominated **Ralph Tucker** of Brunswick to the Maine District Court. Tucker is a partner with McTeague, Higbee, Case, Cohen, Whitney & Toker, P.A., of Topsham.

Hon. John A. Woodcock, Jr. '76, honored at 2005 Annual Alumni Dinner

Hon. John A. Woodcock, Jr. '76 was honored with the Alumni Association's 2005 Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Dinner held on April 9 at the Portland Country Club in Falmouth. The award was presented to him by his Maine Law classmate **Alfred Frawley III '76**, his sister **Elizabeth Woodcock '88** and his former law clerk **M. Katherine Lynch '02**.

The Alumni Association chose to honor Judge Woodcock, the Federal Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Maine in Bangor, because he is a dedicated volunteer who has made significant contributions to a wide range of organizations, including the University of Maine School of Law. He serves on the School's Board of Visitors and travels to Maine Law often to participate in programs for current students, including 1L orientation. He has served as class agent, and as part of the recent capital campaign, and he established a scholarship fund in the family name with his siblings, **Timothy '77** and **Elizabeth '88**.

The Distinguished Service Award is awarded by the Alumni Association Board of Directors at the annual dinner to an alumnus/a with a sustained record of accomplishment. The recipient is chosen for his/her outstanding achievements, exceptional service to the advancement of the Law School, and/or service to the community. Recommendations for this award may be made by sending an e-mail to lawalumni@usm.maine.edu or calling (207) 780-4342.



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1976

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Paul F. Macri of Auburn has been elected to the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Macri is a partner at the Lewiston law firm of Berman & Simmons, P.A.



Paul F. Macri

Sarah Allison Thornton began a new position in March as Clerk of the United States District Court in Boston.

In January, **Mary Schendel** was pre-

sented with the Maine Bar Foundation's most prestigious annual award, the Howard H. Dana Jr. Award. Schendel was honored for "her long and unstinting work to increase access to justice for Maine's low-income residents."

1977

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1978

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Eleanor Baker of Cape Elizabeth, managing principal of the accounting firm of Baker Newman Noyes, LLC, has joined the Board of Trustees of the Maine Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Eileen M. L. Epstein of Falmouth was included in the *The Best Lawyers in*

America 2005-06. Epstein is a partner at McCandless Epstein & O'Donovan L.L.P. in Portland.

In March, **Steve Moriarty** spoke at a seminar sponsored by Lorman Education Services in Portland, titled "Basic Workers' Compensation in Maine."

1979

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1980

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Chief Justice Leigh Saufley received the Caroline Duby Glassman Award at the Maine State Bar Association's annual meeting in January. The award is presented each year to a woman who is a member of the Maine Bar and has worked to advance

Class of 1980 25th Reunion

In September, members of the Class of 1980 (shown below with several faculty members) gathered for their 25th Reunion. Events included a cocktail reception at the home of **Nancy Ziegler '80**, a brunch at the Law School, and a dinner at the Purpoodock Club in Cape Elizabeth.

In celebration of their reunion, class members are raising a gift of \$50,000. The funds will be used to replace the chairs in the Moot Court room, the Law School's most public venue,

with high-quality cherry chairs bearing an inscription noting they are a gift from the Class of 1980. Additional funds will be directed to the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic in the name of the three members of the class who have died since graduation: **Sheila Fine '80**, **Linda Smith Dyer '80**, and **John Mumm '80**. The gift will be used by the clinic over the next three to five years to enhance their services to low-income families. The class also decided, due to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, to designate funds to the legal clinics at Tulane University and Loyola University law schools in New Orleans.



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women in the profession or the community; or has worked to educate the bench, bar, or public on the status of women lawyers; or has been a role model for younger or less experienced women lawyers. Saufley also received the Neal W. Allen Award for leadership in the public sector from the Portland Regional Chamber's board of directors at their 151st Annual Dinner and Awards in September.

Marilyn Stavros of Kennebunkport has been nominated to the Maine District Court by Gov. John Baldacci. Most recently, Stavros served as a case management officer in the District Court.

Judith Fletcher Woodbury, a partner at Pierce Atwood LLP, has been ranked



Judith Fletcher Woodbury '80 attorney.

among the best attorneys in the nation by Chambers and Partners, an international research firm. She was praised for being a "thorough, focused, and technical"

1981

Class Agent: Lawrence J. Mullen
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Ritchie Berger, of Shelburne, Vt., has been recommended to be Vermont's next U.S. Attorney. Since 1982, Berger has been with the law firm of Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew, P.C., in Burlington.

1982

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1983

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Elisabeth Belmont has been named 2005-06 president-elect-designate/treasurer of the American Health Lawyers Association's



Elisabeth Belmont '83

Board of Directors. Belmont is corporate counsel for MaineHealth in Portland.

William B. Cote of Lewiston has been appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court as chairman of the Maine Assistance Program for Lawyers.

Dan Warren, a partner with Jones & Warren, PA, in Scarborough, received the 2004 Great Person Award from the *Scarborough Leader*. He was nominated for his work with children and the Scarborough Youth Sports Forum, an organization that he started.

1984

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George F. Eaton II, a partner with Rudman & Winchell in Bangor, has been named one of the "Leaders in their Field" in the 2005 *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

1985

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Kenneth P. Altshuler, a partner at Childs, Rundlett, Fifield, Shumway & Altshuler in Portland, was invited to join the American College of Family Trial Lawyers.

David Beneman has been elected chairman of the Scarborough Board of Education. He also has been appointed

chairman of the Supreme Judicial Court's Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence. Beneman is a partner with Levenson Vickerson & Beneman in Portland.

Timothy Benoit, a shareholder and director of Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley & Keddy, P.A., presented at a June seminar in Portland titled "Partnerships, LLCs, and LLPs: Organization and Operation in Maine."

In May, **Jonathan Brogan** and several of his colleagues presented a seminar at the Portland Country Club on "Advance Auto Liability."

Richard Mulhern has been elected to the board of the Mount Washington Observatory. Mulhern is a partner with the New England law firm of Sulloway & Hollis.

1986

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Meris J. Bickford has begun service as president of the Maine State Bar Association. Bickford is a vice president at Merrill Merchants Bank in Bangor.

James "Allie" McCormack of Freeport has opened Taylor, McCormack & Frame LLC, a law firm on Milk Street in Portland.

Kaighn Smith Jr. published the lead article in the latest issue of the *New Mexico Law Review*, "Federal Courts, State Power, and Indian Tribes: Confronting the Well-Pleaded Complaint Rule," *New Mexico Law Review* vol. 35, no. 1 (2005).



Class of 1985

Faye Luppi '85 (left), Valerie Stanfill '85, and James Hunt '85 at the Alumni Association's annual dinner

1987

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Elting H. Smith has been elected to the Board of Directors of Community Counseling of Maine Inc. Smith, assistant general counsel for Hannaford Bros., lives in Cumberland.

1988

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Alice E. Knapp celebrated the third anniversary of her solo practice on May 1. In addition to her health law specialty, she has become a general practitioner. Also, Knapp is in her sixth year as a town selectman in Richmond and currently chairs the board.

Timothy H. Norton has been elected president of the Maine Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Tim Norton '88

1989

Class Agent: Michael K. Martin

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Michael K. Martin has been elected vice president and 2005-06 Annual Fund Campaign Chair of the Maine Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Congressman Tom Allen (D-ME) has appointed **Peter J. Wiley** as his chief of staff. Wiley assumed the post in mid-March after serving as director of management consulting for the National Governors Association since 2000.

1990

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In May, **Brenda Buchanan** received the Maine Civil Liberties Union's Annual Justice Louis Scolnik Award, which is given to an attorney in Maine for "out-standing contribution to civil rights and civil liberties advocacy every day for the rights of Mainers." Before law school,



Alumni/ae Reconnect

(l to r, back) Robert E. P. Jones '91, Russell B. Pierce, Jr. '91, (front) Robert A. Ruesch '90, Joyce Leary Clark '90, Stephen V. Richardson '91, Lisa Pierce, Dennis O'Donovan '91, Anne O'Donovan '91, John Quigley (visiting student, 1988-89), and Robert C. Brooks '91.

Buchanan worked as an MCLU intern and continued her work through graduation, later serving on the board of directors. She is also a long-time member of the MCLU's legal panel. Buchanan is a partner in the Portland law firm of Warren, Currier & Buchanan.



Brenda Buchanan '90

Julia Finn is now managing the Maine State Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Program.

1991

Class Agent: Anne E. O'Donovan

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Kenneth D. Keating joined the Roberts & Shirley Law Office in Springvale as an associate in February.

John Quigley visited Portland and some of his friends from Maine Law in August. He is senior lecturer in law and taxation at the Limerick Institute of Technology in Limerick, Ireland. Quigley also practices as a taxation consultant.

Elizabeth Eddy Griffin has been elected treasurer of the Maine Law Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Griffin practices at the Portland law firm of Pierce Atwood LLP.

Douglas Gross and **Melissa Martin** of Lebanon, N.H. are busy looking after their two young boys, Coleman (4) and William (2).

Jeffrey Russell, who lives in Hampden, wrote in May: "Spring of 2005 finds me busy parenting two rapidly growing children, COO for a start-up aerospace military contracting company, aviation development consultant and founder of an outdoor adventure flying company. Never a dull moment!"

Lynne Skeirik and **Jim Patnode** left the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru, in July. Skeirik was called back to Washington unexpectedly to serve in the Department of State as the special assistant to the assistant secretary for consular affairs, Ambassador Maura Harty. Skeirik was serving in Peru as visa chief and deputy consul general. Before Peru, Skerick and Patnode had served for three years at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, France.

1993

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Debra Brown has opened her own law practice in downtown Portland, where she focuses on construction law.

Marsha Osgood Connors and **Joseph Connors '97** announce the birth of their second child, Anna Osgood Connors, on May 10. The couple lives in Naples, Fla.

1992

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Thomas G. Diebold of Cape Elizabeth has been elected to serve on the Maine Law Alumni Association's Board of Directors, on which he is co-chairing the Communications Committee.

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In May, **Tom Marjerison** and several of his colleagues presented a seminar at the Portland Country Club on "Advance Auto Liability."

1994

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Lisa Fitzgibbon Bendetson and **Eric Bendetson** celebrated the birth of their son, Adam Daniel Bendetson, in September 2004 and enjoyed their first year as parents. Fitzgibbon Bendetson is a staff attorney at Thompson & Bowie, LLP, and Bendetson is a program director for Spurwink. They live in Scarborough.

As of July, **Tina Farrenkopf** and her partner, Paul Watkins, were anxiously awaiting the arrival of their adopted baby, Tessa Allison, born April 7 in Guatemala. Farrenkopf serves as the Associate Director of the National Tribal Justice Resource Center in Boulder, Colorado.

J.T. Mann has moved from New Jersey to Massachusetts where he is now a partner at Rubin & Mann P.C. in Boston. Mann leads the firm's business immigration practice group.

Linda (Rossignol) Ramsden and her husband, Matt, welcomed their fourth child, Lucy Brynne, on March 8. Ramsden had been working as an appellate attorney for the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Boston but is currently on leave since her son was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a rare childhood cancer, in March of '04. Ramsden now dedicates her

time to raising awareness and funding for neuroblastoma through the Friends for Life foundation. For more information, see www.jackramsdens.com.

1995

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1996

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Michael R. Bosse of Portland has been named a shareholder of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson. Bosse is a member of the firm's practice groups in construction law, health law, agency and health licensure, and litigation. He also has been elected to serve on the Maine Law Alumni Association's Board of Directors, on which he is co-chairing the communications committee.

Rachel Bouchard is co-chairing the Alumni-Student Relations Committee of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Bouchard works for Douglas Title Company in Yarmouth.

Melissa Reynolds O'Dea and her husband, John, welcomed their first child, Clare Jacqueline, on April 10.

Ronald W. Schneider, Jr., of Wells

has been named a shareholder of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson. Schneider is a member of the health law, employment law, and education law practice groups and specializes in ERISA, health care, employment, education, and criminal law litigation.

Kimberlie Sweet is an associate at the Law Offices of Kathleen Ann Foley where she practices civil litigation, focusing in the area of family law. She and her husband, Jamie, have a 2-year-old daughter, Taylor, and an 8-month-old son, Connor. They live in Concord, Massachusetts.

1997

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Kurt Adams of Yarmouth is the new chairman of Maine's Public Utilities Committee. He formerly served as chief counsel to Governor John Baldacci.

Christopher Bond has joined the full-time faculty at St. Joseph's College in Standish, as an assistant professor of business administration.

Michael A. Fagone of Saco has been named a shareholder of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson. Fagone is a member of the firm's bankruptcy and insolvency practice group.

Jaime D. Jackson has been named a partner with Atlee, Hall & Brookhart LLP in Lancaster, PA. He also has been selected by *Philadelphia* magazine as one of Pennsylvania's Super Lawyers Rising Stars.

David Levesque has been elected president of the University of Southern Maine Alumni Association. Levesque is in private practice in Newcastle.

1998

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In May, **Aaron Baltes** and several of his colleagues presented a seminar at the Portland Country Club on "Advance Auto Liability."

Janet Vivar Britton has been elected Secretary of the Maine Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. Britton is corporate counsel for Hannaford Bros. in Scarborough.



Class of 1995

(l to r) **Christopher Goss '95**, **Christopher Mulligan '95**, **Julie Linnell '95**, **Christine Thibeault '95**, **William Stiles '95**, **Trevor Hughes '95** and **William Norbert '95** at the Alumni Association's Annual Dinner

1999

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Timothy Boulette has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine and to the Board of Directors for Congregation Bet Ha'am in South Portland. Boulette is an associate with the Portland law firm of Murray, Plumb & Murray.

Merritt T. Carey has launched an employment law service for Maine businesses called *GraffamSolutions*. Carey formerly served as in-house counsel for UnumProvident Corporation.

Sarah L. Glynn is the managing partner of Whittier Glynn Martin & Eichorn, P.A., in South Paris.

Donna L. Martin is a partner with Whittier Glynn Martin & Eichorn, P.A., in South Paris.

In May, **John Veilleux** and several of his colleagues presented a seminar at the Portland Country Club on "Advance Auto Liability."

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Gregg Frame of South Portland has opened Taylor, McCormack & Frame LLC, a law firm on Milk Street in Portland.

John Turcotte writes: "I have accepted a position with Ainsworth, Thelin, Chamberlain, & Raftice, P.A., of South Portland. I will continue my practice in the areas of civil litigation, real estate transactions, zoning, and family law." Turcotte was married on September 17 to **Anna N. Astvatsaturova '03**.

2001

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Matthew J. McDonald is now branch manager/counsel for LandAmerica Cumberland Title in Portland.

Yoel Molina was married to Dorothy Anthony on July 2 in New Gloucester, Maine. Molina owns a law practice in Miami, Fla.

Robert Ranco writes: "I've been at Smith & Carlson for almost four years, but I've recently accepted a job at Rosenthal & Watson, a small personal injury boutique here in Austin (Texas). I'll still be doing PI litigation—which is what I've focused on at my prior job."

Kevan Lee Rinehart, an attorney at Perkins Olson in Portland, has been voted president-elect of Well Suited, an independent not-for-profit organization that provides business attire to low-income women.

Heather Seasonwein (Walker) was married to Corey Walker on July 22 at the York Harbor Reading Room. Seasonwein Walker, who co-chairs the Alumni-Student Relations Committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, is an associate with Laskoff & Associates in Lewiston.

2002

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Elizabeth Bancroft writes: "After clerking in Warren County, New Jersey, for **Judge John H. Pursel, J.S.C. '70**, I moved to 'south Jersey' to practice municipal and redevelopment law for a mid-size firm, Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, P.A."

Gregory J. Domareki has joined the

law firm of Verrill Dana, LLP as an associate in the estate planning and estate administration group. Prior to joining the Portland firm, Domareki was employed as a tax associate by Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, LLP, in New York, where he represented domestic and multinational public and private companies in tax consultation matters.



Gregory J. Domareki

Shaun Gehan writes: "I recently moved my practice, along with a senior partner and an of counsel, to a new firm, Collier Shannon Scott (CSS), also here in Washington, D.C. We brought our regulatory, fisheries, campaign finance, and white collar crime practices to this 100-or-so attorney firm. CSS represents a number of trade associations and specializes in international trade, government relations, advertising, anti-trust, and environmental law."

Following the conclusion of her clerkship with the **Hon. John A. Woodcock, Jr. '76**, **M. Katherine Lynch** joined the employment and law department of Eaton Peabody in Bangor. Lynch focuses her practice on the representation of employers in the private and public sectors, covering a wide range of employment matters, including employment-based litigation.



A number of Maine Law alumni/ae were in attendance as Heather Seasonwein Walker '01 (fourth from right, at back) celebrated her wedding day.

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2003

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In July, **Alec Altman** married the former Katie Maloney. The couple resides in Cape Elizabeth. Altman is owner of Bingas, a Portland restaurant and catering service.

Anna Astvatsaturova married **John Turcotte '00** on September 17. Astvatsaturova works for Friedman Gaythwaite Wolf & Leavitt in Portland.

Michael Theodore Bigos has been appointed to the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices by Gov. John Baldacci. Bigos is a trial lawyer with Berman & Simmons in Lewiston.

Christina B. Connors has accepted a position as an associate at the Winthrop, Maine law firm of Levey & Wagley P.A. Her practice areas are elder law, estate planning, family law, animal protection, and general practice.

Denis Culley of Mercer was nominated by Gov. John Baldacci for appointment as a

member of the Maine Board of Environmental Protection.

Peter C. Felmly, an associate at Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon in Portland, has been named president-elect of the Maine State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section.

The Kip Tiernan Education and Social Justice Fellowship Committee has selected **Carrie Leighton** as the next Kip Tiernan Fellow. For the next year, she will be developing new *pro bono* resources to assist homeless women and their families in York County. Leighton previously served as a Coffin Fellow at Pine Tree Legal Assistance.

In May, **Jennifer Rush** and several colleagues presented a seminar at the Portland Country Club on "Advance Auto Liability."

2004

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Aaron Fethke has joined the law firm of Gross, Minsky, and Mogul, P.A., in

Bangor. He is focusing on civil litigation and trial work. Fethke also was appointed to the Searsport Board of Appeals in August.

Zachary I. Greenfield of South Portland has joined the Portland law firm of Monaghan Leahy, LLP, as an associate. He focuses his practice on civil litigation, and corporate, probate, and municipal law.

Katherine Knox has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Maine Law Alumni Association. Knox works in the municipal and governmental services practice group at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson in Portland, and recently, she has been appointed to the Portland Board of Appeals.

Letha Sgritta has left a practice in North Carolina to join the law firm of Oast & Hook, P.C., in Virginia.

2005

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In Memoriam

Caroline J. Gardiner '89 died May 18, 2005.

She was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in 2001, afterward becoming a tireless activist for ALS research and patient services. A resident of Raymond, Ms. Gardiner practiced law in Portland. She was admitted to the Maine Bar in 1989, to practice before the U.S. District Court in 1990, and before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1996.

Ms. Gardiner was recognized by the Maine Bar Foundation in 1992, 1993, and 1994 for her outstanding volunteer service. In 2002, she was honored by the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for her many years of distinguished legal advocacy on behalf of Maine's children, families, and accused. The following year, Ms. Gardiner received the Annual Family Law Achievement Award from the Family Law Section of the Maine State Bar Association.

She was a member of the Cumberland County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and Resources for Divorcing Families.

Ms. Gardiner is survived by her husband and two daughters.

Curtis Bourdon '71, a well-respected Woodstock, Vermont attorney, died suddenly on June 9, 2005. He was 58.

After graduating from Maine Law, Mr. Bourdon moved to Woodstock, a town where he had roots spanning five generations, to begin a law practice with his father.

He was a member of the Vermont Bar Association; an active member of the Woodstock Rotary Club, where he was a past president; and the attorney for the Woodstock Union High School board.

Friends described Mr. Bourdon as a dedicated community leader who had a strong commitment to his clients; he also was known as a family man who always made time for his wife and children.

ALUMNI EVENTS



Lewiston-Auburn Reception

On May 19, alumni/ae in the Lewiston-Auburn area met for a luncheon at DaVinci's Eatery. (l to r) Paul Macri '76, John Sedgewick '77, Dean Colleen A. Khoury, Ronald Bissonnette '81, Elliott Epstein '78, Daniel D'Auteuil, Jr. '93, Patricia Weidler '02, Valerie Stanfill '85, Michael Bigos '03, and Kimberly Levesque '03



Boston Reception

A well-attended dinner was held for Boston, Mass. area alumni/ae on May 11 at Maggiano's Little Italy. (Above, l to r) Joseph W. Corrigan '00, Gerald S. McAuliffe '71, and Jay F. Theise '70. (Right, l to r) Sarah E. Ashby '02 and Sarah Allison Thornton '76



27th Annual Road Race

Students captured the spotlight at this year's 27th Annual Law School Road Race, which was held on a beautiful afternoon in late September. Lynne Davies '08 and Michael Kress '07 (pictured above) took first place in the overall Women's and Men's Divisions. Kress finished the four mile race in 23 minutes and 9 seconds; Davies finished in 27 minutes and 20 seconds.

The team competition too was dominated by students. Team "What WHAT" took home top honors. Members were: Michael Kress '07, Andrew Jessen '07, Rebecca St. Laurent '06, and Stepheney Collins.

Thanks to underwriter Barbri and to the many local law firms who sponsored the event. The race netted \$1000 for student scholarships.

Already, plans are underway for the School's 28th Annual Road Race. Interested in volunteering? Contact lawalumni@usm.maine.edu.

ALUMNI EVENTS



Portsmouth Reception

On April 26, alumni/ae from the Portsmouth, N.H. area gathered for an evening reception at the The One Hundred Club. (Left, l to r) Valerie Lovely '03, Former Dean Colleen Khoury, and Valerie Strauchs '03 (Above, l to r) Michael Quinn '88 and Andrew Share '01

D.C. Reception

On June 8, dozens of alums gathered at the Law Offices of Clifford Chance in Washington, D.C., courtesy of **David Evans '78**, for an alumni/ae reception. (Below, l to r) David Beam '01, Scot Draeger '99, and Michelle Giard '99 (Right, l to r) Paul Crowley'02, Amanda O'Neil '02, John Bean '03, and Shaun Gehan '02



Interested in hosting a
Maine Law alumni/ae event in your area?
Contact the Alumni Office at
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Maine Law, the magazine of the University of Maine Law Alumni Association, is published twice a year. Issues are scheduled for the fall and spring. Please send items of interest to Allison Leslie Bowman, Maine Law Alumni Office, 246 Deering Ave., Portland, ME 04102, or e-mail items to aleslie@usm.maine.edu. Additional Law School and alumni/ae news can be found at www.mainerlawalum.org.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the many people who contributed to this issue of *Maine Law*.

- Amy Barnes and Leigh Raposo in the USM Marketing and Brand Management Office. They supervised the production and graphic design of the magazine.
- Allison Leslie Bowman who oversaw the publication and wrote and edited much of the material.
- Other staff at the Law School for their editorial and proofreading assistance.

To Maine Law Alumni/ae and Friends of Maine Law

Thank you for your feedback and suggestions concerning this publication. Our goal is to capture all that is special and unique about the Law School, the faculty, the students, and alumni/ae. You can help through your letters and e-mails. We hope to hear from you, and when appropriate, we want to share with our readers your successes and celebrations. Please write or send an e-mail to us.

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Times of transition can be both trying and exciting. They are a chance to review the past and an opportunity to look to the future. With the

end of Dean Khoury's tenure as dean of the Law School and the arrival of Dean Pitegoff, the Alumni Association and the entire Law School community face such a transition. The past year ended with Dean Khoury attending her final Alumni Association Board meeting, leading us to remember the enormous contributions she has made to the faculty, students, and perhaps most notably, the alumni/ae of this school. Her efforts led to record turnouts at alumni/ae events and a success in the capital campaign exceeding all expectations. She will be greatly missed, but we take comfort from the recognition that she will soon return to teaching.

While change can sometimes be difficult, in this case I am confident that the future of our Law School is full of promise. From my first meeting with Dean Pitegoff, I have been greatly impressed by his contagious energy and excitement. In just these few months, Dean Pitegoff has demonstrated a commitment to build on the many strengths of the Law School while simultaneously searching for areas where the school can grow and excel. It is the goal of the Alumni Association Board of Directors to work side by side with Dean Pitegoff to achieve these objectives, to seize upon this time of transition, and to reevaluate our own mission.

Without a doubt, the most exciting opportunity for the Alumni Association is our new Web site (which you can visit at www.mainerlawalum.org). Last year's Communications Committee chair **Fred Frawley '76** did an outstanding job of researching and bringing the new Web site online. Not only does the Web site allow our alumni/ae an easier means of keeping up-to-date with developments at the Law School, but it provides an invaluable tool for the Alumni Association and the

Alumni Office to communicate with alumni/ae and for alumni/ae to communicate with each other. If you haven't already logged on to the Web site, I encourage you to visit. This year, new Communications Committee co-chairs **Tom Diebold '92** and **Mike Bosse '96** have signed on (pun intended) to take the Web site to the next level. I know that both Tom and Mike would welcome your comments regarding your experiences with the Web site.

In the coming year, the Alumni Association is also hoping to strengthen and expand its mentoring program. Although this program has had mixed success in the past, it provides a truly unique avenue for alumni/ae to interact with and provide immediate benefits to students while receiving great rewards in return. Our Student-Alumni Relations Committee co-chairs **Rachel Bouchard '96** and **Heather Seasonwein Walker '01** will be working on this program and will be looking for interested alumni/ae who want to participate. Please contact Rachel, Heather, or the Alumni Office for more details.

These activities will be undertaken hand in hand with the continuation of our traditional activities, such as sponsoring alumni/ae events and undertaking fundraising to support scholarships and other critical programs. I am sure it will come as no surprise to any of you that, in this budgetary climate, the scholarships offered through the Alumni Association have an ever-increasing importance to the students who receive them. In addition, the scholarships serve to support recruiting efforts to help the Law School compete with other schools. This year's Annual Fund will be led by Board Vice President and Campaign chair **Mike Martin '89**. Alumni/ae have always been generous in their support of the Annual Fund, and we hope you will continue your support of this very important effort.

It is my hope that this will be a year of positive transition. On behalf of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for all you have done and all you will do for the Alumni Association this year, and I look forward to hearing from you.

—Tim Norton '88

2006 Calendar of Events

January

- 18** Law Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
19 University of Maine School of Law Foundation Board Meeting

March

- 29** Annual Scholarship Reception
29 Law Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

April

- 8** Law Alumni Association Annual Dinner

May

- 17** Law Alumni Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting
27 Law School Graduation

Upcoming Spring Events

- Manchester, N.H., Alumni/ae Reception
- Boston, Mass., Alumni/ae Reception
- Lewiston-Auburn Alumni/ae Reception
- Washington, D.C., Alumni/ae Reception

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